



A Walk in the Woods



As the crispness in the air turns our thoughts to apple picking, cozy times with friends and family, and pumpkin everything, fall is nature's reminder that every season is beautiful!

It is one of the many things that makes nature a wondrous sight to behold and brings to mind a brief piece written by Glen McKenzie, author and poet, about the changing of the seasons. It eludes to the facts that new crops don't appear in the fields until the old ones are harvested; and winter doesn't end until the season changes to spring. In the fall, the changing colors of the leaves represent one chapter of the tree's life but provide all its stunning beauty before the cold winds of winter begin the cycle anew.

This new season of our Order in Indiana has revealed your encouragement and support for many of the events of the last few months. From the generous gift of your time at both the joint reception honoring Brother Tom, Sister Terry, and myself, and the First Inspection in the state graciously hosted at Mt. Moriah with the help of the Sisters and Brothers in District 13, we appreciate you joining us for these special celebrations! Many new members have joined our Order since installation, and we are confident that growth will continue exponentially with the successes brought to light through the Membership Taskforce.

The opportunity to reconnect and provide consistent instruction with all members across the state during the WGM High Tea and Town Halls in conjunction with the District Schools of Instruction has been extremely well received by all in attendance. As these special evenings in

each District continue through the fall, we are excited about the members' engagement we are experiencing and the spark of light that will serve to continue that engagement with our current members and assist us as mentors for our newest!

Shining the light of our Eastern Star into our communities, we recognize that September and October host many special events related to Alzheimer's Disease awareness. In support of the MWGM, Sister Billie Bradfield, and her commitment to Alzheimer's research, we encourage each of you to participate in the local efforts within your communities. Your efforts to fund this important research are aimed at improving patients' lives through development of new treatment protocols and cognitive therapy as well as providing support for families and caregivers. We look forward to walking beside you on several Alzheimer's Walks across the state!

With the assistance of our State and District chairpersons, the ESTARL "Follow His Star" lapel pins, Our World of Youth "Blessings from Above" umbrellas, and the donations for the two Masonic Family quilts for the "Seeds of Hope" supporting our Youth organizations, along with the Nettie Ransford "Penny Brigade" project represented by the Deputies, are all off to a great start! Many of the items are limited in quantity so get them while you can!

We will see each of you at the "Fall Back to Nature" event in Connersville, October 22-25, for the dedicated Service Dog Project, and save the date for the May 2, 2026 "Dancing with the OES Stars" event. Participants will be announced at the end of October to begin their fundraising and select their dance for your enjoyment at that multi-faceted event!

Until we meet, may nature be your haven, and the stars always be your guide.

Carol Davis
Worthy Grand Matron



Notes from the Woodshop

What happened to Summer? It's hard to believe that Summer has past, and Fall is knocking on our doors. Fall is my favorite time of the year with all its beautiful colors and all the hustle and bustle with the wildlife preparing for what's to come.

At the time of my last article, I had just been installed as your Worthy Grand Patron and things started happening ever so quickly. There were three Chapters that had decided on consolidation. I have conducted two of those Consolidation Ceremonies; the third to be consolidated by the first of November. This was a sad moment for them and for me. At that first meeting, we all shared a sense of sadness. The members worked to save their chapter. I know the pain and the emotions involved in this process because my wife and I went through the same procedures when our Losantville chapter consolidated with New Castle.

Several chapters are currently initiating new members. We are looking forward to your participation working with the Membership Taskforce Crew "Together We Are Family" in helping gain more membership into this beautiful order.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron joint reception was a wonderful day for us. I would give thanks to the members that traveled near and far to celebrate with us. I would also give thanks to the members of Christ United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their beautiful building for this event. We acknowledge the work of the Steering Committees for decorations and the addendums they organized. Stuffed animals were sent to the Children's Hospitals, and the food and snack items were donated to the Benevolence Fund at the Masonic Home.

Thank you to Anderson Chapter #154 for hosting the state's first inspection at Mt. Moriah Lodge. It is a beautiful building, and we were fortunate to meet there.

Our School of Instruction (SOI) and Town Hall visits are almost complete and have been well received in each District. The District Deputy of each District has given the instructions with a little advice from the Worthy Grand Matron. Many participants have asked questions during the instructions and have received demonstrations and explanations of their questions. Most of the SOI's are completed now and we are doing Official Visits. I look forward to seeing you on the road.

