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#### Worthy Grand Matron

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# SOAP notes from Jill,

The gate is ready to open and Brother Ron, WGP, and I are poised to run! Our first Inspection is less than a week away, followed by Inspections in both our Districts, and then the Receptions begin. The days since our Installation have been fairly tranquil. We survived our School of Instruction and had a great time on our "overnight" with the Farmers' Daughters. We had chicken tenders and mac and cheese with the Job's Daughters and enjoyed attending their Grand Council. We next traveled to the Rainbow Grand Assembly and were once again fascinated with their opening march and participated in "Singin' in the Rain". Brother Ron, Sister Karen and Brother Jon and I also attended the Grand Master's Reception in Fort Wayne.

Our Reception "A Day in the Country" was such a fun day. Hedges Chapter #51, District 9, Tippecanoe Chapter #96 and District 17 outdid themselves in preparing and executing this special, special day. We hope those who attended enjoyed our day as much as we did. Thank you to the Rainbow Girls who provided our entertainment, the Rose Lecture is always so moving and it's such a "hoot" to watch everyone who participates in "Singin" in the Rain".



We have had to make some adjustments to our projects. The Auditors have determined that we need to separate the two projects, so the "Chapel Fixer Upper" is the Worthy Grand Matron Project and Joanna Hornsby is the Chairperson. "Make Our Star Shine" is the Worthy Grand Patron's Project and Carolyn Janik is the Chairperson. When making a donation to either project, please specify for which project the contribution is designated. The Grandest Secretary will be very appreciative.

There were 32 Hoosier Eastern Star Members who attended the Multi-State Friends Night in Springfield, IL and Indiana brought home the attendance award. We are very proud and thankful to those of you who attended. We have set our goal to win the award again next year when Wisconsin plays host at the Wisconsin Dells (mark the date, August 3 & 4, 2017).

There have been many questions about our Opening and Closing Odes and oops, I made a mistake in the Guidebook given to the Deputies. The Opening Ode is "Prayer is the Key to Heaven" and the Closing Ode is "Let There Be Peace on Earth".

It's OES Trivia time: "A Labyrinth is a series of intricate passageways through which it is difficult to find one's way. In our Order, the winding of the labyrinth represents the winding of an individual's life during his earthly existence. During the winding of the labyrinth, the initiate is taught the appropriate signs and passes of our Order. When we retire from the labyrinth, we retire backward, keeping our eyes on the Holy Bible. We should never turn our back on the Open Holy Bible within the labyrinth. Symbolically, the winding in and out of the labyrinth symbolized the human soul struggling through life and the way leading to God is not easy, but is a way of testing one's power of strength."

> Till we meet again, God Bless, *Jill Rice, WGM*

## **Clips from the Barber Shop**



#### **Worthy Grand Patron**

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What happened to summer? It was here and now it is gone! We complained because the rain didn't come when we thought it should, and then it happened. God sent us the showers we requested, and then the grass needed mowed, sometimes more than once a week. That can be a burden when silly old people take on the responsibility of mowing three cemeteries, two churches, the barber shop, the farm yard, a commercial property, plus our own yard. When will we learn?

One of the great excitements for farm folks are our county 4-H fairs and, of course, our magnificent Indiana State Fair. I hope you were able to attend one or more and check out the hard work that the youth of our beautiful state have accomplished. There are so many different projects that can be chosen that, even a youth who has never even been to a farm, can participate. Please know that each of you who are members of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star are Grand Champions and deserve a purple ribbon for your participation in and dedication to our beloved Order.



Fall means harvest time. Sometimes the hard work of a farmer can be closely associated with that of the Lord himself. In the Spring of our life God plants us as a seed and hopes, with the assistance of the family into which He has placed us, we will grow straight and strong and be fruitful and provide for the next generation to come. He, however, is not looking for the material preservation, but for those most precious spiritual gifts of love, kindness, sharing and good will to others. Let us not forget to thank our God for all he has shared with us.

The Worthy Grand Matron and I are so thankful for each of you who were able to attend our reception. We had a huge guest list and were pleased to be able to enjoy the air conditioned comfort of the Southmont High School south of Crawfordsville. Each of our escorts was a "barrel of fun" and we appreciate all the planning and effort that went into that special fun time for the two of us. We thank the Rainbow Girls for their attendance and were so very pleased to have them present the Rose Lecture for our enjoyment. They, along with the Jobs' Daughters and DeMolay, need our continuing strong encouragement as we look to them for the future membership of our beloved fraternal organizations. We send a most heartfelt thank you for the adults who work so tirelessly on their behalf. I was privileged as a youth to be a member of DeMolay at Winamac, and my wife was a member of the Rainbow for Girls at Argos. That was not our only motive for joining the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, but it certainly laid the groundwork for our interest as we became adults.

Ron Mendenhall, WGP

# **Diana's All Stars Events**

Join Diana's All Stars at the following fund raising events. All event reservations should be sent to Diana Surfus, 3984 W. 1050 N., Milford, IN 46542. Her phone number is **574-518-1935** and email address is **dlsurfus@gmail.com**. Make all checks payable to Diana's All Stars. We hope you can come and enjoy all the entertainment!

