



Everything you do matters!

"UNWRITTEN" OR "UNICORN RULES" OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



Our Constitution Rules & Regulations (our red book) is how we govern our beautiful order. It is a copyrighted document. However, there are "unwritten things" or "traditions" that over the years have become rules. They are often referred to as "Unicorn Rules" because they don't exist in writing so there is no proof of their existence. Eastern Star members are just to follow these rules or traditions. You learn about them by breaking them and then you are visited by a Sister or a Brother and told what you have done incorrectly. I first learned about the "unwritten rules" when I broke one. You would have thought that I was guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors. I love our order. Please do not misunderstand my reason for writing about these "rules". I seem to have broken every "unwritten" rule that the Order of the Eastern Star in Indiana has because I didn't know they existed. I do now.

As an elementary teacher for 42 years, I had 30 minutes to eat my lunch. Toward the end of my career, I ate with my 4th grade students to ensure that table manners were observed, no food was being thrown, or nasty comments were exchanged between children that I had to deal with later. I only had to deal with misbehavior during recess. I also was the last one through the lunch line to ensure that every student was served their meal. So, I was in a habit of eating quickly. I cleaned up the area where I ate by throwing away my trash from the lunch table. I had time to use the restroom within my allotted thirty minutes of lunch. I would then pick up our students in the school cafeteria, and then go outside for recess. Teachers are trained not to waste time. As the Grand Conductress, I ate the great food prepared prior to an inspection, cleared my area of trash, and then would exit the dining room to walk the labyrinth a few more times before the members entered the chapter room. However, the Worthy Grand Matron had not stood up. I learned that day that I was to wait until the Worthy Grand Matron had stood up.

I decided for fun to see if these "rules" were similar in other states. I set out to collect as many as I could. I mean no disrespect towards our order. I am doing my best to follow the "unwritten" rules. However, in cold and lousy weather, I refuse to wear a dress while driving to an Eastern Star event. I have worn jeans while traveling to an Eastern Star event and then I would stop at a McDonald's and change clothes in their restroom. I didn't want to break the rule or be seen by a Sister or a Brother while I am wearing slacks or a pair of jeans. Word of a Grand Officer breaking that rule would make great conversation among members. If I go in a ditch and exit my car, I won't be in a dress.

The Worthy Grand Matron is to watch what color of dress she wears to luncheons. I am to remain neutral in color selection so that I don't wear blue, yellow, white, green, or red. Those are Star Point colors. My husband always loved seeing me in a red dress. At my own Worthy Grand Matron reception, I was expected to explain why I was wearing red. I wore a red formal

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so that I could feel my husband's spirit watching over me. My husband gave me beautiful jewelry of many-colored stones. As a widow on a limited budget, I shouldn't have to explain what I choose to wear, but I try to comply with the unwritten rules. I have a lot of green things because I represented Grand Martha one year. I refuse to spend the rest of my life wearing pink, gray, or black clothing.

As Grand Conductress for the Order of the Eastern Star for Indiana, I was once introduced at a Deputy's reception as the "Grand Troublemaker". It was all in fun and I am rather proud to have been introduced in that manner. I am guilty of starting the wave in a chapter room prior to chapter starting because we were kept waiting for officers to enter the chapter room. In short, I like to have fun. When chapter starts, I try to be all business, but when there is some waiting time, I will tell Harold Rowe, the Worthy Grand Patron, a joke to bring laughter into the chapter room.

I spoke in one District and as an ice-breaker I told the Conductresses that I was collecting "unwritten rules". I even provided the paper. To this very day I have yet to receive in writing one "unwritten" rule. Nobody wanted to give me one. Some members didn't have a clue as to what I was talking about. I even gave them two examples. So, I reached out through Facebook on the Eastern Star group clear across this land of ours and asked for our Sisters and Brothers to send me their "unwritten" rules. I found that there were a lot of similar "rules" that are observed in several states. Members in states and other countries posted the following "Unwritten Rules" on Facebook. I hope you find these "Unicorn Rules" interesting.

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Cindy

The Unicorn Book 2
By Eastern Star Members



INDIANA-You can't get up and get your dessert until the Worthy Grand Matron has gotten hers.

