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## IN THE GARDEN WITH THE WGM

Wow, we are on the move. Saturday, August 9th we went back in time as New Castle Chapter hosted the Branch of 1867. It was different, but the lessons are the same. On August 16th we traveled to Lansing, Michigan for the Multi-State Friends Night. Indiana was well represented. We almost won the traveling trophy, but Illinois brought a bus load and they took the trophy back with them.

We have started the inspections and luncheons. It is a delight to meet with the members of their special districts. The first inspection of the state was well attended. The chapter room was full of wonderful smiles and getting reacquainted. The Grand Officers did a beautiful job and we had the privilege of dedicating three little ones and giving a 50 year award.

On August 23rd the Grand Master invited us to participant at the Colts game to promote membership in our Fraternal Orders. The state chairmen of membership, Sisters Connie Nierste and Sue Midkiff, joined in the excitement along with the youth groups (DeMolay, Job Daughters and Rainbow Girls) to pass out information on how you can become a member. They received positive results and had several that were interested. It would be great if this results in new members.

On August 30th Charlie and I attended the Grand Master's reception and enjoyed the fellowship with our Masonic Brothers.

The first luncheon for this year was in District 18. After a delicious lunch, we were welcomed to the home of Sister Markie and Brother Ted Edwards where everyone enjoyed a pontoon ride before we had to leave for the inspection. We initiated a new member in District 21 and also in District 9. I hope this will continue for every inspection.

On October 2nd we will be on our way to Nashville, Tennessee for a little relaxing and enjoyment. The proceeds with go to the Masonic Home Project, Tranquility Room of Love. There is a lot to do and see in Tennessee, my home state. We have 3 full days of events and we get to make a recording where Elvis recorded. You never know, we may become the famous Eastern Star Singers.



This is a wonderful time of year to travel over our beautiful state when the leaves begin to turn with all the different colors. It's time to reflect on what is important to us, blessings from God, our families, friends and the country that we have freedom to belong to our church and Eastern Star.



The receptions began Saturday, September 6th for the Grand Organist, Sister Sharon Trobaugh. I hope you will take time to attend as many as you can as this is the fun time that we share together.

This year I have asked that the Grand Star Points do the initiatory in each district. This has been well received. They are doing a great job. Come to the inspections and see them shine.

I leave you with this thought, "Your words are windows to your mind and heart".

Betty Swisher, WGM



## GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT 20

Greetings from District 20,

Now that August is over I would like to thank everyone who attended our reception, and also take this opportunity to thank you for your attendance and gifts and love gifts.

Now that we have a couple of inspections under our belt, I feel like I am getting better about the commercials. The first inspection was very good, the Grand Officers did an excellent job and I am proud of them for their work.

I look forward to meeting with the membership and renewing friendships from the past. The month of October will be very busy with inspections and receptions. I look forward to meeting and talking with you at the receptions.

I hope that you had a very happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

Sowing seeds of friendship and reaping bouquets of love,  
H. Fred Smith, Worthy Grand Patron



## FRANKLIN'S FRIENDS' NIGHT

On Friday night, August 29th, Franklin Chapter held its open Friends' Night in the dining room of the Masonic lodge. Plans had called for the activity to be held in the shelter house, but the heat and bugs were the deciding factors. Before the pitch-in, many enjoyed activities in the large multipurpose room: basketball, bag toss, and the Hokey Pokey. Bingo was played after the Ice water drenching.

A pitch-in supper provided salads, desserts, and fried chicken which was served for all to enjoy. Prayer was given by David Johnson, W.P. Guests for the evening were: Past Grand Matrons: Lois Wagoner and Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and Lonnie; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Lexi Johnson, Grand Adah and David; and Sandy Harris, D.D.#6 and Roger; and there were four Worthy Matrons present: Mary Fox, Greenwood; Patsy McKee, Nineveh; Wanda Lillyblade, Fortville; and Jennifer Sparks, Bennington Chapter in District 5. Friends were introduced by the officers.

An ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was met afterwards outside the entrance to the Lodge. Jennifer Morey, Electa at Franklin and Lexi Johnson, Grand Adah, were each drenched with a large container of ice water. David Johnson, W.P., doused himself because the girls and the DeMolay Chapter at Franklin had dared him.

Barbara Heath, District 6 Star-Lite Reporter



*Jennifer Morey experiences the ice cold water and ice cube from the bucket*



*David Johnson, W.P. doused himself on a dare*



## ROYAL CENTER OFFICERS

Royal Center Chapter #375 installed its officers on July 9th. Nancy Pratt, WM, and Jim Brown, WP, will preside over the chapter. Nancy's sister, Maryanna Thousand was the Installing Officer, her nephew, Art Crippen was the Installing Chaplain, her mother, Betty Thousand was the Installing Marshal and chapter Organist, Betty Goodrich was the Installing Organist.