# AMERICAN BANDSTAND OES STYLE & BUFFET

Sunday November 13, 2016 Rolling Hill Shrine Club 3815 N State Hwy 7, North Vernon, IN 12:30 pm - 3 meat buffet, salad bar, desserts, drinks 2:00 pm - American Bandstand OES Style 50's 60's With Celebrity Appearances for all to enjoy Adults \$25, Children 6-10 \$12, Under 6 free

Reservations by November 8<sup>th</sup>

DAVID PENDLETON COMEDIAN & VENTRILOQUIST Dinner Buffet & Show November 26, 2016 Blue Gate Restaurant & Top Floor Theatre 105 E. Middlebury St., Shipshewana, IN Dinner Buffet at Blue Gate at 5:00 pm Show at Top Floor Theatre at 7:00 pm Adults \$60, Children under 12 \$30

Reservations by October 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Was My Mother In That Photo?

There was a sendoff party for Grand Electra, Phyllis Gaff, and District Deputy #21, Joanne Chavez, last spring in District 21. While Millie and I were walking around their Masonic Lodge in Ashley, Indiana, a picture dated 1923 was spotted on wall. This was a large wide angle photo that had been taken at the Masonic home in Franklin in 1923 and showed everyone that was there at the Masonic Home.

Millie Cooley's mother, Nellie Ruth Scheider, and three of Millie's uncles were Home Kids at the Masonic Home from 1921 through 1927. Her mother would have been about nine, with 2 brothers older and one younger at the time of the photo. It is hard to recognize someone when they were young if there are no known photos taken of them about that period. We scanned the photo trying to recognize her mother or uncles in the photo, but no luck.

The Administrator at the Home has supplied Millie with all the records of her family members during their stay. Unfortunately, there were no photos. Millie shared those copies of the records with her uncle's families.

The Grand Secretary building was the girl's dorm with Millie's mom sleeping upstairs. If you think it's hot in the building now, imagine what it was like for the girls sleeping upstairs for 6 years without air conditioning. No wonder one of my mother in-laws' favorite memory was sneaking out of the dorm with the other girls and swimming in the creek that goes through the property.

You never know where a piece of Masonic history will be found. Keep your eyes open as you travel and you might run across part of your Masonic ancestry.

#### **Solsberry Officers Installed**

Solsberry Chapter #547 held the installation of their 2016 officers at 2:00 PM Saturday, June 25. As the 2015 officers entered the chapter room, they found it decorated with frogs, OES quilts and angels.

Rose Marie Snodgrass, DD#7, was escorted and seated in the East. Others were introduced and given a hearty welcome. Larry Snodgrass, husband of our Deputy, was also welcomed.

Installing Officer Joan Bryant, mother of the WMelect and WP-elect, was escorted to the East. Joan introduced others who would be assisting her as: Martha Santus, PM of Hymera Chapter & Past DD, Installing Marshall; Carl Doane, PP of Bloomfield Chapter, Installing Chaplain; and Barbara Sinnet, PM of Plainfield Chapter, Installing Organist.

Those serving this year are: Patti Burch-WM; Garry Bryant-WP; Norine Bunch-AM; Bill Brinson-AP; Marilyn Saum-Secretary; Joan Bryant-Treasurer; Jeanie Kirkley-Conductress; Melinda Minks-Assoc. Conductress; Mildred Duzan-Chaplain; Louise Northern-Marshall; Janet Tapp-Organist; Anna Burhy-Adah; Crystal Hodges-Ruth; Thelma Richardson-Esther; Barbara Stoner-Martha; Barbara Sinnet-Electa; Bob Souders-Warder; Fred Burhy-Sentinel; and Elsie Ooley-Prompter.

This is the first time a sister and brother have served in the stations of WM and WP of Solsberry Chapter in the 83 years of its' existence. We are proud of this, as their Great-Grandmother, Nancy Stephen, was one of the Charter Members of our Chapter.

The theme Patti and Garry have chosen for this year is: "LOVE MAKES EVERY DAY SPECIAL". Their watchwords are: Love, Faith and Kindness. Both Patti and Garry thanked the Chapter for their faith in electing them, and also to each officer for accepting their station. They thanked everyone for coming to share this day with them and wished them safe travels for this year of OES.

Rose Marie wished Solsberry Chapter a very good year and said she was looking forward to working with them. She thanked the chapter for her and Larry's invitation, and remarked that it was nice to visit with everyone.

After the signing of the Bible and the closing march, everyone retired to the dining room for sandwiches, veggie trays, cake and drinks.



Barbara Sinnet, Carl Doane, Joan Bryant, Patti Burch, Garry Bryant, Martha Santus



Patti Burch, Rose Marie Snodgrass and Garry Bryant

# Initiation and Installation at Nineveh

On June 7<sup>th</sup> Nineveh initiated Kristie Hensley following a dinner for the Fathers and Masons.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, Nineveh held their open Installation of New officers at the Nineveh Masonic Lodge. Guests present for the afternoon were: Phyllis Pruner, DD#6; Sandy Harris, Worthy Grand Matron's Project for the Home; Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter Reporter #6; Debbie Hamilton, Worthy Grand Matron's Trip; Carlton Hinshaw, Grand Representative of the United Grand Chapter of Australia; and B. J. Mitchell, WM at Mooresville. There were 13 PMs and PPs and Chris Hittle, Worshipful Master of Nineveh Masonic Lodge.

Installing Officers were: Debbie Hamilton, Installing Matron; Sandy Harris, Installing Marshal; David Hogue, Installing Chaplain; and Carlton Hinshaw, Installing Organist.

Peggy Hittle, WM, and Chris Hittle, WP, were escorted to the East through a double line of an escort.

Retiring WM Dee Willett and retiring WP Ivan Lancaster were presented gifts from their officers.

Reported by Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter Reporter #6



Kristie Hensley, new initiate with Pat Burns.



