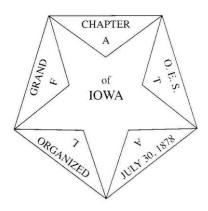
## "Swinging on a Star" Session



Grand Chapter of Iowa
Order of the Eastern Star
145th Grand Chapter Session
2021-2022

## GRAND CHAPTER OF IOWA



## ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

One Hundred Forty-Fifth Annual Session 2022



CHERYL PAYNE Worthy Grand Matron 2021-2022

Cheryl Lee Rader Payne was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, Wapello County, on April 28, 1951. At the age of 2, W. Harry Rader and Margaret E Rader moved their family to Washington, where Cheryl grew up with her brother William Michael Rader and her sister, Janice Kaye Rader Pringle.

She grew up on the farm south of Washington, attended Eureka Country School through the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and continued in Public Schools, graduating from Washington High School in May of 1969. Her ambitions of becoming a Librarian never happened due to family instances: Brother Michael and Cheryl suffered burns in a fire in October of 1965, and her dad lost and arm and a foot in a corn picker accident in 1967. Cheryl stayed at home and helped with the chores, farming and helped in the raising of me while our brother and dad recovered.

She married Russell Lee Payne on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1970, in a tiny Methodist Church in Trenton, Iowa and they remain members to this day. The couple welcomed three sons, Brian Lynn, Kevin Michael, and Jeremy Lee into their family.

Russell served in the lowa Army National Guard for 42 years and was called to duty several times during their marriage. In 1991, he was called to serve in Germany during Desert Storm. Cheryl went to work in a small grocery store in Wayland, lowa, and it was there that she met Eastern Star Members who asked her to become a member of the Eastern Star. On March 21, 1992, she joined Wayland Chapter. On the night of her initiation, she was given the Ritual and was told to learn it. She was told she would be taking a Proficiency Test in six months on the Secret Work. So, she memorized the Ritual from cover to cover; all of it. She was surprised at the examination when no one asked her to recite anything from the Ritual.

In 1996, she was elected to the office of Worthy Matron and served in that capacity in either Wayland Chapter or Brighton Chapter, in which she became a dual member in 1993. She served as Worthy Matron until 2020.

In1996, Sister Frankie Little appointed Cheryl to serve on the Registration Committee. In 2000, Sister Beverly Reinert gave her a Grand Representative Commission to Indiana. In 2005, Sister Diane Bargfrede appointed her as a District Instructor.

If you ask her about Instructing, she will tell you that she didn't want to give it up. It was in her words, the most rewarding experience of her life, and she loved each and every minute of it. She loved the members, the work, and the experience. She was elected to the line as Associate Grand Conductress in 2017 and continued through the chairs on the way to the East. I know she worried her way through the Pandemic which forced the holdover of all officers for two years.

Cheryl chose Brother John Whitaker to be her Worthy Grand Patron, and together they conducted the 145<sup>th</sup> Session of Grand Chapter. She and John chose the session name "Swinging on a Star" to encompass their back to the fifties theme.

I am very, very proud of my Big Sister. She's done a lot of amazing things in her life. She overcame Agoraphobia to become President of Business and Professional Women serving two terms from 2006 to 2008. She devoted many hours to Instructing, becoming one of the best. She owns her own business, Elsie's Kitchen and was a professional basket weaver for several years, winning awards for her designs. She was the primary care giver for our mother, our grandmother, and our dad, devoting 22 years to that service. She has the most amazing memory, boundless energy and passion for OES, she is a devoted wife, sister, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt.

It was my privilege to write this biography for my sister. Thank you so much for the honor.

Janice Kaye Rader Pringle



JOHN WHITAKER Worthy Grand Patron 2021-2022

John R. Whitaker was born in Keosauqua, Iowa, Van Buren County, on October 29, 1956. John spent the first six years of his life growing up outside Stockport, Iowa. At six, the family, his parents, Bill and Ruth Whitaker, and siblings, Clark, Bruce, and Susan, moved to the family Homestead outside of Hillsboro, Iowa.

John attended Van Buren Community School the first couple years of his education and then attended Harmony Schools after the family moved, graduating from Harmony in 1974. In the fall of 1974, he started his studies at Iowa State University, majoring in Animal Science and Ag Education, graduating in February 1979. Student teaching affirmed to him that farming was the right career choice. As his daughter has said, John was born with farming in his bones.

After graduating from ISU, John moved back to Southeast Iowa to work with his father and older brother on the farm. John also had a passion for service and fulfilled this passion by serving as a County Supervisor in Van Buren County, a State Representative for District 89, and then the Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency until 2017. John currently works in conservation as he wants to leave the world a better place for his granddaughters. He is set to "retire" from all but farming in September 2023.

John met Lorrie Giberson when her family moved to Hillsboro in 1966 and started attending Hillsboro First Baptist Church. As they grew up, John and Lorrie were often rivals in Sunday School. They married on July 23, 1977, at the Hillsboro First Baptist Church. In the 1980s, John and Lorrie grew their family with three children, Gabriel (Gabe), Daniel (Dan), and Rebecca (Becca).

Lorrie also attended Iowa State University, majoring in child development and elementary education; she later continued her education with studies in Early Childhood Special Education. After graduating from ISU in May 1979, she returned to Southeast Iowa to join John on the family farm and began teaching fourth grade at Van Buren Community Schools; she then went on to teach many people with a variety of ages and intellect until retirement in 2014.

John followed in his father's footsteps and became a Mason once he was eighteen. Both John and Lorrie joined Eastern Star in 1979 in Hillsboro, Iowa. After moving to Polk City, Iowa in late 2009, they stopped at a bazaar being held by Polk City OES and asked if they took out of town checks and when they held meetings. Polk City OES hasn't been able to get rid of them since.

In 2013, John happily accepted the office of Grand Chaplain for Cynde and Carl in the Whispering Winds Grand Family, with Lorrie as his companion. While the travel could be wearing, John and Lorrie loved their time with the Whispering Winds Family and enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many people.

In the summer of 2018, Cheryl Payne asked John to be her Worthy Grand Patron and he replied that he needed to discuss it with Lorrie as it would be a large part of their lives for the upcoming years. While Cheryl and John's time as Worthy Grand Matron and Patron was postponed due to quarantine and COVID, they were finally able to have a great year with their Grand Family, the Starlighters.

I am incredibly proud of my parents-- Dad, for his continual hopefulness and Mom, for her compassion, and both for fulfilling their inner passion of helping and serving a great many people over the past 50 years. Each of them taught me these things: to hold onto hope and work for the change I want to see in the world; compassion for all in whatever their circumstances; and knowing that someone being different from me does not make them less or greater than me; and lastly, to help and serve, not for attention or thanks, but because it's what you do when you see a need.

There are quite a few stories I would love to add to this biography; however, I will only share one. When I think of making my parents proud, I think of the look of absolute pride on their faces when Dad presented me with his mother's small white OES Bible after my initiation in 2017 as they welcomed me into the Eastern Star family.

Biography written by Becca Whitaker, Daughter



Diane R. Bargfrede
Worthy Grand Adah
of the General Grand Chapter,
Past Grand Matron of Iowa



Jean Koss
Member of the
ESTARL Committee
of the General Grand Chapter,
Past Grand Matron of Iowa



John Hauser
Member of the
International Headquarters Committee
of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Iowa



Nancy Kiehne
Member of the
Regenerative Medicine Committee
of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron



Jane Green
Member of the
Service Dogs Committee
of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron



Phil Corwin

Member of the

Youth Committee
of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron



Janice Alger
Triennial Other Assembly Committee
of the General Grand Chapter
District Instructor

### 2021-2022 GRAND OFFICERS "Starlighters"

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GRAND ELECTA,
GRAND WARDER
GRAND SENTINELKevin Brown (Chris) (1) P.O. Box 45, Manilla 51454



## GRAND OFFICERS 2021-2022

Front Row (Left to Right): Sandy Meredith, Associate Grand Conductress, Kent Strawn, Grand Treasurer, Vicki Wallner, Associate Grand Matron, Cheryl Payne, Worthy Grand Matron, John Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron, Larry Niday, Associate Grand Patron, Nancy Ramthun, Grand Secretary, Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress.

Second Row (Left to Right) Charles Sloniger, Grand Chaplain, Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal, Peg Liekweg, Grand Organist, Sue Jensen, Grand Adah, Lark Randall, Grand Ruth, Marilyn Culver, Grand Esther, Pam Spratte, Grand Martha, Gail Dyer, Grand Electa, Tim Anderson, Grand Warder, Kevin Brown, Grand Sentinel.



# DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS 20121- 2022

Front Row: Lori Rasmusson, Sandy Meredith, Associate Grand Conductress, Vicki Wallner, Associate y Grand Matron, Cheryl Payne, Worthy Grand Matron, Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress, Janice Alger. Back Row: Sheila Kiehne, Cindy Beatty, Heather Wogomon, Chris Brown, Anna Boecker, Kelly Walaker.

#### SESSION

#### "SWINGING ON A STAR" Session

October 21-23, 2022 Cedar Rapids Marriott 1200 Collings Road NE Cedar Rapids, IA

#### THEME HAPPY DAYS

#### **MOTTO**

I can do things; you can do things I cannot; together we can do GREAT things.

#### AIM

To show the world how the STARS shine

#### WATCHWORDS

Faith, Loyalty, Honesty, Duty, Family

#### **COLORS**

Black, Pink, Turquoise, with Reds and Yellows

#### **EMBLEMS**

Broken Column, Bible

#### **FUN SYMBOLS**

Cherries, Robins, Fishing Poles, Bee, Fuzzy Dice Pink Poodles, Puzzles, anything 50's

#### **FLOWERS**

Poppies, Hollyhocks, Honeysuckle, Black Eyed Susan, Yellow Rose

#### **HONOR STATIONS**

Chaplain, Martha, Esther, Associate Matron

#### **HONOR GROUPS**

Veterans, Caregivers, Iowa membership

#### **SCRIPTURES**

**WGM:** Isaiah 43:19 – Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth.

**Psalms 46:2** – God is our refuge and our strength, an ever- present.

help in destress.

**WGP: Micah 6-**8 – He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require, of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to

walk humbly with your God.

Mark 12: 30-31 – Love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all you r strength. The second Is this; Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no Commandment greater than these.

#### **2022 IOWA PROJECTS**

## SPECIAL PROJECT "ON WITH LIFE" PARKINGSONS DISEASE – EDUCATION AND SCHOLORSHIP

#### **SPECIAL PROJECT**

Sale of the Cherries Pins
OES "Starlighters Golf Outing"
Sale of Baked Goods at Conferring of Degrees
Coin March at Official Visits in May, June, July
District Projects
Charitable Contributions

#### **ESTARL**

Sale of Nuts by Grand Officers at Receptions Coin March at Official Visits in February, March and April

#### YOUTH

(Rainbow, DeMolay, Job's Daughters)
Sale of Bee Pin (Also Travel Pin)
Activities with the Youth
Collection of Pop Tabs
Fill the Hive with Money (not honey)

#### **IOWA GRAND CHAPTER**

All Iowa Party
Sale of Fashion Poodle Pin
Pave a Memory Brick
Note Cards
Moonbeams in a Jar Chapter Project

#### TLC

Sheep Fleece Seat Mats Adult size bibs, and other items 36x45 Lap Robes Fidget/Activity Mats

#### **EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME**

Christmas Party
Proceeds from Fall Picnic and Auction, Boone
Sale of March Music and CD's
Coin March at Official Visits in August, September, and October

#### BARTHELL OES HOME

Christmas Party
Proceeds from Plant Sale and Auction,
Sale of March Music and CD's
Coin March at Official Visits in August, September, and October

#### 2022 GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

#### **SERVICE DOGS**

Information and Awareness

#### **SESSIONAL COMMITTEES**

#### **ARRANGEMENTS**

#### Co-Chairman:

Kathi Heath, Marion Chapter & Cedar Valley Chap. Waterloo Past Grand Martha

Doug Heath, Marion Chapter & Cedar Valley Chap. Waterloo Members:

Bruce Thomas, Algona Chapter, Past Grand Patron Dennis DeJoode, PGP, Knoxville Chapter, Past Grand Patron Scott Davis, Wayland Chapter, Past Grand Chaplain Carol Nelson, Linden Chapter and Lady Washington Rhinehart Chapter, Adel, Past Grand Electa Irene Wachter, Heartland Chapter, DM & Polk City Chapter Terri Grover, Cedar Falls Chapter, Past Grand Organist

#### **HOSTESS CHAPTERS**

Wayland Chapter Brighton Chapter Polk City Chapter Stockport Chapter

#### **CHAPTER FURNITURE**

Floor Cloth	Marion Chapter		
Altar	Grand Chapter		
Star Point Chairs			
Star Point Pedestals	Grand Chapter		
Officers Chairs	Grand Chapter		
WGM/WGP Chairs	Carol and Jack Nelson		
EMBLEMS			
Baton	Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal		
Baton Holder			

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Baton Holder	Grand Chapter
Drape	Cheryl Payne, Worthy Grand Matron
Sword & Veil	Betty Briggs, RWG Secretary Emeritus, PGM
Sheaf	Jean Koss, Past Grand Matron
Crown & Scepter	Marilyn Culver, Grand Esther
Broken Column	Cheryl Payne, Worthy Grand Matron
Cup	Gail Dyer, Grand Electa

#### **GRAND CHAPTER SALES TABLE**

Irene Wachter, Heartland Chapter, DM and Polk City Chapter Janice Megel, Altoona Chapter and Heartland Chapter, DM

#### ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS

Jennifer Diller, Bellevue Chapter & Lakeville Chapter, IN Sandra Patterson, Central Chapter, Marshalltown Allen Tedrow, Polk City Chapter Janice Wauson, Heartland Chapter, DM & Altoona Chapter

#### **TELLERS**

Chairman of Tellers: Craig Bargfrede, Past Grand Marshal

Loretta Coffman, Amber Star Chapter, Carson Mary Danner, Electa Chapter, Muscatine Terri Grover, Cedar Falls Chapter Judy Hill, Central Chapter, Marshalltown Diane Taplin, Clinton Chapter, Camanche Linda Tedrow, Polk City Chapter Irene Wachter, Heartland Chapter, DM & Polk City Chapter

#### **HONORARY PAGES**

Russel Payne Lorrie Whitaker

#### **PAGES FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2022**

Judy Boden Chairman, Past Grand Adah

Worthy Grand Matron

Stephanie Fisher, Southgate Chapter, Des Moines
Worthy Grand Patron:

Robert Koss, Polk City Chapter
Marty Jacobs, Polk City Chapter
Associate Grand Matron:

Mary Ann Francois, Davenport Chapter
Carol Mullin, E.C. Blackmar Chapter, Burlington

Associate Grand Patron: Terrie Frisbie, Liberty Chapter, Marne
Duane Wachter, Heartland Chapter, DM & Polk City Chapter

Grand Secretary: Vicki Butler, Centerville Chapter

Mary Hicks, Des Moines Chapter, Pleasant Hill
Grand Treasurer: Cyndie Strawn, Indianola Chapter
Cyndi Grosing, Heartland, Des Moines

Grand Conductress:

Karen Miller, Coinette Chapter, Reinbeck
Janelle Miller, Lamont Chapter

Associate Grand Conductress: Terri Murphy, Highland Chapter, Siam Kim Reason, Ankeny New Hope Chapter, Altoona

Grand Chaplain:

Melissa Sloniger, Ankeny New Hope Chapter, Ankeny
Gregg Sloniger, Ankeny New Hope Chapter, Ankeny
Grand Marshal:

Jonnetta Theisen, Minnehaha Chapter, Colesburg

Holly Norman-Ham, Algona Chapter
Grand Organist: Barb Howie, Laurens Chapter & Algona Chapter

Vivian Pitlo, Bellevue Chapter
Grand Adah: Karen Wood, Indianola Chapter
Charlotte Rodgers, Indianola Chapter

Grand Ruth:

Becky Barkley, Indianola Chapter
Cindy Meyer, Silver Creek Chapter, Le Claire

Grand Esther: Virginia Armstrong, Linden Chapter, Panora & North Star Chapter, NV Carol Nelson, Linden Chapter, Panora & Lady Washington Rhinehart Chapter, Adel

Grand Martha: Jennifer Cox, Marion Chapter

Kathy Bowersox, Marion Chapter
Grand Electa: Kay Werts, Winterset Chapter

Jane Beeman, Lady Washington Rhinehart, Chapter, Adel

Grand Warder: Shelly Hanes, Centerville Chapter & Albia Chapter
Terri McCulley, Bellevue Chapter

Grand Sentinel: James Cox, Marion Chapter

James Peterson, Heartland Chapter, Des Moines

Board of Custodians:

Presenting Committee:

Karen Harshbarger, E.C. Blackmar Chapter, Burlington

Julie Johnston, Ollie Chapter

#### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

\* Appointed by Sister Cheryl and Brother John

Alabama	0 0 11 1
Alberta	Alex Strong
Arizona	
*Arkansas	Ben Mayer
*Australia	Mary Danner
*British Columbia/Yukon	
*California	Kathy Pantzer
*Colorado	Carol Matthews
*Connecticut	Andee Billman
*Delaware	Anita Lee
*District of Columbia	Kathv Betterton
Florida	
*Georgia	Phyllis Johnson
Idaho	Richard Webde PGP
*Illinois	Janice Rader-Pringle
Indiana	Ann Miller
Kansas	
*Kentucky	Charles Plair
*Levisions	Loves Dunber
*Louisiana	Joyce Dunbar
Maine	
*Manitoba	
Maryland	
*Massachusetts	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Mississippi	
Missouri	Dolores Swope
*Montana	Lorrie Whitaker
*Nebraska	Larry Culver
*Nevada	Jeanette Olsen
*New Brunswick	Pamela McKay
New Hampshire	Don Krueger
*New Jersey	Linda Tedrow
*New Mexico	
New York	Pamela Crawford
*North Carolina	
*North Dakota	
Nova Scotia/ PEI	
*Ohio	
*Oklahoma	
*Ontario	
Oregon	Corolyn Smith
*Pennsylvania* Puerto Rico	James Peterson
*Outhor	Debbie Jones
*Quebec	Amanda vvood
*Rhode Island	
*Saskatchewan	
*South Carolina	
*South Dakota	
Tennessee	Karen Miller
*Texas	
*Utah	
Vermont	
*Virginia	Kris Štolba
*Washington	
*West Virginia	
Wisconsin	
Wyoming	•
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PRELUDE: Debbie Jones, Past Grand Organist

INVITATION: Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal

#### **OPENING WELCOME**

Paula Larsen, PGM
President, Eastern Star Masonic Home Board
Grand Representative of Saskatchewan
Wayne McGinnis, PGP
Grand Representative of Wisconsin

PAULA LARSEN: Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron John, thank you for the honor of opening this first session of the One Hundred Forty-fifth, Swinging on a Star session of Iowa Grand Chapter. Welcome Sisters and Brothers. "Happy days" are here as we again come together to fulfill our "duty" in conducting the business of the Grand Chapter and to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year.

Sister Cheryl, I have known you since your early years in Eastern Star. You followed me through my years of instructing. We were delighted to have you and Russell in our Lucky Star Grand Family and then to follow you on your path to being Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother John, I remember my first encounter with you after a meeting in Boone. As I left the meeting, I noticed a Van Buren County license plate and wondered to whom it belonged. I waited until you and Lorrie came out and we visited. I got to know you better when you were Grand Chaplain, and I was a companion in the Whispering Winds Grand family. It has been a joy to know you and follow you on this journey.

We never know who, when or how our lives will affect or be affected by others. Your watchwords "loyalty and honesty" are great words to live by. The two of you have served our Order well. "Together we can do Great things" and we have, now enjoy the fruits of your labor in this your "Swinging on a Star" session.

WAYNE MC GINNIS: Good afternoon, Sisters, and Brothers. Welcome to the Opening Session of the 145<sup>th</sup> Session of Iowa Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. It is with great pleasure I am in the East with Sister Paula again.

To Sister Cheryl and Brother John, I congratulate you on a great year. Sister Cheryl, being your OES Dad, I am very proud to open your Grand Chapter Session. Brother John, fellow Iowa State Alum, I have enjoyed getting to know you better. Congratulations to you, too, for a job well done.

Paula and I, along with the rest of the Lucky Stars, are very proud of you, Sister Cheryl, and Brother John. We all wish for you a great Grand Chapter session. When Grand Chapter is over your Eastern Star career is really just starting.

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To quote that great OES philosopher Larry Niday, you will soon become "old has been." While this may be somewhat true it is also a time to really enjoy all the many people you have met and the places you have traveled, too.

All of you know I used quotes from Will Rogers during our year. Here is the one for today. "There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works!!" Thank you and have a great Grand Chapter.

#### **INVOCATION**

Claudia Reed

Boone Home Picnic Committee. Past Grand Chaplain

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin the 145<sup>th</sup> Session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Help us to engage in a meaningful discussion, allow us to grow closer as a group, and nurture the bonds of community.

Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart Your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion.

God of Love, we trust in You with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding. We acknowledge You in all our ways, and in all our meetings, so that You will direct our paths. In your precious name we pray.

PAGES ENTER THE CHAPTER ROOM

FORMAL OPENING: Called to order by Brother John Whitaker, WGP

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers (Formations: Pentagon, Rainbow, Trowel)

RITUALISTIC OPENING CEREMONY

OPENING ODE: "Wings of a Dove"

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

FLAG TRIBUTE: "America the Beautiful"

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Good afternoon. We are so pleased and happy to welcome each of you to the 145<sup>th</sup> "Swinging on a Star" Grand Chapter session.

Thank you for coming and we hope your time with us will be enjoyable, and that you will enjoy the beautiful city of Cedar Rapids.

Sister Paula, and Brother Wayne, my 2009 Lucky Stars Mom and Dad, it means the world to me that you are here to open this 145<sup>th</sup> session of Grand Chapter. Thank you both so very much.

Sister Debbie, thank you for your music and Sister Claudia for your prayer. We truly appreciate you for doing this for us.

It's true that there is no way to time travel back in time, and it is true that for the great majority of us here today, we most likely remember those days in the mido-20<sup>th</sup> Century.

We all have so much going on, in our lives that sometimes the stress and worry take away from the memories we have of happier times. This past year, I wanted you all to have a little fun when we were together...to just let the present-day world fade to the back of our minds and just remember happier times.

I am so thankful for each of you who took the Stroll back to the Fifties with us this year. Welcome to each and every one of you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Good afternoon. Thank you so much for being with us for this 145<sup>th</sup> Iowa Grand Chapter session, where we are "Swinging on a Star". We are looking forward to spending time with all of you, sharing stories and memories, not only of our Grand Year, but also of the many years we have all known each other.

Sister Paula and Brother Wayne, thank you for opening our session. Thank you also adopting me into the Lucky Stars. It is really amazing that you did that. You knew what you were getting, and you still adopted me!

Sister Claudia, thank you for your prayer. I hold a special place in my heart for all of our Chaplains and Grand Chaplains.

Sister Debbie, thank you for your beautiful music to welcome us. I don't remember thing from my piano lessons and the world is a much better place because I don't.

I don't have many memories of the 50's since most of my years in the 50's, I was in diapers! I do remember happy times growing up, and I remember my mom practicing her ritual for Eastern Star. Thank you for sharing this past year with us. I always tried to make you laugh and I hope you didn't have to groan too much at my jokes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have the reading of the minutes of the 2021 Grand Chapter Session.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2021 Grand Chapter session, in as much, as they have been printed in the 2021 Proceedings, and made available to the chapters.

#### MOTION CARRIED

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that all visiting General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members and Special Appointments, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, not previously honored, be elected to Honorary Membership in our Grand Jurisdiction.

#### MOTION CARRIED

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that all Board and Committee reports given at this Grand Chapter Session be accepted.

#### MOTION CARRIED

GREETINGS: Lori Margello, Sales and Events Service Manager, Cedar Rapids Marriott

#### **INFORMAL PRESENTING**

#### PRESENTATION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS

SISTERS:

Jeanne Davis Deb Schroeder \*Donna Corry BROTHERS: Scott Davis \*George Askew

Mary Jacobs

(\*Not Present)

Worthy Matron, Brighton Chapter, Washington, and Wayland Chapter

Worthy Matron, Polk City Chapter Worthy Matron, Stockport Chapter

Worthy Patron, Wayland Chapter Worthy Patron, Polk City Chapter Worthy Patron, Polk City Chapter

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To each of you, thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us. We so much appreciate each one of you.

In 1954, LIFE magazine published an article titled "The Luckiest generation". Teens in the 50s were secure, confident, and independent. They were post war kids, and the recipients of peace time in the world".

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: To our hostess chapters, you have supported us, followed us to events, fed us, and sacrificed for us. I really don't know how to say thanks other than say. THANK YOU, for all you have done so selflessly.

#### WELCOME FROM HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Marty Jacobs Worthy Patron, Polk City Chapter

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, and Brothers, on behalf of the Hostess Chapters, Brighton Chapter, Washington, Stockport Chapter, Wayland Chapter, and Polk City Chapter, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the "Swinging on a Star" 145<sup>th</sup> session of Iowa Grand Chapter of the Order of the Fastern Star.

We'd like to offer a special welcome to first-time attendees of the Grand Chapter session. We trust your experience will be an enjoyable one and that we will see you again in the future. If this is your second, fifth, tenth or more, we're pleased that you are joining us again. Let's connect with some old friends, make some new friends, and have a great weekend.

It is our pleasure to assist you in any way we can not make your visit here an enjoyable one. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to seek one of us out or just ask one of our members for assistance.

We hope you have a wonderful time at this year's Grand Chapter!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Marty. I so very much appreciate all the members of our Hostess chapters. Thank you so much.

#### RESPONSE TO THE HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Vicki Wallner, Associate Grand Matron and District Instructor

Thank you, Sister Deb, for your wonderful welcome to this 145<sup>th</sup> "Swinging on a Star" session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. On behalf of our distinguished guests, our visitors from other jurisdictions, and all of our Iowa membership, I have the pleasure of saying "thank you." Your boundless hospitality, friendly smiles, and all of the hard work that it takes to host this Grand Session. We are all forever grateful.