The officers pictured are: Leila Ferguson, Chaplain; Mary Barnett, Electa; Anita Williams, AC; Sharon Campbell, Treasurer; Becky Mullens, Esther; Tina Mullens, Conductress; Don Mullens, AP; Nancy Pratt, WM; Cynthia Biggs, AM; Jim Brown, WP; Betty Thousand, Ruth; Jo Ann Metzger, Warder; Martha Brown, Secretary; Betty Goodrich, Organist; Irene Lawson, Marshal; Max Metzger, Sentinel; and Marge Speitel, Adah. Linda Lytle, Martha, was not able to be there due to a family emergency



## What's My Secret Message?

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Find the LAST names in the puzzle. The numbers represent the district they are from.  
The extra letters spell out the answer to the title of this puzzle.

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| 4 Linda BAIR     | 7 Dawn GOEN       | 6 Nelda REED      |
| 19 Nancy BAUR    | 19 Gordon HALL    | 8 Jim RICH        |
| 11 Lyle BEALS    | 7 Paul HILL       | 2 George RODE     |
| 10 Karen BOONE   | 1 Patricia HORN   | 13 Helen ROOF     |
| 9 Candice BUDD   | 11 Margaret JONES | 18 Sue ROSE       |
| 20 Janice CARR   | 9 Robert JONES    | 14 Chet SIMON     |
| 20 Ron CLADY     | 15 William KIGER  | 13 Hugh SMITH     |
| 2 Helen Jane COX | 5 Dorothy KOONS   | 15 Arlene TATUM   |
| 14 Deb CRAGO     | 5 Roy LEAP        | 16 Susie TUCKER   |
| 12 Stanton DAVIS | 16 Cas MILLER     | 21 Sue VAN        |
| 6 Ron DODD       | 3 Robert OWENS    | 18 Milford WAGLER |
| 8 Kathy FARR     | 10 Dan PARKS      | 3 Kay WOLFE       |

## THE TRANQUILITY ROOM OF LOVE

The Indiana Masonic Home Project selected this year by our Worthy Grand Matron should be near and dear to the hearts of all those who have or have had a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or memory impairment. We are calling it: The Tranquility Room of Love.

This year's project is to create a Snoezelen Room in the Memory Care Unit, which is located on the third floor in the Medical Center. We would also like to purchase, if money allows, some portable equipment that can be transported to other areas.

Snoezelen (pronounced SNOO-zeh-lehn) is a type of therapy that was developed in the Netherlands in the 1970's. Using light, sound, scents, and music to initiate sensual sensations, the idea of snoezelen is to have both relaxing and activating effects that promote well-being. Sometimes called multi-sensory stimulation rooms, snoezelen rooms are felt to be calming and soothing for people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, especially those with late-stage dementia who wander and are agitated.

There isn't a family in Eastern Star that has not been touched by a family member suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia or memory impairment. This will be a much needed addition to our Masonic Home to help with the specialized care for these special individuals to flourish.

How can you help? By supporting this project in the following ways:

- Individual members, Chapters, and Districts sending a monetary donation.
- Donate \$100-\$400 and your name will be on a plaque as a Patron of the project.
- Donate \$500 or more and your name will be on a plaque as a Sponsor of the project.
- Designating your coin march from your Inspection going to this project.
- In lieu of gifts for your Friends' Night, Luncheon, etc., make a monetary donation to this project.
- Create your own flower garden by purchasing fall bulbs.
- Adding up the pennies and nickels with love.
- Nashville Tour "Be An OES Superstar" – October 2-5, 2014
- Contribute to the watering cans - one for the Worthy Grand Matron and one for the Worthy Grand Patron - at the Inspections. Whoever has the most money by Grand Chapter has to eat a worm.