Peggy and Chris Hittle, new WM and WP

## Installation at Ransford IMH

On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, Ranford IMH Chapter held its open Installation of Officers at 2:00 P.M. in the Kresge Chapel. Two first-timers were installed for the year, Emily and Derek Lacey as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. District Six has four new persons coming in to serve as Worthy Matrons in the District.

Decorations in the East were an Alaska banner and an I.U. Basketball Championship poster for 1976. These were personal connections. Several toys including a huskie dog and an Eskimo doll reflected Emily's background.

Guests introduced were Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM; Phyllis Pruner, DD#6; six Grand Chapter Committee Appointments - Cindy Essig, Masonic Home Project State Chr.; Sandy Harris, "Fields of Faith" Masonic Home Project; Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter #6 Reporter; Debbie Hamilton, WGM's Bus Trip; Shirley Moore, 6<sup>th</sup> District Choir Director; and Doris Bedell, Grand Chapter Historian.

Also attending were four WMs and WPs - BJ Mitchell, Mooresville; Patrick Briney, Mooresville; Shirley Moore, Greenwood; Mary Ann Toll, Morristown; and Lonnie Small, spouse of the PGM.

Installing Officers were: Cindy Essig-Installing Officer; Doris Bedell-Installing Marshal; Lonnie Small-Installing Chaplain; and Shirley Moore-Installing Organist.

After Emily Lacey took her vows of the office, Charlotte Rose, their daughter sang "Jesus Loves Me" as a solo to her mother at the altar. Derek and Emily were each escorted to the East by Charlotte Rose through an escort of District 6 WMs and WPs holding boots, embroidery hoops and thread, stars, etc.

After the Installation remarks and retiring march, all went into the hallway for refreshments.

On the last weekend of May the Sixth District met at the shelter house at the Masonic Home for the annual District Picnic. Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter #6



Charlotte Rose plays with her kite at the OES Picnic



Emily and Derek Lacey leader of Ransford IMH

# Salem Scholars



On July 11, 2016, Salem Chapter No. 286 presented three (3) graduating seniors with scholarships made available through funds received from the Ralph E. and Faye Motsinger Mahuron Fund established through the Washington County Community Foundation. Scholarships are awarded based upon academics, extracurricular activities and an application. Masonic relationship is not required, but is taken into consideration when awarding the scholarships. This year's recipients were:

Catherine Cardwell – Catherine is a graduate of West Washington High School and is the daughter of Tony and Deanna Cardwell who are members of the Salem Chapter. Tony is also a Past Master of Blue River Lodge No. 457. Catherine plans to attend Indiana University-Bloomington majoring in Biochemistry.

Corey Wells – Corey is a graduate of Salem High School and is the son of Eric and Misty Wells and grandson of David and Pam Wells. Eric and David are members of Salem Lodge No. 21; Eric is a Past Master. Pam is a member of the Salem Chapter. Corey plans to attend Ivy Tech Community College-Sellersburg majoring in nursing.

Kade Roach – Kade is a graduate of Salem High School and is the son of Ted and Connie Roach and grandson of Dick Rose, Past Master of Salem Lodge No. 21. Kade plans to attend Butler University majoring in dentistry and business. Submitted by Cheryl Brishaber, WM, Salem Chapter

# **Holland Receives Master Degree**

Daphne Holland, a member of Solsberry #547, recently received a Master's Degree. It was conferred from Wesleyan University. She graduated with a 4.0 and it took her two years to complete the degree while working a full-time job and raising two children. Our chapter is very proud of her accomplishment. Marilyn Saum, Secretary

## Franklin Honors Pin Recipients

Franklin Chapter had a busy April meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at the Franklin Masonic Lodge. Stacey Hogue and Susan Bretsch, both daughters of Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary, and also Sheila Haag were honored for their attainment of twenty five years of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. One other member, Gladys Phillips, a resident at the Masonic Home, was unable to attend on this memorable occasion.

Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary, made the presentation and then pinned both her daughters with their pins. Others present were Barbara Heath, D#6 Star-Lite Reporter; Sandy Harris, D#6 Choir Director; and Sue Midkiff, Trip to Branson. Lonnie Small, spouse of Grand Trustee and PGM Joyce Small, was also in attendance.

Sandra Heath, Worthy Matron of Franklin, presided over the stated meeting and initiation for Patricia Henderson. She also did the part for Esther in Initiation.

Past Matrons and Past Patrons present were: Linda Beeler, Lexi Johnson, Sheila Haag, Martha Duke, Bill Duke and Edwina Collins.

After the presentation a short refreshments break was taken before the Initiation.



Stacey Hogue, Sheila Haag, and Susan Bretsch

# Blunt Receives 75 Year Award

Beulah Chapter #102 was proud of Sister Dorthea Jane Blunt who has been a member for 75 years. On March 4, 2016, she was able to attend and receive her pin. Brother Ron Mendenhall, Associate Grand Patron, escorted Dorthea to the altar. Sister Tina Vredenburgh, Worthy Grand Matron, greeted her and gave the service. Sister Betty Wettschurack, Secretary, assisted in pinning the 75 year pin on her. She spoke of things she remembered and thanked everyone for her day. She was escorted to the East, given Grand Honors and a hearty congratulations.



# **Ransford Presents a 25 Year Award**



On May 16th Barbara Martin, formally of Martha and Morgantown Chapters, was presented with her twenty-five year pin at Ransford IMH Chapter. Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron, presented the ceremony while Carlton Hinshaw, Worthy Patron, escorted her to the altar.

Barbara was a member of Martinsville's Martha Chapter for nearly twenty years of her Eastern Star history. She has been a Sixth District Deputy and a Grand Representative as well. At present she belongs to Ransford and Greenwood Chapters in District 6.