Your group along with the Arrangements Committee have taken a non-descript room and transformed it into a flashback to the 50's just as Sister Cheryl and Brother John have envisioned.

Also, to Brighton Chapter, Washington, Stockport Chapter and Polk City Chapter, thank you for lending Sister Cheryl and Brother John to Grand Chapter for the past few years. You have shown so much support to both Cheryl and John, and it is appreciated by all of the membership.

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, here is a quarter to put in the jukebox, so that we can shake, rattle, and roll for the next few days. Our hope is that your plans and dreams have been fulfilled. Look around and you will see we are all "Swinging on a Star."

#### PRESENTATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Co-Chairman: Kathi Heath, Marion Chapter & Cedar Valley Chapter, Waterloo

Past Grand Martha

Doug Heath, Marion Chapter & Cedar Valley Chapter, Waterloo

Members: Bruce Thomas, PGP, Algona Chapter

Dennis DeJoode, PGP, Knoxville Chapter

Scott Davis, Wayland Chapter, Past Grand Chaplain

Carol Nelson, Linden Chapter, Panora and

Lady Washington Rhinehart Chapter, Adel

Irene Wachter, heartland Chapter, Des Moines and

Polk City Chapter

Terri Grover, Cedar Falls Chapter, Past Grand Organist

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much for all the work and time you have given to make this Grand Chapter session so special. John and I are so very pleased with what you have accomplished.

I miss the Fifties...cartoons on Saturday morning, a bowl of cereal and not a care in the world other than what cartoon was next.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for all your hard work. I know what you have been through on the Arrangements Committee, having served on that committee. You are responsible for making this Grand Chapter session look good, and you have made it look fantastic!

#### PRESENTATION OF THE "STARLIGHTERS" GRAND COMPANIONS OF 2022

Russell Payne, Grand Representative of Oklahoma Lorrie Whitaker, Grand Representative of Montana

Nancy NidayKaren MillerHarlan LeClereTim RamthunAnita LeeJeaneen KainCyndie StrawnMary FanningMartha RossLuke ReicksLarry CulverDebbie AndersonJoyce SlonigerSally McCormick HillChris Brown

Marla Norman James Spratte

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There are not enough words to express how thankful, how grateful, and how appreciative I am for each of you and how much you mean to me. You are to be commended for your willingness to help anywhere, with anything anyone needed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for every tote you have toted, for every time you stayed and helped clean up, for everything you have done for me and for John, for the Family, for all the encouraging words, and for all the love and support from each of you. It's been so much fun getting to know you as we visited and traveled. I will always, always treasure your friendship, and we will be Family forever. You are the best.

We all have happy memories of a simpler, happy time – a time of homemade apple pie and gingham curtains, a time when Mom understood everything a dad could fix anything.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I honestly don't know where to start in saying thank you. Your smiles, your hugs, and your willingness to do whatever we asked you to do. You are the true meaning of Family. You have made me a better person, and for that, a simple thank you is not enough. You have shown me what unconditional brotherly love is. You are the best!

MUSICAL SELECTION: Debbie Jones, Past Grand Organist

"Rockin Robbin"

#### PRESENTATION OF 50-YEAR MEMBERS

28 Sisters and Brothers Presented

#### TRIBUTE TO 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Gail Dyer, Grand Electa

I have the honor and privilege to recognize those who have served our Beautiful Order for 50+ years.

You, Sisters, and Brothers have led the way for those of us who have followed in your footsteps. You have mentored us, encouraged us, and helped us to realize that we are able to do more than we could ever imagine.

You have held offices, helped with dinners, planned meetings, fun events and traveled across the state and to jurisdictions beyond our borders. You took new members under your wings and helped to teach them the beautiful lessons of the heroines of our Order.

You have taught us that we should be faithful to the Obligations we assume and to be loyal to our God and our Country. We should always be willing to lend a helping hand to others if we are able and to be there to comfort them during hard times.

You are all part of a very special group. To reach the milestone of 50 years, and beyond, is awesome.

We welcome you to this Catch a Falling Star Grand Chapter Session as each and every one of you is truly a Star and we are so Very blessed that you are here. We love you all and will be blessed to see you again along our Eastern Star Travels.

50 years of Service
That's what you've given us.
Your time, your love,
Your service
And now we give to you
Our greatest gifts
Our respect and above all
Our Friendship and Our Love

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: "Remember when people kept diaries and got mad when someone read them? Nowadays, they put everything online and get mad when people don't!"

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: 50-years is a long time! Sister Lorrie and I can see the point in our OES journey ourselves n just a few more years. So much has changed during the last 50-years but your dedication to our Order has not and we are all grateful for that.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE 2007 CRYSTAL ANNIVERSARY GRAND FAMILY

Written by: Lark Randall, Grand Ruth

This tribute is written to honor the "Lovebugs" Grand Family.

In October of 2006, the late Connie Coulter and the late Ed Meade were elected Worthy Grand Matron and Worth Grand Patron of Iowa. Their theme of "Love One Another" and aim "to extend a Hand of Friendship" was carried out as they and the "Lovebugs" traveled throughout Iowa and other Grand Jurisdictions.

They demonstrated their Daily guide "Courage to Face Tomorrow, Faith for Today and Love to Last" as they traveled and visited with lowa members.

One of Connie's Scripture was 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:13 "There are three things that remain; faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love."

Hearts, Ladybugs, Crosses, Hands of Friendship and Toolboxes were seen all around the state as they traveled to Schools, Degrees, Official visits, and Fun events.

Connie and Ed presided over the One Hundred Thirtieth "Heart to Heart Session" on October 25-28, 2007.

Their Special Project of K.I.D.S. Pediatrics Diabetes Education raised \$43,151.30.

In Connie's closing remarks she expressed her "love" and "gratitude" to the "Lovebugs" for sharing the year with her. I am sure she and brother Ed are watching over them here today from their Heavenly Home.

Our Grand Organist Sister Peg Liekweg will play the 2007 March while I read the poem Sister Connie read in her report.

"Eastern Star families are forever, they laugh, they love, they share each other's thoughts and dreams, but most of all they care. Eastern Star families can come and go but will never be apart, because they keep each other's smiles deep within their Hearts."

Today we keep all the "Lovebug" family in our hearts those who are with us and those who could not be here today "our" Crystal Anniversary Family.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE 2007 CRYSTAL ANNIVERSARY "Love Bug" GRAND FAMILY

#### "Heart to Heart"

*Connie Coulter	Worthy Grand Matron
*T. Edwin Meade,	Worthy Grand Patron
Mary Jane Young	Associate Grand Matron
*John Baker	Associate Grand Patron
Nancy L. Niday	Grand Secretary
Janelle Hammarstedt	Grand Treasurer
Paula Larsen	Grand Conductress
Phyllis Moore	Associate Grand Conductress
Dennis DeJoode	Grand Chaplain
Ellen Knupp	
Pamela Crawford	Grand Organist
Gwen Kincart	Grand Adah
Kris Roudybush	
Janel Baker	
*Phyllis Weldon	Grand Martha
Donna Corry	Grand Electa
Norma Ottesen	
*Morden McFadden	Grand Sentinel
(*deceased)	

#### **REMARKS**

Kris Roudybush Chapter Concerns Committee Past Grand Ruth

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, I am pleased to introduce our Lovebugs who are present Mary Jane Young, Associate Grand Matron and her husband Charlie, Nancy Niday, Grand Secretary and her husband Larry, Janelle Hammarstedt, Grand Treasurer; Paula Larsen, Grand Conductress, Phyliss Moore, Associate Grand Conductress and her husband Alan; Dennis DeJoode, Grand Chaplain: Ellen Knupp, Grand Marshal and her mother, Mary; Pamala Crawford, Grand Organist; Karen Harshbarger, companion to Grand Esther; Sharon Spaur, companion to Grand Martha; Donna Corry, Grand Electa; and Norma Ottesen, Grand Warder.

I am honored and saddened to be among the Crystal Grand Family, the 2007 Lovebugs. Honored because we had such a great family and saddened because of having lost both our mom and Dad and many others in our family. We spent many hours traveling and bonding during our year of serving as Grand Officers

Mom Connie read this poem at our first meeting in July 2006

Eastern Star families are forever, they laugh, they love, they share Each other's thoughts and dreams. But most of all they care.

Eastern Star families can come and go but they will never be apart Because they keep each other's smiles deep within their hearts.

I believe this pretty well sums up our family.

During our year, we visited many chapters in Iowa, traveled many miles, carpooled often, and met many people and developed many new friendships. We remember many meals with Connie sampling food, not just hers but whatever looked good to her, and Ed when asked how he was, always replied "Darn near perfect!!"

Lovebugs unable to be with us today, Gwen Kincart, Grand Adah; Janel Baker, Grand Esther. Companions: Karen Meade; Rilla Baker, Charlie Young, Maxine DeJoode, Jerry Kincart, and Gary Roudybush.

Our Lovebugs watching from Heaven today, Sisters: Mom, Connie Coulter, Worthy Grand Matron and Phyllis Weldon, Grand Martha; and Brothers: Dad, Ed Meade, Worthy Grand Patron; John Baker, Associate Grand Patron; and Morden McFadden, Grand Sentinel. Companions, Sisters: Margaret Batschelet, Darlene Larsen, Lynette Pithan, Dorothy McFadden, and Brothers: Mike Coulter, Dick Corry, and Bill Ottesen.

As Connie ended with "Keep Star in your Heart": and Ed with "Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much". We thank you for honoring our 2007 Lovebug Grand Family.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for being here today. I am so pleased to honor your Love Bug Grand Family for 15 years of continued service. Welcome to your Grand Family.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We are happy that you are with us today. Did anyone nickname your family "Herbie" the Love Bug? Thank you for all you do.

MUSICAL SELECTION: Debbie Jones, Past Grand Organist "In the Mood"

#### REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT AND PARADE OF FLAGS

Written, by: Sandy Meredith

Associate Grand Conductress and District Instructor

Assisted by: Janice Alger, District Instructor

and Triennial Other Assembly Committee of the GGC

Chris Brown, District Instructor and

Worthy Matron, Signet Chapter Carroll

Peg Liekweg, Grand Organist

As Wisconsin put it "Welcome to the "Longest Year"! With covid and all the State regulations it has been a new experience for our Grand Chapters. After canceling Grand Sessions in 2020, 2021 was met with many obstacles. Some made the decision to allow members only, some let visitors in, some met for one day only or by Zoom. From the comfort of home, I traveled to 14 Grand Jurisdictions via email, CD's, thumb drive and two proceedings books.

All Worthy Grand Matrons came to the same consensus, two years was too long to be Worthy Grand Matron and they were very happy to see their Associate Grand Matrons.

We are all facing the same problems: how to retain membership, getting new members involved and keeping this organization going. There is no easy answer. What works for one Grand Chapter may not work for another. Our Grand Representatives are the link between our Grand Jurisdictions. Reach out to your counterparts and share your ideas. I know it has been difficult to travel the last few years, but you never know who you will meet. You just might find a lifelong friend. But even with all the happenings of the pandemic, our Grand Chapters were still very generous in their giving. Contributions were given to our Youth organizations, Cancer Research and Service Dogs to name a few.

Reading proceedings books is not the most exciting thing to do, but there were a couple of interesting stories. One Grand Chapter sent some brothers to a sister's house to pick up her piano to bring to the convention center for use during Grand Chapter. They do this every year. Well, the sister was not home but the brother knew where the key was but didn't know she had an alarm system. Yep! The police came. In the meantime, the Worthy Grand Matron was back at the hotel trying to get the sisters' cell phone number and no one had it. In the end, the brothers were not arrested, and the piano made it to Grand Chapter.

The Chaplain from Wyoming must have too much time on his hands. His prayers were very interesting. I will leave you with my favorite:

Dear Lord, stomach's empty, bladders full. But we have to pray, cause that's the rule. Give us Blessings short and straight, cause most of us can no longer wait. Amen

Happy trails and safe travels!

No Grand Chapters met in 2020-. I received the following proceedings from the following Grand Chapters that met in 2021:

Alberta	June 5, 2021	"Stars in the Northern Lights"
Arizona	August 4-7, 2021	"Seasons of Reflection & Growth"
British Columbia & Yukon	June 19, 2021	
Connecticut	June 19, 2021	"Connecting Threads"
Florida	April 20-22, 2021	"In God We Trust"
Georgia	June 12, 2021	"The Blessing of God"
Illinois	Annual Report 2020-2021	
Kentucky	September 17-19, 2021	"Live Life in Full Bloom"
Minnesota	April 29-May 1	"Roaring 29's Focus on Service"
Nebraska	May 11o-12, 2021	"Enduring Hope"
Nevada	October 3-6, 2021	"Picture it"
Oregon	June 20-21, 2021	"Believe"
Saskatchewan	April 28-30, 2021	"Home and Harbor"
Tennessee	May 8-11, 2021	
Utah	October 7-9, 2021	"Paws in the Snow"
Vermont	June 4, 2021	"Proud to Be"
Wisconsin	May 18-19, 2021	"The Light of Thankfulness"
Wyoming	august 4-6, 2021	"Footprints in Time"

It was interesting to read how the Grand Chapters handled Covid protocols and got their membership back to the Grand Chapter. Hopefully, we never have another Pandemic. Thank you to the Grand Representatives who sent me their reports. I hope you keep in touch with your counterparts.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Sandy, the report of the Fraternal Correspondent is a time consuming and tough task, don't I know it! . Thank you for a beautiful Parade of Flags and a most interesting and entertaining report!

#### REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME BOARD

Paul Larsen, PGM
President
Grand Representative of Saskatchewan
(Prepared by Rick Colby, Executive Director
Eastern Star Masonic Home)

When we started our renovation projects, some 5 years ago, we had no idea of the magnitude of the deferred capital maintenance that was needed, let alone the new wellness center costs, which needed referral business for the campus. All of which was greatly needed for continued updates to keep us relevant among our competitors.

During the Covid Pandemic, we lost 5 residents in 3 years. The is 5 too many. We were expected by the State and Federal regulators to care for extreme situations never faced before. To pay employees, who were off sick for themselves and their families. Just in protective supplies and testing equipment, the campus spent considerable amounts of dollars to combat this disease. This doesn't account for the countless hours of staff for nursing and ancillary staff cleaning and caring for our residents and tenants.

Our requirements, due to the Federal Government mandates were immense, paying employees for Covid exposure under sick time, staffing challenges because of it and CDC Guidelines. To make things worse, after this, from September 2021 till the end of year 2021, OSHA required us to pay our employees sick time pay and also if they were off for sick families. We still needed to staff our building, compounding the problem till the end of 2021. We have had periods of time that Covid resurfaced but our staff managed well.

Finally, the building is still here. We have staff, we have healthy residents and tenants and we have carried out our mission to the best we could under all these circumstances, which, I never would have predicted in any way possible this past year.

During this time frame of 2022, we received from the State Inspector's, deficiency-free regulatory surveys for all areas of healthcare, memory care, residential and assistive living. It's been 30 plus years since this has happened at this campus, let alone all areas. We even challenged a federal citation and won on appeal. Very proud of the efforts of our team.

#### Accomplishments:

- A new Eastern Star facility with all the improvements and renovations
- 2022- All areas of the campus were deficiency-free with State and Federal Surveys.
- 5-infection control surveys with no negative outcomes.
- A federal citation that was overturned from last year.
- 12 new duplexes.
- All 47 remaining duplexes physical plans were upgraded to make them marketable.
- Over the last 4-year period, workers compensation premiums were reduced by \$100,000 a year due to work safe programs and reducing the mod-rate, which determines such from 1.25 to .68.

- Training and teaching for all staff to know their jobs.
- A Wellness Center built for members, referrals and use for therapy services, which brought revenue to the campus. We have over 200 members that utilize our pool for therapy and for our resident population.
- Increased Medicare utilization from 20 residents a day to over 10 residents a day.
- Updated accounting services for better tracking.
- Renovations and remodel of a building that had 20+ years of deferred, needed improvements.
- Improved transportation service so our residents and tenants didn't have to wait 3 hours or longer for pickups.
- Brought trained staff to employment that made this happen.

In final thoughts, this year has not been without extreme challenges. In retrospect, no one could have prepared us in healthcare for this future, but we did the best we could with what we all were faced with. I am extremely proud of our teams of dedicated staff and their efforts. I find myself trying to live by three simple, but hard phrases: "Worry about nothing, pray about everything and be thankful for everything". It has been a sincere honor to serve with our teams and see the accomplishments of everyone. We still don't know what the future holds for all of us, but trust that we did everything we could have for the betterment of the residents and tenant we serve each day.

#### REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME AND PICNIC COMMITTEE

Kay Werts, Chairman Past Grand Electa

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers, the Boone Home Picnic and Auction was held on September 18, 2022. We had to change locations from the Boone Home to the Mt. Olive Masonic Center as COVID again raised its ugly head and the residence was closed to all visitors.

We had 43 guests register at the event. Admittance fee was items to be used for prizes during residence bingo games.

We want to thank Rick Colby and his wonderful staff for all their help cooking hamburgers and hot dogs and delivering them to our new location.

Brother Charles Sloniger, Grand Chaplain gave the blessing. All enjoyed the wonderful potluck dishes provided by our attending membership.

A big thank you to Brother Joe Reed for being our auctioneer and all who provided items for the auction. The proceeds from the auction and donation box totaled \$1,304. I received twenty Chapter reports on their activities and donations which were sent to Grand Chapter for the Boone Home.

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Boone Home Picnic and Auction a success.

#### REPORT OF THE BARTHELL OES HOME BOARD

Luke Reicks, Chairman

The members of your Barthell OES Home Board are Mike Whitson, Vice President, Caryl Lawyer, Secretary and new members, Mary Davis, and Diane King.

The year continued to bring the challenge of Covid, but with the leadership of CEO Mandy Baker, the Barthell OES Home only had two small outbreaks that were minimized due to the combined efforts of the staff. The staff held weekly leadership team meetings to ensure maximum effectiveness of each department head in managing their team throughout the pandemic. With the challenges of the pandemic the Home maintained a stable census.

The several year interior remodels of the original nursing home structure were completed in 2021. The exterior landscaping was completed. All Barthell Bluffs townhomes were sold with all units filled and there was a successful transfer of a unit to a new owner. There is an in-house waiting list for Barthell Bluffs. The Assisted Living received a deficiency free state survey. We were able to close the construction loan for the addition/interior remodel rolling it into a standard mortgage. The Barthell OES Home's annual audit was completed, and total assets increased from \$6,794,306.00 to \$9,475,990.00; the Asset to Debt Ratio is 36%. (The 2020 Industry Average was 61%.)

The Barthell Home welcomed many members of Eastern Star when the Grand Lodge officers and Great Lights Lodge of Decorah Officers dedicated the Cornerstone for the new addition in June.

They also welcomed the Grand Officers and other members for the return of the annual plant sale and picnic in June. Eastern Star members generously purchased plants and other items with over \$4000 dollars coming in.

As we are finally being able to welcome visitors. We look forward to seeing Eastern Star members, for Bingo and birthday parties again.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

CLOSING PROCLAMATION: Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal

**CLOSING MARCH: Grand Officers** 



PRELUDE: Judy Wilson, Past Grand Organist

#### OPENING WELCOME

Carolyn Kropf, Past Grand Matron Shirley Peterson, Past Grand Matron

CAROLYN KROPF: Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, it is really a privilege to welcome ya'll (see my Texas accent) to this Swinging on a Star Session. Sister Cheryl and Brother John, what a thrill it was to be asked by you to open this particular session. You both have a very important part of my Eastern Star years.

Sister Cheryl, we have had many talks over the years. I hope I was of some assistance to you. It is such a pleasurer that you wanted to use the gavel made by Brother Carl Mumme for the 1988 Grand Session, it brings back many fond memories of when he and I shared the East that year. These last few years it has been great for Lynn and me to be members of the same chapter as you and Brother Russell.

Brother John, I have known you for many many years, you were one of the best Worthy Patrons that I had the privilege to instruct. I would like to take credit for your work, but I do know it was a lot of your mother's influence, and your determination to do it right. You still do your work in that same manor. Love you both so much.

I wish the both of you and your Grand family a wonderful session. All of them have been great in promoting our eastern Star Values this past year.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, I know you are anxiously waiting to see all of your plans unfold. We are sure to enjoy your year to come. Good Luck in your travels this next year. Love you both.

To Sisters Mary and Sandy, have fun as you prepare for your years. My love to both of you.

This is a culmination of a well-planned year. We are anxious to hear the reports as to what has been accomplished by members of this Grand Chapter. We are here to take care of the business of this Grand Chapter, please everyone vote for the good of the order.

It is a pleasure to share the East with a special Sister that I have served with for many years. We would now be pleased to hear from you Sister Shirley.

SHIRLEY PETERSON: Good evening Sisters, Brother, and Friends.

How exciting it is to welcome all of you to this 145<sup>th</sup> "Swinging on a Star" Session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. All of us attending this Grand Chapter come with anticipation to hear the results of this year's endeavors by our members.

Using watchwords from 1989 may we have the "Patience" to never give up or say it can't be done. Always remembering "Punctuality" in all our deadlines and meetings, and no matter what obstacles are before is we will always strive to have the "Perseverance" to move forward in a manner befitting the principals of the Order if the Eastern Star.

Thank you, Sister Cheryl and Brother John, for your leadership this year and for asking me to share the podium this evening with my 1988 "MOM" to open your 145<sup>th</sup> Session. It has been so much fun reliving those wonderful 50's and 60's years.

#### INVOCATION

Scott Davis
Past Grand Chaplain

Dear Lord, we thank you for the many blessings and gifts you give us daily. Thank you for this past year and growing together as an OES family. We thank you for safe travels and the many memories we have made along the Eastern Star trail. We ask for your guiding hand to cover Sister Cheryl and Brother John and the Grand Family, as they lead this "Swinging on a Star' Grand Session. All of this we ask for in Thy son's Holy Name. AMEN

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON, WORTHY GRAND PATRON, GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND COMPANIONS

Written and Narrated by Janice Alger, triennial Other Assembly Committee, District Instructor

Assisted by Cindy Beatty, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth

Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor, Past Grand Organist

Accompanist: Tammy Van Horsen-Post, Past Grand Organist

This year we saw lots of cherries, fuzzy dice, fishing poles, bees, and poodle skirts. The Starlighters Grand Family crossed the State of Iowa many times attending Chapter's Schools and Fun Events. During the Receptions we learn many facts about the Starlighters. Therefore, I asked the Appointed Officers what their reaction was when asked to be a Starlighter. The Elected Grand Officers will tell us their highlights of this year. While the Companions will be giving advice to future Companions. We all had fun with the fifties theme, it was a Rock and Roll good time. Keeping with the Rock and Roll theme, let's meet the 2022 Starlighter Grand Family.

The outer guard of the Chapter Room is Brother Kevin Brown our Grand Sentinel. His Companion is his wife, Sister Chris. They are members of Signet Chapter, Carroll. Brother Kevin's reaction to being asked to be a Member of the Starlighter Grand Family was shocking and amazing. Sister Chris' advice to future Companions was to enjoy your time representing Iowa Grand Chapter. Support your Grand Officer and travel as much as you are able. The friendships you make are so very meaningful and will last a lifetime. Always carry a big bag, you will need it. Lastly, remember you are there to provide TLC (Tote, Lug and carry).

#### (Jail House Rock - Elvis Presley)

The inner guard of the Chapter is Brother Tim Anderson our Grand Warder. Tim's companion is his wife Deb, they are both members of Albia Chapter. Brother Tim's

reaction to being asked to be a Member the Starlighter Grand Family was that he would do it for Cheryl.

#### (Jail House Rock - Elvis Presley)

Sister Gail Dyer is our Grand Electa who was distinguished for hospitality and loving kindness. Her Companions are Sisters Martha Ross and Jeaneen Kain. Sister Gail is a member of Heartland Chapter, Des Moines. Sisters Martha and Jeaneen are members of South Gate Chapter, Des Moines. Sister Gail's reaction to being asked to be a Member of the Starlighter Grand Family was surprising and exciting. Cheryl then told her she could not tell anyone, which was really hard. Sister Martha's advice to future companions was to be prepared to have a great year and Sister Jeaneen's advice was to enjoy yourself.

#### (Catch a Falling Star)

Sister Pam Spratte is our Grand Martha representing nature's life and beauty. Her Companions are her husband, Brother Jim, Sister Sally McCormack-Hill, and Brother Harlan LeClere. They are all members of Marion Chapter. Sister Pam told us that when she was asked to be a Starlighter, her mouth dropped opened and then she said yes. Brother Jim's advice to future Companions was "Always have a smile and welcoming handshake." Sister Sally's advice was to be ready to help with anything, to have a fun time and enjoy the year.

#### (Catch a Falling Star)

Sister Marilyn Culver is Grand Esther, symbolizing light, purity, and joy. Her Companion is her husband, Brother Larry. Sister Marilyn and Brother Larry are members of Linden Chapter, Panora and Lady Rhinehart Chapter, Adel. Sister Marilyn told us her reaction to being asked to be a Member the Starlighter Grand Family was speechlessness, she did not know what to say, but she quickly said "Yes." Brother Larry's advice to future companions was to get to know the other Companions quickly, you may need them to pick up your clothes when you leave a Chapter. Also, one caution, Larry never talks about politics.

#### (Catch a Falling Star)

Sister Lark Randall is Grand Ruth who symbolizes constancy. Sister Lark's Companion is her friend Mary Fanning. Sisters Lark and Mary are members of Silver Creek Chapter LeClaire. Sister Lark's reaction to being asked to be a Starlighter was surprised and did not know what to say. She felt very honored. Sister Mary's advice to future companions consisted of:

Enjoy the Year

Help your Grand Officer by reminding them what to pack, make hotel reservations, and help with expenses, and

Assist your Grand Officer with their ritual work.