LOUISIANA-You should wear a dress to all functions when necessary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE-White gowns for women are worn during installation and draping the altar/charter. No one speaks after WGM unless she invites them to speak. At a reception for Grand Representatives under remarks: PGM and PGP who gave the appointments give the remarks and then the current WGM and WGP give remarks.

WISCONSIN-When the WGM visits a chapter and sits on the sidelines, no one is to sit closer to the East than the WGM.

TEXAS-Don't walk in front of the head table at a banquet.

NEW JERSEY-No one moves at a dinner before the WGM. Not even to use the restroom or to visit with other people.

TENNESSEE-2 hr. rule: No meeting is to go over 2 hours. Nobody drives their car ahead of the WGM when in a car caravan. Each car is to stay behind the WGM when going to an event.

OKLAHOMA-You do not get up from the meal until the Worthy Grand Matron has stood and sat back down. Also, it doesn't matter how long you have been out of office as a Grand Officer you always sit in protocol order.

“UNWRITTEN” OR “UNICORN RULES” (cont.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON-Nowhere in our constitution does it say you can't wear slacks. Only dress code is for lady officers. I think we are so used to dressing up that we just continue to do so, If a member or visitor came in slacks (business slacks) we wouldn't ask them to leave. We want members for sure.

OKLAHOMA-A member wrote that their Constitution says no slacks. They have tried to change it several times and have not gotten it done. No one speaks after WGM unless she invites them to speak.

OREGON-We generally wear our Chapter dress picked out by our WM or if you are a Grand Officer you wear "travel dress" for going to a meeting then change at the location to your "Number 1 dress" (the formal dress) or "Number 2 dress" (the more casual dress) which are picked out by that year's WGM. Dresses are not to be disclosed until after Grand Installation.

ALBERTA-unwritten rules are called the "Unicorn Book of Knowledge"

FLORIDA-No one gets in line until the highest grand officers starts the line to get food. If it is not served the same after the meeting is over, they are the first in line for refreshments.

AUSTRALIA-We wear white. No street clothes at any level. We can wear mid-calf if meeting before midday also never turn a visitor away if they aren't wearing white. Common sense must rule. We want members. No one can see the dresses for the new term until the officers enter the chapter room at installation.

ALBERTA-In my chapter you go from WM to overseeing all food/banquets for the following year.

CONNECTICUT-White gowns worn for degree work. This tradition is to remind us of living an upright life and teaching the candidate to look further into the ritual and meanings of our lessons. No one may leave the dinner table until the WGM stands. A protocol that highlighted the elevated status of the WGM. Keeps all eyes upon her. This is meant to show respect for the office, however, in today's world that level of finessed constraint is despised and shunned by younger generations. It ultimately does not teach anything. Unwritten rules about pantyhose, slacks, etc. are just out of date and need to be let go. Being neat and clean are appropriate. Women CEOs, high-level government officials, court officials etc. no longer wear only dresses. Women no longer wear corsets and bustles...which had once been the rule.

NEW HAMPSHIRE-White gowns for women are worn during installation, initiation, and draping the altar/charter.

DELAWARE-We wear white floor length dresses or gowns, No exposed shoulders or cleavage. Can't cross our legs when sitting as an officer in a station. If the highest-ranking person declines introductions at the altar, then everyone under them doesn't get introduced except to rise and give a hand of welcome, so if the Worthy Grand Matron declines honors, no one takes them. If she's not there, the "oldest" PGM as who served first, is next in line and can decide whether the past grands and everyone else under them takes honors. No rituals are to be open except for the deputy grand lecturer who is our prompter. At official visits the grand officers wear their white gowns. At birthday parties and exchanges we wear whatever color gown they wore that the Grand Matron has chosen for her year.

NEBRASKA-In my chapter the Marshal set up and tore down chapter. In my current chapter AM calls refreshment chair and is responsible for gifts for WM and WP. The Conductresses set up chapter. We are supposed to wear silver jewelry. We don't have a "rule" about the color of metal, but we're not supposed to wear colored stones. HOWEVER, I've only had one person point out my green butterfly pendant-to which I responded that my officer pin was blue. No miniskirts. No sleeveless shirts.