Barbara Heath, 6<sup>th</sup> District Star-Lite reporter.

#### Lakeville Honors Mothers

In honor of Mother's Day, Lakeville Chapter #479 recognized the mothers and daughters and escorted them to the West during the May meeting. The Worthy Matron paid them tribute with a poem and a gift was made to the Cancer Fund in their honor. There were twenty two Sisters present. The Worthy Matron then invited everyone to enjoy a delicious meal after the meeting, which had been prepared by the men. This has been a long standing tradition for the May meeting. For the June meeting, the women will honor the fathers and sons by throwing them a pizza party, which is also a Lakeville tradition.





# Penguin Pam

On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> District 13 held a send-off party to wish their District Deputy Pam Peters of Swayzee Chapter #345, Grand Page Brittany Skinner of Daleville Chapter #568 and Grand Usher Jerry Hawk of New Burlington Chapter #606 a good time at Grand Chapter. Everyone enjoyed a light meal and wonderful desserts while delighting in the fellowship. Members of the Daleville and New Burlington Chapters filled bags with goodies to help their Grand Page and Grand Usher through Grand Chapter week and everyone wished them an enjoyable time. Sister Pam was then dressed as a penguin and gifted with pebbles as is the tradition with penguins, each delivered along with a fun penguin fact. Sister Pam was thanked for a wonderful year serving District 13 and everyone wished her a great time at Grand Chapter.

# Rainbow Girls Collect

The Rainbow Girls from Greenwood Assembly No. 78 collected 222,616 pop tabs this past year. This picture was taken during the Annual Pop Tab Drop on July 15th on the Circle in downtown Indianapolis. Indiana Rainbow Girls have collected pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis since 1996 having collected almost 30 million during these 20 years.



#### **Fourth Fifty Year Pin**

Paul Robert Davis, a soon to be 92 year old native of South Bend, IN, was presented with his fourth 50 year pin by Kathryn Livings, PGM. Ruth Sousley, WM of St. Joseph Chapter #569, stands near to congratulate him. (see picture).

Earning four 50 year pins is an incredible accomplishment from a man who still actively participates, and who has shown outstanding service and dedication to St. Joseph Lodge #45 F&AM, and OES Chapters #2 (South Bend) and #569 (St. Joseph). Paul's first 50 year pin was awarded to him seventeen years ago for being a member of St. Joseph #45 F&AM. His second pin was awarded for being a 50 year member of Scottish Rite.

On May 2, 2016, Grandmaster William Reiners presented Paul with his third 50 year pin as Past Master of Lodge #45 F&AM. Paul was the first person from St. Joseph Lodge #45 F&AM's 174 year history to ever receive this distinguished honor. Paul's fourth 50 year pin was presented on Friday, May 20, 2016, for membership in OES. Paul enjoyed the fact that for many years he and his wife could participate in OES together. Paul is known for his excellent lecture work and has expressed that the OES Associate Patron work is particularly dear to his heart!



Congratulations Paul Robert Davis! You are an inspiration to us all!!

Submitted by Diane Zuber St. Joseph Chapter #569



B J Mitchell, WM and Patrick Briney,

#### Mooresville Installs Officers

On June 25, 2016, Mooresville had a capacity crowd for open Installation in the afternoon.

The West was decorated with a large lighted snowman and the East had a large butterfly, an angel and another smaller snowman. The South had an angel and a cowboy boot full of flowers.

Guests for the event were: Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM; Phyllis Pruner, DD#6; and the following Grand Chapter Committee Appointments: Joanna Hornsby, State Chairman "Fields of Faith" Masonic Home Project; Jim Hornsby, State Chair Membership; Shirley Moore, 6<sup>th</sup> District Choir Director; Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter Reporter #6; Sandy Harris, "Fields of Faith" Masonic Home Project; and Debbie Hamilton, WGM's Trip. Several WMs and WPs as well as 21 PMs and PPs were introduced. Lonnie Small, Spouse of PGM also was present.

The Installing Officers were: Joyce Small-Installing Grand Officer; Carolyn Janik-Installing Marshal; Lonnie Small-Installing Chaplain; and Martha Duke-Installing Organist.

B.J. Mitchell was presented at the altar for Installation. She was presented with a bouquet after taking her vows of office. Her escort was formed by the new WMs and WPs who held boots, gold stars, Christmas ornaments, embroidery hoops and thread and carrots.

Patrick Briney, WP also was escorted through this group. Jim Hornsby sang songs for each of them while accompanying himself on the guitar.

The dining room tables were decorated with cowboy boots filled with flowers and other vases as well. Barbara Heath, Star-Lighter Reporter #6

Bliss Isom Felton, Taylor Isom, Mury Hudson and Dewie Southern

#### Bernice Hudson Baird



# Start of Fifth Generation of Star

On Tuesday night, May 10, 2016, the start of a fifth generation of a family of OES Star started in Ellettsville. Twenty-two year old, Taylor Isom was initiated into Ellettsville Chapter #454 with her Grandmother, Mury Hudson as Warder, her Mother, Bliss Isom Felton as Secretary, and her Aunt, Dewie Southern as Associate Conductress.

Ellettsville Chapter was chartered in 1921. Taylor's Masonic ties go back to her Great Great Grandparents – W.B. and Allie Harris. W.B. was Worshipful Master in 1904 and both Allie and W.B. were in OES at its early start in Ellettsville. Her Great Grandmother was Bernice Hudson Baird, Past Grand Martha, '42-'43; Past Grand Esther, '46-'47; and Past Grand Matron '50-'51.