We thank those of you who attended Multi State in Michigan (the Pirate theme took on a new look from our members) it was a great turnout by Indiana, and you made it possible to bring home the attendance award. Our sisters and brothers are the best!!!!

Enjoy this season and let Nature Sing!!!! Until we meet again under the Stars around the campfire in October. The Lord be with You.

Tom Ring, WGP and Terry



**PAST GRAND
FAMILY
CHALLENGE**

*Dinner Buffet
and
"Grand" Theater*
November 1, 2025

**Show starts at 2:00 pm
with dinner to follow.**

Mt. Moriah
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Anderson, IN. 46011
Donation: \$15.00

Reservations to: Deby Thomas, PGM
950 N Rangeline Rd Ste D
Carmel, IN. 46032
debythomas2@gmail.com
3175758077 by 10/17/25

*See who takes
home the trophy
by voting for
best performance
by a
Grand Family*

WGM & WGP Reception



The joint reception for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron was held on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at Christ United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. The lobby was decorated with stuffed woodland creature toys, and oak leaves in ways to remind us of nature's bounty and beauty. A nature scene formed the backdrop for the photographs.

The addendum helped Sister Carol, Brother Tom, and Sister Terry prepare for a relaxing camping trip. They were given supplies for s'mores, games, musical instruments for singing around the campfire,

decorations for the campsite, hiking supplies, mustard (but not seeds), bug protection, mugs and coffee, and the ever-essential toilet paper.

Acting as Conductress, Sister Terry Ring presented the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the altar, with the altar song sung by Sister Jan and Brother Bob Surber. After being escorted from the room, Sister Carol reappeared as Mother Nature, escorted by Brother Darrell Arthur, PGP, through a line of stuffed animals that will be taken to one of Indiana's Children's Hospitals. Next, Brother Tom appeared as a giant squirrel while the Ray Steven's song, "The Mississippi Squirrel Revival" accompanied the escort.

Assisting with the program were: Sister Tommie Hunt, Worthy Matron, New Castle; Brother Charles Merrell, Worthy Patron, New Castle; Conductress, Sister Patti Burch; Pianist, Sister Rhea Dawn Gadberry; and Photographer, Brother Doug Sloan.

Introduced and escorted across the east were: Sister Susie Roach, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress; Sister Angela Hensell, member of the Cancer Committee and her husband, Brian; Brother Richard Lassiter, member of the Regenerative Medicine Committee; Sister Diana Surfus, member of the Service Dog Committee; Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and their spouses and escorts; "Nature Sings" Grand Family and their spouses and escorts; and "Stars and Comets", District Deputies and their spouses and escorts.

Self-introduced were: Grand Chapter Committee Appointments; 4 Grand Representatives; Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons; Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Past Grand Organists, and former Grand Representatives; Distinguished Officers of Masonic and Affiliated Bodies; Grand Officers of Indiana Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters Youth Groups.

After being escorted across the East, Brother Tom introduced his family. There were multiple presentations of love gifts.

Sister Carol's final quote: *May the road less traveled provide the path for the future of our beautiful Order. We depart in peace with blessings to each of you. Brother Tom and I pledge our service to this Grand Jurisdiction and to each of you so that as the years pass and the path is widened, you may rest under the shade of our efforts and continue the prosperity of our Order.*

The Benediction and Table Grace were given by Brother Larry Frost, PGP. Dinner Instructions were given by Sister Candi Hamilton, Worthy Matron, Hymera Chapter. A delicious meal was provided by Sister Diana Surfus, PGM and her faithful crew. Proceeds from the dinner go to support the "Service Dog" project.