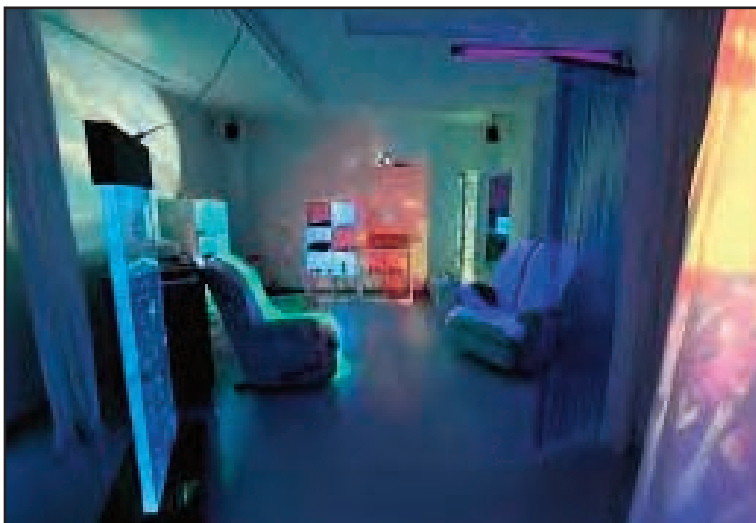
The District Chairs will have more information on these and other ways you can help.

THE TRANQUILITY ROOM OF LOVE



WHEN BLACK CATS  
PROWL AND PUMPKINS  
GLEAM, MAY LUCK BE  
YOURS ON HALLOWEEN.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



FREE WILL DONATION

The first inspection in District #18 was held on September 2nd at Royal Center Chapter #375 with Ivy Chapter #69. Before the inspection we held a dinner since many people were staying after the luncheon earlier that day. There was a basket with a sign stating that the dinner price was a free will donation. It also stated that any amount after expenses would be donated to the WGM project, The Tranquility Room of Love. We weren't sure how much, if any, would be given to the WGM project so we were very surprised to say that we were able to give \$103.82 to the project. The generosity of Eastern Star members never ceases to amaze.

## HALLOWEEN HISTORY

While rooted in the past, Halloween as we know it today dates back to the early 20th century.

The holiday was relatively obscure in late 19th century America. It was brought to the country by Irish and Scottish immigrants, combining the features of the Celtic and Christian holidays, and celebrated with feasting, divinations, and mischief making.

### **Jack-o'-Lanterns**

People had been carving gourds or pumpkins and using them as lanterns long before this practice was associated with Halloween. In 1850, for example, poet John Greenleaf Whittier mentioned the practice of his boyhood in "The Pumpkin": "When wild, ugly faces we carved in its skin, / Glaring out through the dark with a candle within!"

We don't know exactly when and why these lanterns became associated with Halloween in particular, though we do know it was in North America. But by the start of the 20th century, the connection was firmly established.

### **Hit the Road, Jack**

The name "Jack-o'-lantern" has changed in meaning several times. It was first recorded as a nickname for a night watchman, dating back to 1663. Around the same time, it was used as another name for a will-o'-the-wisp. It began to be used for pumpkin lanterns sometime in the 19th century. It's possible that the name simply went from the night watchman (a man holding a lantern) to the lantern itself.

On the other hand, an Irish legend tells of a miserly man named Jack who, while alive, tricked the Devil into agreeing not to take him into Hell. Upon his death, St. Peter wouldn't let Jack into Heaven, because he had been too stingy and sinful. The Devil wouldn't let him into Hell because of the deal they'd made. Jack was condemned to wander between Heaven and Hell with his lantern, looking for a place to rest and never finding one.

### **Mischief Night**

In late 18th century America, Halloween was a night for mischief and pranks. Boys would make "tick-tacks," cutting notches in the ends of a wooden spool and winding string around it. The spool would be placed right up against a window, with a nail serving as an axle. When the string was pulled, it made a loud and rapid "tick-tack" noise. Other noisy and startling practices involved throwing corn and decaying vegetables at houses.

While this was considered innocent fun, some pranksters began to go too far, especially with the move from country life to city life. News stories tell of students being expelled from schools, gangs of youths roaming through town covering people in flour, buildings being blown up, and so on.

### **Trick or Treat!**

The general practice of going door-to-door for treats is clearly similar to a much older practice, "souling," in which the poor would go from house to house begging for alms or food. However, the specific practice of "trick-or-treating" dates to around the 1930s. It is possible—though by no means certain—that it evolved as an antidote for the increasingly rowdy and costly Halloween pranks. It provided a healthier activity for the young and gave them an incentive not to play tricks.

We could easily make something up about the origins of Halloween costumes. We could say that people originally dressed as ghosts and witches to scare people, and that the practice eventually spread to include costumes of all sorts. But the fact is that we don't actually know where Halloween costumes came from, only that the practice, like trick-or-treating, appears to have begun in early 20th century America.