Taylor is a recent graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with a BS in Psychology Studies and a minor in Gender Studies. She plans to begin her Masters of Social Work program in the fall of 2017. Her long term goal is to be become a Hospice bereavement coordinator. While in college, Taylor was employed by the University for 3 years as a writing tutor and did an internship at AseraCare Hospice in Evansville. She currently volunteers for IU Health Hospice in Bloomington while working full time for a national footwear store. She has participated in the Habitat for Humanity home build, has done mission work in Tennessee with other members of the Ellettsville First United Methodist Church, and does annual fundraising for the American Diabetes Association.

Now OES has a new Star with her warm and caring heart in the right place. Welcome Taylor to Indiana Order of the Eastern Star and thanks for following in the footsteps of your long line of OES relatives.

#### Ivy Chapter Donates

Ivy Chapter #69, Order of the Eastern Star, recently donated their coin and birthday collections from the current service of Janice Miller, Worthy Matron, to the North Manchester Food Bank and the Manchester Early Learning Center. The funds to the Food Bank initially will support the Christmas Food Baskets for local families, see photo below of Mrs. Miller presenting the check to Jodi Barrett, coordinator for the Food Basket program.

The funds donated to Manchester Early Learning Center go toward the construction of their new facility on Market Street.





Photo shows Janice Miller, Worthy Matron, presenting check to Janet French and Christ McCallen.

Other Ivy members participating in the presentations include Suzy Purvis, Vi Miller, and Eileen Meyer Sklar

## Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sunbeam Chapter No.1, Order of the Eastern Star, Inc. is a part of one of the largest world-wide fraternal organizations that both men and women can belong, and

WHEREAS, the Order promotes moral values and personal goodness, building an Order which is truly dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness, and

WHEREAS, Sunbeam No.1 OES is a non-forprofit organization affiliated through the Masonic Lodge Organization, and

WHEREAS, Sunbeam No.1 OES, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years to donate to many worthy and needy groups within the community, and

WHEREAS, the local chapter is now officially 150 years old and is planning their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, G. William Curtis, Mayor of Mount Vernon do hereby proclaim the month of May as

# SUNBEAM CHAPTER NO.1 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, INC. MONTH

and urge all citizens to recognize the positive impact the fraternal organization has on our City; and to thank those who find ways to give back to their community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Mount Vernon this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.

## SuPaca Farms Paca Poo

Millersville Chapter visited SuPaca Farms to make sure that the "girls" are working hard to support Bob DeRolf, Grand Sentinel, by producing enough paca poo to fill the current orders. In the picture Ruth Hartley, PM and a paca poo user, and Sophia share a touching moment.

If you have not yet used the paca poo on your houseplants, garden or shrubs, join the growing number of satisfied OES members and discover the wonders of paca poo...No odor, no burn, no weeds, just pure organic fertilizer.

We offer a gallon bag of sun dried paca poo for \$10.00. This bag will make a minimum of 15 gallons of poo tea to quench and nourish your plants. Complete instructions included with the bag.

Place your order today by contacting SueLynne Childers at supacafarms@hotmail.com or 317-696-8139. Poo Tea bags may be picked up at Grand Chapter. If you would like a larger amount, let us know and that can be arranged.

SueLynne Childers, WM, Grand Representative of Oklahoma, D#11Star-Lite Reporter



#### A New Star In The Sky

Whether you are standing in your "Field of Dreams" or haven't yet "Dare to Dream", it is inspiring to hear that a 50 year member of Star has gone the distance and filled an amazing part on her bucket list. While most of us just dream about doing something, Patty Knox **jumped** at the chance to reach new heights.

Just shy of one day of her birthday, Patty **sky dived** out an airplane in Middletown, Ohio. She had planned on doing this on her **70<sup>th</sup> birthday**, but the flying field was closed on May 31, 2016, so she jumped the day before. She was 69 years and 364 days young.

She has been Worthy Matron 3 times and in her 11<sup>th</sup> year as Secretary of her Union Village Chapter. In addition to her Star commitments, she also makes time to give to her community as a volunteer with the American Red Cross, volunteer at the VA Hospital, member of Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, member of VFW Auxiliary, volunteer at Camp Atterbury, and volunteer in out-patient surgery at Johnson Memorial Hospital. She was part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Red Cross volunteers during the 9/11 attack in New York City.



Her jump could be an inspiration to all of us. Patty makes living life and loving people look as easy as **"FALLING OUT OF AN AIRPLANE."** Keep your eyes to the sky and Sister Patty may be dropping in on you.

# Greenwood Has Racing Theme Friends Night

On Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Greenwood welcomed many from the Sixth District. It was the night of the deputy's addenda and Friends' Night. Cindy Essig, Deputy #6 welcomed her Tiaras and Top Hats, WMs and WPs for 2015-2016. They came to honor Cindy with a little fun.

The Tiaras and Top Hats presented a Wild West Cinderella skit just for her. It had a wild Godmother who fired a six-shooter and shouted in an unusual language, a mean Stepmother and lots of shootin' and shoutin' to keep everyone on their toes and to pay attention. Cindy often is called Cinderella so this skit was named Cindy-Ella in her honor. The "players" came in western garments: denim skirts, jumpers, vests, western shirts, pants and cowboy hats.

Greenwood also had an open Friends Night with the theme of the 500 Mile Race. The officers wore black and white checkered ties, vests, and jackets. The entertainment for the evening was by the Brown Bag Band which is made up of eight members of Greenwood Chapter. Their program was about the bloopers found in church bulletins. It was a very enjoyable musical program.