The History of the Nettie Ransford Banks

By Keith Maple, Grand Historian



There is a growing interest in the original penny banks provided by Sister Nettie Ransford for the Masonic Home Fund collections, likely sparked by the 21 unique 3D-printed banks created by Brother Harold Rowe, Past Grand Patron from Lakeville Chapter in District 20. Each District Deputy has one of the banks. Each District is collecting money to support the Nettie Ransford Scholarships. The District raising the most money will receive a pizza party provided by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

In 1906, Nettie Ransford provided banks to Chapters that wanted them for penny collections for the Masonic Home Fund. Seventy-six chapters responded. The bank was made out of a blank for 75

MM shell and was made out of brass. It was 3 & ¼ inches tall and 3 & ½ inches in diameter. It was round and had a 1/4 inch radius on the bottom edge. It had on its side the words:

**MASONIC & EASTERN STAR HOME FUND
GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIANA O.E.S.
NUMBER**

It had a bail mounted on the lid, which stood about 3 inches tall. In 1907, \$128.14 was raised by 16 Chapters for the Masonic Home Fund making a total of \$2,555.21. In 1908, the Chapters contributed \$950.58 to the Home Fund making a total of \$3,124.00. In 1909, \$1,262.98 was received for the Home Fund. \$344.13 was received from the penny banks.

The following was placed in the record because it was reported that the Grand Secretary had used money from the Home Fund to buy the banks. The following letter was written by Sister Nettie.

Banks for Home Fund

Finding that in other Grand Jurisdictions the little savings banks had been quite a source of revenue. I corresponded with a Chicago firm in regard to purchasing banks for this purpose. They wanted me to take a hundred at a time, but my finances did not warrant this expenditure with the promise of slow return, so I agreed to take a hundred, twenty at a time, advancing the money and getting it back when the chapter paid the \$1 for the banks. I have purchased the hundred and they are placed with the Subordinate Chapters. Each Bank is numbered and I keep a ledger account with each chapter, crediting each with the contribution each year. Neither the Grand Chapter nor the Home Fund, has been to any expense for these banks, not yet any books or blanks needed for the work. Whatever deficit there is-if any-is from the personal account of your Grand Secretary.

Sincerely,
NETTIE RANSFORD
Grand Secretary

Secretaries & Treasurers Workshop

A workshop designed specifically for all chapter secretaries and treasurers was held at the 2025 Grand Chapter Session this past June. Over sixty members attended the lunch session organized by Sister Anna Burton, Grand Secretary and Brother Greg Chiles, Grand Treasurer. The workshop was intended to give helpful hints, reminders of responsibilities, and most importantly, answer questions from those officers who play a vital role in every chapter.

Sister Anna passed out a notepad and pen to each attendee as they entered. Copies of a secretary's guideline pamphlet were also provided. Brother Greg had available a listing of the chapters' filing status with the IRS. Each chapter could verify their status and ask questions, if necessary.

Some of the highlights Sister Anna covered were the various deadlines for reports to be into the Grand Secretary's office. The Chapter minutes should be an overview of the business and do not have to be recorded word for word. Minutes are required to be read during the chapter meetings and signed immediately by the Worthy Matron. Secretaries should notify the Grand Secretary's office when fifty and seventy-five year awards are presented. The manner in which communications are sent to the membership and mailing of the dues cards.

Brother Greg covered items such as making sure the audit report has the proper signatures before submitting them to the Grand Secretary's office. The treasurer's report given at the meetings should be in a proper format and not scribbled on a small piece of paper. And the hottest topic of the afternoon, making sure the chapter files an annual 990 ePostcard with the IRS!

Sister Anna and Brother Greg answered questions submitted in advance and many questions from the floor. This was also a great opportunity for the officers to share ideas that they put into practice in the performance of their duties in each of the chapters. The workshop could have gone on much longer, but the afternoon session of Grand Chapter was about to reconvene, and the workshop had to end.

A sincere thank you to Sister Anna and Brother Greg for collaborating to bring this beneficial workshop to fruition. Your efforts to assist the chapter secretaries and treasurers are greatly appreciated. Those in attendance agreed that making this an annual event would be a fantastic opportunity for the secretaries and treasurers to learn and share!



Nine Generations of Masonic Heritage

On June 19, 2025, at the Johnson County Masonic Association meeting at Franklin Masonic Lodge #107, Brother David Deer was honored for having nine generations of Masons in his family. He was able to trace this heritage that far back. Grand Master, Randy Seipel presented Brother David with the Lewis Jewel representing the nine generations. Not many can trace their Masonic Heritage that far back.