#### (Catch a Falling Star)

Sister Sue Jensen is Grand Adah, symbolizing fidelity, and love. Her Companion is her friend Sister Anita Lee. Sister Sue is a member of Southgate Chapter, Des Moines, and Altoona Chapter. Sister Anita is a member of Southgate Chapter, Des Moines. Sister Sue's reaction to being asked to be a Starlighter was a surprise. She told us that she has really enjoyed the year.

#### (Catch a Falling Star)

Sister Peggy Liekweg is Grand Organist and provides music for our ceremonies. Sister Peggy's Companion is her friend Sister Karen Miller. Sister Peggy is a member of Unity Chapter, Mason City and Sister Karen is a member of Coinette Chapter, Reinbeck. Sister Peggy told us her first reaction to being asked to a Starlighter was "No, she did not have enough time and resources to do the job," but we are glad she reconsidered her decision. We have enjoyed getting to know Sister Peggy. Sister Karen's advice to future companions is to not be shy, get to know the other members of your Grand Family.

#### (Peggy Sue)

Sister Kaylene Kiewiet is Grand Marshal and superintends all ceremonies and makes sure that Grand Officers are in their appointed places. Kaylene's Companion is her friend Sister Marla Norman. Sisters Kaylene and Marla are members of Algona Chapter. Sister Kaylene told us her first reaction to being asked to be a Starlighter was shocked and excitement at the same time. Sister Marla's advice to future companions is to enjoy the ride, making new friends is a treasure.

#### (Don't be Cruel)

Brother Charles Sloniger is Grand Chaplain and leads in devotions. Brother Charles' companion is his wife, Sister Joyce. Brother Charles and Sister Joyce are members of Ankeny New Hope Chapter, Ankeny. Brother Charles told us his first reaction was happiness and some confusion when John asked him to be a Starlighter. Sister Joyce's advice to future companions is to have fun and have a great experience.

#### (This is my Prayer)

Sister Sandy Meredith is our Associate Grand Conductress and is a member of Bedford Chapter. Sister Sandy told us some of her highlights this year were:

Going on the Pilgrimage Trip to Philadelphia and Washington DC.

Attending the 5-State Get to Together in Missouri with her sister, Judy. It was a sister's weekend with lots of fun. and

Spending time with her daughter, Kerri. Kerri lives in Japan and Sandy does not get to see her very often.

We look forward to Sister Sandy's year in 2025.

#### (Seventy-Six Trombones)

Sister Mary Reicks is our Grand Conductress, and her Companion is her husband, Brother Luke. Sister Mary and Brother Luke are members of New Hampton Chapter. Mary's highlight of this year was her Last First School, and the fantastic job Waverly Chapter did. Brother Luke's advice to future Companions was to enjoy every minute, it goes fast.

#### (Seventy-Six Trombones)

Brother Kent Strawn is our Grand Treasurer, and his Companion is his wife, Sister Cyndie. Brother Kent and Sister Cyndie are members of Indianola Chapter. Brother Kent can be seen tallying the funds donated to Grand Chapter Projects. Kent's highlight was being able to attend all the Receptions. Cyndie's advice to future Companions was to be ready for your Grand Officer's questions, such as:

Do you know where we are to be this weekend? Are we home or at a hotel? How long is it going to take us to get there? Did you remember to bring my tie and suspenders? Where is my Badge and Name Tag? But Cyndie said to remember, it is a once in a lifetime experience, attend as much as possible.

#### (De O) Banana Boat Song Harry Belafonte

Sister Nancy Ramthun is our Grand Secretary, and her Companion is her husband, Brother Tim. Sister Nancy and Brother Tim are members of TriStar Chapter, Eddyville, and Knoxville Chapter. Nancy's highlight was the first Grand Family get together. The excitement on everyone's face, greeting each other, finding out what office they would be assuming is priceless. Also, Nancy loved the welcoming hugs and handshakes received from each member, they were so happy to be active and enjoying visitors in the Chapter once again. Brother Tim's advice to future companions was enjoy, you are part of this once in a lifetime event. Also, be there for your travel partner. You will share many heartfelt things to cherish. You will assist in many ways to others who may be in need from place to place. Just watch out for those troublemakers. You will know when you see one.

With all the hundreds of letters Sister Nancy sends out during the year, we hope she does not have too any marked "Returned to Sender."

#### (Return to Sender - Elvis Presley)

Brother Larry Niday is our Associate Grand Patron, and his Companion is his wife, Sister Nancy. Brother Larry and Sister Nancy are members of Knoxville Chapter. One of Larry's highlights was traveling to other Grand Jurisdictions and meeting his Counterparts. Also, he's working with Sister Vicki Wallner on their plans for 2023. A little bird told us that Brother Larry is fond of unique socks. Sister Nancy's advice to future Companions was:

It is <u>your</u> special year, also but you are not the one in charge; your job is to help make this year a great memory for your officer and you.

#### (Tan shoes and pink shoelaces)

Sister Vicki Wallner is our Associate Grand Matron and is a member of Davenport Chapter. Sister Vicki's highlight was attending Minnesota Grand Chapter. She participated in their Fun Evening of Square Dancing. Vicki told us that she had so much fun square dancing with the Minnesota Worthy Grand Matron. We are looking forward to hearing about her plans for 2023 this weekend.

#### (I could of dance all Night)

Brother John Whitaker is our Worthy Grand Patron, and his Companion is his wife, Sister Lorrie. Brother John and Sister Lorrie are members of Polk City Chapter and Stockport Chapter. John's highlight this year was surprising members with Grand Representative Appointments. They were always so surprised. Sister Lorrie's advice to future Companions was "make it clear that the Officer will be responsible for writing his own thank you notes. (Especially if this is not his first Grand Family)."

#### (Oh! my Papa)

Sister Cheryl Payne is our Worthy Grand Matron, and her Companion is her husband, Brother Russell. Sister Cheryl and Brother Russell are members of Wayland Chapter and Brighton Chapter, Washington. Cheryl's highlight was the first get together. After two years of planning and waiting, it was fun watching the Family meet and get to know each other. Brother Russell's advice to the future Companions was get good shoes. You will have a lot of toting to do and be sure you do not go to sleep at Schools. You will receive some nasty glares from your officer.

#### (Rock Around the Clock)

This is your 2022 Starlighters Grand Family. Please unite with me in giving them a hearty welcome.

#### BIBLE AND EMBLEM CEREMONY

Written and Directed by:

Kelly Walker, District Instructor, Past Grand Adah

Assisted by Chris Brown, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth

Janice Alger, Triennial Other Assembly Committee, District Instructor

Accompanist: Vivian Pitlo, Golf Outing Committee, Past Grand Organist

Bible Bearer: Claudia Reed, Boone Home Picnic, Past Grand Chaplain

Adah: Karen Wood, Past Grand Adah

Ruth: Chris Brown, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth

Esther: Charlotte Deitrich, Parkinsons Project, Past Grand Esther

Martha: Paula Larsen, President, Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, Grand

Representative of Saskatchewan, Past Grand Matron

Electa: Nancy Niday, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Electa Past Grand Chaplain

Sisters and Brothers, The Order of the Eastern Star teaches many lessons, some of these lessons are represented by the beautiful emblems of our Order and the Holy Bible. The emblems are placed in our Grand Chapter today, by the Grand Officers chosen to represent the heroines of our order and who strive to live the lessons of our Order in their daily lives and be an inspiration to everyone. These Sisters are members of Cheryl's 2009 Lucky Stars Grand Family. Sister Cheryl's Bible was presented to her by her Lucky Stars and will be used throughout this Grand Chapter Session.

The Bible is the greatest book ever written. It has been translated to every language and has been published more than any other book. We find answers to questions not yet asked, and comfort for problems we have not yet encountered. Let us pray:

Oh, Holy Book, we turn to Thee,
Our Shield, our guide, our all to be.
As we approach our Altar now,
We in Thy presence humbly bow;
Thy open page will always be.
A comfort as we trust in Thee;
As on Thy promises we look,
We turn to Thee, Oh precious Book.
We place Thee on our Altar now,
As we before Thee humbly bow.
And if for help our needs we see,
Dear Holy Book, we turn to Thee;

We turn to Thee for word of life,
We come for comfort in our strife;
And when our hearts are full of grief,
Dear Book in Thee we find relief.
Oh, Holy Book, we leave Thee now,
And Still to Thee we humbly bow;
Oh, wilt Thou ever guide our ways,
And shield us through the coming days;
Oh, lead us on to paths aright,
And guard us through the darkest night;
And bring us back that we may look,
Upon Thy page, oh precious Book. Amen

**Adah:** (Faith of Our Fathers) The story of Adah teaches us to be faithful to all our obligations. The Sword and Veil are emblems of righteousness and fidelity. Let us practice, in our lives, the innocence and sweetness of a young girl to fulfil her vow and approach life's problems with energy, enthusiasm and a positive attitude as we face the problems in today's world. Blue may reflect sorrow and sadness, and sometimes a tear. Adah, the daughter, reveals the soul of truth without fear; through her lessons of meekness, fidelity, and humility.

**Ruth:** (Bringing in the Sheaves) The story of Ruth is one of devotion to duty. The Sheaf is an emblem of plenty. Let us learn from the lesson of Ruth and her constancy, the hours of patient industry it takes to gather a handful of spilled grain to supply the food needed to care for our elderly loved ones. Yellow fields of ripening wheat, abundance; A radiant sun, new friendships begun, Belief in ideals and personal worth; Good deeds done for the sake of another: Ruth's life? There is much to be learned through her example.

**Esther:** (God Will Take Care of You) The story of Esther teaches us that God's purpose is greater than Man's purpose. The Crown and Scepter united is an emblem of royalty and power. Let us remember Convictions, trust, right and duty are loyalties, and loyalty is love and that whatever role we may be called up to perform, we perform with loyalty and purity to our kindred, our friends, our Country, and our God. White billowing clouds, white drifting snow; A pure white lily, a sunlit beach of clean white sand; All symbols of purity, and a pure and upright life. Esther, used her strength and power in seeking justice for all.

**Martha:** (I Believe) The story of Martha is that if we walk by faith, not by sight, our burdens will be lightened, and we will be welcomed to our eternal home. The Broken Column is an emblem that depicts the uncertainty of human life. Let us practice our belief in Christ and His Word and remember God's proof of Eternal Life which will last throughout all time. Green, the color of springtime, renewed life, and growth, Is a symbol of the endlessness of life renewed. Martha's devotion to her family and her unending faith Teach us be strong and true to our beliefs.

**Electa:** (Just a Closer Walk With Thee) The story of Electa is of generosity and loving kindness. The cup is an emblem of generous hospitality, charity, and service to those in need. Let it fill to overflowing and let us all be more zealous in emulating the gracious and loving hospitality of Electa. Red, the fire that burns inside us as our faith is questioned; Red, the color of fervency, hospitality, and love; The red rose: Electa's love of her fellow man. The cup filled to the brim with her joys and sorrows.

#### **FLAG TRIBUTE**

Written and Narrated by:

Cindy Beatty, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth

Assisted by Heather Wogomon, District Instructor

Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor, Past Grand Organist

Accompanist:

Peggy Liekweg, Pat Grand Organist

Flag Bearers:

United States Flag: Russell Payne, Grand Representative of

Oklahoma, Grand Companion

Canadian Flag: Tim Ramthun, Eastern Star Masonic Home Board.

Grand Companion

Christian Flag: Larry Culver, Grand Representative of Nebraska

Eastern Star Flag: Debbie Anderson, Past Grand Ruth

Masonic Flag: Tim Anderson, Grand Warder

Iowa State Flag: Marla Norman, Grand Companion Rainbow Flag: Kaitlyn Carstensen, Grand Worthy Advisor Job's Daughter's Flag: Lisa Hauser, Supreme Treasurer

DeMolay Flag: Wyatt Hyde, State Master C

#### United States Flag:

There have been twenty-seven versions of the American flag. The current flag is the only one to have lasted more than 50 years. The colors were chosen carefully. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The current design was chosen by President Dwight Eisenhower. It was submitted by 17-year-old high school student, Robert G. Heft.

#### CANADIAN FLAG:

George Stanley designed the current eleven-point maple leaf flag. The color white is used to reflect the impartiality of the nation, while representing peace and tranquility. The color red is used to symbolize prosperity and hope. The maple leaf represents the cultural heritage of Canada and the vast resources found within its borders.

#### **CHRISTIAN FLAG:**

The Christian flag was designed by Charles Overton in 1897. It is a white banner with a Latin cross charged upon a blue canton. The red stain on the cross symbolizes the blood Jesus shed on Calvary. The blue reflects the water of baptism, as well as the faithfulness of Jesus. The white represents Jesus' purity.

#### **EASTERN STAR FLAG:**

Rob Morris developed the Eastern Star Flag. The flag has a background of white on which is set a five-pointed star. Each point holds a color that bears great significance to us as members. The blue point represents Fidelity. The yellow point represents Constancy. The white point represents Loyalty. The green point represents Faith. The red point represents Love. At the center of the Star is a white pentagon, inside which there is an altar with a Bible set upon it.

#### MASONIC FLAG:

The square and compasses are a source of unity and inspiration for the members of the fraternity all over the globe, a beacon of Truth, Relief and Brotherly Love. The letter "G" symbolizes Geometry.

#### **IOWA STATE FLAG:**

Mrs. Dixie Cornell Gebhardt designed our state flag. It consists of vertical blue, white and red stripes. It bears a flying bald eagle and a blue ribbon above our state's name. The bird is holding a long ribbon that reads, "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain." These wordings are taken from the official seal of lowa.

#### RAINBOW FLAG:

The Rainbow flag, symbol of all they hold true; a reminder of the lessons taught from each and every hue. Red is for undying love and orange builds faith that is strong. Yellow gives us nature, green the promise that to God we belong. Blue is truth and loyalty and in indigo a patriot's heart. Violet is the life of service that we promise to impart. The hand of Faith, the light of Hope, the gift of Charity, the contents of the pot of gold Rainbow gives to you and me. In a field pure and white on a banner for all to see, the Rainbow emblem shines so bright, it will always be precious to me. It is my pleasure to inform you that the International Rainbow for Girls is one hundred years old this year!

#### JOB'S DAUGHTERS FLAG:

The Bethel flag shows the emblem of the Order. The three corners of the triangle remind us of the three main teachings of Job's Daughters - the love of God, love of country and love of home. The Honored Queen, Senior Princess and Junior Princess remind us of the three daughters of Job. The colors are purple and white: purple for the royalty of womanhood and white for the purity of the beautiful and wonderful womanly life.

#### **DEMOLAY FLAG:**

The field of white in the DeMolay flag symbolizes purity and cleanness of thought, word, and deed. The three diverging red stripes, which pierce the field of white represent the basic tenants and foundation of DeMolay. Those are Love of God, Love of Home, and Love of Country. The emblem is centered around the Crown of Youth and constantly reminds a DeMolay of his obligations and seven Precepts of the Order.

OPENING DOUBLE MARCH: Grand Officers and District Instructors

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** "Good Evening! Welcome to the Friday night session of our 145<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter. We have enjoyed the wonderful Introduction of the Grand Officers and Companions prepared and presented by Sister Janice and her assistants. Thank you so much Sister Janice for a lovely introduction. Thank you, Sister Kelly, for the beautiful Bible and Emblem Ceremony and a heartfelt thank you to all the Lucky Stars of 2009 for participating in that Ceremony. Such a lovely way to spend an evening and thank you to all who were involved. We so much appreciate it.

Sister Carolyn, and Sister Shirley, thank you for your lovely opening of our session tonight. There was no way you were going to not have a part of my Grand Chapter Session. Sister Carolyn, you are part of my Wayland Chapter Family, you are family to me, I love you and I thank you for coming from Texas to be here. Sister Shirley, you have a very special place in my heart and always will. Thank you so much for being a part of my Grand Chapter.

Brother Scott, my Wayland/Brighton Brother, thank you for your prayer, the truth is, I can use all the help I can get.

Sister Judy, my rock, and roll idol, I simply love your music. Could listen to you for hours. Thank you for playing for us and for playing MY kind of music. YOU know how to rock it. John and just are so appreciative of you and thank you for sharing your talent with us this evening.

When I was a kid we caught lightning bugs in jars with the neighborhood kids, and every kid's parents were EVERY kid's parents.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Carolyn and Sister Shirley, thank you for opening our session this evening. Sister Carolyn, we have known each other for a long time. You were our District Instructor many times and I truly appreciate your friendship and caring.

Sister Shirley, I have not known you for a long time but in getting to know you in the past few years, I have learned that you too are kind and caring. Thank you both for your friendship.

Brother Scott, and it is an honor to be able to call you my brother, thank you for your prayer. I know that you pray from your heart and a prayer from the heart goes directly to heaven.

Sister Judy, thank you for the beautiful music this evening. David calmed King Saul with music, and we should remember that biblical lesson, music calms our souls. Yes, even Rock and Roll.

Sister Janice, thank you for the kind introduction and thank you to all who helped you prepare. Sister Kelly, it is good to see you. Thank you to you and your helpers for the beautiful Bible and Emblem Ceremony. Sister Cindy and all who carried the flags, Thank you, we truly appreciate your tributes.

To all of our membership with us this evening, thank you for being here. I will attempt to offer appropriate humor in my greetings to everyone this evening. Well, my definition of appropriate may differ from yours

## PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENTING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Anna Boecker. District Instructor, Past Grand Adah

Assisted by Heather Wogomon. District Instructor

Janice Alger Triennial Other Assembly Committee, District Instructor

Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor, Past Grand Organist

Assisting Friday night:

Lori Rasmusson. District Instructor, Past Grand Esther Kelly Walker, District Instructor, Past Grand Adah Chris Brown, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth Cindy Beatty, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth

WORTHY MATRON: I want to thank the Presenting Committee for their work this evening. Sister Anna and to your Presenting Crew back there, I know you've worked hard on this, relax, and enjoy. It will be just beautiful.

WGM: Favorite memories from the fifties, playing the 45s, dancing in my bedroom with friends and having my mom yell up the stairs that the plaster was falling and to tone it down. Ah, Such Good times.

### PRESENTATION OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTIVE OFFICER OF IOWA

Diane Bargfrede Worthy Grand Adah of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of Iowa

WGM: "Folks had it made in the shade, back in the midcentury. They just didn't know it."

WGP: A little boy came home from school and said to his mother 'I wish you would let me take my bath in the morning'. Why, asked Mom, because the teacher always asks the class if we had a both today, and I haven't been able to raise my hand all year.

### TRIBUTE TO IOWA'S GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTIVE OFFICER

Written and Narrated by: Lori Rasmusson District Instructor, Past Grand Esther

True Blue! Those are the words that fit you, our very own Worthy Grand Adah. Sister Diane, you led our lowa Grand Chapter under the motto "One Nation Under God," and the American flag was one of your symbols. It's red, white, and blue were displayed across lowa, and we learned that the blue of our flag represented vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

You demonstrated vigilance, as Iowa Eastern Star was under your watchful care and leadership in 2006. Your perseverance in promoting our Order and its principles, has been a part of you as you enthusiastically served Iowa Grand Chapter, and throughout your General Grand Chapter appointments. Justice was also part of your job as our leader, and you carried it out with wisdom and fairness. That is what I call True Blue! Now, as Worthy Grand Adah, you represent the blue ray of our star. In our Order, blue symbolizes fidelity. The star point represented by Adah imbues the characteristics of

parental devotion, honor, and truth. Adah's faithfulness and devotion, as shown to her father, are characteristics that we all strive to emulate. Your faithfulness to the Order of Eastern Star is an AWESOME demonstration of that fidelity, represented by the blue ray of our star. Once again, true blue!

Your vigilance, perseverance, justice, and fidelity to our beautiful Order, have brought you from one shade of blue to another. Sister Diane, thank you for representing Iowa as our True Blue, Worthy Grand Adah!

## PRESENTATION OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AMBASSADORS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

SISTERS:

Judy LuettjohannMembership CommitteeMinnesotaRosie FiscusAppeals and Grievances CommitteeWisconsin

WGM: "When I remember the fifties, I am reminded of drive-in movie theaters, news reels before the picture and those prehistoric paper 3 D glasses. Heaven forbid we'd get to go to the concession stand when mother had a pillowcase stuffed with popcorn and warm Coca Cola."

WGP: You never really appreciate what you have until it is gone, toilet paper is a good example.

### PRESENTATION OF IOWA'S GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SISTERS:

Jean Koss ESTARL Committee, Secretary of the Board of Custodians, PGM Nancy Kiehne Regenerative Medicine Committee, PGM Jane Green Service Dogs Committee, PGM

BROTHERS:

John Hauser International Headquarters Committee, Webmaster, PGP Phil Corwin Youth Committee, PGP

WGM: "Trips to town on Saturday night sometimes included a strawberry ice cream soda...the ONLY soda we ever had. We had no idea what soda pop was."

WGP: Speaking of the 50's, A mother and son were out shopping, and it started to snow. The son said proudly that he would put the snow chains on the car for his mom. She asked him if he knew how and he yes, he knew all the words dad uses when he puts them on.

### TRIBUTE TO IOWA'S GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Written and Narrated by: Heather Wogomon, District Instructor

What an honor it was when I received my assignment for this Grand Chapter to write the Tribute for our General Grand Chapter Committee members, my first thought was wow, what a privilege, my second thought was, what am I going to say about the five wonderful Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who are representing our great state during this Triennium.

Over the years, you each have dedicated your time and talents to promote and serve lowa Eastern Star, in your local Chapters as well as Grand Chapter. So, it was no

surprise when General Grand Chapter asked you to serve on committees, you did not hesitate to say yes.

Sister Jean, in 2000 you served as Grand Ruth for Sister Beverly Reinert and Brother Charles Jackson. After being asked by Sister Danelle Essing to take the District Instructor Exam, you started instructing in 2003 and in 2019 you served as Worthy Grand Matron with Brother Bruce Thomas at the "Over the Rainbow" Grand Chapter Session with your family of "Munchkins" in tow. The foundations we hold in Religion have a deep meaning to you and because of this we know that your duties on the ESTARL committee will not be taken lightly.

Brother John, in 2010 you served as Grand Sentinel for Sister Phyllis Moore and Brother Gary Smith. Which led Sister Jane Green to pick you to stand beside her as Worthy Grand Patron in 2017 over the "Stairway to the Stars" Grand Chapter Session. The numerous committees you have chaired, the time you have spent serving on the HIKE board for Job's Daughters and the many years you have spent serving as Iowa's Webmaster, was not doubt the reason you were chosen to serve on the Committee that promotes our International Headquarters.

Sister Nancy, in 1994 you said yes to Sister Betty Shoup when she asked you to be a District Instructor. In 1999 Sister Becky Taylor and Brother Ron Larson came calling and appointed you as their Grand Esther. In 2016 with Brother Russ Hibben by your side you brought together the "Pacesetters" and presided over the "Wings of Friendship" Grand Chapter Session as Worthy Grand Matron. Your background in Nursing, gives you great insight into Regenerative Medicine and allows you the opportunity to educate our membership on the new horizons in Regenerative Medicine. Sister Jane, you were asked by Sister Connie Esbeck in 2002 to become a District Instructor, thus began your journey. In 2005 Sister JoAnn Bergeson and Brother Randy Essing wanted you for their Grand Family, you said yes, and was appointed as Grand Marshal. You returned to Instructing in 2006. When the time came you asked Brother John Hauser to take the Journey East with you and together you formed your "Star Gazers" Grand Family and in 2017 presided over the "Stairway to the Stars" Grand Chapter Session. The love you have for dogs makes you a fantastic choice to serve on the committee you were chosen for. Your Star Gazers and friends know that your beloved Buddy and Frankie are standing right beside you as you promote Service Dogs to the membership.

Brother Phil, in 2006 Sister Diane Bargfrede and Brother Russ Altes asked you to serve as their Grand Warder. Sister Lynn Tague came calling and the two of you put together the "Beachcombers" and presided over the "Beaches & Blessings" Grand Chapter Session in 2015. Joining DeMolay as a young man, has led you to where you are today. Participating as a Clown in the Kazoo Klown Band for the Kaaba Shriners let the kid in you shine and that kid makes you young at heart. You have long exemplified the importance of our Youth Organizations; therefore, it was no surprise you were asked to serve on the Youth Committee.

The Members of Iowa Eastern Star are very proud of you and will continue to support you as you continue your service to General Grand Chapter and wish you safe travels.

## PRESENTATION OF WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

SISTERS: Tamara Hundhausen Wisconsin

WGM: "When I remember the 50s, I remember playing outside all day long, only coming in when Mom hollered. Catching lightning bugs to wear as bling jewelry. Such great memories"

WGP: A mother told her 10-year daughter 'Don't play with boys, they are rough'. The daughter thought for a moment then asked, "what if I find a smooth one?"

## PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

SISTERS: Kathie Brown Minnesota

Geraldine Wilcox Nebraska
Theresa Hundhausen Wisconsin
Laramie Reissner Wisconsin

BROTHERS: Wm Keith Powell Louisiana

Scott Morrissy North Dakota

WGM: "When I remember the 50s, it was a treat to receive candy mostly from doting Grand Parents and consisting of Wax coke-shaped bottles, Beeman's chewing gum, candy necklaces and bracelets and Circus peanuts."

WGP: This is appropriate for our out of state guests: A five-year-old asked his Mom where he came from, After several unsuccessful attempts to dodge the question, she turned to her husband who explained everything. The little boy replied, well, I was just curious because the little boy next door said he came from Texas.

### PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF IOWA

SISTERS:

Betty Briggs Right Worthy Grand Secretary Emeritus, Right Worthy

Grand Trustee Emeritus of the GGC

Carolyn Kropf Shirley Peterson Julie Pedersen Dorothy Masters

Beverly Reinert Chairman All Iowa Event

Mary Sue VanRyswyk Danelle Essing

JoAnn Bergeson President, Board of Grand Trustees
Mary Jane Young Chairman Courtesy Committee
Paula Larsen President, Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, and Grand

Representative of Saskatchewan

Phyllis Moore Cynde Lemley

Nancy Ramthun Grand Secretary

Lynn Tague

Ellen Knupp President, Board of Custodians Polly Miller Member, Board of Custodians

**BROTHERS:** 

Larry Jones Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

Ronald Larsen
Wayne McGinnis Grand Representative of Wisconsin
Dennis DeJoode Member, Arrangements Committee

Dennis DeJoode Member, Arrangements Committee Carl Yoder

Jerry Jones President, Board of Grand Trustees

Charlie Young Bruce Thomas Kenny Wogomon

Member, Arrangement Committee

WGM: "The fifties were such carefree times for us kids in the neighborhood. We had such great imaginations and spent hours playing store in the corncrib or bank on the front porch. There was no lack of something to do."

WGP: A point to ponder; Adam and Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions.

### PRESENTATION OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

SISTERS: Sheli Rice Grand Conductress Nebraska

Gloria Guern Associate Grand Conductress Nebraska
Linda McNaught Associate Grand Conductress Nevada

Associate Grand Matron

BROTHERS: David Wetrosky Associate Grand Patron Nebraska
Leonard Pederson Associate Grand Patron Wisconsin

WGM: "Back in the fifties on Saturday night, it was family time in front of the black and white tv set to watch Gunsmoke, Andy Griffith...Red Skelton. It was the routine, I was the remote control, and my brother was the antenna turner outside."

WGP: Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, teach him to garden, and the whole neighborhood gets zucchini.

### PRESENTATION OF APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

SISTERS: Caryn Ziettlow Grand Ruth Nebraska

Lorrie Bryant Grand Esther Nebraska Debbie Parks Grand Electa Nebraska

WGM: "Going on family vacations in the old station wagon, all of us kids piled in the back, back window halfway down, breathing exhaust fumes...eating sandwiches from a basket....such good times."

WGP: Life is too short to waste matching socks, which is why I wear boots!

### PRESENTATION OF GRAND OFFICER EMERITUS

Nancy L. Niday Grand Secretary Emeritus Iowa

and Grand Representative of Saskatchewan

Janelle Hammarstedt Grand Treasurer Emeritus and Historian Iowa

WGM: "When I was a kid, we had a really heavy rotary phone, on a party line, with a prefix of Olympia...and our ring was 3 long 2 shorts. And we had a neighbor who knew everything going on in the neighborhood because she heard the ring and listened in."

WGP: I have reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.

# PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF IOWA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS AND VISITING GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

Eli Morrissy California in North Dakota
Patti Jackson Iowa in Florida
Sue McKibben Iowa in Michigan
Charles Webster Iowa in Wisconsin
Betty Duncan Iowa in Texas

Teresa Winemiller Iowa in Missouri
Leslie O'Donnell Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Minnesota
Jeanette Melton South Carolina in Texas
Sharon Powell Texas in Louisiana

WGM: Back in the fifties, my mother's arm was my seatbelt.

WGP: I ate a kid's meal for dinner today. The kid was really not happy with me.

#### RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF ALL DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Tamara Hundhausen Worthy Matron Wisconsin

Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron John. Distinguished visitors, Sister, and Brothers. Thank you for the honor of giving remarks. We thank you for the warm welcome of friendship and courtesies extended to you guests at your Grand Chapter. Working together with your members, you have continued the work of bringing back Eastern Star from COVID, as have we in our jurisdiction. You have represented lowa well over the years going up the gran line, working for the order, raising awareness for the various charities near and dear to our hearts, and also having some fun along the way. Our exchange nights with Wisconsin and Iowa have been some of the highlights of joy for us both, as with the other states you have shared that fun with. We hope that you have followed your heart this year as you have been swinging on the stars and traveling on many pathways of joy. We wish you a very successful session surrounded by your members and friends, and time to slow down and relax after to enjoy your memories of your term.

### PRESENTATION OF IOWA'S GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Mary Danner, Australia
Andee Billman, Connecticut
Anita Lee, Delaware
Kathy Betterton, District of
Columbia
Ann Miller, Indiana
Pam Bruns, Kansas
Robert Overturf, Maryland
Tana Jennings, Massachusetts
Duane Wachter, Michigan
LaVon Brockman, Minnesota
Delores Swope, Missouri

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

Lorrie Whitaker
Larry Culver, Nebraska
Sharon Guffey-Lewis, New Brunswick
Linda Tedrow, New Jersey
Pamela Crawford, New York
Diane Taplin, North Dakota
Lynn Kropf, Nova Scotia and Price Edward Island
Russell Payne, Oklahoma
Carolyn Smith, Oregon
James Peterson, Pennsylvania
Frank Keeran, South Carolina
Leanne Wait, Texas
Kristine Stolba

WGM: "Growing up in the fifties, we had a wringer washing machine, no air conditioning, black and white TV, a window fan, and washed dishes in a big old basin. Good times."

WGP: If someone slides a note under your door, don't worry too much....unless it is a closet door.

### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS OF THE MWGP/MWGP COLORFUL NOTES

#### SISTER:

Janice Alger, Triennial Assembly Committee Member and District Instructor

WGM: "In the Fifties, everybody covered their hardwood floors with, oh boy! Wall to wall carpets. Today everyone replaces their wall to wall carpeting with hardwood floors, Go figure!"

WGP: If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I am self-employed and likely have a staff meeting.

#### DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS OF IOWA

Vicki Wallner, Associate Grande Matron Janice Alger Kelly Walker Anna Boecker Chris Brown Heather Wogomon Cindy Beatty Sheila Kiehne

WGM: "I remember playing in the dirt, making mud pies, going barefoot from June to September, but I don't remember ever being sick. Amazing."

WGP: To Our Pink Ladies, thank you for your wonderful work this year instructing and supporting our chapters. We could not function without you. You are tireless and fearless. You are also the future leadership of our Grand Chapter and I have complete confidence in that future knowing that you will be in charge.

When I was a kid, my parents would always say 'excuse my French' whenever they said a swear word. Well, I can tell you that I will never forget what happened when the teacher asked if any of us 1st graders knew any French.

#### **RESPONSE FROM THE 2022 DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS**

Kelly K. Walker
District Instructor and Past Grand Adah

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, and Brothers on behalf of the 2022 Pink Ladies, I thank you for the honor to serve our beautiful Order. We all cherish our appointments as District Instructors. We spent time serving as your Pink Ladies leading the districts in schools and participating in your events for the year Swinging on a Star.

Our lives have been enriched as we have been with our Eastern Star friends, had Happy Days and shown the world how the STARS shine. As instructors, we enjoy working together, supporting each other and our members in all that we do. With your motto "I can do things; you can do things I cannot; together we can do GREAT things" and we have done great things this year.

We were guided by a trustful faith, as was Martha and the Word of God to navigate this year of changes and uncertainty. We remained loyal to our friends, our family, our country, and our God and let the principals of our Order shine with undiminished luster throughout this very tough year, all while Swinging on a Star

Sisters Ellen, Jean and Polly, our Board of Custodians, (the biggest Swingers of all!) thank you for your dedication to lowa Eastern Star and the love and support you have given us throughout the year. Your patience and understanding have been excellent examples for all of us to follow. Your unwavering support and dedication to lowa Eastern Star and your love and support of all of us have motivated us to continue to work for our Order.

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, you have faced many challenges and changes this year. May the faith, Loyalty, honesty, duty, and love of family you have shared as you have represented our Grand Jurisdiction in Iowa and throughout the United States come back to you tenfold in this Swinging on a Star session.

WGM: "Thank you, Sister Kelly. I am so proud of each and every one of you, my Pink Ladies. You are an amazing group of ladies, and I am so blessed to know you. Thanks for an amazing job this weekend.

#### PRESENTATION OF **GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### SISTERS:

Jessica Beatty

Virginia Armstrong Betty Clark Evelvn Cross Jeanne Davis Mary Davis Charlotte Deitrich Mary Ann Francois Rita Gerking Cvnthia Hagmeier Shelly Hanes Jean Jacobson Diane King Mary Knupp Sue McMain Carol Nelson Linda Overturf Vivian Pitlo Reba Reed Kris Roudvbush Joyce Sloniger Sharon Spaur Jonnetta Theisen Janice Wauson Kay Werts Barbara Wood Cathy Wright Terri Murphy Joan Waller Jody Connor Sharon Jolley Loretta Coffman

Registration Vice Pres. Eastern Star Masonic Home Board Public Schools **Board of Grand Trustees** Barthell OES Home Board Co-Chair, "On With Life" Parkinson Project Vice President Eastern Star Educational Board All Iowa Event Chairman, State Project **ESTARL** Secretary Eastern Star Educational Board Barthell OES Home Board Eastern Star Educational Board Chairman, TLC Arrangements Jurisprudence Golf Outing Registration Chairman, Chapter Concerns Secretary Eastern Star Masonic Home Board Registration All Iowa Event Chairman Galaxv Eastern Sar Masonic Home and Picnic All Iowa Event Registration Project Chairman, District #3 Project Chairman District #4 Project Chairman, District #5 Project Chairman, District #7 Project Chairman, District #9

Project Chairman, District #10

**BROTHERS:** Grant Bargfrede **Brian Beatty** Michael Cross Scott Davis James Deitrich Bill Howie Harlan LeClere Jo Melton Michael Miller Ron Mullenger Jack Nelson Bill Post Tim Ramthun Luke Reicks Harvey Davis

Jurisprudence
Sound
Sound
Arrangements
Co-Chair, "On With Life" Parkinson Project
President, Eastern Star Educational Board
Chairman, Registration
Paws for Celebration, Texas
Chairman, Sound
Chairman, Golf Outing
Salute to Military Veterans
Vice President, Board of Grand Trustees
Eastern Star Masonic Home Board
President, Barthell OES Home Board
Project Chairman, District #2

WGM: "I went to school in a one room schoolhouse about a quarter mile from my house. Mrs. Supalla taught Kindergarten through 8th grade. And no, I didn't walk uphill both ways to get to school."

WGP: Never ask Google for medical advice. I have gone from a mild headache to clinically dead in just three clicks.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Mary and Sandy, what a fantastic job of presenting our distinguished guests. I am so proud of you. It has been a joy to have you both in my Grand Family and I look forward to working with you in another capacity soon. Thank you so very much. Fantastic job, Ladies!

Sister Anna, thank you to you and your committee for doing just a fantastic job tonight. You're almost done. Thank you so very much.

Sister Peggy, thank you for all the music tonight, I know you've spent a lot of time preparing for this."

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

DOUBLE CLOSING MARCH BY THE GRAND OFFICERS AND DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS



PRELUDE Bob Danner, Past Grand Organist

#### **OPENING WELCOME**

Jean Koss, PGM Secretary, Board of Custodians Bruce Thomas, PGP Member, Arrangements Committee

JEAN KOSS: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers. It is our pleasure to welcome you to this Saturday morning session of the 145<sup>th</sup> "Swinging on a Star" session of Iowa Grand Chapter. What a pleasure and privilege to be back up here with Brother Bruce.

This morning we will hear the reports of Our Worthy Grand Matron and Our Worthy Grand Patron. We will hear from others who have worked diligently throughout the year to help keep our Order strong and healthy. Also, today is the business day of our Grand Chapter and I thank all of you who came to contemplate our legislation and to select capable leaders to guide this Order in the future.

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, thank you for asking me to be up here this morning. Sister Cheryl, my first memories of you are at State School. I thought – who is this woman who can memorize on a dime, be word perfect and who was so darn proficient? Then I saw you in a skit at State School. You were tasked with portraying a child at a picnic if I remember correctly. What a sense of humor you have! I have so grown to admire you!

Brother John, that fateful day when you and Lorrie walked into Polk City Chapter's Fall Festival and asked if we would take an out-of-town check. Then you came to our chapter meetings right away and asked if you could become dual members. Then you volunteered to take offices! Holy Cow! I consider you a good friend and am so glad we took your check!

To Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, best of luck in your year. I know you will do great, and we are excited to hear your plans. Vicki, remember, you will always have that special angel watching over you who will "kick you in the caboose" if you step out of line. I know she is smiling down on you every day. Larry, you are truly an artist! From your jewelry work to your fly tying, amazing! Another form of your art is your Eastern Star work. You are both gems!

Thank you, Sister Cheryl, and Brother John for the privilege of opening this Saturday morning session with Brother Bruce and our Munchkins, Sister Susan Jones, our Grand Chaplain and Brother Bob Danner, our Grand Organist. Sister Cheryl, just a reminder, I have my broom for you to borrow at any time!

BRUCE THOMAS: I would echo Sister Jean's comments and say good morning to each of you. Isn't this a great day to have a great day? We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to open this session.

As we begin this morning, let us be thankful for the many individuals who have dedicated their time and talents to promote our Order and make this year's "Swinging on a Star" session a huge success. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

To Sister Cheryl and Brother John – Your journey is near completion. You ran a great race having traveled to many places, making new friends, and making a difference in the lives of others. Sister Cheryl, may you find that retractable convertible of your dreams. Brother John, may you become a life member of the American Dairy Association. May the both of you continue to bring smiles and happiness to those you meet.

To Sister Vicki and Brother Larry – I want to wish each of you the very best as you begin your year. We will look forward to hearing your plans a bit later. Sister Vicki, I do want to remind you of your mischievous ways. Picture this, Vicki trying to get me to try on a pair of pink leotards. Brother Larry, I hope you understand that you will soon not be able to skip a meeting to participate in a little free time at the shooting range. Good luck to the two of you.

Finally, thank you Chery and John for the privilege of having the two of us share the East again. It is great to finally have the last word. (I think)

#### **INVOCATION**

Susan Jones Past Grand Chaplain

Gracious Heavenly Father – Source of all Wisdom, Truth & Love, we come to you this morning as we begin the business portion of the 145<sup>th</sup> Session of Iowa Grand Chapter. May the gift of your love be in each heart as we work together today.

We thank you for the blessings that you have bestowed on each of us this past year and we ask that you continue to watch over the members that are unable to be with us.

As we open this "Swinging on a Star" Session, we ask for thy continued guidance for Sister Cheryl and Brother John in their devoted leadership to our order.

This is a special day for our Grand Chapter as we elect new leaders and make business decisions that affect our Grand Chapter. Father, help us to think carefully as we consider the issues brought before us.

We ask that you continue to watch over all members of our beautiful Order as they continue their dedication to our Eastern Star.

We thank you for watching over the Star Lighter Grand Family and other members of our Order as they have gone forth and continued the good deeds that we do each and every year as Eastern Star Members.

We ask you, Heavenly Father, to surround us with Your loving presence and teach us to be humble in all that we do.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

OPENING PROCLAMATION: Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Good Morning! Welcome everyone to our Saturday Morning Grand Chapter session. We have a good deal planned for this morning so let's get after it!

Sister Jean and Brother Bruce, thank you for opening this session of Grand Chapter for us. It was such fun following the Yellow Brick Road with you in 2019, Loved being a Munchkin. What a fun year.

Brother Bob, thank you for playing during the Prelude. It's always a pleasure to hear you play. Sister Susan, thank you for your prayer this morning. I'm going to need a little help from above, so I appreciate your prayer. I am so appreciative of everything all of you do for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Fifties memory: it was all about downtown Saturday night. Stores...and we had lots of shops around the square back then. Groceries, hardware store, Spurgeons, Penney's, Montgomery Wards, five and dime store, and then home to westerns and Lawrence Welk. And Royal Crown Cola.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Good morning, everyone and welcome to our Saturday morning session. We are thrilled that you have joined us again this morning, which shows that maybe my jokes last night were not too bad. Sister Cheryl, less than 36 hours less, we might make it.

Sister Jean, I still recall the look of caution on your face when Lorrie and I walked into the Polk City Chapter almost 13 years ago, and I still notice that look whenever I start to say something. Thank you for your friendship over those 13 years that we have gotten to know each other. You have always been willing to help and offer good sound advice when I needed it. Thank you! Brother Bruce, we met 10 years ago in the Whispering Winds. I always look forward to your warm happy smiles when we shake hands. We have served together on the Board of Grand Trustees and your advice and council is always timely and good. Thank you for helping open our session this morning.

Sister Susan, we met in the Whispering Winds as well and I learned how kind and caring you are. Thank you for your prayer from your heart this morning. Brother Bob, thank you for your beautiful music this morning. Your skill with the piano truly amazes me. I hope I can hear you play many more times for many more years.

#### REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sisters and Brothers, I cannot tell you how humbled I am to have been chosen to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron for 2022. It truly has been a once in a lifetime experience; something I will treasure forever. It has been a joy to serve lowa and to travel around the state meeting the membership and enjoying the many visits. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve you.

The position presented its challenges, having to deal with the Pandemic and the hold over for a year. My appointed Grand Officers awesomely agreed to stay with us while we waited for our year to begin. Plans made pre-pandemic needed to be reevaluated, changed in some cases, and new ways of thinking outside the box had to be implemented. I am so grateful to all my officers for their patience, input, and willingness to help.

Our year began with the Joint Reception at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids, on October 24<sup>th</sup>. It was our pleasure to welcome everyone on that occasion. It was my privilege to attend all 12 receptions, and a great joy to learn all about our Grand Family along the way. Our receptions were spaced out through the months of December to April, due to the uncertain climate concerning the Pandemic. It turned out to be a successful process, and we thoroughly enjoyed each and every reception. The Starlighters participated in the Christmas Parties at the Boone and Barthell Homes even though we were not allowed to enter either home; we were fortunate to be able to gather outside the homes, and to sing carols to the residents. We were also blessed

to hold a Christmas Party for just the Grand Family. It was just a ton of fun; an experience to be cherished.

The Grand Family attended State School which was held in Des Moines Chapter in January; the weather once again showed us who's the boss. Ten of the Instructors were present. It was with great pride that we were privileged to witness the work of each Sister Instructor and the fantastic job performed by these extremely remarkable ladies. The Grand Officers also participated in State School Demonstrations this year, it was more or less an experiment that turned out very well. I am very grateful and extend heartfelt thanks to the Board of Custodians for working with me to make some changes to State School in order to better assist the Instructors in their duties. I thank them all for their work and dedication. A Fabulous job done by all.

We started the year with 70 chapters but by the end of 2021 we lost Pleasant Chapter, Pleasantville who consolidate with Knoxville Chapter, Northgate Chapter, Des Moines to consolidation with Des Moines Chapter, Pleasant Hill and Coral Chapter, Sanborn to consolidation with Laurens Chapter

We are now down to 67 Chapters. I granted 51 chapters permission to hold Joint Schools, resulting in 23 Joint Schools. That's over half the chapters working together. 11 Schools were Official Visits. I granted 1 Waiver of Jurisdiction, to the Nebraska Worthy Grand Matron.

I granted 13 Special Dispensations, some to hold elections out of time, some to move their Charter to another building and some to move their meeting date for various reasons.

We held 4 Conferring of the Degrees during the year. In Brighton Chapter, Washington we initiated 2 candidates. In Heartland Chapter, Des Moines, we initiated 3 candidates. In Algona Chapter we initiated 1 candidate and in Aspasia Chapter, Sigourney, we initiated 1 candidate. It was a joy to confer the degrees for these 7 new members and a delight to watch the Grand Family do the work. We were also granted the privilege of holding and "unofficial" conferring of the degrees in Malta Chapter in the fall and were so pleased to welcome a new member there.

The Grand Family was privileged to attend all Fun Days; I am so amazed at how talented our members are how much fun they all provided.

We were honored to visit the Rainbow Girls at Spring Fling in May and was quite impressed by the work done by these special young ladies. It was a true honor to attend the Grand Assembly in June.

The Grand Family was so pleased to visit the Job's Daughters in Council Bluffs in August. We had such great time, getting to know the girls and their talents but it was also great to hold this event in conjunction with the Nebraska Grand Officers and the Nebraska Job's Daughters. This was our Nebraska and Iowa Exchange and many thanks to Laurie Sieg, WGM Nebraska and Claudia and John Hauser, who worked with me in trying to figure out in a Pandemic world, how to make it happen.

It was a pleasure to meet in conjunction with the Grand Lodge Officers in March for Brunch and then again in April at the Omelet Breakfast at Camp Courageous in Monticello. A million thanks to Bill Post, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, and his Grand Officers for their support: it was a joy working together.

The Grand Family attended the Boone Home Picnic and the Barthell Plant Auction. I, for one, had a fabulous time, ate too much, and spent too much money but what a wonderful time we had at these two events.

We had our annual Golf Outing in Altoona, followed by the Educational Board Meeting the next day where we gave out several awards for ESTARL.

We were able to attend the 5-State Exchange in Missouri as well as the Nebraska/Iowa Exchange. The Starlighters hosted the Tri State Exchange with Minnesota and Wisconsin. The event was held in Bellevue October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Bellevue Chapter for helping plan and conduct this event.

We were saddened by the loss of one Past Grand Matrons and two Past Grand Patrons this year.

After a hiatus due to the Pandemic, John and I were quite concerned as what the future would hold. We planned as safely and carefully as we could, in the hopes that the Pandemic would end before 2022. We didn't have as many Official Visits, but we understood why. Too much uncertainty and the unknown is scary. But, in spite of it all, we had a great year. All of it due to the best Grand Family ever. We took each challenge and worked it out as a Family should. I am so thankful that I was able to choose such remarkable members to be on the committees and to serve as Grand Representatives. Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart for your help and support of our projects.

Little did I know in March of 2005, when I was appointed a District Instructor by Sister Diane Bargfrede that my journey would take me to this moment. I joined the Order in 1992. I knew on that night when I was initiated that I had found a new home, a new family, a new purpose. I have loved every minute of my journey and look forward to continuing in a new capacity.

One last thought- The term "rock and roll" caught on when it was coined in 1952. Parents didn't like it, teens loved it, and the sale of music and records soared. Took a lot of babysitting to pay for a record.

I love you all to the moon and back. Thank you for this incredible experience.

#### In loving remembrance

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to each member of Iowa Grand Chapter who experienced the loss of loved ones during the year. It filled our hearts with sadness each time we learned of another member's passing. It is with love and sympathy that we offer our deepest condolences.

Iowa Grand Chapter suffered great sadness with the passing Sister Dorothy Yanney, Past Grand Martha, Brother John Baker, Past Grand Patron of Iowa, Sister Joanne Runyan, Past Grand Matron of Iowa, and Brother Edwin Hascall, Past Grand Patron of Iowa. We were also very saddened to learn of the Ioss of Past Grand Patron Randy Essing, during the Saturday Session of Grand Chapter Our Starlighters Grand Family shared severed ties within our family with the passing of the son of our Grand Sentinel, Kevin and Chris Brown, Sister Anita Lee's mother, Sister Nancy Niday suffered the passing of two brothers. Sister Gail Dyer, our Grand Electa, Iost two brothers within 33 days of each other in September and October.

These departed Sisters and Brothers are Heaven's Stars, now shining in the glory of God.

#### **Elective Grand Officers**

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve with each of the Elective Officers. They weren't chosen but loved just as much.

Vicki Wallner	Associate Grand Matron	Davenport Chapter
Larry Niday	Associate Grand Patron	Knoxville Chapter
Nancy Ramthun	Grand Secretary	Tri Star Chapter, Eddyville
		Knoxville Chapter
Kent Strawn	Grand Treasurer	Indianola Chapter
Mary Reicks	Grand Conductress	New Hampton Chapter
Sandy Meredith	Associate Grand Conductress	Bedford Chapter

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, it has been a delight to work with you this year. I look forward to working with you in another capacity, for our work is not done. Thank you for working with me this year, it has been a joy having you as part of my Starlighters Grand Family and I wish you the best of everything as you step into your new roles.

Sister Nancy and Brother Kent, there are no words to express how grateful I am to each of you for all the help you provided to me. I so much appreciated your guidance and expertise. It has been an honor to work with you and a privilege and a joy to have you as Starlighters. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sisters Mary and Sandy, I will always be here for you in whatever you may need. I am looking forward to seeing your plans for your years unfold and just know that I will be there for you as you continue your journey. I am looking forward to working with you as I step into a new position. It has been an honor to have you as Starlighters this year.

To all the Electives, it is true you weren't chosen, but you have been nonetheless, my kids. I love you all.

#### Official Appointments

It was my pleasure to give appointments to those deserving members of lowa Grand Chapter. It was a pleasure to watch each of these appointees perform and fulfill their duties and responsibilities this year.

#### **Appointed Grand Officers**

Making appointments for ten Grand Offices was not a terribly difficult challenge for us. There are many deserving people, for sure. We had our lists and were very fortunate that our ten enthusiastically said yes. Each one was chosen for very special reasons, and we are so pleased to have these special Sisters and Brothers as Starlighters this year.

The only challenge for our Grand Officers was dealing with keeping secrets during the Pandemic. The ten had to exhibit great patience and secrecy for two years instead of one. We are very grateful that they agreed to stay with us considering the health scare, the economy, family responsibilities and work schedules that are part of life. Thank you to each of them for committing to the challenges. These are our Grand Appointed Officers:

Charles Sloniger	Grand Chaplain	Ankeny New Hope Chapter, Ankeny
Kaylene Kiewiet	Grand Marshal	Algona Chapter
Peggy Liekweg Grand Organist		Unity Chapter, Mason City
		New Hampton Chapter
Sue Jensen	Grand Adah	Southgate Chapter, Des Moines
Lark Randall	Grand Ruth	Silver Creek Chapter, LeClaire
Marilyn Culver	Grand Esther	Linden Chapter, Panora
Pam Spratte	Grand Martha	Marion Chapter
Gail Dyer	Grand Electa	Heartland Chapter, Des Moines
Tim Anderson	Grand Warder	Albia Chapter
Kevin Brown	Grand Sentinel	Signet Chapter, Carroll

#### Receptions

While we were planning our year during the Pandemic, we were very uncertain about the state of the country and were very concerned about health and safety of the membership of Iowa. We decided to space the receptions out among the months of November thru April. We hoped this would keep traveling multiple days and exposures to different parts of the state lower than the previous ways of holding receptions. Our Grand Officers were thrilled with this new way. We heard wonderful comments from others as well. It was an out of the box decision, and it worked

I was very happy and privileged to attend all twelve of the receptions for our Elected and Appointed Grand Officers. All were unique, all were special, and I enjoyed each and every one of them. My deepest appreciation to the Chapters for all the work in hosting the receptions.