Guests were: Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM; Cindi Essig, DD#6; Grand Chapter Appointments - Patsy McKee, Barbara Heath, Sue Midkiff, and Sandy Harris; Grand Representatives - Katy Ford, Mississippi and Wanda Lillyblade, Puerto Rico; Worthy Matrons - Sandra Heath, Franklin; Joann Greenlee, Mooresville; Nina Sayer, Fairland; Sue Cheeley, Ransford; and Worthy Patrons - Charles Russell, Greenwood and Ivan Lancaster, Nineveh. Shirley Moore, Greenwood presided.

There were fifteen Past Matrons and Past Patrons present, three adults representing the youth groups, three Distinguished Masons and Lonny Small, spouse of the Past Grand Matron. Barbara Heath, 6th District Star-Lite Reporter



The "Cindy-Ella" Players were: L to R: Sue Cheeley, Ransford IMH; (back) Ivan Lancaster, Nineveh; Wanda Lillyblade, Fortville; Cindi Essig, DD; (back) Barbara Heath, Franklin; Charles Russell, Greenwood; Nina Sayer, Fairland; Sandra Heath, Franklin; and Joann Greenlee, Mooresville.

# Franklin Installation 2016

On the evening of Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Franklin Chapter held an open Installation of Officers at the Franklin Masonic Temple. The decorations included antique cups, dove and a cross. Anna Burton, the incoming Worthy Matron, is active in the Job's Daughters as a youth leader and a Grand Officer.

Guests for the evening were Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; and Jim Thomas, Grand Sentinel. The new Deputy was at a School of Instruction for the Deputies. Attending were: Grand Chapter Appointments - Barbara Heath, D#6 "Star Lighter" Reporter; Lexi Johnson, ESTARL Dist. 2 Chairman; Anna Burton, Assisting Grand Secretary; Shirley Moore, Sixth District Choir Director; Wanda Lillyblade, Our World of Youth Chairman; and Debbie Hamilton, WGM's Bus Trip. Also attending were: Mary Ann Toll, WM; two WPs; eleven PMs and PPs; Donnie Robinette, Distinguished Mason; six youth leaders; and Sandra Thomas, Spouse of the Grand Sentinel.

Installing Officers were: Wanda Lillyblade, Installing Officer; Terri Crouch, Installing Marshal; Sue Midkiff, Installing Chaplain; and Shirley Moore, Installing Organist.

Officers installed were: Anna Burton, WM; Jonny Beeler, AM; John Haynes, AP; Barbara Heath, Secretary; Linda Beeler, Treasurer; Sheila Haag, Conductress; Lexi Johnson, AC; Kathy Moore, Chaplain; Martha Duke, Organist; Richel Dillard, Adah; Sandra Heath, Esther; Patricia Henderson, Electa; and Rich Moore, Sentinel.

Outgoing Worthy Matron Sandra Heath presented Anna with a bouquet of red roses and baby's breath as she was escorted to the East. During the Remarks, Sandra Heath escorted the new Worthy Matron to sign the Bible and presented her with the traveling Worthy Matron's pin. Many of those present gave Anna congratulations. Anna introduced her family and many friends from Job's Daughters who had come to her Installation. Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and PGM, and Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary, gave remarks and congratulations.

During the Closing Ceremony the Job's Daughters formed the Living Cross at the altar. A footnote: two of our recent initiates, Richel Dillard and Patricia Henderson are taking offices. We have initiated six new members recently. Barbara Heath, Reporter



Anna Burton, WM



Franklin Chapter Officers

#### **NEWBERRY CHAPTER #198 CELEBRATES 120 YEARS**

Newberry Chapter #198 had its cake and ate it too with friends on Friday night, June 3, 2016. Newberry Chapter celebrated their chapter's 120 year anniversary in conjunction with their Friend's Night with cake and a cook out. In addition to all the members and friends attending were Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM; Darrell Arthur, PGP; Sheryl Lentz, Grand Martha; and Millie Cooley, District Deputy #7. WM Becky Arthur highlighted some of the chapter's history.

Newberry's Order of the Eastern Star was instituted on March 9, 1896 with sixteen charter members. Sarah Sims was appointed Worthy Matron and Henry Owen as Worthy Patron. It was voted to meet twice a month on Saturday afternoon and Tuesday Night. **The dues were 25 cents per year**. In 1898 it was voted to meet on Friday nights, but in 1919 members voted to change the meetings to Thursday night. Newberry still meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.

April 20, 1904 the lodge hall was completely destroyed by fire. Nettie Ransford, Grand Secretary, presented the chapter with song books, Bible, dues book, floor star and signet. Gifts and cash were donated from other Chapters.

The penny march was started in 1912 and the first march netted 25 cents. In 1917, \$9.00 was allowed for Frank Crooks for wiring the hall for lights. **That's 21 years of strong Star meetings without power.** Think about that when your computer crashes because of loss of power.

In February 1932, the first presentation of the flag and the flag salute was given. On the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chapter in April, 1933, the Star Spangled Banner was sung for the first time.

In 1937 the first Friend's Night was held, but was called Courtesy Meeting with Star members from other Chapters filling the stations.

On November 3, 2008, Lyons #371 consolidated with Newberry and brought with them strong members and some OES furnishings. Some members of Lyons are still officers in Newberry.

This article includes a photo of the new sign on the front of the Newberry Chapter building. The Newberry Order of the Eastern Star purchased the Bloomfield State Bank in 2015 with contributions from the Lodge and locals friends. With the help of the brother Masons craftsmen, they remodeled the inside, except for the vault, and now the Newberry Masonic Lodge meets in this OES building. Newberry OES members plan on being around another 30 years to celebrate their 150 anniversary in 2046. Please mark your calendars to attend.