Focus on Star

Spring brings with it a promise of renewal. We see it all around us. The animals return and wake from their slumber. The flora returns to life from a dormant state as if by magic. Spring brings Easter with its promise of renewal. While Christmas is the holiday that gets the most attention and the birth of Jesus is certainly cause to celebrate, Easter represents the most important event in the history of mankind. It marks a change from a time when the Children of God argued over the various rules and rituals that would lead to a glorious afterlife to a time of confidence and certainty. The gift that we received through the resurrection of Jesus is that all we need to do is believe in him, accept him into our hearts and live by his example. What a wonderful gift to receive. It is through that gift that we know that our loved ones are waiting for us in Heaven and that we will be able to join them some day. That knowledge allows us to accept all of the challenges and tragedies that come to us in life. Remember to follow that example and live that life every day. Remember to walk by faith.

We see Chapters come and go, these days, and mostly they go. What can we do to keep our Chapters alive? One thing that I've seen as I travel through the state is that the relationships between Chapters and Lodges vary from great to downright hostile. This is extremely unfortunate. The Eastern Star is often viewed by Masons as a women's organization and I have heard it referred to that way by both Sisters and Brothers. Even the Grand Lodge refers to us as a women's group. They don't understand that the Chapters are made up of Brother Masons as well as their female relatives. Even though those relationships have been greatly expanded over the years, most Sisters are still the wives, widows, daughters, sisters and mothers of Brothers that they know well and even admire. I've called on the Brothers before to do their part in helping our Order grow. I remind them to never refer to their Chapter as "the women" or "the ladies" when speaking to their fellow Masons. Remember that it is "our Chapter" made up of Sisters and Brothers enjoying fellowship together, participating in beautiful Ritual Work and working in the community toward the same goals as all Masonic groups do.

Fellowship is one of the best tools for keeping our organization alive. We need to take time to have fun social events where we invite our families as well as the Brothers from our Lodges to come and have a good, casual time with our members. OES cooking is the best there is and OES people are the most fun. Take some opportunities to remind the Lodges of that fact. Families and Masons are a good first step to expanding membership but another is the community at large. Many Chapters are involved in all sorts of community events for raising funds, raising awareness and celebrating the things we love. Don't be shy about letting the world know about the group behind it all. Make sure they know that we like to make a difference in the world and that we like to have a good time. Most of all though, make sure you are doing things that will keep your current members involved. We need to keep the best of both worlds. In with the new, but not out with the old. We want to see our junior members with their new ideas working alongside our senior members who keep our traditions alive.

Harold Rowe
Worthy Grand Patron



Mildred Duzan Remembered

A special celebration to honor Sister Mildred "Mid" Duzan of Solsberry Chapter and her lifetime commitment to our beautiful Order was held on January 17, 2024. After having celebrated her 103rd birthday in December 2023, Sister Mid was looking forward to this honor. She was joined by family, friends, and many OES members, who shared a common bond in the positive influence of her commitment to the principles of our Order. Mid represented District #7 as Deputy in 1982-1983 for Sister Marianne Frederick and Brother Joe Elmore and was thrilled to receive an appointment as Grand Representative of Wyoming in Indiana. Sister Mid went to her eternal home on January 19, 2024, but she will always be remembered with love by all her Sisters and Brothers.



Mid's mother Sister Lena Schroeder, Sister Mildred Duzan, and her sister, Sister Helen Parkes



Reception for Grand Representative of Wyoming in Indiana



Sister Mid with her granddaughter Sister Tammi Dixon, when she received her 25-year award.

Dana Mosher's Winter Wonderland

It was a "Winter Wonderland" Honor Night for Dana Mosher, Deputy of District 16 on December 4, 2023.

Sister Dana was escorted into the chapter room decorated with snowmen, snowflakes and twinkling lights. Worthy Matron Susan Clawson, welcomed everyone and gave thanks to all for helping us honor Sister Dana. Brother Larry Crowder, PGP, gave the invocation. After the Conductress presented Sister Dana at the altar she was escorted to the East, walking through an escort of Hope Chapter members giving her a basket and items representing her journey from Missouri to Indiana and aspects of her life.