#### **District Instructors Appointed**

To be a District Instructor, true devotion, and love of the Ritual work of the Order is of great importance. It is a great responsibility and not to be taken lightly. The membership looks up to our instructors, for their high standards of proficiency and regard for the Order. It is a time consuming task, as they strive for perfection in their work and instruction. The responsibilities of the job, also has its rewards, for the friendships and joys of being with our members not only at the schools but also for social events is immeasurable. District Instructors appointments were:

Vicki Wallner
Mary Reicks
Sandy Meredith
Janice Alger
Lori Rasmusson
Kelly Walker
Anna Boecker
Chris Brown
Heather Wogomon
Cindy Beatty
Sheila Kiehne

Davenport Chapter
New Hampton Chapter
Bedford Chapter
Loess Hills Chapter
Cedar Falls Chapter
Southgate Chapter
Newton Chapter, Toledo Chapter, Tama
Signet Chapter, Carroll
Amber Star Chapter, Carson
Malta Chapter, Cedar Rapids
Coinette Chapter, Reinbeck, Waterloo Chapter

To my Pink Ladies, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your devotion and dedication to the Order. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with each one of you. I love you all to the moon and back.

#### State School

State School was held on January 22-23, 2022, in Des Moines Chapter, Pleasant Hill. I did not mandate the k wearing of masks; there were masks, sanitizers galore, and gloves for all who chose to use them. I listened to and followed the current CDC Guidelines, and we went on with the school. All of the Instructors were present for the Worthy Grand Matron's Conference on Friday night. I held it on Friday night for several reasons. They wouldn't have to carry all the new materials, bells, and gifts to the Chapter and Back, eliminate one more driving event for the day, and also that they would hear the changes, emphasis, and other information a little more ahead of the school than they would have otherwise.

The School of Instruction was under the direction of Past Grand Matrons: Sisters Ellen Knupp, President of the Board of Custodians, Jean Koss, Secretary of the Board of Custodians, and Polly Miller, Member of the Board of Custodians. The Board was well prepared to instruct the work of the Order and to present the changes requested by me.

The Board of Custodians, Line Officers and Instructors arrived on Friday afternoon, January 21. The Worthy Grand Matron's Conference was held in the conference room at the Sleep Inn and Suites in Pleasant Hill. The Board Members were asked to come in and speak, offer encouragement, and receive their bells. The Instructors called "My Pink Ladies" were each given a Green Crystal Bell, a gift from the Worthy Grand Matron. These bells were ordered in 2019, wrapped in 2020 and finally presented in 2022. Each Instructor also received their packet of information to be shared with their chapters.

State School Instruction began on Saturday morning and found all Instructors present. The board of Custodians presented the many phases of the work. This State School incorporated the Grand Officers in filling the chairs. It worked very well. I was most happy to instruct the

Marches, the Signs and Passes and the Gestures as well as explaining the Draping Tribute, the Flag Tribute, and the Coin March.

The Grand Star Points, Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplain participated in the Draping Tribute demonstration. Sister Vicki Wallner, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Larry Niday, Associate Grand Patron presided in the East for the Presenting Demonstration. Skits were presented by the Starlighters, and Sister Mary Reicks presented a tribute for the Board of Custodians. Two delicious meals were served by Sister Mary Hicks, and helpers from Des Moines Chapter for the noon and evening meal. We were privileged to welcome several Past Grand Matrons and Patrons to State School.

A very heartfelt thank you to Sister Lorrie Whitaker and Sister Nancy Niday for the beautiful table decorations. I wish to give grateful thanks to Sister Peggy Liekweg for providing the music for State School, to Brother Kevin Brown for performing the duty of Sentinel at our school. Thank you to our Grand Secretary, Sister Nancy Ramthun for serving as Secretary for most of the day and also for keeping the minutes for State School. To Des Moines Chapter, thank you so much for the use of the hall, your paraphernalia, and for everything you did to make State School a success.

#### **Travel Emblems**

My travel emblems were chosen for very specific and personal reasons. I chose the Broken Column to honor my OES Mom Sister Paula and my OES Dad Brother Wayne McGinnis who selected me to be their Grand Martha in 2009. The Broken Column was given to me at my Reception as Associate Grand Conductress by the members of my Chapters, Wayland, and Brighton. Thank you to Jeanne and Scott Davis for having it made for me. I chose the Bible, to honor Brother John Whitaker, who served as Grand Chaplain in 2013 with the Whispering Winds, Sister Cynde Lemley, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Carl Yoder, Worthy Grand Patron.

My Bible was a gift from my Lucky Stars Grand Family, and I thank them all for this beautiful gift. I chose the Drape to honor my dad, William Harry Rader and my mom, Sister Margaret Rader. My chapter had it made from blue cloth, my dad's favorite color. My gavel belonged to Sister Carolyn Kropf, PGM from Wayland Chapter. I had both our names put on it, to honor her. Brother Carl Mumme, PGP crafted my gavel, Brother Duane Kropf handcrafted the box it is kept in. I will treasure these emblems forever and my heartfelt thanks to the members and family who presented them to me.

#### **Grand Trustees**

I was so pleased to be able to attend all the Grand Trustees meetings this past year as well as the meetings as Number 5 in line, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Matron. I cannot say with truth that I understood everything, but with their patience and guidance I found these meetings to be invaluable and extremely educational. The work this Board does is not easy. Decisions are not made lightly, and every opinion is considered without prejudice or malice. I was especially grateful to Sister JoAnne Bergeson, who was my guide and my mentor...let's face it...she never batted an eye or laughed at any question or suggestion. This board worked hard and diligently and efficiently to maintain the budget and ways to improve the financial stability of out funds. I have to give a special high five to Brother Kent Strawn, who stepped up and stepped in to move the financials from a fiscal year to an annual reporting. It wasn't easy, but great thanks to him and to Sister Nancy Ramthun for all their hard work.

#### Gleanings from the Instructor Reports

There were many Instructor reports that were incomplete with very little information. Chapter information to be filled out by the Secretaries was missing from a good number of the reports. District Instructor remarks were missing from a good number of the reports as well.

- Chapter had no Proficiency book.
- Chapter could not find membership logbook.
- Chapter could not present five rituals.
- Chapter had many Rituals, all old and none up to date.
- Chapter had not done annual audit of books for three years.
- Many losing proficiency in their work, due to age, but also due to shut down.
- Members reluctant to return after pandemic, grew used to not going anywhere.
- Chapter has been meeting by zoom.
- Books and records not matching.
- Minute book pretty brief.
- Chapter meeting in dining room, not setting up chapter room...got used to it during pandemic.
- Chapter meeting in member's home without dispensation.
- Chapter only reading minutes and correspondence at a round table meeting.
- Chapter meeting less than ten times per year.
- Several travel over an hour to come to meetings.
- Had to change banks due to the death of the Secretary, books not updated at inspection of books.
- Members who have consolidated from other chapters not entered into Proficiency Record Book.
- Chapter involved in the community in conjunction with Masons parades/bingo/meals to the public.
- Chapter has a positive attitude but beginning to struggle.
- Chapter is very small but very active in the community, pandemic caused struggles.
- Chapter member has Ritual on phone.
- Chapter members holding positive attitude.
- Chapter and Masons working to increase visibility in community.
- Chapter officers hold the same officer each year.
- Audit report is turned in late due to Secretary gone in the winter.
- Two new officers did wonderful work at the school of Instruction.
- Chapter has many of the same family as officers.
- Chapter has a new meeting location, seems to be working.
- Chapter has the same officers every year, with the exception of WM, it changes occasionally.
- Chapter has a new member very willing to take on new offices.
- The Conductress and Associate Conductress were new members in 2021 and did excellent work.
- Chapter lost Secretary's handbook.
- Chapter Secretary needs a little organization. DI assisting in helping with a usable system for easier recording.
- Chapter working on better community involvement.
- Chapter has a new entrance ramp.
- Snowbird Secretary and Treasurer submitting Audit and Annual Report very late.
- Several officers not prepared to give their work. Required lots of prompting/correcting.
- One officer is legally blind and does excellent work.

- Chapter is fortunate to meet rent free.
- Chapter has 1<sup>st</sup> time Worthy Patron does excellent work.
- Chapter does a lot of shuffling of stations.
- Takes three chapters and many protems to do a school of Instruction.
- Members had open Rituals, did put them away when warned.
- Secretary gone for winter; audit/annual report very late.
- Chapter books not in good shape. Transactions missing ...not updated.
- Have a new member who plays piano.
- Rituals open at School, told to put away, complies.
- · Chapter has Guitarist who plays odes.
- Secretary was not prepared, brought no records, books, only seal.
- Chapter has no Secretary, no Treasurer...WM doing it all.

#### **Grand Representative Appointments**

We were honored to present 32 Grand Representative Appointments in 2022. It was a privilege and an honor to select these deserving members for this Appointment. It was even more of an honor to surprise these unsuspecting people with their appointments. We hope these representatives will enjoy their commissions and we know they will represent lowa well.

Arkansas Ben Maver Winterset Chapter Australia Mary Danner Electa Chapter, Muscatine British Columbia & Yukon Sharon Guffey-Lewis Golden Rule Chapter, Atlantic Kathy Panzer Linden Chapter, Panora California Andee Billman Connecticut Decorah Chapter Delaware Anita Lee Southgate Chapter District of Columbia Kathy Betterton Indianola Chapter Twilight Chapter, Spencer Georgia Phyllis Johnson Brighton Chapter & Wayland Chapter Illinois Janice Rader-Pringle Kentucky Charles Blair Des Moines Chapter Louisiana Joyce Dunbar **Brighton Chapter** Manitoba Fairy Florence Algona Chapter Tana Jennings Wayland Chapter Massachusetts Montana Lorrie Whitaker Polk City Chapter & Stockport Chapter Larry Culver Linden Chapter, Panora Nebraska Jeanette Olsen Silver Azure Chapter, Sioux City Nevada New Brunswick Pamela McKav Waverly Chapter New Jersev Linda Tedrow Polk City Chapter Jessamine Chapter, Iowa City New Mexico Jason Wolcott North Carolina Winterset Chapter Linda Armstrong North Dakota Diane Taplin Clinton Chapter, Camanche Aspasia Chapter, Sigourney Ohio Ross Yoder Oklahoma Russell Payne Wayland Chapter & Brighton Chapter Heartland Chapter, Des Moines Pennsylvania James Peterson Puerto Rico Debbie Jones Winterset Chapter Quebec Amanda Wood Centerville Chapter, Moravia Rhode Island William Stocks Oelwein Chapter Paula Larsen Mt Avr Chapter & Ollie Chapter Saskatchewan South Carolina Frank Keeran Linden Chapter, Panora South Dakota Melinda Englebrecht Lamont Chapter, Independence Texas Leanne Waite Polk City Chapter Des Moines Chapter Utah Mary Hicks Washington Mendi Frasher Indianola Chapter West Virginia Allison Price Laurens Chapter

#### **Appointed Boards and Committees**

Eastern Star Educational Board Mary Knupp, Member

**Standing Committees** 

Registration

Salute to Military/Veterans

Arrangements Kathi Heath Co Chair

Doulas Heath Co Chair

**Bruce Thomas** 

Scott Davis

Carol Nelson

Terri Grover

Irene Watcher

Courtesy Mary Jane Young Co-chair

Vicki Butler Co-Chair

Janice Wauson Chair Galaxy

Erin McCroskev Elizabeth Reicks

Chapter Concerns Kris Roudybush Chair

Jurisprudence Larry Jones, Chair Linda Overturf

**Grant Bargfrede** 

**Public Schools** Leanne Stutzman Chair

**Evelyn Cross** 

Harlan LeClere, Chair

Cathy Wright

Virginia Armstrong Karen Kerper

Sharon Spaur

Reba Reed

Laverne Messer Service Dogs

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES - IOWA GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS 2022

All Iowa Event Beverly Reinert Chair

Rita Gerking

Jonnetta Theisen

Barbara Wood

Judy Hill

Ronda Sturms

Barthell OES Home & Picnic Terri McCulley Chair

Lloyd Billman

Judi Krauskopf Eastern Star Masonic Home & Picnic

Kay Werts Chair

**Dannine Gnat** 

Claudia Reed

**ESTARL** Shelly Hanes Golf Outing Ron Mullenger

> Vivian Pitlo Norma Fobian

Parkinson's Project Charlotte Deitrich Co Chair

James Deitrich Co Chair

Jack Nelson Chair

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Project Chairme	
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District 2	Harvey Davis
District 3	Terri Murphy
District 4	Joan Waller
District 5	Jody Connor
District 6	Cyndi Grosing
District 7	Sharon Jolley
District 8	Rachel Lode
District 9	Loretta Coffman
District 10	Jessica Beatty
District 11	Lisa Swanson
Sound Committe	ee Michael Miller Chair
	Brian Beatty
	Michael Cross
TLC	Sue McMain Chair
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Webmaster	John Hauser
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November 14	Grand Warder, Tim Anderson Reception/Albia
November 20	Grand Musician of Masons, Bob Danner Reception/Davenport
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February 12	School of Instruction, Linden Chapter, Panora/OV/Panora
February 12	Grand Esther, Marilyn Culver Reception/Panora
February 19	Associate Grand Matron, Vicki Wallner Last School/Davenport
February 20	Grand Ruth, Lark Randall Reception/LeClaire
February 26	School of Instruction, Altoona Chapter/Altoona
Fobruary 27	Grand Electa, Gail Dyer Reception/Urbandale
February 27	Grand Electa, Gail Dyer Reception/Orbandale
March 5	School of Instruction, Bainhack Waterlas, Joint School/Bainhack
March 5	School of Instruction, Reinbeck-Waterloo Joint School/Reinbeck
March 6	Stars and Masons Annual Brunch/Des Moines Chapter/Des Moines
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School of Instruction Indianola Chapter & Ophir Chapter, Osceola/Indianola

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March 20 March 27	Grand Sentinel, Kevin Brown Reception/Carroll Grand Martha, Pam Spratte Reception/Cedar Rapids
April 2022	Grand Martina, Fam Spratte Neception/Cedar Napids
April 2	School of Instruction Winterset/Winterset
April 3	Grand Marshal, Kaylene Kiewiet Reception/Algona
April 9	School of Instruction Algona-Laurens/Algona
April 16	Easter
April 23	School of Instruction Cedar Falls Chapter/Cedar Falls
April 24	Stars and Masons Camp Courageous/Monticello
April 29	School of Instruction Ollie Chapter/Ollie
April 30	School of Instruction Wayland-Stockport-Brighton/ Wayland
May 2022	
May 5-7	Minnesota Grand Chapter
May 7	Rainbow Spring Fling/Des Moines
May 10-14	Nebraska Grand Chapter
May 14	Grand Trustees Meeting/Knoxville
May 15	Marion Fun Day
May 17-20	Wisconsin Grand Chapter Conferring of the Degrees Brighton Chapter/Washington
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June 3	Toledo/Holly/Bona Dea Picnic/Tama
June 4	New Hampton Fun Day
June 5	Barthell Picnic and Plant Sale
June 10	Masons Golf Outing
June 11	Conferring of the Degrees Heartland Chapter/Des Moines
June 12	Lady Washington/Rhinehart Fun Day
June 19	Eastern Star Masonic Home Board Meeting
June 17-19	Rainbow Grand Assembly/Des Moines
June 25	Cornerstone Ceremony Barthell OES Home/Decorah
July 2022	Crand Trustees Meeting//crandille
July 9	Grand Trustees Meeting/Knoxville Golf Outing/Des Moines
July 15 July 16	Education Board Meeting/Des Moines
July 22-24	5 State Exchange/Hannibal, MO
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August 6	Conferring of the Degrees Algona Chapter/Spencer
August 7	Bedford Chapter Fun Day
August 13	All Iowa HAPPY DAYS event/Earlham
August 14	Farmers Market in Spencer
August 21	Greenfield Fun Day/Greenfield
August 26-27	Iowa/Nebraska Exchange – Job's Daughters exchange/Council Bluffs
September 2022	
September 9	Grand Trustees Meeting Knoxville
September 10	Conferring of the Degrees Aspasia Chapter, Sigourney/Sigourney
September 24	Conferring of the Degrees, Malta Chapter, Cedar Rapids
October 2022	Janua (Miananaia / Miananata Evakanaa / Ballanna

Iowa/Wisconsin/Minnesota Exchange/ Bellevue

Grand Chapter 2022/Cedar Rapids

Birthday Celebrations for Wayland and Brighton Chapters/Wayland

October 1 -2

October 19-23

October 9

#### **Visitations**

I was so blessed and so happy to receive invitations for Official Visits and was so privileged to attend every visit this year. I was spared the virus, having tested every weekend to be certain I was negatively tested. Our schedule for 2022 was a little sparse, but in a Pandemic planning year, people were a little leery about planning to far ahead, and we understood this and decided that we would take the year one day at a time. We are very, very grateful to the chapters who held fun days, schools of instruction and degrees. Thank you to each of you for making us feel so welcome and so loved.

#### **Honorary Memberships Received**

Albia Chapter
Cedar Falls Chapter
Indianola Chapter
Loess Hills Chapter, Sioux City
Waterloo Chapter

Altoona Chapter
Coinette Chapter, Reinbeck
Knoxville Chapter
Marion Chapter
Waverly Chapter
Waverly Chapter

Bedford Chapter
Davenport Chapter
Coinette Chapter, Reinbeck
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Davenport Chapter
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Davenport Chapter
Ophir Chapter, Osceola

#### **OFFICIAL LETTER 2022**

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

John and I are very humbled by the confidence you have placed upon us to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this year. We sincerely thank you for this privilege and assure you that we shall do all in our power to promote the welfare of our Order and to serve you to the best of our abilities.

We are excitedly looking forward to the new year and hoping that you will approve and support the plans and projects we have selected. John and I know that we cannot do this alone. We need the help of each of you, the devoted and dedicated membership to make this year fruitful. There is a saying that says, "I can do things; YOU can do things that I cannot; Together We can do GREAT things." Let's work together this year to show the world how the STARS shine.

John and I are excited to bring our plans to you in this letter. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy the projects and events we have planned for you. Please make a concerted effort to participate in as many of the activities as possible.

2022 Session Name: SWINGING ON A STAR

October 21-23, 2022,

Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids

Grand Family Name: Starlighters

Theme: HAPPY DAYS

Motto: I can do things; you can do things I cannot; together we can do

GREAT things.

Aim: To show the world how the STARS shine

Colors: Black, Pink, Turquoise, with Reds and Yellows

Emblems: Broken Column, Bible

Fun Symbols: Cherries, robins, fishing pole, bee, fuzzy dice, pink poodles, puzzles,

anything 50's

Flowers: Poppies, Hollyhocks, Peonies, Honeysuckle, Black Eyed Susan,

Yellow Roses

Honor Stations: Chaplain, Martha, Esther, Associate Matron
Honor Groups: Veterans, Caregivers, Iowa Membership

Watchwords: Faith, Loyalty, Honesty, Duty, Family,

Opening Ode: Wings of a Dove Bible Carried In/Altar Music: Here I am Lord.

Flag Song: America the Beautiful
Draping Song: Life's Railway to Heaven

Initiation Song: Welcome Song, sung to the tune of Savior like a Shepherd Lead Us

Closing Ode: Put a little Love in Your Heart
Song in Closing March: Put your Hand in the Hand

WGM Scriptures: Isaiah 43:19 Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help

in distress.

WGP Scriptures: Micah 6 - 8: He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what

does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to

walk humbly with your God.

Mark 12; 30-31: Love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this; Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no

commandment greater than these.

#### **Projects**

#### ON WITH LIFE in Ankeny:

Parkinson's Research and Education, Support for caregivers

Sale of the Cherries Pins

**OES Golf Outing** 

Baked goods at the Conferring of the Degrees Coin March at Official Visits in May, June, July

**District Projects** 

Charitable contributions

ESTARL:

Nut sales by the Starlighters Grand Family - Receptions

Coin March at Schools/Inspections in February, March, and April.

YOUTH:

Sale of Bee pin – Also the Travel Pin..."Bee" a Traveler

Fill the Hive with MONEY not honey.

Pop Tabs

Activities with our Youth

#### **IOWA GRAND CHAPTER:**

All Iowa Party

Sale of Fashion Poodle pin and Route 66 pin

Pave a memory brick.

Note cards.

Moonbeams in a jar Chapter project

TLC:

Sheep Fleece seat mats Adult size bib and other items

36x 45 in lap robe Fidget/activity mats

HOMES:

Christmas parties at Homes

Proceeds from Plant Auction at Barthell, Decorah Proceeds from the Fall Picnic and Auction at Boone

Sale of March music and 2022 Music CDs

Coin March at the official visits in August, September, and October

#### **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

Service dogs - Information and Awareness

Should you want to present gifts to the Grand Officers, John and I sincerely request that you contribute to one of the projects instead. While we truly appreciate the thoughtfulness and caring of personal gifts, by giving to one of our projects, you are honoring us so much more by helping to make a difference in the lives of others and showing the world how the STARS truly shine.

A deeply heartfelt thank you is sincerely issued to the Chapters who extended an invitation to the Starlighters for an Official Visit. The Grand Family is looking forward to visiting you and making new friendships and renewing old ones. It will be our pleasure to meet and greet each and every one of you.

Please accept our invitation to attend the 145th "Swinging on a Star" Grand Chapter Session October 21-23, 2022, at the Marriott in Cedar Rapids. We would so love to see you all!

In Star Love,

Cheryl Payne, Worthy Grand Matron John Whitaker, Worthy Grand Patron

#### **Decisions**

**Question:** Can a member wear a hat in the Chapter Room during meetings because he feels more comfortable.

**Answer:** In. 2018, GGC allowed wearing of hats and gloves for RELIGIOUS OR MEDICAL REASONS. According to the GGC Code, "hats and gloves are NOT worn in the Chapter Room, except for medical or religious reasons, during closed meetings". UNLESS your member can produce to me a document stating for MEDICAL or RELIGIOUS reasons, I cannot permit the wearing of a hat in a closed meeting,

**Question:** Can a demit be withheld from a member if the chapter doesn't want to lose them as members?

**Answer:** it is the right of a member to belong to the chapter of his choice. You cannot withhold ad emit if the member is in good standing at the time of the request.

#### **Dispensations**

Valley Chapter, Missouri Valley

to hold installation of officers out of time, due to the health of the Worthy Matron

Valley Chapter, Missouri Valley

to allow the Secretary and Treasurer to continue paying necessary bills until they are able to meet March 7<sup>th</sup> due to the illness of the Worthy Matron and other illness in the Chapter.

#### New Hampton Chapter

to move the Chapter's meeting location to 308 East Grove Street, Lawler, Iowa 52354 until proper procedures are met in the changing the bylaws.

#### New Hampton Chapter

Dispensation for one year to hold their meetings at 308 East Grove Street, Lawler, lowa 52354

#### Cedar Chapter, Cedar Rapids

Move their meeting place to the Scottish Rite Building, 616 Ave NE, Cedar Rapids lowa until their Chapter Building is repaired.

#### Marion Chapter

Allow the Meetings of the Chapter to be held at the Scottish Rite Building from January to June due to the ongoing and delayed repairs to their Temple.

#### Bona Dea Chapter, Traer

Allow the Chapter to hold their October meeting in Dysart at the museum and to hold their June meeting at the Shaker Gallery in Traer

#### Lamont Chapter

Move their Charter permanently to Independence, Iowa, to be known hereafter as Lamont Chapter, Independence, 213 1st Street E, Independence, Iowa 50644

#### Jessamine Chapter

Allow the Chapter Move February 10 stated meeting to February 17, due to inclement weather; to hold Installation of Officers out of time; to hold March 10 stated meeting on March 14 due to lack of officers; to hold April 14 stated meeting on April 21, due to Holy Week.

#### Algona Chapter

To allow the Chapter to move their charter to Spencer for the conferring of the degrees.

#### Jessamine Chapter

To hold Zoom Meeting and to change date.

#### Decorah Chapter

To Hold meetings in Postville April, May, June, and July

#### **Decorah Chapter**

To hold meetings in Postville August through October 2022.

#### **Waivers of Jurisdiction**

To Alpha Chapter #325, Waiver of Jurisdiction regarding Iowa persons residing in Iowa who wish to be initiated into a chapter in an adjoining jurisdiction, Nebraska, namely Misty and Savanah Kuiper who wish to be initiated into Alpha Chapter #325.

I do hereby grant my approval and grant this waiver of jurisdiction.

#### **Projects for 2022**

#### ON WITH LIFE in Ankeny and Coralville

Parkinson's Research and Education, Support for caregivers was our purpose. We supported this project with the sale of the Cherries Pins, the proceeds from the OES Golf Outing, by providing a free will sale of baked goods at the Conferring of the Degrees. We also asked that the Coin March at Official Visits in May, June, July be given to the Project, and I asked the District Instructors to collect Moonbeams in a Jar, coin donations at their schools. We were very fortunate and grateful for all the charitable contributions that we received. We are so very

grateful to Sisters Pat Burch, Sue McMain, and Julie Johnston for their quilt donations for a Parkinson's raffle. I am so overwhelmed by your generosity, time, and talents. Thank you all so very much.

This Project was selected by John and me because Parkinson's disease has reared its ugly head in both our families. My dad suffered greatly from Parkinson's and passed away on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It was a difficult project for me to talk about, and I apologize for the tears. I am so grateful to Charlotte and Jim Deitrich for all their work, support, and promotion of the project. Both of them knew how passionate and how desperately I wanted to help not only the patients but also the caregivers of Parkinson's sufferers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the love and support Iowa Grand Chapter members gave to this Project. The Parkinson's Project donations amounted to \$48, 440.02. I am so blessed, so humbled and so very grateful to everyone for the success of this Project. Thank you all so very much.