#### Knightsville Makes Big Splash at Festival

All the rains over the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday could not dampen the spirits of the Knightsville #238 OES members. All of the newly installed officers of this District #8 Chapter worked together to share smiles and good food with the Brazil community.

The Brazil Rotary Club sponsored the 3 day festival over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend with fireworks at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Mother Nature had her hand in the activities with some rain on Saturday, TOO much rain on Sunday, and off and on showers on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. All rains stopped exactly when the fireworks were scheduled to go off on Monday night.

OES made a great impression as they greeted the crowd of visitors. All those that sampled the culinary talents of the Star members left with a new taste in their mouths. No one could figure out what newly elected Worthy Matron Millie Cooley had in her Southern relish that she served over her Junk Yard Dogs, but the taste lingered on their lips.

The colossal cinnamon rolls, the chocolate donuts and the mouthwatering MAPLE BACON donuts all sold out. Donuts, with real bacon on them, are not a bakery norm, but my first two melted in my mouth. Thank you Downtown Donuts in Greencastle for furnishing the donuts over the holiday weekend.

All the homemade brownies, cookies and cake made by the OES members were devoured by the crowd. If you didn't get there, you missed the homemade ice cream flavors – vanilla, orange dream, and Stars and Stripes. (Red, White and Blue ice cream).

Thanks to ALL those Knightsville members that helped make our fundraiser a success. Special thanks to PGP Howard Farrand for furnishing and installing the tent at the park. He stated that it always rains at that festival and knowing that it was going to rain, Howard installed a wood floor under the tent and our OES workers were high and dry, not splashing around in the mud.

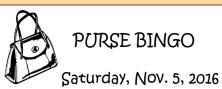
When you all row in the same direction, there is no limit how far you can go, even in a gully washer!



Lady with camera is the reporter from local Brazil newspaper; Colleen Allen, AM; Millie Cooley, WM; Steven Cooley, WP; Rick Allen, AP



Becky Proffitt, Esther; Lois McKinney, Organist; Esther Metz, Assoc. Conductress; Marcia Hood, Sentinel, Visiting member of Job's Daughters





at the Franklin County Senior Center Blue Creek Rd., Brookville, IN (Turn at traffic light by IGA, cross bridge, turn into County Park, 1st building on left) Doors Open at 11:00 am BINGO starts at 12:00 pm You MUST be 18 years old or older to partiCipate Project benefits Les' Pit Crew \$10 donation Call 513-582-2439 or 765-647-2422 MUST be purchased pre-event Sponsored by Les' Pit Crew and District #5, OES Home cooked food will be available on site

# $\bigcirc$ Here we Go! Let's have fun! $\bigcirc$



Our last walk before we are in the East!



Ron, are you Ready?



This is Official! I got my Pin!



We are on our way to have a nice year!



PGM Naomi Mitchell giving me my gavel!



Norman & Rena Jones giving me my Bible!



Think we might make good farmers?



Relaxing before our Reception!



Our Reception Had a Great time!



I Need to Rock!

3rd Annual Craft & Gift Show Crawfordsville Masonic Temple

> Saturday, November 19, 2016 8 a.m. -2 p.m. Looking for Vendors:

\$25.00 per booth space For details, call Dede Beedle (765) 359-0388





#### WINGS OF FAITH GATHERING

Yes, that is our Walt Randles sitting in Bill Gaither's chair at the Gaither Recording Studio! We think he would fit right in with Bill's singing group.

Several of the Wings of Faith group decided to merge in the center of the state just to spend an afternoon in each other's company.

We chose the Gaither Family Resource Center in Alexandria. We talked, we shopped, we talked, we took the tour of the recording studio, we talked, we ate, we talked! It's always good to get together for no other reason than – just because! And, we made Walt's day when he sat in the recording chair. Just wish he could have sung a song for us!



125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

May 28, 2016, was a beautiful, warm day when Beulah Chapter #102 celebrated their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It began at 2:00pm. The Chapter was beautifully decorated with old quilts, oil lamps and other old fashioned items.

WM Ardeth Criswell welcomed everyone then read the poem "America". The pledge was given to the American flag and the National Anthem was sung. The entertainment was by soloist Denise Hale accompanied by her mother Darlene Sullivan at the piano.

Barbara Terry, Grand Treasurer and PGM, gave the invocation. Introductions were: Tina Vredenburgh, WGM, and George; Larry Frost, WGP, and Nancy; Barbara Terry, Gr. Treasurer and PGM; Fred Holdcraft, PGP, and Glynalee; Ron Mendenhall, AGP, and Karen; Virginia McCabe, DD#15; Marilyn McFatridge, DD#17, and Dan; Grand Chapter Committee Appointments – Wanda Buck and Tina Terry; and Linda Williams, Grand Representative of Georgia.

The first 50 years of our history was read by Dan McFatridge, 50 to 75 years by Betty Keller, 75 to 100 years by Mary Moore, and 100 to 125 years by Betty Wettschurack. All of the dignitaries spoke and gave thanks. Refreshments of a meat and cheese tray, relish tray, fresh fruit salad, tea, lemonade and coffee were served.