Those assisting were Worthy Matron – Susan Clawson, Worthy Patron-Dave Scanlon, Conductress-Mindy Hollingsworth, Organist-Ginny McCabe. Those in attendance included Worthy Grand Matron- Cynthia Willyard, PGP-Larry Crowder and his wife Sue, Grand Treasurer-Greg Childs with wife Dawn, Grand Warder-Charles Merrell, 2 District Deputies: 3 Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, 3 Worthy Matrons and Patrons: and 12 Past Matrons and Patrons/GR.

The Worthy Grand Matron gave the tribute and presented Sister Dana with a gift from her and WGP Harold Rowe. Sister Dana asked Hope Chapter and those from District #16 to stand and she thanked them for the wonderful honor night. Presentations and love gifts were made and guests were invited to the dining room for refreshments. The tables were decorated with garlands of greenery adorned with twinkle lights and snowmen with a special table filled with snowmen leading guests to refreshments. Sister Dana and guests were treated to a snowflake cake, snowman cookies, snowflake cookies and a hot chocolate bar.



Carol Sloan, Grand Adah



At age 12, my eye doctor told my parents that I had no depth perception. I am unable to focus both eyes on an object without seeing two images, so my brain “shuts off” the second image. The answer to my constant tripping and falling was finally given. My mother had enrolled me in a ballet class the year I turned 7 and I found my niche. The repetition and structure of movement in dance provided my first feeling of grace and beauty. I continued to take class and dance until I turned 67. When I am stressed, I still “dance in my head” to give myself courage and strength.

As the oldest of 4 children and the first in my family to attend college, I worked hard to pay my own way and prove how important it was to achieve my goal of becoming a teacher. My oldest brother retired as a Captain after 25 years of service in the U.S. Coast Guard. He and his wife live near Seattle, Washington. Our youngest brother still lives in Terre Haute and is the one I call when something needs to be fixed. My sister, also a member of Pimento Chapter, moved to Florida after college to begin her teaching career. She and her husband live in North Palm Beach.

When I joined Pimento Chapter at age 18, I had no idea how much it would become a huge influence in my life. Since then, I have served as Worthy Matron 15 times, 13 of them with Doug at my side and currently I am Secretary. Star helped me gain confidence in myself and taught me leadership skills that I used as an educator. I spent 41 years teaching first

grade. After retirement, I was asked to be a Title I Consultant working with small groups of kindergarten through fifth grade students in math and language arts instruction – a job I held for 7 years. It was my perfect retirement job!

Doug signed his Masonic petition 2 weeks after our wedding and petitioned Star immediately upon receiving his Master Mason degree. He had no idea what was on the road ahead! Our OES world expanded when Pimento Chapter’s Sister Ruth Thompson and Brother Ron Stabler asked me to be their Deputy in the “Wings in Time” Grand Family. Years later Sister Jill Rice and Brother Ron Mendenhall invited me to join their “Fields of Faith” Grand Family. Next came my 2 years as Deputy for Sister Jennifer Nicholson Maggart and Brother Bob DeRolf in their “Legacy of Hope” Grand Family. I was so surprised and excited the night Brother Dwayne Taylor escorted me to the altar and my Deputy Sister, Susie Roach, presented me with a Grand Representative appointment to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. The fact that my Aunt had held the same position for the Illinois Grand Chapter made it even more special.

District #8 knows that Doug and Carol are only a phone call away if they need us to help with an Initiation, Installation, or to fill a necessary position. I encourage them to always “Make a Joyful Noise” for Eastern Star.

I have loved serving as your Grand Adah in the “Faith Moves Mountains” Grand Family this year. Adah’s devotion to her father, her faith, and her courage in giving her life to save her father’s honor is no doubt why her story was chosen as a heroine of our Order.

Songs of Joy,
Carol Sloan, Grand Adah

Roberta Ancil, Grand Esther



I was born November 5, 1942 in Wabash to the late Garnet and Dorothy (Koerner) Clark and was their only child. I was raised on a farm west of LaFontaine that has been in our family for over 150 years. My father, both grandfathers

and both great-grandfathers were Masons. My dad and his father were both Past Masters, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shrine. My mother and her mother were both 50-year Eastern Star members. My daughter Wendy is a Past Matron of LaFontaine Chapter.