Brother David is a member of Union Village Lodge #545 and Union Village Chapter #583. His parents were charter members of the Union Village Chapter. Today he serves as the Chapter Secretary. He is a Past Master in the Lodge. Several members of Union Village Chapter attended to help honor Brother David for this significant honor. Congratulations Brother David Deer.



Stanford Hosts 1st School of Instruction

Stanford Chapter in District 7 hosted the first School of Instruction on July 29th. The Worthy Matrons served finger foods before Sister Carol Davis, WGM, shared information and insights on her and Brother Tom's plans for the year. Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, and Brother Darrell Arthur, PGP, 8 Grand Officers, 13 District Deputies and 51 members were in attendance.

The Chapter opened in regular form under the direction of Sister Sharon Lynch, WM of Columbian and Brother Ray Souders, WP of Solsberry. Brother Bobby Slaughter, Grand Marshal, escorted and explained the flag presentation as well as working with the Star Points. Brother Tom Ring, WGP, assisted the new WP with the obligation movements. Our Deputy Sister Karen explained the ballot with help from Sister Lori Beth Kelley. The initiation ceremony including ribbons, emblems and the prayer circle was discussed and demonstrated.

Sister Carol complimented and thanked the officers. Brother Tom discussed the projects being supported by the Grand Chapter. Many expressed their thanks for this learning experience.

Plainfield Chapter Lends a Hand

The Fourth of July started early for some of the members of Plainfield Chapter #414. "How early?" you might ask. Sisters BJ Mitchell, Dori Cooper, and I (Pam Mosier, DD#10) arrived at 5:45 a.m. to continue breakfast preparation for the Masons of Plainfield Lodge #653, F&AM. On the evening before, Sister Kim Pierce and Brother Don Anderson had begun the prep, for the breakfast that would serve several Masons attending the Lodge's annual Fourth of July conferring of the Degrees. Decked out in our outfits of red, white, and blue, we prepared eggs, bacon (lots of it), sausage gravy, and biscuits. Though work was involved, we had a good time! Of course, cleanup was required, but it was quickly accomplished, as we each had the goal of a nap later!



In reflecting on the day, before that nap, I realized that we had the freedom to gather and practice our choice, in meeting...what better day than America's birthday – The Fourth of July!

Multi-State

Congratulations to all the members from Indiana that joined in the swashbuckling events at the pirate-themed Multi-State event hosted by our Sisters and Brothers in Michigan! Indiana brought home the trophy for the largest traveling group and it will be on display at the Grand Secretary's Office and travel back to the next event in August 2026!



Multi-State ~ Ahoy Mates!!



D#8 Installation of Chapter Officers

Chapters of District #8 recently installed officers for the 2025-2026 year. Color pictures of the installed officers were published in the July 19th weekend edition of the Terre Haute Tribune-Star. Each picture included the name and office and every person shown.



Bowling Green Chapter #304, Order of the Eastern Star
Installation of Officers, July 1, 2025

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(Front Row): Gerry Schultz, Treasurer; Marlene Martin, Associate Conductress; Karon Neiswinger, Associate Matron; Bonnie Schultz, Worthy Matron; Randy Mitten, Worthy Patron; Forest Keiser, Associate Patron; Martha Knox, Secretary. (Middle Row): Judy Stevenson, Prompter; Bob Davidson, Organist; Ruth Fischer, Electa; Penny Hood, Adah; Brianna Presnell, Chaplain. (Back Row): Donnie Martin, Marshal; Lynn Brough, Warder; Marvin Neiswinger, Sentinel.

Brazil Chapter #80, Installation of Officers, July 2, 2025

(Front Row): Diane Dorothy, Conductress; Leonard Thompson, Associate Patron; Shirley Vanes, Associate Matron; Debbie Thompson, Worthy Matron; Greg Justice, Worthy Patron; Darla Scherb, Treasurer; Melissa Hatcher, Secretary. (Back Row): Darlene Shephard, Associate Conductress; Anita Snyder, Chaplain; Samantha Biddle, Warder; Jessica Crabb, Sentinel.