**ESTARL:** We are so grateful to the membership for supporting the Nut sales by the Starlighters Grand Family during the Receptions and School Season. Your Generosity is so much appreciated. We also asked that the Coin March at Schools/Inspections in February, March, and April be given to the ESTARL project. We are so grateful to each and every one of you; thank you so much.

**YOUTH**: We had a variety of items for the Youth project, all Bees, but different styles. The sale of Bee pin which was also the Travel Pin..."Bee" a Traveler, all went to the Youth Project. John carried a beehive with him to all events where we asked the membership to please fill the hive with MONEY not honey. We are so pleased with the way the members helped us with this project. We also collected Pop Tabs and encouraged the members to attend as many activities with our Youth as possible. Thank you all for supporting our Youth.

#### IOWA GRAND CHAPTER:

Oh, my goodness! We had a Happy Days -All lowa Party in August for the benefit of the Grand Chapter General Fund. What a fabulous time we had 'Rockin' and Rollin' and having a great time! John and I wanted to help the drain on the Grand Chapter General Fund, so we decided to host a big old party, which was a fabulous success! We also donated the sale of Fashion Poodle pins and Route 66 pins to the fund.

Thank you to every person who helped in any way for your generous support of this Project. We are very grateful.

All of the pins, (except for a late reorder), all the note cards and all the sheet music were donated by me for the year. The music CDs were also donated by Brother Bob Danner. I am so grateful to Bob for his generosity. It was my hope that this would help stabilize a bit of the drain of Grand Chapter funds.

To Sister Tammy Van Horsen Post, John and I wish to thank you for writing our March. It is beautiful, and everything I hoped it would be. Thank you for sharing your talent with us. So much appreciated.

#### PAVE A MEMORY BRICK

We had thought this project might disappear because of the retirement of the brick makers, so I didn't assign a committee, however, Brother Kenny Wogomon was "volunteered" to continue this service. We found a company to make them, so the proceeds from this project also went to the General Fund.

#### TLC:

Sheep Fleece seat mats, adult size bib and other items, 36x 45 in lap robe, Fidget/activity mats

#### **HOMES** at Boone and Decorah:

Christmas parties at Homes Proceeds from Plant Auction at Barthell, Decorah Proceeds from the Fall Picnic and Auction at Boone Sale of March music and 2022 Music CDs Coin March at the official visits in August, September, and October

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECT:

Service dogs – Information and Awareness

#### **Contingency Fund**

The contingency fund received from Grand Chapter was used for ink, paper, stamps and gas for this year, further expenses not to be reimbursed. Thank you, Iowa Grand Chapter for this gift. It was greatly appreciated.

#### **Financial Report**

Received from Grand Chapter		\$3,000
Disbursements		
Postage	226	
Supplies, copies, ink, paper, etc.	2,108	
Lodging/Meals	5,805	
Grand Chapter and Courtesies	4,246	
Project Expenses	2,240	
Mileage – 29,80@ 14 cents/Mile	<u>4,071</u>	
-	\$18,596	
Amount not to be reimbursed		\$15,396

#### In Conclusion:

I wish to thank the Iowa Grand Chapter members for the privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron for 2022. It has been quite a ride. With poodle skirts, saddle shoes, cherries, and bees all over the State, I have enjoyed every minute of it and can quite honestly that I did the best I could. Whether my best was good enough, will be up to you. I love you all. Thank so much for giving me this opportunity.

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Vicki Wallner

Associate Grand Matron and District Instructor

Sister Cheryl, we met one fateful day at McDonald's in Muscatine. You had the huge District Instructor book and instructions of what I needed to do with the book. That is where our friendship began. Over the past 14 years, I have learned so much from you, talked over ideas and watched and noted all that you were doing. Who would have thought it would culminate here today in the East in Grand Chapter. The little Sis presenting her Big Sis this special gift. I hope you will be able to enjoy this love gift from the Starlighters, The Pink Ladies (District Instructors), Grand Representatives, Grand Chapter Committee Members, and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Sister Cheryl, I wish you all the best in the future. And remember you are my Big Sis, so your job isn't done yet. All our love to you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Vicki, I look forward to seeing all the plans you and Larry have worked on and I wish you success and all my love. I am very, very proud of my Little Sis! Thank you so much.

#### REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Sisters and Brothers, life offers us many challenges and many opportunities to serve, and I am humbled and honored to have had the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron for 2022. Thank you for your kindness, hugs, well wishes, and love.

Thank you to the members of Grand Chapter for the love and support you gave me during our Grand year. Traveling this road would not be possible without your help and I am forever grateful to you.

To the members of Polk City and Stockport Chapters. You stood with Lorrie and me on this journey, traveled with us on our trips around lowa, and gave us anything we asked for and more. Thank you is not enough but it is what I can give you.

Everyone worked hard to make sure the receptions went well, and they did! Thank you to all who gave so freely of your time.

The chapters that invited us to visit them always fed us well, entertained us, and ensured we didn't go home empty handed. We had a wonderful time thanks to you.

Our year began with our reception at the Marriott and the next morning held a little surprise for Sister Lorrie and me. Thank you for your generosity. You didn't have to replace items, but you did. We began the receptions for our Grand Officers and yes, sold nuts as soon as they arrived. The Grand Officers jumped right in and did their part, volunteering to carry, sell, or whatever was needed. The Christmas Parties at the homes were disappointing when we could not go in and see the residents and staff but none the less, 'cool' events, literally. I suppose you can call singing outside in the December cold to be 'cool.'

State School reminded us of what happens in winter in Iowa. Everyone was able to make it safely and the school went well. Thank you to the Board of Custodians for their work, ensuring that we all know what to say when and how to say it. I did not make it to all the Official visits for schools due to Covid. First, I had it, then two weeks later Lorrie had it. The schools that I did attend went very well. You are great and you do a tremendous job instructing. Thank you for all you do.

Thank you to the Starlighters for your good work at the conferring of the degrees, and we had the opportunity to confer them four times, and then one more time unofficially as a bonus.

Brighton Chapter, Washington Algona Chapter Malta Chapter (unofficial) Heartland Chapter, Des Moines Aspasia Chapter, Sigourney

The Board of Custodians serves all of us tirelessly. Thank you for your steady guidance and caring. You corrected me when I needed and tolerated my attempts at humor. I thought I knew the ritual perfectly, but your small pencil marks helped me realize I needed to practice more and go less from memory. I truly appreciate your support.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were always ready to support us and offer warm hugs or handshakes. You know what it takes, to serve in this position and I appreciate your friendship.

To the District Instructors, our Pink Ladies, thank you will never be enough for what you sacrifice for lowa Eastern Star. You put in countless hours studying and preparing for your schools. You instruct with kindness, a trait that other people should emulate. You did a great job!

To everyone who served on the boards and committees of Grand Chapter, thank you for your tireless work. You are not up front, but rather in the ranks doing the work of our Order. As I

attended your meetings, I witnessed your profound caring and desire to protect Eastern Star and make our world a better place.

Thank you to the caring staff at the Boone and Barthel Homes. You have hearts of gold and make sure that everyone who enters your doors is cared for as a loved one would be.

To the Starlighters, I don't know how to say thank you because words will never be enough. You were always there for us no matter what. You gave of yourselves to Lorrie and me and never hesitated when asked to do anything. You define what a family is, and I am forever grateful for your love.

Sister Cheryl, thank you and Brother Russell for asking Lorrie and me to join you on this journey. I know that I took a long time deciding and I know that the world changed so we didn't get to do everything we wanted or hoped to do. We had a few trials and tribulations to deal with, but we kept the faith in our Order and each other. A friend of mine from Montana uses the expression 'ride for the brand.' He means that even though we may not like what we must do, we do it for the good of the Order. We rode for the brand! We made a difference! Thank you for asking me to join the 'ride.'

To my Grand Companion for life, Lorrie, I love you! And yes, I know that I owe you. You were my secretary when things needed to be done and most importantly, you were and are my sounding board. You keep me grounded and I need that. We have had a lot of adventures in our lives that we didn't expect, and I know that any success I have had is because of you.

The contingency funds provided by Grand Chapter helped to defray the costs of travel and overnight accommodation. Of course, these funds did not cover all the costs we experienced but they helped. Thank you for the help.

It has truly been an honor to serve as Worthy Grand Patron. I am so proud of all of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Iowa. You are dedicated to the good of the order and to the truth in the lessons of fidelity from Adah, constancy from Ruth, loyalty from Esther, faith from Martha, and love from Electa. Just like loyal worker bees, dedicated to the hive, you are dedicated to your local chapters and our beautiful Order. Thank you!

#### **WGP ITINERARY**

#### October 2021

October 16

October 23 -24

November 2021

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November 21

December 2021

December 4

December 5

December 11

December 11

December 12

January 2022

January 22

#### February 2022

February 5

February 12

February 12

Grand Master of Masons, Bill Post Reception/Des Moines WGM/WGP Joint Reception/Cedar Rapids

Associate Grand Patron, Larry Niday Reception/Pleasantville Grand Warder, Tim Anderson Reception/Albia Associate Grand Conductress, Sandy Meredith Reception/Bedford

Starlighters Christmas Party Eastern Star Masonic Home/Boone Grand Chaplain, Charles Sloniger Reception/Cambridge Starlighters Christmas Party Barthell OES Home/Decorah Starlighters Christmas Party/Mason City Grand Organist, Peggy Liekweg Reception/Mason City

State School 2022 and Board of Grand Trustees/Des Moines Chapter/Des Moines

Grand Conductress, Mary Reicks Last/First School/Waverly School of Instruction, Linden Chapter, Panora/OV/Panora Grand Esther, Marilyn Culver Reception/Panora

February 26	School of Instruction, Altoona Chapter/Altoona
February 27	Grand Electa, Gail Dyer Reception/Urbandale
March 2022	
March 6	Stars and Masons Annual Brunch/Des Moines Chapter/Des Moines
March 12	School of Instruction Indianola Chapter & Ophir Chapter, Indianola
March 13	Grand Adah, Sue Jensen Reception/Des Moines
March 19 March 20	School of Instruction Loess Hills, Sioux City/Sioux City Grand Sentinel, Kevin Brown Reception/Carroll
March 27	Grand Martha, Pam Spratte Reception/Cedar Rapids
April 2022	Grand Martina, Fam Opratio Recognion/Ocaai Rapido
April 2	School of Instruction Winterset/Winterset
April 3	Grand Marshal, Kaylene Kiewiet Reception/Algona
April 9	School of Instruction Algona-Laurens/Algona
April 16	Easter
April 23	School of Instruction Cedar Falls Chapter/Cedar Falls
April 24	Stars and Masons Camp Courageous/Monticello
April 29	School of Instruction Ollie Chapter/Ollie
April 30	School of Instruction Wayland-Stockport-Brighton/ Wayland
<u><b>May 2022</b></u> May 14	Grand Trustees Meeting/Knoxville
May 15	Marion Fun Day
May 21	Conferring of the Degrees Brighton Chapter/Washington
May 22	Clinton Chapter Camanche, Camanche
June 2022	
June 3	Toledo/Holly/Bona Dea Picnic/Tama
June 4	New Hampton Fun Day
June 5 June 11	Barthell Picnic and Plant Sale Conferring of the Degrees Heartland Chapter/Des Moines
June 12	Lady Washington/Rhinehart Fun Day
June 17	Rainbow Grand Assembly/Des Moines
June 25	Cornerstone Ceremony Barthell OES Home/Decorah
July 2022	•
July 9	Grand Trustees Meeting/Knoxville
July 15	Golf Outing/Des Moines
July 16	Education Board Meeting/Des Moines
July 22-24	5 State Exchange/Hannibal, MO
August 2022 August 6	Conferring of the Degrees Algona Chapter/Spencer
August 7	Bedford Chapter Fun Day
August 13	All Iowa HAPPY DAYS event/Earlham
August 14	Farmers Market in Spencer
August 21	Greenfield Fun Day/Greenfield
August 26-27	Iowa/Nebraska Exchange – Job's Daughters exchange/Council Bluffs
September 2022	O 17 ( N ( 1/4 )
September 9	Grand Trustees Meeting Knoxville
September 10 September 24	Conferring of the Degrees Aspasia Chapter, Sigourney/Sigourney Conferring of the Degrees, Malta Chapter, Cedar Rapids
October 2022	Contenting of the Degrees, Maila Chapter, Cedar Rapids
October 1 -2	Iowa/Wisconsin/Minnesota Exchange/ Bellevue
October 9	Birthday Celebrations for Wayland and Brighton Chapters/Wayland
October 19-23	Grand Chapter 2022/Cedar Rapids

#### **Honorary Memberships Received**

Coinette Chapter #273, Reinbeck Marion Chapter #183

Knoxville Chapter #85 Ophir Chapter #267, Osceola

Loess Hills \$502, Sioux City Waverly Chapter #353

#### **Honorary Memberships Previously Received**

Albia Chapter #240 Algona Chapter #68

Amber Star Chapter #328, Quick

Ankeny New Hope Chapter #513, Ankeny Aspasia Chapter #198, Sigourney

Bedford Chapter #228

Bellevue Chapter #359

Brighton Chapter #486, Washington

Cedar Falls Chapter #78

Cedar Valley Chapter #128, Waterloo

Centerville Chapter #239 Clarinda Chapter #214

Clinton Chapter #65, Camanche Council Bluffs Chapter #441

Davenport Chapter #178

Diamond Chapter #37, Ft Madison E C Blackmar Chapter #306, Burlington

Electa Chapter #32, Muscatine Exodus Chapter #313, Exira

Evening Shade Chapter #116, Spencer

Greenfield Chapter #91

Golden Rule Chapter #194, Atlantic Goodwill Chapter #537, Norwalk Harmony Chapter #25, Council Bluffs Heartland Chapter #305, Des Moines

Holly Chapter #477, Malcolm Indianola Chapter #338

Jessamine Chapter #135, Iowa City Julien Chapter #125, Dubuque

Lady Washington Rhinehart Chapter, Adel

Linden Chapter #482, Panora Mount Ayr Chapter #356 Newton Chapter #100 Ollie Chapter #549

Purity Chapter #365, Wilton Runnels Chapter #518

Silver Creek Chapter #302, LeClaire South Gate Chapter #547, Des Moines

Twin City Chapter #258, Douds Toledo Chapter #380, Tama Wayland Chapter \$494 Winterset Chapter #180

MUSICAL SELECTON: "Keeper of the Stars" Tammy VanHorsen Post, Past Grand Organist

#### PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Larry Niday Associate Grand Patron

Brother John, I am honored to present you with your scrapbook full of memories from the members of Iowa Grand Chapter. We have become good friends over the years, and I have always admired your quiet demeaner. I have watched you this year and have tried to learn to emulate the way you have conducted yourself and handled your duties. I only hope that I can follow your example in this upcoming year. I am proud to know you and call you, my friend. I also have a Love Gift from the Starlighters, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, District Instructors, Grand Representatives, and Grand Chapter Committee Members. Enjoy the memories these bring and thank you for a great year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Larry, we have known each other many years and I have the deepest respect for you. Thank you so much for always being there, for the warm smiles and firm handshakes. I truly appreciate the love git and scrapbook.

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: What an exciting adventure we have had Rocking and Rollin around the State of Iowa this year. It has been such a pleasure becoming better acquainted with the Starlighters.

We enjoyed each of the Grand Officer receptions, the Chapter do their best to honor their Grand Officer and they always make us feel welcome.

Just a year ago I went before the membership explaining the need to replace Grand Chapter's piano. I was not surprised when our members stepped up and sent in donations for this project. Thank you to each of you and to the Chapters who say the need also. The new piano has been purchased along with several accessories needed and will be used during two of our banquets this weekend. It will also be used at Sister Vicki and Brother Larry's reception October 29<sup>th</sup>.

January brought us to State School for the District Instructors. Again, this year it was held at Des Moines Chapter #89. Taking the official minutes of State School is part of my job and with fewer District Instructors it also allows me to be the Chapter Secretary every now and then, which I enjoy.

To the Chapter members, Tim and I enjoyed visiting your Chapter this past year for the Schools of Instructions. I was unable to make them all but visited as many as my schedule would allow. On a personal note, we also enjoyed the Pilgrimage motor coach trip to the International Temple, Brother John Hauser planned in June 2022. July brought is the annual OES Gold Outing at A.H. Blank Golf Course. It was a pleasurer working with Brother Ron Mullenger, Chairman, and his committee. It's fun to watch the number of registrations come in and the amazing outcome that shows their hard work. Unfortunate I was not able to attend due to an illness and that illness turned out to be COVID which also altered my plans for a Secretary/Treasurer's conference that was scheduled for the following weekend. They say a third time is a charm, we will see what 2023 brings. Once I get Sister Vicki's schedule, I can plan a date.

Life in the Grand Chapter Office continues to keep me very busy. The first of 2022 proved to be quite a challenge as the Board of Grand Trustees voted to change our accounting period from a fiscal year ending to a calendar year. This did not prove to be quite as easy as once thought, it took many hours of input accounting information. But with the help of Sister Nancy Niday, who set up Grand Chapter in Peachtree at one time herself, and the knowledge of our Grand Treasurer Kent, we did accomplish said task. I know Brother Kent will give you further information in his report.

Receiving the Annual Reports for the year was a challenge also. It was mid-May before I received the final report. Code reads, Chapter will have their reports filed by March 1<sup>st,</sup> and we must strive to compile with the Code. The tardiness of your reports makes it impossible for Grand Chapter to file our Annual Report in a timely manner with the General Grand Chapter Office and unfortunately, we are always assessed a penalty for being late.

The 2021 Annual reports again reflect the decrease in membership totals. We began 2021 with a total of 4407 member. The final reports showed 27 initiations, 11 reinstatements, 15 affiliations, 313 deaths, 36 demits and 73 suspensions, and 8 adjustments. This is a loss of 377 members, leaving 4230 active members as of January 1, 2022. Our life members total 1939 that number again continues to increase each year.

There was a total of 2 consolidation completed by December 31, 2021. Thankfully in 2022 there has been consolidation talk from the Chapters. I pray that will continue in 2023.

Many thanks to Brother John Hauser for keeping up with me and the various changes that need take place on the web site.

Brother Kent, I don't even know where to begin with you. I have so enjoyed working beside you and with you the last three years, and I thank you for what you are teaching me about the investments of Grand Chapter....I know we have more to do in the next few months. Thank you, my friend!

Cheryl and John, in my report last year I shared these "make merry - whoop it up" in the 50's that was slang for 'let loose' - 'have a party'. It's going to be a swinging good time for you and your Grand Family. Well, that is just what I wish for you as the culmination of your year all comes together tonight Job well done!

Vicki and Larry, my very best to you as your year will begin Sunday afternoon. Vicki I am a phone call, email, or text away. Just remember my phone goes on do not disturb at 9:30pm.

Mary and Joe, enjoy this planning time, it is so much fun to look back after and say remember when we did...and how much fun we had doing it. Cherish the memories.

Sandy, and in the event Janice. My advice has always been, take note, watch what is happening ahead of you, because before you know it that will be you. Best wishes to you both.

Brother Kent, we have had quite the year. Thank you for your patience, guidance, and always being there for my many questions. I treasurer the friendship that has grown between you Cyndie, Tim and me.

Sister Nancy Niday, we have truly become two of a kind, I know it's scarry. Thank you, my friend for the work this year and for all the work you have done getting ready for this weekend. You and the copier have a good bond going.

To my Pages, Vicki, and Mary, thank you both for agreeing to take a seat beside me this weekend. You two just worked out a schedule between you and it was perfect.

And to my husband. Tim, thank you for ALWAYS being there for me, for being me bag carrier, sounding board and best my friend.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you Sister Nancy for everything you've done for me and I just want you to know how much I appreciate you. You have been so awesome to work with and an awesome member of my Grand Family.

# 2021 MEMBERSHIP

Chapter	Location	01/01/20 Membership	Audit Adj.	Initiations	Reinstatements	Affiliations	Consolidated	Deaths	Demits	Suspensions	<b>12/31/2021</b> Membership	<b>1/01/2021</b> Life Members
1	Carroll	158						6			152	85
25	Council Bluffs	53						1			52	16
26	Missouri Valley	43						5			38	20
32	Muscatine	30									30	7
45	Oelwein	69				3		1			71	43
58	Mason City	65	-4				32	4		1	88	40
59	Spirit Lake	67				1		2		3	63	35
65 67	Clinton Marshalltown	73 84		1				6 10		2	66 74	37 46
68	Algona	112						5		2	105	61
73	Decorah	31						2			29	12
75	New Hampton	28		1				2	1		26	9
78	Cedar Falls	78						8			70	20
85	Knoxville	34		1				1			34	13
89	Des Moines	188		2				15	3	2	170	74
91	Greenfield	65		2				5			62	28
99	Eddyville	43			1			4		1	39	19
100	Newton	62				2		2		2	50	24
102	Sibley	26						5			21	11
116	Spencer	52		1			57	11	3	4	92	32
128	Waterloo	70						6		5	59	27
135	Iowa City	84						7		6	71	39
143	Guttenberg	21		2				1	4		20	7
178 180	Davenport Winterset	146 45		2	1			8	1	1	139 43	69 17
183	Marion	71						4	2	-	65	32
184	Cedar	51	-4				13	6	2	4	50	21
194	Golden Rule	86					10	3		1	82	32
198	Sigourney	56						6		1	49	20
214	Clarinda	36						2			34	17
228	Bedford	69		1				2		5	63	36
230	Marne	44						3		1	40	6
239	Centerville	63			2			2		3	60	34
240	Albia	22			1			1				6
265	Laurens	119			1			14	2	3	101	58
267	Osceola	41		2				3			40	21
273	Reinbeck	49						1			48	27
284	Altoona	56				2		2		1	55	23
302 305	LeClaire Dec Maiore	51 121		2				3 6	1	1	48	13
305	Des Moines Burlington	106		3			16	9	9	5	114 102	66 40
313	Exira	58		3			10	2	3	1	55	26
328	Quick	24	1	1	1			3	3	<u> </u>	20	8
335	Adel	69						5			64	33
338	Indianola	96						7			89	38
344	Colesburg	32							1		31	14
353	Waverly	60				1		7	2	2	50	13
356	Mount Ayr	78	ļ	2				6			74	31
359	Bellevue	25	<b> </b>		<b> </b>		43	5			63	26
361	Polk City	126		1	3	1		15	1	1	114	54
375	Traer	51	<del>                                     </del>	_	<b>!</b>			3			48	29
380	Tama Codor Popido	37	1	2	1			1		3	38	20
415 440	Cedar Rapids New London	62 40	<b> </b>					5 2		3	54 38	26 9
441	Council Bluffs	62	1					3			59	16
472	Lamont	13	l					3			13	5
477	Malcom	33	1					1			32	12
482	Linden	77						7		1	69	31
486	Brighton	91						16	2		73	44
494	Wayland	27		Ī		1		1		2	25	7
502	Sioux City	184			1	1		12	3	4	167	77
513	Ankeny	43	<b> </b>		<b> </b>			1			42	12
523	Siam	23	1					1			22	7

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544	Stockport	37						1			36	18
547	Southgate	76			1	2		8	2	2	67	27
548	Silver Azure	74		3				5		1	71	32
549	Ollie	101						8			93	54
552	Rose	79				1		3			77	27
	Totals	4446	-8	27	11	15	161	313	36	73	4230	1939
	Consolidation #s	161										
	01/01/2021	4607										
	December 31, 2021	4230										

		CHAPTERS ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED BY TOWNS	LY ARRA	ANGED BY TOWNS	
TOWN	HANDICAP ACC	CHAPTER NAME	Ö.	TIME OF MEETING	LOCATION OF MEETING PLACE
Adel Albia Algona Altoona Altoona Atlantic Bedford Bellevue Camanche Carroll Carson Cedar Falls Cedar Rapids Cedar Rapids Cedar Rapids Cedar Rapids Cedar Rapids Council Bluffs Council Bluffs Council Bluffs Council Bluffs	*** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	Lady Washington/Rhinehart 335 Albia 240 Algona 284 Altoona 284 Ankeny New Hope 513 Golden Rule 228 Bedford 228 Bedford 359 E.C. Blackmar 359 E.C. Blackmar 65 Signet 11 Amber Star 578 Cedar Falls 78 Cedar Falls 239 Clarinda 344 Harmony 25 Council Bluffs 4411 Davenort 178	art 335 240 68 68 284 513 194 194 328 359 359 415 214 415 239 239 239 244 25 441	3rd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Thursday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Thursday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) (November – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00 p.m.) 3rd Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) 2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) 2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.) 2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Monday (7:00 p.m.) 2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Agurday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) 3rd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) 3rd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) 3rd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) 3rd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) 3rd Thursday (7:30 p.m.) 3rd Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	411 South 12th St 15 ½ S Clinton 1413 N. McCoy St 707 8th St SE 206 SW Walnut Street (First UMC) 1010 SW 7 <sup>th</sup> Street 617 Court Ave 206 N Riverview 401 N 5th St 220 9th Ave, Camanche 2002 N Hwy 71 27046 Highway 6 212 ½ Main St 216 6th St NE 610 6th St NE
	3		)	(December 6:00 P.M.)	Memorial Parkway