I graduated from LaFontaine High School in 1960 and went to work as a secretary-book keeper in a real estate office where I met my first husband. That marriage produced two children, son Clark and daughter Wendy, but ended after 17 years in divorce.

A second marriage was cut short by the death of my husband. A few years later I met Gary Ancil and we married in 2000. I lost him in April 2020 and moved back to my hometown of LaFontaine. I retired in 2007 as an office manager for Peerless-Midwest, Inc. at their Westfield office.

I belong to the LaFontaine Christian Church and enjoy working the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings and assist with the funeral dinners. I belong to the History Club and the Book Club in my home town. I'm also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I enjoy gardening, reading and word puzzles in my "spare" time.

From age 6 to age 66 I showed horses competitively throughout Indiana and the Midwest. After I retired from the show ring I managed horse shows throughout Indiana and Ohio for 10 years. Now mostly retired from that, I still manage two horse shows a year in Rochester.

I am an active member of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, where I chair two committees. I have twice been the recipient of their Golden Spur Award for service and recently I was presented with their Lifetime Achievement Award. I also served on several task force committees for the American Quarter Horse Association located in Amarillo, Texas.

I joined LaFontaine Chapter in December 1960 and was appointed to Martha's station in 1961. I served as Worthy Matron in 1966-67, and was Page at the 1967 Grand Chapter Session. I served as Worthy Matron six more times and held all five star point stations. I am presently Secretary of my Chapter. I was elected President of the District 18 Association twice and was appointed Grand Representative of North Dakota in 2000. I again served as Page in 2016 and 2017. In 2019 I was appointed District Deputy in the "Legacy of Hope" Grand Family and again in 2021 in the "Let Freedom Ring" Grand Family.

This year I accepted the appointment to serve as Grand Esther in the "Faith Moves Mountains" Grand Family. I am humbled and honored to represent this historical heroine.



Tamara Shake, Grand Martha



I was born on February 7, 1965, in Richmond, Indiana to Harold and Betty (Meek) Routson and am the first of two daughters. I grew up on a farm in Wayne County where I enjoyed helping take care of the cattle, pigs, horses, dogs, and cats; well, most days. Mushroom hunting in the woods was another fun time with my mom and Grandmother. Activities in school included basketball and track and I was a 10-year member of 4-H. I graduated from Centerville High School in 1983 and went on to Indiana State University where I studied and earned my degree in accounting in 1988. While at college I met someone who I married and had two children, son Evan and daughter Sarah. The kids have blessed me with a daughter and son-in-law and two grandsons.

My career began at York Casket Company in the finance department. Then a move to Terre Haute was the start to my 30-year career at Amcor (Bemis) Company where I have held several finance positions at the plant and division office level. I am currently holding the position of Finance Supervisor. There were approximately six business ventures during my marriage to Scott Shake, the primary business, a funeral home is still in operation. I have managed the bookkeeping and payroll for it for 14 years. I am currently training by daughter-in-law to oversee these duties to free up my time.

My journey to our beautiful order was

quite long. I had no Masonic affiliation as a child. In 2010, when the timing was right, I joined Sullivan Chapter and became part of this wonderful organization. A few months after being initiated into the Chapter I was installed as Esther and that began my Eastern Star journey. In 2016, I became a first time Worthy Matron and was pleased to be selected to serve as Grand Page for Sister Cindy Skura and Brother Cecil Scott at the "Shining Lights of Faith" Grand Session. Remaining in the East the following year and for the next few, I served as Grand Page for Sister Diana Surfus and Brother Les Simonton at their "Journey of Love" Grand Session. I became a plural member with Hymera Chapter and have served as their secretary since the day I was welcomed into the Chapter. I was honored when Sister Gleda Brooks and Brother Richard Lassiter asked me to join the "Symphony of Faith and Love" Grand family and serve as their deputy, Hummingbird #7.

I am truly humbled to be serving this year as Grand Martha in the "Faith Moves Mountains" Grand family for Sister Cindy and Brother Harold. This road in my Star Point journey is coming to its end. The time spent traveling the state and meeting so many of you has been a blessing, sometimes stressful journey, but a blessing all the same and one that I will treasure. Remember to have a trustful faith as we walk through this journey of life. Walk by Faith, not by sight.