Brazil Chapter #80, Order of the Eastern Star
Installation of Officers, July 2, 2025
Officers and Installation Officers



Knightsville Chapter #238, Order of the Eastern Star
Installation of Officers, June 18, 2025

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(Front Row): Lois McKinney, Organist; Carla Farrand, Associate Conductress; Donna McCoskey, Martha; Teresa Kalber, Worthy Matron; Timothy Poff, Worthy Patron; Ann Mangus, Associate Matron; Rob Kirchner, Associate Patron; Lin Tornese, Treasurer; Ann Tornese, Secretary. (Back Row): Howard Farrand, Marshal; Cara Mackensie, Sentinel; Rebecca Proffitt, Conductress; Mary Stephenson, Esther.

Pimento Chapter #516, Installation of Officers, June 30, 2025

(Front Row): Karon Neiswinger, Organist; Paula Laycock, Associate Conductress; Sherrie Cheesman, Treasurer; Norman Cheesman, Associate Patron; Carol Sloan, Worthy Matron; Doug Sloan, Worthy Patron; Andrea McColl, Associate Matron; Cheryl Phillips, Secretary; Stephanie Fisher, Conductress. (Back Row): Gene Lowe, Warder; Darlene Lowe, Electa; Jim Farr, Chaplain; Sabrina Kennedy, Martha; Jo Cochran, Adah; David McColl, Sentinel.



Pimento Chapter #516, Order of the Eastern Star
Installation of Officers, June 30, 2025



Terre Haute Chapter #43, Order of the Eastern Star
Installation of Officers, July 7, 2025

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(Front Row): Sarah McCammon, Chaplain; Nita Roberts, Associate Conductress; Cheryl Sue Ensey, Treasurer; Cheryl Phillips, Worthy Matron; Timothy K. Poff, Worthy Patron; Peggy Wiggins, Associate Matron; Elena Dix, Secretary; Debbie Thompson, Conductress. (Middle Row): Julie Shuman, Electa; Candi Hamilton, Ruth; Kathleen Mann, Adah; Teresa Kalber, Esther. (Back Row): Terri Mahan, Marshal; Leonard Thompson, Warder.

West Terre Haute Chapter #428, Installation of Officers, June 22, 2025

(Front Row): Ann Mangus, Warder; Carla Farrand, Associate Conductress; Beverly Lyon, Esther; Pam Cox, Electa; Julie Shuman, Adah. (Middle Row): Christi Deal, Treasurer; Carrie Kesler, Secretary. (Back Row): Katherine Easthom, Associate Matron; Norma Couldry, Worthy Matron; Howard Farrand, Worthy Patron; Timothy K. Poff, Associate Patron.



West Terre Haute Chapter #428, Order of the Eastern Star
Installation of Officers, June 22, 2025

Spencerville Story Part 2

A Century of Sweet Success: Spencerville OES Donuts and the ICAN Legacy of "Faralee"

The pivotal moment for Spencerville Chapter #386's donut enterprise arrived in 1949, following a devastating fire that ravaged the Concord Masonic Lodge in uptown Spencerville. In the wake of this adversity, a dedicated OES member named Joe Baidinger, drawing upon the invaluable baking knowledge passed down from his father, stepped forward with an ingenious idea. Through the combined efforts of Joe, his wife Faralee Baidinger, and a multitude of devoted Spencerville Chapter members, a groundbreaking fundraising initiative was born: making and selling donuts at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. This sweet endeavor not only provided crucial financial assistance to the Concord Masonic Lodge in its time of need, but also fostered an incredible sense of unity between Masons and OES members. This collaboration ultimately led to the donation of land and the construction of a brand-new lodge on State Road 1, a beacon of community spirit dedicated on November 11, 1955.

At the heart of this enduring tradition was Faralee Baidinger, a true visionary and a special member of Indiana OES, who will celebrate her remarkable 103rd birthday in September 2025. Faralee is widely credited with establishing the Spencerville Order of Eastern Star donut stand in 1947 at the Auburn Street Fair. Her foresight and dedication laid the essential foundation for what would become a fundraising powerhouse, sustaining the Chapter's extensive philanthropic efforts for decades. For many years, efficiently operating the donut trailer posed a significant challenge due to limited membership. However, in a powerful testament to the strength of collaboration and fraternal bonds, the year 2000 marked a crucial turning point. With invaluable support from sister OES Chapters and local Masonic Lodges within their Northeast Indiana District, the donut operation underwent a significant transformation. Today, it requires an impressive force of 225 dedicated volunteers to run the start-up crew and three shifts per day during the demanding Fair Week, a true testament to the strength and unity of their fraternal bonds.