## Check your Calendars

### WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Oct 2-5 IMH Nashville, TN Trip  
 Oct 11 Grand Esther Reception  
 Oct 17 D#20 Association Meeting  
 Oct 18 Hoe Down D#11  
 Oct 25 Grand Martha Reception  
 Nov 1 Grand Electa Reception  
 Nov 2 Nettie Ransford Day  
 Nov 8 Grand Warder Reception  
 Nov 15 Grand Sentinel Reception

### INSPECTIONS

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm,  
 Award of Gold 7:20 pm  
 Inspection 7:30 pm Unless otherwise noted

Oct 8 D#10 at Pittsboro w/ Brownsburg, Plainfield GOEx  
 Oct 9 D#8 at Knightsville w/ Bowling Green & Brazil  
 Oct 13 D#6 at Greenwood w/ Union Village & Nineveh - Luncheon  
 Oct 15 D#20 at Lakeville w/ Warsaw & Plymouth  
 Oct 20 D#21- Luncheon  
 Oct 22 D#7 at Columbian w/ Sullivan, Hymera & Newberry  
 Oct 23 D#11 at Englewood w/ Acton, Irvington & Golden Rule Luncheon  
 Oct 27 D#15 - Luncheon  
 Oct 29 D#3 at Jeffersonville w/ Bright Star & Borden  
 Oct 30 D#1- Luncheon  
 Nov 3 D#2 at Washington w/ Odon  
 Nov 4 D#3 at Scottsburg w/ Blazing Bright & Hanover - Luncheon  
 Nov 6 D#6 at Mooresville w/ Eminence & Morgantown  
 Nov 10 D#19 - Luncheon  
 Nov 12 D#7 at Solsberry w/ Bloomfield & Stanford - Luncheon  
 Nov 17 D#4

### RECEPTIONS

Oct 11 Sherrell Bryant, Grand Esther Eden Church  
 Social 2:00, Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow – Cost \$11.00  
 Remittance must accompany reservation  
 RSVP by Oct 1 to: Rebecca Roland

Oct 25 Deb Cramer, Grand Martha Whitesville Christian Church  
 Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
 Social 2:00, Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow – Cost \$11.00  
 Remittance must accompany reservation  
 RSVP by Oct. 15th to: Mary Cramer

Nov 1 Diana Surfus, Grand Electa Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church  
 Churubusco, IN 46723  
 Social 2:00, Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow – Cost \$11.00  
 Make checks & RSVP by Oct 27th to: Diana Surfus

Nov 8 Arlene Mohler, Grand Warder Goshen Masonic Temple  
 Social 2:00, Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow – Cost \$11.00  
 Remittance must accompany reservation  
 Make checks to: Goshen Chapter  
 RSVP by Oct. 30th to: Patricia Fawley, Treasurer

Nov 15 Les Simonton, Grand Sentinel Dearborn Hills United Methodist Church  
 Social 2:00, Program 4:00  
 Dinner to follow – Cost \$11.00  
 Remittance must accompany reservation  
 Make checks & RSVP by Nov 5th to: Janet Bowlin

Nov 29 Cathy Sherman, Grand Rep. of Kentucky at Fishers Chapter, AM

Nov 29 Evelyn Miller, Grand Rep. of California at Radiant Chapter, PM

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### FRIEND'S NIGHTS

Meetings at 7:30 unless noted

Oct 8	D#18	Royal Center	
Oct 21	D#11	Keystone	
Oct 22	D#11	Southport	
Oct 23	D#14	Columbia City	
Oct 29	D#11	Millersville	
Oct 31	D#20	New Carlisle	7:00 pm
Nov 1	D#7	Spencer	
Nov 4	D#7	Columbian	
Nov 7	D#3	LaBelle	6:30pm
Nov 17	D#11	Prospect	
Nov 20	D#7	Bloomington	
Nov 21	D#11	Golden Rule	
Nov 24	D#10	Pittsboro	

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A group of young girls were having a slumber party one night and began to exchange ghost stories. One girl claimed that the old man who had been buried earlier that week in the graveyard down the street had been buried alive. She claimed that if you tried, you could hear him still scratching at the lid of his coffin.

The other girls called her bluff and told her that she wouldn't do it. They said she was too afraid to go down there to the grave that very night. They continued to challenge her and eventually she gave into the peer pressure and accepted their challenge. Since she was going to go alone, she needed to prove to the others that she actually followed through with the task. She was supposed to take a stake with her and drive it into the ground so the next day the girls would know that she had been to the grave. She headed off to the gravesite, stake in hand, and never returned. The other girls assumed she had "chickened out" and had just gone home instead.

The next morning as they passed the graveyard they saw her there at the old man's grave. She had accidentally staked her nightshirt to the ground and when she tried to run from the grave, she couldn't... she died of fright right on the grave!

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