Judy Warstler, Grand Electa



I was born in Auburn, Indiana on February 14, 1948, to Oscar and Helen Sanders. I was the first of five children born to a local farmer and his faithful homemaker in Hamilton, Indiana where we lived until my

senior year in high school relocating to Orland, Indiana.

In 1967 I married my husband Dale and had three loving sons. Over the years our family has grown to include 3 daughters-in-law, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

I was introduced to the Masonic family by my husband's parents in 1968, which has continued to be a

family legacy passed through to our children and grandchildren. My early years in the Eastern Star were not as active as I would have liked due to working and caring for my young children. I have been an active and loyal member for the past 10 years.

I have been honored to have held the Associate Conductress, Conductress, Adah, Associate Matron, and Worthy Matron (many times) stations.

I was proud to be District Deputy 21 for PGM Cindy Skura and PGP Cecil Scott, Grand Page for PGM Diana Surfus and Les Simonton, and Grand Page for PGM Gleda Brooks and PGP Richard Lassiter. I was appointed the Grand Representative of California in the state of Indiana by PGM Gleda Brooks and PGP Richard Lassiter. I am excited for what this year will bring as I represent Grand Electa for WGM Cindy Willyard and WGP Harold Rowe.

District One News

Golden Fleece Chapter #176 held a Baby Shower for donations to True Hope Pregnancy and Family Resource Center. It was a huge success with a large variety of items given to this local ministry.

Bill Shoulders, WGC&PGP



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You have received this issue, but will you get the next one? Check your expiration date on the back page to the left of your address. If it says your last issue is April 2024, then you need to renew now! Fill out the form on the next to the last page and include your check made out to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES and mail to Nancy Pratt, 3597 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, IN 46975.

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The Dekalb County Veterans Court

A Beacon of Hope & Support for Veterans in Need

Nestled in the heart of Auburn, Indiana, the Dekalb County Veterans Court stands as a beacon of hope for veterans who have bravely served our country and are now facing challenges in their lives. This innovative program, supported by the caring members of the Spencerville Chapter #386 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Concord Masonic Lodge #556 offers a lifeline of compassion and understanding to veterans caught in the criminal justice system.

At the Dekalb County Veterans Court, veterans are treated with dignity and respect, recognizing their sacrifices and the unique struggles they may face. The court understands that many veterans who find themselves in trouble with the law are suffering from the invisible wounds of war, such as post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and substance abuse.

The Dekalb County Veterans Court is not just another courtroom; it's a sanctuary where veterans can find compassion, understanding, and the resources they need to rebuild their lives. Presiding over the court is Judge Kurt Grimm. Judge Grimm understands the challenges veterans face and is committed to helping them get back on their feet.

Instead of traditional punishment, the Dekalb County Veterans Court offers veterans a comprehensive program of treatment and rehabilitation, tailored with empathy to their individual needs. This may include counseling, job training, housing assistance, and other support services. The goal is to help veterans overcome their challenges and become thriving members of society.

One of the key features of the Dekalb County Veterans Court is the strong network of community support that surrounds it. Local businesses, organizations, and individuals all play a vital role in helping veterans get back on their feet. For example, Concord Lodge and the Spencerville Chapter provide financial support and dedicated volunteers who are passionate about helping veterans.

Another important aspect of the Dekalb County Veterans Court is the emphasis on restorative justice. This approach focuses on repairing the harm caused by crime, rather than simply punishing the offender. Veterans who participate in the program are encouraged to make amends to their families and to take responsibility for their actions, fostering a sense of healing and accountability.

The Dekalb County Veterans Court has been an incredible success. Since its inception in 2018, the program has helped veterans turn their lives around. Many graduates of the program have gone on to find fulfilling jobs, start families, and become active members of their communities, thanks to the unwavering support they received.

The Dekalb County Veterans Court is a shining example of how communities can come together with compassion and dedication to support veterans in need. By offering a second chance to those who have served our country, this program is making a profound difference in the lives of veterans and their families.

If you would like to learn more about the Dekalb County Veterans Court, Concord Masonic Lodge, or Spencerville Chapter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be happy to provide you with additional information about our programs and services.