Through the continuous success of these beloved donuts, the proceeds have allowed Spencerville Chapter #386 to generously support a wide array of community projects over the years. Their unwavering generosity has touched countless lives, providing vital assistance to



children and families, supplying essential resources for teachers and schools, supporting various youth groups and Boy Scouting initiatives, and aiding a diverse range of organizations dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents across DeKalb County and throughout Northeast Indiana.

The profound impact of the OES's collective support shines brightest through its partnership with ICAN (Indiana Canine Assistant Network). ICAN is a truly remarkable organization that not only trains and places highly skilled assistance dogs with individuals with disabilities, but also simultaneously provides foundational life skills to incarcerated individuals through their experience as dog trainers. It proudly stands as the only ACCREDITED service dog training program based in Indiana, a powerful testament to its rigorous standards and profound societal impact. The cost of training each ICAN service dog is substantial, at least \$25,000 per dog, covering intensive training, veterinary care, quality nutrition, outreach and follow-up activities, equipment, and supplies. Clients are charged a modest \$2,500 for their service dog and for the vital follow-up service provided throughout the partnership's lifetime, typically 8-10 years.

Faralee Baidinger's enduring legacy, rooted in every donut made and sold, continues to inspire profound acts of generosity. Her vision and dedication have empowered Spencerville Chapter #386 to support over 32 community projects this year alone, impacting everything from children and families to schools, youth groups, and broader community well-being. Today, her legacy takes on an even more tangible and heartwarming form. Spencerville OES Chapter #386 recently presented a check for \$5,000.00 to the ICAN Service Dog project, directly supporting a very special service dog and its future training. In a deeply moving and heartwarming tribute to her enduring impact, this very special service dog will be named "Faralee." This remarkable story serves as a powerful reminder that one person, with the unwavering support of others, can indeed make a profound difference. It is a true testament to the guiding principle of "Sisters and Brothers All," where the collective vision and dedicated action of the Order of the Eastern Star truly transform lives.

Lois & Columbus Friend's Night



On June 28, 2025 a Friend's Night of fun between Lois Chapter #147 and Columbus Chapter #339 was held at Willow Leaves Restaurant in Hope, In. Everyone enjoyed a fun night of the Lloyd Wood Show and his band of wood pickers were performing. They delivered an energetic show that included Country music, comedy and Lloyd Wood's own impressions of many singers including Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley

and many others. A delicious dinner was served before the performance. Members of Lois Chapter and Columbus chapter and invited friends had a wonderful night of fun, laughter and song.

District 10 Proof Reading Chores

Under the watchful eye of Sister Edna Baker, of Fishers Chapter #446, several members of the District gathered to proofread the information for the 2025-2026 edition of the D-10 "Who's Who". Sister Edna has long spearheaded this effort. Not only has she gathered all of the details that are so helpful to District members, but she has setup and entered all of the various types of information "singlehandedly," definitely, no small task!

On August 4th, teams of two were given various Member, Chapter, and District details to review for any errors or last-minute changes. In previous years this method has proven successful in spotting any errors and completing the work in a timely fashion. In fact, it wasn't long before each proofreading team had completed their assignments and were headed "back home"!

With the proofreading completed, Sister Edna was able to make any of the few noted changes! The District 10 "Who's Who" was ready for the printer. A big "Thank You" to Sister Edna, the proofreading crew, and all of the District's Chapter secretaries for providing the details that make our "Who's Who" indispensable!

On the **LEFT** Sisters Deanna Brblic, Edna Baker, Linda Gasper, Dori Cooper, Felecia Bayer, Margot Wade. On the **RIGHT**, Sister Joyce Shinault, Brother Starling Cooper. Not pictured, Sister Elaine Johnson, Sister Sherry Johnson, PGM, Brother Rick Lassiter, GGCCM and PGP, and Sister Pam Mosier, Deputy D-10.



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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:

Nancy Pratt
3597 N. Old U.S. 31
Rochester, IN 46975

Please consider honoring or remembering those special Eastern Star people in your family, chapter or district with a Stellar Star for everyone to see and know that they are special to you.