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TOWN	HANDICAP ACC	CHAPTER NAME	Ö.	TIME OF MEETING	LOCATION OF MEETING PLACE
Decorah	Yes*	Decorah	73	1st Saturday (2:00 p.m.)	911 Ridgewood Rd
Des Moines	Yes***	Heartland	305	2nd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)	4133 Urbandale Ave.
Des Moines	Yes*	South Gate	547	2nd Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)	1111 Randolph
Eddyville	Yes*	Tri Star	66	3rd Monday (7:00 p.m.)	603 E Walnut St
Exira	Yes * ***	Exodus	313	2nd Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	200 S. Jefferson St.
Greenfield	No	Greenfield	91	3rd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)	209 W. Iowa St
Guttenberg	No	Pearl	143	2nd Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)	106 South 1st St
Indianola	Yes*	Indianola	338	2nd Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)	1606 Hwy 92 W
Iowa City	Yes***	Jessamine	135	2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.)	312 E College St
Knoxville	Yes*	Knoxville	82	2nd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	714 Willets Dr.
Lamont	Yes*	Lamont	472	1st Tuesday (8:00 p.m.)	627 Bush St.
Laurens	No	Laurens	265	2nd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)	W Main St
LeClaire	Yes* **	Silver Creek	302	1st Monday (6:30 p.m.)	113 S Cody Rd
				except Sept—1st Tuesday	
Malcom	Yes*	Holly	477	3rd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)	Highway US 63
				August- 4th Tuesday	
Marion	No	Marion	183	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.)	684 10th St
				2nd Monday in September	
Marne	Yes*	Liberty	230	3rd Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	51 Washington St
Marshalltown	Yes***	Central	29	Jan—Feb 2nd Saturday (1:00 p.m.)	
				Mar—Dec 1st Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) 26 South 1st Ave	26 South 1st Ave
Mason City	Yes***	Unity	28	1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	304 St SE
Missouri Valley	Yes**	Valley	56	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.)	310 E. Erie
				Except, Sept - 3rd Monday	
Mount Ayr	Yes**	Mount Ayr	326	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.)	121 1/2 S. Fillmore
		i		Sept- 2nd Monday	
Muscatine	Yes*	Electa	32	2nd Monday (7:30 p.m.)	317 East 3rd St

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New Hampton	Yes*	New Hampton	75	1st Monday (7:30 p.m.)	201 N. Locust Avenue
New London Newton	Yes** Yes**	New London Newton	440 100	1st Thursday (7:30 p.m.) 1st Monday (7:00 p.m.)	(Onited Melindias) 128 West Main 208 1st Ave W
Oelwein	Yes**	Oelwein	45	except Sept- last Mon In August 3rd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	113 N Frederick
Ollie Osceola	Υθς** Υθς**	Ollie Ophir	549	1st Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) 1st Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)	207 Main St. 100 S. Park
Ottumwa	**************************************	Rose Lindon	552	3rd Thursday (1:00 p.m.)	611 E. Pennsylvania Ave.
Panora Pleasant Hill	Yes* Yes*	Linden Des Moines	482 89	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)	110 E. Market St. 5201 Maple Dr
Polk City	No	Polk City	361	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.) Except Dept – Tuesday after Labor Day	106 N 3rd St Dav
Reinbeck	Yes** No	Coinette Highland	273	2nd Saturday (9:30 a.m.) 3rd Wednesday (7:30 n.m.)	118 Broad St Main St
Sibley	Yes*	Sibley	102	1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) Mav – July meets at 7:30 p.m.	704 4th Ave
Sigourney Sioux City	Yes* Yes**	Aspasia Loess Hills	198 502	1st Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) 2nd Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	207 S Jefferson 4110 Morningside
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Spencer	No Yes***	Silver-Azure Evening Shade	548 116	3rd Iuesday (7:00 p.m.) 2nd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	662 Fredette St 103 East 4th St.
Spirit Lake Stockport	Yes* No	Twilight Stockport	59 544	1st Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) 1st Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	3740 Aurora Ave 120 S. Main

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Tama Traer Washington Waterloo Wayland Winterset	** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **	Toledo Bona Dea Brighton Cedar Valley Waverly Wayland Winterset	380 375 486 128 353 494 180	2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Saturday (10:00 a.m.) 2nd Thursday (7:30 p.m.) 1st Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) 1st Thursday (7:30 p.m.) 1st Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) 1st Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)	1105 E. 5th St. 614 2nd St. 108 1/2 N. Marion 607 Bishop Ave 203 3rd St SE 218 West Main St. 109 ½ N 1st Street
Handicap Accessibility *Ground Floor	ssibility **Chairlift	***Elevator		****Ramp	

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#### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Kent Strawn, Grand Treasurer Past Grand Chaplain

WGM/WGP, Sisters, Brothers and Honored Guests: Again, I would like to thank you for your support and confidence by allowing me to serve as your Grand Treasurer in 2022.

We had a big challenge, and the challenge was met! A big thank you goes out to our Grand Secretary Nancy Ramthun and Past Grand Secretary Emeritus Nancy Niday, as a team they converted our accounting period from a fiscal year ending in October to a calendar year ending in December as was approved by our membership at our last session. While this may sound like an easy project it was not an easy process, but these two people buckled down and got it done for us. I would like to thank them for their hard work, please unite with me in showing them our appreciation.

We are currently in a loss position, our budget approved last year was a negative 38,000.00 and I believe we will come in under that number this year but not by much. We have taken a big hit in our value of our investment portfolio just like everyone else in the market has, as of the end of September we had seen a reduction in value which was just under the amount of increase we saw in 2021.

Our reserves continue to go down because of the losses in our operations, the way our code is written we are close to using up all the reserves your trustees have access to. I am guessing within two years according to the way the code is written we will not be able to meet our expenses because of the restrictions on those remaining dollars within our reserve structure. There is a code change recommended this year which will give the trustees the option to draw on those other restricted reserve funds if needed. I am asking you to give serious consideration to approve that amendment so we can go forward.

One of my other duties outside of the financial matters is the student loan portfolio, I am pleased to report the loans are in balance with the general ledger and all loans are current. As of this report we only have \$22,620.08 in outstanding loans, we have more dollars available to lend under this unique program.

This year's budget proposal also indicates a projected loss of 50,000.00 for the Grand Chapter 2023, We cannot continue to experience these kinds of losses and be good stewards of your organization for the future.

I also would like to say a big thank you to Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron John, You two have worked very hard to bring in the extra dollars to take us forward and that made a huge difference for us in 2022. You not only worked to make this year better you have led the way by helping us make the decisions necessary to protect our future. – Thank You both!

As always, a huge thank you goes out to our Grand Secretary Nancy Ramthun, she works hard to make sure your needs are met, and everyone's questions are answered. She turns out many reports to track the activities of Grand Chapter and is always ready and willing to help where she is needed, all this in addition to answering my crazy questions. Thank you, Sister Nancy!

I am not sure if I am supposed to do this, but here we go, I have found out during my time in my position as Treasurer there is a lot of responsibility that lies in this job. I have taken it very seriously and I ask you in the future to make sure you are electing people to positions that

have the ability and training to do the job for which they are elected. In the event I am elected again this year due to some health issues I will not be running after next year, if you or you know of someone that has a strong financial background that would be willing to serve as your Grand Treasurer, first look at the qualifications then look at the job and then only then make the decision if this is the right person for this position to protect the future of your organization. And to my wife Sister Cyndie, my time well spent with you is my priority, you are the love of my life, and we need to relax and make the best of our time together you have been extremely supportive and helpful over the years, and might I say very patient with me in all the things that have gone on. Thanks, Sister Cyndie, for always being there and being a part of my life!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you Brother Kent. mischievous personality! Thank you!"

# TRIBUTE TO CHAPLAINS

Charles Sloniger, Grand Chaplain

I honor you for taking the office of Chaplain in your chapter. Your devotions and blessings are essential in our daily lives. When you are asked to give us strength, you find the right words to comfort us.

"May the Lord watch over you and keep you in His Hands."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Brother Charles, a lovely inspirational tribute.

## TRIBUTE TO MARTHAS

Pam Spratte, Grand Martha

525,600 Minutes. 525,600 Moments so dear. 525,600 Minutes. How do you measure, measure a year?

Martha was all about duty. Duty to Jesus, duty to her brother, duty to those around her. When her life took an unexpected turn, she asked Jesus for help. Her unfaltering trust in her savior gave her the strength to go on.

But really, for Martha and me too, it is all about one thing – LOVE. Love for her brother, love for her savior, and love for those around her.

How will YOU define your next 525,600 minutes? I am going to choose LOVE - how about you?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Pam! I am a Past Grand Martha so on behalf of all of us Martha's, thank you so much!

#### TRIBUTE TO ESTHERS

Marilyn Culver, Grand Esther 6 Presented

Esther, a beautiful star heroine crowned as queen. Let us be just as strong and unselfish as our Queen Esther was. Always doing the right thing by being bold and courageous enough to stand for truth, to voice your opinion and fight for others even when it means sacrificing yourself. This Little star of mine, let it shine, let it shine.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Marilyn, a lovely tribute indeed.

#### TRIBUTE TO ASSOCIATE MATRONS

Sue Jensen, Grand Adah 16 Presented

The office of the Associate Matron is one of the top eight officers that are elected to their office by the members of the Chapter and Grand Chapter. This officer is the one that has been moved up to the Worthy Matron's position on a regular basis over the years.

The emblem that the Associate Matron wears at our meetings is the effulgent Sun within the Star, an emblem of brilliant light, encouraging her to shine with radiant joy through her life.

She assists the Worthy Matron in all her duties in the chapter and presides during her absence.

The Associate Matron is the first one that the new candidates are introduced to when they enter the chapter room to be initiated. She is also the one that introduces them to the Worthy Matron.

The position of the Associate Matron is one of the most trusted offices in the Chapter. She is the one that the ballot box is taken to after all members have voted, to look in the box with the Associate Patron, but the first one to report on the vote, whether it be clear or not.

Today we honor all who are or who have been Associate Matrons. This office is the final step that honors the trust that she'll be going the next step to be installed as Worthy Matron or Worthy Grand Matron for the next year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Sue, so beautifully done.

# HONOR "BEE A TRAVELER" TRAVEL CLLUB

"Catch a Falling Star"
Tammy Van Horsen Post, Past Grand Organist

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: John and I are so proud to honor our Bee A Traveler Travel Club and all those wonderful members who slowly and cautiously returned post Pandemic to return to our Eastern Star. Thank you all so very much for being a part of our year, but being present at your meetings, our visits, your churches and for being here at Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: To our travel club members, it has been fun having you with us on our journey this year. This little thought about travel might be appropriate here. Everyone seems to be excited about the latest iPhone, but no one seems to have caught the awesome technology of using their turn signals when they drive.

## SALUTE TO OUR MILITARY AND VETERANS

Jack Nelson, Chairman Past Grand Warder 25 Presented

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, I would like to thank you both for setting aside time to recognize our sisters and brothers who have served or are now serving in our military. These forces now include Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard and National Guard.

The National Guard originally called the "militia" was created in 1636. Under the National Defense Act of 1916, the Militia was designated as the National Guard and given the dual mission as a State and Federal forces and maybe called up by either the Governor or the President.

I would also like to thank the parents, siblings, children, and close friends who supported our sisters and brothers while they were involved in conflict and/or training exercises. We give a great deal of emphasis to those lost in combat, but we also lose a great many of our service members to illness and accidents. The loss of life and health is just as devasting to the loved ones left behind no matter what the cause.

We also appreciate those Chapters who have chosen to recognize our service members by supporting Veteran's Day Programs, special recognition at a stated meeting and activity, and donating quilts of valor.

I would especially like to thank Pat Burch and her crew for presenting 21 Quilts of Valor this year: and Phil Corwin and Mel Schroeder for the work in coordinating and generating funding for Honor Flights to Washington, D.C. The experience of spending a long day with Veterans of different wars and services is an unforgettable adventure.

And now with the assistance of our Conductresses, we will let our Veterans to introduce themselves, give the service they belong to and the dates and primary places where they served.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much Jack, for honoring all our heroes.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Jack, thank you for your service, both to our nation and to our Order. No jokes or puns here, just thanks!

# PRESENTATION OF WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS 46 Presented

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Welcome to each of you. Thank you for your leadership in your chapters and know that your service does not go unnoticed.

"The movies and television shows of mid twentieth century were family friendly. Although my grandma wasn't too sure about American Bandstand. But this coming from the Jitterbug queen of her high school class always made me laugh."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: As Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, you bear the responsibilities for your chapters. Thank you for being the 'local voices' for our Order. Me talking about my new hearing aids, 'they are the most expensive ones you can get; they cost \$4,000.' Becca, "dad, what kind are they?' Me, 'its 4:15 PM

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

CLOSING PROCLAMATION: Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal

CLOSING MARCH: GRAND OFFICERS



PRELUDE: Janet Vincent, Past Grand Organist

## **OPENING WELCOME**

Cynde Lemley, Past Grand Matron Carl Yoder Past Grand Patron

CYNDE LEMLEY: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers! I welcome you to our Saturday afternoon Session of Swinging on a Star Grand Chapter!

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, thank you for asking me to open this Session and allowing me the privilege of sharing the East once again with my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Carl. Iowa Eastern Star has been in incredibly capable hands under your leadership. Your smiles, humor, and compassion have endeared you!

We first met when I had the honor of instructing in your Chapter and was impressed with your work and your personality. You and Lorrie are a great asset to our Whispering Winds Grand Family, and we so cherish our friendship. Your dedication to our Order is evident in all you do. You do keep me on my toes, though as I never know when that quick wit and ornery side of you will show up.... Thanks for all you have done for our Order!

Sister Cheryl, my little Sis, wow girl, look at you!! I am equally proud of you, and you have led our Order with smiles, humor, grace, and love for our lowa membership. You have worked for many years as a District Instructor and then going through the line in Grand Chapter and have always had the best interest of our Order in your heart and mind. Thank you both for your leadership and as we look forward to the announcement of the fruits of our labor this evening, we hope that this Swinging on a Star Grand Chapter year and Session have been all you have dreamed! Love you both.

Seasons come and seasons go, and the hands of time have said it is almost time to change our leadership for the coming year. We will have elections this afternoon as well as voting on important legislation for our Order. Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, we are anxious to hear all your plans for the coming year and will be there to support you! We know that lowa Grand Chapter will be in good hands under your leadership.

Brother Carl, I have so enjoyed sharing the East once again with you. Our friendship has grown over the years and Bob, and I have been so blessed to have friends like you and Laverta. Please share your thoughts and greeting this afternoon.

CARL YODER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron Sisters, and Brothers; It is my honor and pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each of you as we open this afternoon business session of Iowa Grand Chapter.

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, I am honored to be invited to share in your "SWING ON A STAR" Grand Session.

As a "LUCKY STAR SISTER" and a "SON of the WHISPERING WINDS" you have made us proud, and Your Star Lighters Grand Family have served IOWA GRAND CHAPTER to the best of your ability. I congratulate you for the leadership you have given us.

The project you have chosen this year is most worthy and affects each of us in so many ways. We are excited with you in the funds received for this cause.

Sister Vicky and Brother Larry, I wish you and your Grand Family the very best for the new year and enjoy your time of service.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, congratulations to you as you prepare for the future.

Sister Cynde, it is my pleasure to share the Grand East with you in opening this session. The Winds of time have gone but the Memories remain with us.

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, I share with Sister Cynde in thanking you for the opportunity to share in opening this GRAND SESSION

#### INVOCATION

Steve Palmquist Past Grand Chaplain

Loving and Gracious Creator God, we gather in this beautiful season of harvest, marveling at the beauty of Your creation. We cling to the promise that whenever two or more are gathered in Your Name, you are there. We therefore welcome Your Presence and invite You to be with us throughout this Swinging on a Star Grand Chapter gathering as we fulfill the business of our Order and elect new leadership. Please bless all the sisters and brothers of Eastern Star and those we serve by Your mandate.

Our presiding officers, Sister Cheryl and Brother John and their Starlighter Grand Officers have served with distinction, and we thank You for their countless hours of dedicated service. They have worked tirelessly to raise funds to support the Special Parkinson's Project "On with Life" as well as for our youth, the OES homes and ESTARL. You have magnified and multiplied their efforts and the generosity of our members.

As a new Grand Family navigates lowa and neighboring jurisdictions, we ask for highway safety and travel mercies. We also ask for Your continued Wisdom and Guidance. May we ever strive to serve and please You as we perpetuate the noble purposes of the Order of the Fastern Star.

We remember Your commandments to love You with all our heart and mind and strength and to love one another as ourselves. With our whole being--with everything that is in us, let us fulfill those commands and praise You with the fruit we bear.

May Your name be on our lips and Your purpose be in our hearts, for in You we live and move and have our being. We praise and thank You in Your Holy Name. Amen.

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

OPENING PROCLAMATION: Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Good Afternoon, welcome to our afternoon session. It's now time to turn our attention to the business of Grand Chapter, I encourage each of you to think carefully and act for the good of our Order.

Sister Cynde and Brother Carl, thank you for opening this session of Grand Chapter. Cynde, you are my big Sis, and there was no way you weren't going to be a part of my Grand Chapter, and Carl, you are my Lucky Stars brother, and I am so happy you are here to open this session. Thank you both from the bottom of my heart."

Sister Janet, Love to hear you play...thank you for your music this afternoon.

Brother Steve, thank you for giving the Invocation this afternoon. I hope your prayer covers my nerves this afternoon.

"Blue swede shoes, pink and black colors, poodle skirts and saddle shoes, pop beads, charm bracelets, cherry necklaces, atomic design furniture...pink refrigerators and turquoise chrome tables and chairs. I love the fifties."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Cynde and Brother Carl, Hi Mom and Dad, look where I ended up! Sister Cindy, you were our District Instructor many times, and you still asked me to be in the Whispering Winds. You knew what you were getting. Thank you! Brother Carl, you truly are a brother and friend! Thank you for your advice and consul both before I said yes to this and after. I will always look up to you.

Brother Steve, thank you your beautiful prayer. As we conduct the business of Grand Chapter this afternoon, we will think of the blessing of our Heavenly Father on our work.

Sister Tammy, I could listen to you play all day! Thank you for your beautiful music. Thank you for composing our march music. Thank you for your friendly smiles and always being there for us.

Welcome to everyone here today as we conduct the business of Grand Chapter. As we consider reports, legislation, and elect our next Grand Family, we set in motion the future of our Order. Thank you for taking the time to help us shape that future.

"Now remember, when you are stressed, you tend to eat ice cream, cake, chocolate, and sweets, why, because stressed spelled backwards."

#### REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Harlan LeClere, Chairman Given by: Sharon Spaur, Member

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers; on behalf of our Chairman, Harlan LeClere and the other members this Committee, we thank you for our appointments. It has been a pleasure to greet our members and welcome them to their Grand Chapter session. Following are the totals for registration at this session:

The 2022 registration report is as follows:

Total number of Pre-registrations (Iowa Members) @ \$7 Total number of Pre-registrations (Iowa Members) @ \$2 Total number of Registration cards sold at the session. @ \$2	20 1
TOTAL NUMBER OF IOWA REGISTRATIONS	286
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GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OUT OF STATE REGISTRATIONS	36
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL REGISTRATIONS	322
	\$ 4,505
Total registration fees deposited prior to Grand Chapter Total registration fees collected at Grand Chapter Session	<u>\$ 480</u>
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL REGISTRATION FEES	<u>\$ 4,985</u>
Worthy Grand Patron, the total number of Iowa registrations is:	286

# **ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Craig Bargfrede, Chairman of Tellers
Past Grand Marshal

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: One of the duties of this"145<sup>th</sup>" Grand Chapter Session is to elect Grand Officers and Board Members of our Order for the coming year. At the Discretion of sister Cheryl, our Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Officers, and Board Members elected at this Session will be chosen by nominations from the floor. Should there be more than one nominee for the same office, a written ballot will be taken to decide the choice. Instructions will be given for a written ballot before being cast.

#### **ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

The offices were filled by nomination from the floor and the following were elected:

Worthy Grand Matron	
Worthy Grand Patron	Larry Niday
Associate Grand Matron	Mary Reicks
Associate Grand Patron	Joe Reed
Grand Secretary	Nancy J. Ramthun
Grand Treasurer	Kent Strawn
Grand Conductress	Sandy Meredith
Associate Grand Conductress	Janice Alger
Board of Grand Trustees (five-year term)	Kenny Wogomon, PGP
Board of Grand Trustees (three-year term)	Jane Green, PGM
Boone Home Board (five-year term)	Christophe Mishler
Boone Home Board (four-year term)	John Whitaker, PGP
Barthell OES Home Board (five-year term)	

#### REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Larry Jones, Chairman Past Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. I am Larry Jones, Chairman of your Jurisprudence Committee for this year. At this time, I would like to introduce to you my fellow committee members: Sister Linda Overturf and Brother Grant Bargfrede. I greatly appreciate their work and the dedication they have given to this committee. It has been my honor to have served with siter Linda and Brother Grant.

During this past year, the Jurisprudence Committee has been called upon to give advice and opinions on various problems and questions. We appreciate the manner in which our decisions and opinions have been accepted.

We reviewed the decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron and find they have been made for the good of the Order and are in conformity to the Code. Her decisions were made with loving kindness, while always keeping a close watch over the best interests of our Order. As a committee we hope that we have assisted her in these difficult decisions.

At this Grand Chapter session, several pieces of proposed legislation have been submitted for consideration. Please listen closely to the meaning and the purpose of each proposed amendment and vote for the good of the Order.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Brother Larry, and your committee for the important work you have done.

# SECTION 13 - SPECIAL SESSIONS Page 8

**Currently Reads:** Special sessions may be ordered by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to be held at such time and place as they may select. Each chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be notified of such special session at least twenty days previous to the date of such session. On occasion of ceremony only, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, with sufficient number present to fill the stations, may open the Grand Chapter and perform the business for which it was convened. No additional business shall be transacted at the special session.

# Proposed Change: SECTION 13 – SPECIAL AND EMERCENCY SESSIONS

- (a) Special sessions may be ordered by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to be held at such time and place as they may select. Each chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be notified of such special session at least twenty days prior to the date of such session. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, with a sufficient number present to fill the stations, may open the Grand Chapter and perform the business for which it was convened. No additional business shall be transacted at the special session.
- (b) In case of a national emergency, a committee consisting of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and Grand Trustees shall determine whether holding the annual Grand Chapter session is impossible or inadvisable, in which event all Grand Officers and Elected or

Appointed Board or Committee members shall remain in their present offices and appointments until the next annual Grand Chapter session.

RATIONALE: There were no guidelines to follow when the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 struck. This new section provides a procedure, based upon the recent precedent. Code language of the first paragraph has been modernized to be read more easily.

#### SECTION WILL NOW READ: SECTION 13 - SPECIAL AND EMERCENCY SESSIONS

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Advisory Board: Aye 4 Nay 18 Abstained 1

CARRIED

# RELOCATION OF CHAPTERS Section 188 – PROCEDURE Page 75

**Currently reads:** A chapter may be relocated from one city or town to another, provided that the move shall not be to a town having no Masonic Lodge. Th proposition for relocation shall be presented and read at a stated meeting of the chapter for action at the next stated meeting, and each member of the chapter shall be notified as provided in the case of consolidation of chapters. The proposition for relocation shall not be made or acted upon more than once in two years.

Proposed Change: A chapter may be relocated from one city or town to another, at the discretion of the chapter, but is subject to review by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The proposition for relocation shall be presented and read at a stated meeting of the chapter for action at the next stated meeting, and each member of the chapter shall be notified as provided in the case of consolidation of chapters. The proposition for relocation shall not be made or acted upon more than once in two years.

RATIONALE: Several towns have had their Masonic Lodges close or move to another town. In instances where the Masons have sold their Lodge buildings, the Eastern Star chapters have had to find alternative meeting spaces – including a circumstance, in which the chapter had to move to a small town nearby with no Masonic Lodge. Masonic Code requires that a town be listed on a Lodge's Charter; however, there is flexibility on listing an address. The OES Red Book, under Rules and Regulations, Section 89 states that the Worthy Grand Matron may issue a dispensation to change the place of meetings.

While it may be desirable and advantageous to have a Masonic Lodge in the same town as an Eastern Star chapter, there is no justification for such a requirement. Furthermore, an Eastern Star chapter should not be penalized for continuing its worthwhile activities in the absence of a Masonic Lodge presence in that town.

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Advisory Board: Aye 21 Nay 0 Abstained 1

CARRIED

# **SECTION 211 – EASTERN STAR EDUCATIONAL FUND** Page 83

# **Currently Reads:**

- 1. Administration. The Eastern Star Educational Board shall administer the Eastern Star Educational Fund and manage all business pertaining thereto, or arising therefrom, except the investment of surplus funds which shall be made by the Board of Grand Trustees. The actual expenses of all Trustees of the Educational Fund shall be paid from said funds including allowance of the Secretary. Loans made from the Educational Fund may be made to women or men of Eastern Star families residing in Iowa, for the purpose of attending accredited institutions of learning. The maximum amount loaned to any individual shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000) of which fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) is the maximum for any academic year.
- 2. Proposed Change: 1. Administration. The Eastern Star Educational Board shall administer the Eastern Star Educational Fund and manage all business pertaining thereto, or arising therefrom, except the use of surplus funds which shall be made by the Board of Grand Trustees. The Eastern Star Educational Board shall annually report to the Board of Grand Trustees, on or before July 15th of each year, the estimated amount of funds required to fund expected loans for the ensuing academic year. The actual expenses of all Trustees of the Educational Fund shall be paid from said funds including allowance of the Secretary. Loans made from the Educational Fund may be made to women or men of Eastern Star families residing in lowa, for the purpose of attending accredited institutions of learning. The maximum amount loaned to any individual shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000) of which fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) is the maximum for any academic year.

RATIONALE: This fund has a large balance accrued over time which is difficult to invest due to the nature of its use, which is that it could experience demand for loans in any academic year. The demand has not been realized for several years, so it is prudent management to allow the Board of Grand Trustees to use surplus funds.

# SECTION WILL NOW READ: SECTION 211 – EASTERN STAR EDUCATIONAL FUND

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Advisory Board: Aye 21 Nay 0 Abstained 1

CARRIED

SESSIONAL FUNDS SECTION 65 – SESSIONAL FUNDS

Page 27

Currently Reads: The expenses of Grand Chapter sessions shall be a part of the annual budget, and the amount thereof shall be set aside and accounted for as a separate fund to be know as the "Sessional Fund". Any balance that may be left in the said fund, in any year after sessional expenses have been paid shall remain therein and not revert to the General Fund. Receipts from registration fees shall be placed in the Sessional Fund and become a part thereof. Any local contributions made to help defray the local expenses shall be paid directly to Grand Chapter and shall be placed in the Sessional Fund. The local committee of the hostess chapters shall be allowed not to exceed the sum of \$2,500 for local expenses over and above the amount that may be required for the payment of rent of the place of holding the Grand Chapter session and the cost of labor in the operation of such place. Said sum of \$2,500 may be advanced to the General Chairman of the local committee. The General Chairman is to account for all expenditures from said sum used for local expenses to the Board of Grand Trustees.