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Pictured: Richard Lentz - PGM/Spencerville OES Member, Ryan Hall - DeKalb County Probation Officer, Jim Rosenbury - Concord Lodge, Ben Smaltz - Indiana State Representative.

North Manchester Community Unites

What happens behind the scenes for Manchester Community Schools students to go to the Shrine Circus?

After multiple years of bad weather that prevented Manchester Community Schools students from attending the Annual Mizpah Shrine Circus in Fort Wayne, this year the weather cooperated allowing the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to attend. This means 465 students were going and needed lunches. This is when a community unites. Organized by Ivy Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star with helping hands from Deming Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis Club of North Manchester, Tri Kappa, North Manchester Lions Club, and Knights of Columbus, in the afternoon before the Circus, lunches were made and packed for each student. Additionally, a portion of the supplies were donated by Neighborhood Fresh Market and The Hardware.



FORT WAYNE CHAPTER SUPPORTS YOUTH GROUPS

In keeping with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's projects, Marcia and Brayton Snow, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Fort Wayne Chapter #432, designated the two local youth groups as recipients of their special project this year. Half of the donations received by Chapter members were donated directly to Bethel #8, Job's Daughters International and to the Fort Wayne Chapter of DeMolay. Shown in the pictures are the Honored Queen and Master Counselor receiving the checks from Marcia and Brayton.



Job's Daughters

DeMolay



Friendship Assembly No. 44 Installation

In continuing support of our Youth Groups across Indiana, the invitation was received and well attended by many of the Masonic fraternities for Friendship Assembly No. 44's installation on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 12 Points Lodge in Terre Haute.

Attending were Sister Cheryl Phillips, Worthy Matron Terre Haute Chapter #43, Sister Andrea McColl, Worthy Matron Pimento Chapter #516, Brian Smead, Worshipful Master of 12 Points Lodge #769, Chuck Avery, Worshipful Master of Social Lodge #86, along with representatives of Job's Daughters and the newly formed Jerry L. Burns Chapter of DeMolay. Sister Carol Davis, Grand Conductress, extended greetings on behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Also in attendance in support of our Youth were Sister Barbara Pefley, Associate Grand Conductress, and Sister Carol Sloan, Grand Adah, and her husband Doug.





Sunny Meadows County Home 2023 Christmas Party

Sunny Meadows, located in Auburn, Indiana, is one of eleven county homes still in operation in Indiana. This home operates as an Assisted Living Facility for the mentally disabled men and women in our community. Sunny Meadows currently houses 22 residents - 14 men and 8 women.

At the Spencerville OES meeting in November, we discussed ways of blessing our local county home during Christmas. During our November meeting, we voted to purchase basic necessities for the residents. We sought help from our community to help with our Christmas Giving Project. Dale Baldwin of Waterloo agreed to be Santa for this project. Beacon Credit Union gave \$500 to buy the resident's Christmas List items. Waterloo Lions Club purchased pajamas, Butler Dental Group provided toothbrush kits and Auburn Shifters Car Club bought slippers for all residents. The Knights of the Pythia bought Game Room Equipment. The Grand Lodge of the Knights of the Pythias sent a matching \$250 Donation to purchase a TV for the Game Room. The Spencerville Eastern Star purchased socks and undergarments for each resident. These items were delivered by a group of our members. The residents were happy and thankful for these gifts and our visit.

These group homes are very worthy of our commitment to serve and are so often a forgotten group of orphans in our communities. Spencerville OES would like to challenge local civic organizations in our state to visit and engage with the people who live in these homes. The rewards are meaningful and heartwarming.



OES Member Rachel Ardinse (Elf),
Sunny Meadows Resident Penny

St. Martin's Healthcare 18th Annual Circle of Friends Tea Party

Spencerville OES participated in the St. Martin's Healthcare 2024 Circle of Friends Tea Party, where 260 ladies came together to share good food and laughter with friends to support the mission of St. Martin's Free Healthcare Clinic located in Garrett, IN. 18 OES members and their families enjoyed the event while also donating \$600 and a "Sweet Treat Basket" for auction. Personnel donations were also given toward the operations of the Mobile Unit/new Dental Equipment for the Clinic. Evelyn Rodkey won this year's 2024 Tea Party Grand Prize. She is pictured with OES Princesses Ari Laur, Evelyn Rodkey, Maddy Dangler, Lilly Rickman.