2 Stars

4 Stars

In Memory of
Beverley Barton & Lowell Carlisle
PGM & PGP 1984-1985
Sunshine Grand Family
From Ann Merritt, DD#21

5 Stars

In Memory of
Virgia Hendrick, PGM 1994-1995
Precious Memories Grand Family
From Ann Merritt, Grand Warder

Honoring Royal Center Star-Lite
Grand Chapter Committee members
in D#18 for 2024 – 2025

OES Love in Remembrance
Barbara Terry, PGM
Beverley Barton, PGM
From Naomi Mitchell, PGM

In Loving memory of the members we
have lost from the Shining Stars of
Friendship and Faith Grand Family
2010 – 2011

3 Stars

To my four amazing grandchildren
Lily, Peter, Sofia, Cecilia
From your GG who will always stand by
you.

Honoring our Sister Becky Arthur and
Brother Darrell Arthur for their
friendship,
love, service and dedication to the
Order of the Eastern Star
With love from Newberry Chapter #198

Love you to the moon and back
Gladys Colon-Clark



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Oct 4	Grand Esther Reception
Oct 11	Grand Martha Reception
Oct 18	Grand Electa Reception
Oct 22-25	Fall Back to Nature Camping
Nov 8	DD#7 Deputy Reception
Nov 9	Nettie Ransford Day
Nov 15	DD#12 & Grand Organist Joint Reception
Nov 22	100 th Anniversary Lynhurst D#11
Dec 6	Grand Family Christmas

DISTRICT SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Social 5:00pm, Light meal if provided 5:30pm,
Town Hall 6:00pm, School of Instruction
7:00pm

Oct 1	D#5
Oct 13	D#8
Nov 11	D#9
Nov 17	D#17
Nov 18	D#18
Nov 19	D#16

OFFICIAL VISITS

Meal if provided 5:30pm, Baby Dedication
7:00pm, Award of Gold 7:10pm, Inspection
7:20pm

Oct 29	D#4
Oct 30	D#3
Nov 5	D#1
Nov 12	D#11
Nov 13	D#6
Nov 20	D#10
Nov 21	D#8

RECEPTIONS

All are Social Hour 2:30
Program 4:00
Dinner to follow at \$20.00

- Oct 4 **Grand Esther Marcie Kendall**
First Christian Church
401 E. North "D" St., Gas City,
46993
RSVP by Sept. 26 to Janice Surber
5216 N. 1150 E., Van Buren, IN
46991
765-243-1886
Checks payable to Upland Chapter
#411
- Oct 11 **Grand Martha Nancy Minix**
Bass Lake Property Owners
Building
6996 S. St. Rd. 10, Knox, IN 46534
NOTE – CENTRAL TIME
RSVP by Oct 1 to Debbie Harris
4044 N. 400 E., Rolling Prairie, IN
46371
debmikeharris@yahoo.com
219-778-2675
- Oct 18 **Grand Electa Julie Snyder**
Christ United Methodist Church
8540 U. S. 31 S., Indianapolis, IN
46227
RSVP by Oct 5 to Joanna Roth
7805 E. 89th St., Indianapolis, IN
46256
joannamillersville@gmail.com
317-379-4989

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Chocolate and Friends Having Fun!

Griffith Chapter #583 Worthy Matron, Cindy Skura, PGM, said let's have some fun and send some love. So, at one of our stated meetings, she declared it "Chocolate Night". Everyone wore a shade of brown, refreshments were chocolate, and each member present brought a bag of fun size chocolate bars to share with the residents at the Masonic Home at Compass Park. First time Worthy Patron, Harley Holloway, was happy to help support our efforts for the Home. Our WM delivered two paper grocery bags full of chocolate to the Grand Secretary's office to be enjoyed.

A few days later, Griffith held a called meeting to initiate five new members into our district. This truly was a family affair as Griffith received a father and daughter and Lake Chapter received a mother and two daughters. It was a joy to have so many from the district join us for the Saturday afternoon event. Sister Cindy Skura, PGM, was Worthy Matron, while our own Brother Larry Deutscher, PGP, gave the beautiful lecture as the Associate Patron. Light refreshments and wonderful fellowship were enjoyed after the meeting and picture. Even our special support dog, Wicket, was on hand for the festivities.



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