We thank those who prepared for this day and those who came to enjoy it. Betty Wettschurack, Star-Lite Reporter



Front row – Linda Bradbury, Barb Ford, Betty Wettschurack, Louise Baugher; Second row – Marilyn McFatridge, Dan McFatridge, Betty Keller, Alice McKinney; Back row – Stan Bradbury, Ralph Wettschurack, Ardeth Criswell, Mary Moore, Wanda Buck, Dick Moore, Wayne Buck

# Check your

# WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- Oct 1 Grand Ruth Reception
- Oct 4-5 Illinois Grand Chapter
- Oct 8 Grand Esther Reception
- Oct 11-13 Michigan Grand Chapter
- Oct 15 Hoedown, D#11
- **Oct 22** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Masonic Home
- Oct 29 Grand Martha Reception
- **Nov 5** Grand Electa Reception
- Nov 6 Nettie Ransford Day
- Nov 12 Grand Warder Reception
- Nov 19 Grand Sentinel Reception
- **Dec 3** DD#9 Reception
- Dec 4 Grand Family Christmas Party
- **Dec 10** DD#17 Reception

INSPECTIONS					
Baby Dedication 7:10 pm, Award of Gold 7:20 pm					
Inspection 7:30 pm Unless otherwise noted					
Oct 3 D#11	at Corinthian w/ Lynhurst, Southport &				
	Golden Rule Luncheon				
Oct 7 D# 19	at Hobart w/ LaPorte & Olive Central Time				
Oct 10 D#21	Noble Chapter at Kendallville w/Ashley,				
	Noble, & Spencerville				
Oct 12 D#13	Luncheon @ Mt. Moriah Temple Anderson				
	At Anderson w/Muncie				
Oct 17 D#3	at Bright Star w/ Jeffersonville & Blazing				
	Bright				
Oct 21 D#4	Luncheon				
	Seymour, Clifford, Columbus, Salem at				
	Jackson Masonic Lodge in Seymour				
Oct 24 D#8	at West Terre Haute w/ Terre Haute, Twelve				
	Points & Jerusalem				
Oct 28 D#2	at Washington w/ Odon				
Oct 31 D#6	at Greenwood w/Flat Rock & Union Village				
Nov 4 D#7	Luncheon				
	At Sullivan w/Columbian & Hymera				
Nov 7 D#8	Luncheon @ Central Christian Church				
	at Pimento w/ Riley & Prairieton				
Nov 9 D#5	Luncheon @ Brookville				
	At Brookville w/ Bennington & Batesville				
Nov 14 D#20	Cancelled				
Nov 21 D#14	at Waynedale w/ Churubusco & Trinity				
	Luncheon				
Nov 30 D#10					
Dec 2 D#18	at Wabash w/Ivy & LaFontaine Luncheon				
Dec 5 D#13	at Pendleton w/Daleville & New Burlington				
Dec 9 D#16	Cancelled				



RECEPTIONS				
Oct 1	Victoria Phillips, Grand Ruth Reception			
	Englewood Masonic Lodge			
	6170 E. Southern Ave, Indianapolis, IN			
	Social Hour 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm			
	Dinner to follow \$12.00			
	RSVP to Debra Stout, Sec.			
	9724 N. Michigan Rd., Fairland, IN 46126			
	Wds19415@att.net 317-862-2070			
Oct 8	Beth Gargis, Grand Esther Reception			
	Lakeville Masonic Lodge			
	318 N. Mangus Dr., Lakeville, IN			
	Social Hour 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm			
	Dinner to follow \$12.00 to Lakeville Chapter			
	RSVP by Sept. 25 to: Chris Rowe			
	P.O. Box 331, Lakeville, IN 46536			
	Remittance must accompany reservation			
Oct 29	Gleda Brooks, Grand Martha Reception			
	Benham United Methodist Church			
	648 E. CR 650 S., Versailles, IN			
	Social Hour 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm			
	Dinner to follow at:			
	Friendship Reception Hall, Friendship, IN			
	\$12.00 payable to Connie Branigan			
	RSVP by Oct. 19 to: Connie Branigan			
	P.O. Box 218, Milan, IN 47031			
	812-654-2506 csbranigan@comcast.net			
Nov 5	Mary Ann Herron, Grand Electa Reception			
	Jeffersonville Masonic Lodge			
	303 E. Park Place, Jeffersonville, IN			
	Social Hour 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm			
	Dinner to follow \$12.00 to: Blazing Bright Chpt.			
	RSVP by Oct. 29 with remittance to:			
	Fran Wilson, Sec., 8329 Locust Dr.			
NJ 10	Charlestown, IN 47111 812-256-3628			
Nov 12	Terry Larkin, Grand Warder Reception			
	Ladoga Christian Church			
	124 W. Elm St., Ladoga, IN			
	Social Hour 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm			
	Dinner to follow \$12.00 to: Roachdale Chapter RSVP to Pat Smith, 6124 E. 1200 S.			
	Roachdale, IN 46712 765-522-1969			
Nov 19	*			
NOV 19	<b>Jim Thomas, Grand Sentinel Reception</b> Morristown Christian Church Fellowship Center			
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	209 S. Washington St., Morristown, IN Social Hour 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm			
	Dinner to follow \$12.00 to Morristown Chapter			
	RSVP by Nov. 12 to: Sandie Thomas, Sec.			
	2795 E. Cottonwood Tr., Morristown, IN 46161			
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Sandie\_thomas1@frontier.com 765-763-6107 Due to seating, they request EVERYONE to RSVP if possible.**Remittance must accompany reservation** 

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#### **Deputy Receptions**

Dec 3	Mary Ann Jones, DD#9 Reception
	Rockville Methodist Church
Dec 10	June Roth, DD#17 Reception
	Winamac Masonic Lodge

#### FRIENDS NIGHTS

Oct 12 D#11	Keystone
Oct 17 D#11	Irvington
Oct 19 D#11	Millersville
Nov 18 D#11	Golden Rule
Nov 29 D#11	Beech Grove
Dec 17 D#3	New Albany 6:30 pm



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