Stellar Stars

Stellar Stars is a great way to honor or remember an individual or a group for a full year. The costs of Stellar Stars are: \$10 - \$24 for 1 Star; \$25 - \$49 for 2 Stars; \$50 - \$74 for 3 Stars; \$75 - \$99 for 4 Stars; and \$100 and up for 5 Stars.

These will run for 1 year after we receive the request. The short information you want printed about the individual or group can be mailed along with a check payable to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES with the notation: Stellar Stars, to:

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1 Star

In Loving Memory of
Mary Means – 75-Year Member
With Love, Tim & Margot Wade
Son-in-Law & Daughter

2 Stars

In Loving Memory of
Joan Franklin, PD #7, 1960
Lee Ann Wise, PD #7, 1971
Opal Sluder, PD #7, 1977
Who are missed by
The Past Deputies of District #7

To my wounded warrior
SSG Hector L. Munoz-Colon
& his beautiful family,
wife Nikki, daughters Lily & Sofia.
Thank you for being my family.
Love Gladys Colon-Clark

In Honor of the “Wings of Faith”
Grand Family 20th Anniversary! 2003-2004
Always “Walk the Walk of Faith”
Love and Hugs, Mama Cat & Connie

3 Stars

4 Stars

5 Stars

In Loving Memory of
Betty Thousand
100 Years old & 77-Year member
Faithful member of
Rochester Chapter #70 and
Royal Center Chapter #375

In Honor of
William “Bill” Shoulders
Worthy Grand Chaplain
District 1

In Loving Memory of
Debra Bryant
Past Deputy of District 1
Past Grand Organist
Bill & Lynn Shoulders

In Loving Memory of friends lost in 2023
Bonnie Allinder, PGM, Englewood Chapter
Patricia Burns, PSWHP, Nineveh Chapter
Debbie Schmidt, PM, Englewood Chapter
Debbie Hooten, PN, Oakland Chapter
Well done good and faithful servants.
Rochelle A. Hargis

In Memory of
Marguerite DeVore, PM
From the members of
Corinthian Chapter #456



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Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!

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- Apr 4-5** Royal Arch Grand Chapter
Apr 20 Clinton Chpt. 150th Frankfort D#15
Apr 27 Last Inspection, Kokomo D#15
May 4 Ashley Chpt. 125th, D#21
May 18 Naamah Chpt. 135th, D#6
Jun 6-9 Grand Chapter, Muncie

INSPECTIONS / LUNCHEONS

- Inspections - Baby Dedication 7:00 pm
 Award of Gold 7:10 pm, Inspection 7:20 pm
Apr 9 D#13 Luncheon/Inspection
Apr 11 D#10 Luncheon/Inspection
Apr 15 D#2 Luncheon/Inspection
Apr 16 D#1 Luncheon/Inspection
Apr 27 D#15 Last Inspection GOE

RECEPTIONS

- Apr 6** Grand Martha Tamara Shake
 Sullivan Civic Center,
 344 N. Main St.
 Sullivan, IN 47882
 Social 2:00, Program 4:00
 Dinner follows
 \$20.00 Must accompany RSVP
 RSVP by Mar. 27 to:
 Joy Ellen Kuppler
 4520 W. St. Rd. 48
 Shelburn, IN 47879
 812-564-1527
jek90pgm@frontier.com

- Apr 13** Grand Electa Judy Warstler
 Hamilton Life Center
 4001 Terry Lake Dr
 Hamilton, IN
 Social 2:00, Program 4:00
 Dinner follows
 \$20.00 Must accompany RSVP
 Payable to Ashley Chapter #229
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 14235 Illinois Rd
 Ft. Wayne, IN 46814
 260-750-2626
renee6604@yahoo.com

FRIENDS NIGHTS/DAYS

- Mar 11 D#20** Bristol
Apr 19 D#20 Starlight
Apr 20 D#18 Royal Center 1:00 pm
Apr 24 D#20 St. Joseph
May 1 D#20 Lakeville

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