**Proposed Change:** The income and expenses of Grand Chapter sessions shall be a part of the annual budget. The Sessional Fund shall be moved to the General Fund of Grand Chapter. The Arrangements Committee shall be allowed not to exceed the sum of \$2,500 for expenses incurred.

RATIONALE: The Sessional Fund has accrued a large balance over many years, but this balance cannot be used for any purpose of Iowa Grand Chapter except to cover cost of Grand Chapter sessions. If the Board of Grand Trustees has needs to meet, they cannot use these funds. This potential issue that this creates could be a "cash shortage". The intent is not to place these funds in the General Fund until they may be needed but this change would give the Trustees more investment options along with curing any potential cash shortage.

**SECTION WILL NOW READ:** The income and expenses of Grand Chapter sessions shall be a part of the annual budget. The Sessional Fund shall be moved to the General Fund of Grand Chapter. The Arrangements Committee shall be allowed not to exceed the sum of \$2,500 for expenses incurred.

Advisory Board: Aye 21 Nay 0 Abstained 1

CARRIED

# NEW STANDING COMMITTEES ADD SERVICE DOGS TO THE LIST OF STANDING COMMITTEES SECTIONS 44 THROUGH 52

#### SECTION 52 A - SERVICE DOGS COMMITTEE -

The Service Dogs Committee shall be a revolving committee consisting of three members. Each year one member shall be appointed for a term of three years, thereby staggering the term expiration dates of its members. The member serving the one-year term shall be the Chairman. If an lowa member is appointed to the General Grand Chapter Service Dogs Committee, that person shall also be an exofficio member of the committee. The duty of this Committee shall be to promote an annual Service Dog Project to be selected by the Worthy Grand Matron. The committee shall work with the Grand Secretary to track all project proceeds and shall also report the results of the project to the General Grand Chapter Service Dogs Program Committee Triennially.

RATIONALE: At the Triennial Assembly in 2015, the General Grand Chapter approved legislation to make Service Dogs the permanent and identifying charity of the Order of the Eastern Star. All proceeds of an annual Service Dog Project are to remain in each individual Jurisdiction. This brings our Code into compliance with this new General Grand Chapter premier charity while allowing each Worthy Grand Matron to select the specific Service Dog Project of her choice.

Advisory Board: Aye 15 Nay 6 Abstained 1

CARRIED

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

JoAnn Bergeson
President and Past Grand Matron

I have the pleasure of introducing your Grand Trustees at this time: Vice-President, Bill Post, Past Grand Marshal; Member Jerry Jones, PGP; Member Bruce Thomas, PGP; Member Jeanne Davis, Past Grand Esther; and of course our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Cheryl Payne and Brother John Whitaker who are also voting members of the Trustees, plus the Line Officers who have no vote but their opinions are valued. I have depended on these sisters and brothers all year for their wisdom, their experience, their suggestions, and their friendship.

This past year has been a challenging one. It is obvious that with our declining membership, it is not possible to pay the expenses of Grand Chapter with only the dues sent in by our members. Please remember that even if you are a 50-year member, you may not pay dues in your own chapter, BUT, General Grand Chapter dues are \$2.00 per member regardless of how many years you have been in. SO, if your own chapter does not send in the \$2.00 for every member, then Grand Chapter must make up the difference. This means that the Trustees must then take monies from our principal to cover the expenses of lowa Grand Chapter. This in turn means less principal drawing less interest every year which creates a viscous cycle year after year. Your Trustees and your Line Officers are always looking for ways to decrease spending and the Line Officers have

been very generous the past few years and have chosen projects that direct the monies to the General Fund of Iowa Grand Chapter.

This past March started a major challenge as the Administrator of the Boone Home called and asked Eastern Star if they could borrow \$180,000 to help make payroll. This action called for an immediate ZOOM meeting of the Trustees and Line Officers. The Board of Grand Trustees voted to not loan money to the Boone Home as most all of our funds are restricted funds. However, this precipitated a discussion about WHY the Home needed to borrow funds as we had been told in the previous year that the Boone Home no longer needed any funds from Eastern Star as they were doing just fine.

This also led to the question that because Iowa Eastern Star elects the Boone Home Board, would Eastern Star be held liable for any obligations or contracts that the Boone Home could not fulfill. It was decided that an attorney who specialized in Non-Profit Organizations would need to be hired to determine if Iowa Grand Chapter owned the Boone Home, to that end Mr. Bill Boyd from the Nyemaster Law Firm out of Des Moines was hired to research and answer our questions.

After several meetings and discussions were held, it has become clear that even though lowa Grand Chapter elects members of the Boone Home Board, we do NOT own this home, any monies donated to this Home do not benefit lowa Grand Chapter.

This brought Jeanne Davis to start asking why Iowa Eastern Star had no foundation or 501(c) 3. I think we all assumed that the Boone Home was our foundation. Many members of Iowa Eastern Star have donated to the home or bequeathed monies thinking they were helping Iowa Eastern Star, they were not.

So, on October 4<sup>th</sup> of this year, a group of Eastern Star members got together, each donating monies to start a foundation, named Eastern Star Foundation of Iowa. Sister Jeanne Davis will now explain what and how this has come about.

JEANNE DAVIS: Sister JoAnn asked me to speak about the Foundation and what it can do for our members.

First of all, this Foundation has a name "Eastern Star Foundation of Iowa". I will simply refer to this entity as Foundation for today's purposes. The Foundation is a separate entity from Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star. It, in no way, will replace what the Grand Chapter of Iowa does or its purpose.

This Foundation was started to hep further the charitable works that we, as members, of lowa Eastern Star, love to do. But, the Grand Chapter of lowa is limited on how it receives its funding, which, is primarily by membership fees. This is where the Foundation comes in

Without getting too technical, and to not quote IRS code, I will try to explain the differences between our Grand Chapter and this new Foundation. It came to our attention, during the last 12 months, that there was a member who had passed away and had given a substantial amount of money to other entities – basically because these other entities were the type of organization that could receive a charitable, tax-deductible donations. The Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star, because it is a fraternal organization, is formed under a different type of IRS code, and was not able to receive this bequest from our member. This member truly thought they were helping Grand Chapter of Iowa – but they were not.

So, paperwork has been filed with the IRS and we are waiting for their approval to be considered as a non-profit charitable organization. With this status, the Foundation will be able to receive monies as a charitable and tax-deductible donation. In turn, the Eastern Sar Foundation of lowa can and must give that money to other specific organizations. All

the necessary steps are being taken to comply with state and federal requirements. Once approval has been received, there will be literature made available to further explain the goals of the Foundation...this additional information may also be submitted by social media to our members. It is our hope to increase the charitable giving that are with the ideals of what originally started with Eastern Star.

I want to further explain that this Foundation IS A SEPARATE ENTITY. It is NOT part of Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of Eastern Star. The Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star will still support the Worthy Grand Matron's special project. The Grand Chapter will still support ESTARL and its Relief and Educational funds. This will not change. We are not asking our members to give to both entities, or to choose which entity to support. We have formed the Foundation, so that if or when the opportunity may arise that now we have a foundation that CAN receive bequests, gifts, etc. to help further the purpose and charitable works that Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star would approve of,

2022 – 2023 Proposed Budget General Fund

Interest Income - General Fund Per Capita – General Fund Contributions – General Fund Office Supplies – Sales Proceeding Sales Session – Banquet - 2023 Session – Registration – 2023 Session – Misc/Vendor Fee – 2023 Per Capita – GGC State School Postage Income from Sales Miscellaneous Gr. Chapter Projects Meeting Income Miscellaneous Income Records Management	*****	1,082 30,000 5,000 3,500 45 36,000 6,000 500 4,800 2,800 4500 3,000 100 300 0	EXPENSES: PGM/PGP Jewels Proceedings Trustee Expense Board of Custodian Expense Instructor Expense Session – Banquet – 2023 Session – Rent – 2023 Session – Misc – 2023 **General Contingency Fund Per Capita – GGC State School Accounting Fees/Audit Supplies – Resale Office Supplies Grand Chapter Project Exp. Telephone Utilities	***********************	1,950 75 0 0 3,600 29,000 200 7,000 7,700 8,750 6,400 1,200 3,000 3,000 1,000 3,325 2,225
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	93,527	Insurance Postage and Shipping	\$ \$	3,500 2,300
**General Contingency Fund			Rent	\$	7,440
Worthy Grand Batron	\$	3,000	Equipment Rental	\$	3,100
Worthy Grand Patron Grand Secretary	\$ \$ \$	2,000 1,000	New Computers Office Maintenance	ф Ф	0 750
Grand Treasurer	\$	1,000	General Printing	φ \$	200
Associate Grand Matron	\$	700	Publications	\$	250
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			Payroll Tax Expense	\$	3,200
			Salaries	\$	34,000
			Wages – Assistant	\$	10,000
			Miscellaneous Expense	\$	100
			Web Page	\$	0
			Sound System	\$	100
			Records Management	\$	500
			TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	143,965

INCOME OVER EXPENSES

(50,438)

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF RELIEF

Jerry Jones, PGP, Chairman Vice President, Board of Grand Trustees

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: Members of this year's Board of Relief are: Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Payne, Worthy Grand Patron John Whitaker, JoAnn Bergeson, President of the Board of Grand Trustees & Past Grand Matron, Paula Larsen, President of the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board & Past Grand Matron, Betty Clark, Vice President of the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, Luke Reicks, Chairperson of the Barthell OES Home Board of Directors, Mike Whitson, Vice Chair, Barthell OES Home Board of Directors.

The Board of Relief of the Iowa Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star functions to help those, who through no fault of their own, experience trials in their lives. We have a Relief Fund, maintained to assist us in giving aid to our distressed Sisters and Brothers. In these uncertain economic times, we received two inquiries about assistance from the Board of Relief this year. Each inquiry was then followed by the application form being submitted by the Chapter's Relief Committee. This application provides the Board with the necessary information needed to reach a consensus on the amount of money to be given to each applicant. All applications are thoughtfully considered before a final decision is made by the Board.

The Board considered each request and is pleased to have paid out a total of \$4500.00 to the two applicants.

For future reference, the Chapters may obtain the application form from the Chairperson of the Board of Relief or Nancy Ramthun, Grand Secretary.

We, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, realize that aid and assistance to a needy Sister or Brother is an important tenet of our Order.

#### REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR EDUCATIONAL BOARD

Bill Howie, President Past Grand Sentinel

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, and Brothers. My name is Bill Howie, I am the President of the Eastern Star Education Board for 2022. It is my sincere pleasure to introduce the other members of the Education Board.

Sisters Mary Ann Francois, Vice President; Jean Jacobsen, Secretary; and Mary Knupp, member. We also had the generous aid of Brother Kent Strawn, Grand Treasurer, who also serves as Treasurer to this Board. We also thank Nancy Ramthun, Grand Secretary, whose work behind the scenes keeping track of the ESTARL donations and disbursements and the Education Board loan receipts and disbursements has been invaluable.

I would personally also like to thank Sister Tammy Van Horsen Post for her previous leadership of this Board and for her willingness to be a great mentor and teacher whenever I had questions, this being my first year as President of the Board. Her book of instructions and past material were invaluable.

Grand Treasurer Kent Strawn's diligence in making certain the Education Loans are up to date as far as balance, interest charges and repayments dates are concerned. As of this

date, September 15, 2022, we currently have \$18,210.13 in outstanding loans. \$13,500.00 of these are loans to students still attending school and are not due at this time. \$4,710.13 is currently in repayment status.

Since the last report 4 educational loans of \$1500.00 each were made for a total of \$6,000.00.

ALL members, not just members of the Education Board and the ESTARL Committee are encouraged to continue to promote the use of these funds whenever possible.

Our 2022 annual meeting was held on Saturday, July 16, 2022, in person at Home Lodge in Pleasant Hill, IA. In addition to the members of the Board, those in attendance were. Sisters Cheryl Paine, Vicki Wallner, Mary Reicks, and Sandy Meredith and Brothers John Whitaker, and Larry Niday.

The membership of the Order of the Eastern Star place great trust in the Education Board every year to properly administer these funds. Your generous and continuous support through the purchase of nuts at the Grand Officer receptions, donations of the coin March at official visits during February, March, and April individual donations, memorials, Chapter memorials and Chapter donations. All donations are tracked through the office of the Grand Secretary. In 2022, these donations amounted to \$18,810.86 available for awards. In addition, the Geraldine Wickart Award of \$4000.00 was awarded to Devyn Nelson and the Cliff and Beverly Godsey of \$1,000.00 was awarded to Chitoka Webb. Through all of the nut sales, the Grand Officers raised another \$44,69.20 which was split between 2 of the applicants.

Through the generosity of Geraldine Wickard (\$4,000) and Cliff and Beverly Godsey (\$1,000) these awards are possible until those funds are depleted.

2022 applicants: 10 applicants (7 previous and 3 new applicants)

Total awards, including the Wickart and Godsey and Grand Officers nut sales was \$28,180.06

In 2022 the Education Board, WGM/WGP, Line Officers and AGP awarded the Grand Chapter funds on a point system that has been in place for several years.

Thank you to everyone who has helped make these funds available for ESTARL. A complete list of names and the award amounts will be printed in the Official Proceeding of the Grand Chapter.

Our continued thanks go to the Grand Trustees and Grand Treasurer for their part in overseeing the investments for the Wickart and Godsey Funds so that these awards may continue for the next few years.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for asking each of us to serve on this Board. For those who have never served on this Board, it is a real eye-opening experience to be able to read and experience each of these applications and understand just what these funds mean to each one in their educational journey.

The speaker for the EASTARL service this year is our daughter Jill Pepper, a previous ESTARL recipient. She will also be speaking at the ESTARL brunch following the service. As 2 members, Mary Ann and Jean leave the Board this year we welcome 2 new members and hope that their experience on the Board will be just as rewarding.

### 2022 ESTARL RECIPIENTS

2022 ESTARL	\$28,180.06
Braun, Grace	\$1,589.81
Webb, Chitoka	\$2,956.69
Nelson, Devyn	\$6,078.98
New Applicants	
Farmer, Heidi	\$1,834.40
Ungs, Alisha	\$1,736.56
Cox, Lewis	\$4,166,83
Reynolds, Jackson	\$4,460.34
Vogel, Kasey	\$1,883.32
V Ferguson, Nathan	\$1,589.81
McCalla, Ray	\$1,883.32
Previous Applicants	

### REPORT OF THE STATE PROJECT CHAIRMAN

Cynthia Hagmeier, Chairman Past Grand Ruth

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: thank you for supporting the projects for this year. I have enjoyed serving as your Project Chairman this year.

I would like to thank each of my 11 Project Chairmen for continuing to sell our projects this year, as they traveled from thee river to the river. Thank you to my Co-Chairman, Sister Mary Jo Fitzgerald for her assistance this year.

Our top salesperson this year was Sister Terri Murphy of District #3 and runner up was Sister Jody Connor of District #5

.The total collected so far this year is \$8,266.50. thank you all again for your support.

### PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT PROJECT CHAIRMAN

District #2	Harvey Davis
District #4	Joan Waller
District #6	Cyndi Grosing
District #7	Sharon Jolley

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we thank you for the time and talent that you shared with us this year. Your efforts have made a huge difference. Thank you.

"The Fifties were a blast, you got dibs on the front seat of the car, we all got a kick out of things, nobody wanted to be a square, we had it made in the shade, it was the end to have a rag top car, it was the most."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: A BIG Thank you to our Project Chairmen! You show up at every event to work. You tirelessly support our projects, waiting to go through the serving line as someone may stop by your table to buy. We truly appreciate all you have done for us. Sister Cynthia, thank you for being our State Project Chair. You have always been there for both Cheryl and me.

### REQUEST FOR 2024, 2025, 2026 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION LOCATION

Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor Sandy Meredith, Associate Grand Conductress and District Instructor Janice Alger, District Instructor

MARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Grand Chapter Sessions be held at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, Iowa.

### **CARRIED**

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary, Sister Sandy and Sister Janice, I look forward to each of your special years.

### PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS FOR 2023

Vicki Wallner Associate Grand Matron and District Instructor

VICKI: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the approval of the Projects FOR 2023.

### CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, we look forward to your special plans next year, and hope it's all you dream it will be, enjoy.

### REQUEST FOR OPEN INSTALLATION

Larry Niday, Associate Grand Patron

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we have open Installation of the Grand Officers of 2023 at 1:00 PM Sunday afternoon.

### CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this concludes the business portion of our Session. The remaining sessions are open to all who wish to attend. Our session tonight starts at 6:15pm and concludes with our Memorial service.

Our ESTARL Worship Service Sunday morning will be at 9:00am and will be held here in our Grand Chapter Room.

We hope you will join us at these sessions.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CLOSING ODE: "Put a Little Love in Your Heart"

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

CLOSING PROCLAMATION: Kaylene Kiewiet, Grand Marshal

CLOSING MARCH: Grand Officers

### CEREMONIES, REMARKS, REPORTS, RESPONSES AND TRIBUTES NOT GIVEN AT GRAND CHAPTER

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CUSTODIANS

Ellen Knupp, PGM, President of the Board of Custodians

The Board this year consisted of Jean Koss, Secretary, Polly Miller, Member, and me. I thank both of them for their help and dedication.

The Board met with Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Payne, prior to her reception on October 24, 2021, at the Cedar Rapids Marriott, to find out her wishes for the year and to start State School preparations. We also met with Worthy Grand Patron, John Whitaker and Associate Grand Patron, Larry Niday to hear their work. We then met with both Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and Sandy Meredith, Associate Grand Conductress to give them instructions for the year and to answer any questions.

State School was held in Pleasant Hill on January 21-23, 2022. We stayed at the Sleep Inn and met on Saturday at Home Lodge. Meals were served by Des Moines Chapter. We had eight Instructors present. Sister Kelly Walker was excused as she had a life-saving liver transplant and was quarantined. Sister Kelly received the instructions and her exam at a later date when she'd had some time to recover. Her Schools were covered by the other Instructors who are always willing to step up and help a sister. Meetings were held with each of the line officers on Friday night prior to State School to go over instructions and answer any questions.

The District Instructor Exam was handled differently this year. Normally the Instructors stay up on Saturday night going over the previous year's exam and discussing various changes, then the next morning are too tired to read the test clearly, resulting in a lot of mistakes. This year I told the Instructors to enjoy the snack party after the School, which they usually miss out on, and to go to bed earlier. Sunday morning, we gathered around a table and went through the exam. Each Instructor took turns reading the questions and giving the answers out loud. Any discussion of changes was held, and clarifications made after each question. The Instructors were thankful for this type of exam because any questions could be cleared up before moving on to the next question.

The Starlighters Grand Family was present at State School not only as guests this year, but as participants as well. Due to the lack of chapters, less Instructors are needed, therefore we no longer have a full corps of officers made up of just Instructors. WGM Cheryl wanted her officers to be included as officers during State School to have the practice needed in working together, both at the Degrees and at Grand Chapter. We thank them for their work as well as for the snacks provided by them at the Snack Party on Saturday night.

Our Associate Grand Matron, Vicki Wallner and Associate Grand Patron, Larry Niday served in the East for both Presenting and for Initiation. We also thank our Past Grand Patrons for helping out where needed.

My Little Sis, Mary Reicks, was asked to give a special closing for State School. The closing ceremony honors the Worthy Grand Matron and the members of the Board. It was the perfect ceremony. Thanks Mary! I love my book!

We had Degrees starting in May and going through October. The first Degrees were held at Brighton Chapter, Washington on May 21, 2022. On June 11, 2022, we had Degrees at

Heartland Chapter, Des Moines. The next Degrees were held at Aspasia Chapter, Sigourney on September 10, 2022. All 3 Board members were present for these three.

The next Degrees were scheduled to be held in August in Spencer and hosted by Algona Chapter but were postponed due to the candidate's illness. They were rescheduled to October. The location kept changing due to road construction but were finally held in Algona. I was unable to attend, but the other Board members were present.

During the School Season each Board member went out to see the Instructors. We were there to support and mentor them, answering any questions and giving them helpful hints. After the first Degrees, in Washington, the Board and Line Officers met to discuss our School visits and how we can help the Instructors with their work.

The Assignments for Grand Chapter were handed out by the Worthy Grand Matron with Sister Jean Koss, Secretary of the Board handing out any additional materials necessary. The Tributes and Ceremonies were due August 1st. They began rolling in at the end of July. I finally received the last in October. I not only timed them, but also proofread them so when printed up in the proceedings they would be correct.

At Grand Chapter, held at the Cedar Rapids Marriott on October 20-23, 2022, we had meetings with the WGM, WGP, AGM, AGP and both Conductresses as well as the Presenting Chairman to go over instructions and answer any questions. The Board assisted with the practices on Thursday as well as the Sunday morning Installation practice.

On behalf of the Board of Custodians, I thank Sister Mary Reicks for inviting the Board to attend the District Instructor's Breakfast, as guests. We appreciate the special time and reminders of our individual years. A special thanks to Sister Mary for the journal given to me with the beautifully engraved tree on the front. She had a special journal for each of the Board members.

Throughout the year we acted as a sounding board, there to help the officers and Instructors with any questions or concerns. This year went by so fast that some things I'd wanted to accomplish didn't happen, but I know they'll be in good hands as I step down.

### REPORT OF THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Kathi Heath, Chairman Past Grand Martha (Report not Available)

### REPORT OF THE CHAPTER CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Kris Roudybush, Chairman Past Grand Ruth

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, and Brothers; as of this date, I as Chairman of the Chapter Concerns Committee have not been contacted during the past year for assistance or information on Chapter consolidations.

I did contact the Grand Secretary regarding any information that she had on Chapter Consolidations. She told me that she has completed the following consolidations since the last Grand Chapter:

- Northern Light Chapter #262 with Unity Chapter #58., Mason City, completed 12/31/2021.
- Fairest Chapter #382, Fairfax with Cedar Chapter #184, Cedar Rapids also completed 12/31/2021.

When appointed to this committee, I was unsure of what my role would be, and the lack of printed information regarding the role of this committee. For me, I like to have information regarding what my role in the committee should be, I did find some information in the Worthy Matron's notebook. I would recommend that some guidelines be established for what this committee's responsibility should be and should be in a handbook or printed material that is given to each committee member.

Although I understand that the consolidations should continue to be a part of the committee, perhaps this committee could assist chapters in other concerns and needs that could help our chapters survive.

### REPORT OF THE ESTARL COMMITTEE

Shelly Hanes, Chairman Past Grand Adah

The ESTARL breakfast was held at 10:30 a.m. in the Banquet room of the Sheraton Hotel following Sunday morning worship service, as of October 12, 2022, eighty-five people were registered to attend.

Sister Shelly Hanes welcomed everyone with a greeting. She introduced the following guests at the head table: Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Payne, and her companion Russell Payne, Worthy Grand Patron John Whitaker and his companion Lorrie Whitaker, President of the Educational Board Bill Howie and his companion Barb Howie, and Rev. Jill pepper who gave the message at our worship service. Sister Joyce Sloniger led us in grace, then, breakfast was served.

After breakfast, the ESTARL report was given, sister Shelly Hanes introduced Rev. Jill Pepper; she spoke with us about what grants she received. Brother Bill Howie gave updates on the ESTARL grants awarded and the educational loans given. We were dismissed with the Mizpah Benediction.

### REPORT OF THE GALAXY COMMITTEE

Janice Wauson, Chairman
Past Grand Ruth

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, and Brothers: This year has seen a huge change in the distribution of our Galaxy. The entire year was displayed on our own website. The decision was made by the Grand Trustees last year that the printed form was no longer cost effective. Unfortunately, an analysis of the expenses had not been completed but the vote was final, and we have moved on.

The second change was dates of submission of articles and availability on the website. December, March, June, and September are the months the Galaxy is posted. All went well and I thank John Hauser for posting my pdfs to the website promptly.

Of the 18 Chapter forms I received, three liked that it was now online best and three were disappointed it was no longer in print form. I also received two calls this year from members wondering if they were not receiving their Galaxy because their subscription had expired. We all need to make sure our members know how to view the Galaxy.

Features liked best were Chapter activities and the color pictures. Also appreciated were the Histories by Janelle Hammarstedt and the Articles from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. One Chapter commented they were disappointed Diane Bargfrede did not make more submissions.

Articles were received from 13 Chapters, 1 District and 1 PG Family. Encouragement is needed to get more Chapters participating. Readers enjoy other activities, and it gives them ideas to use in their own Chapters. Remember the Galaxy is <u>For and About</u> lowa Fastern Stars

I thank Jean Koss for asking me to serve on this committee, twice! I first joined in 2017, when Jean requested, I move up to be her Chair. In 2018 I was selected as Grand Ruth by Ellen Knupp. In 2019 Jean again asked me to join and I again said yes. Thank you also to Polly Miller and Cheryl Payne. I have so enjoyed working with Cheryl and John this year. All together I have been a member for five years.

### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Leane Stutzman, Chairman

Forms were returned from seventeen chapters to create this report. Of the seventeen chapters who responded, ten of them reported that they donated school supplies to their local public schools. Five of those responding reported that they had a member or members who volunteered in their local school.

Four chapters reported that they give scholarships to graduating seniors. Exodus Chapter reported donating \$1,200 to area graduating seniors from four different schools. Jessamine Chapter annually donates three \$500 scholarships, and the Masonic Foundation matches that donation. Oelwein Chapter reported giving two \$500 scholarships and quilts to graduating seniors and they invite the recipients and their families to a dinner to recognize them. E.D. Blackmar Chapter gives a \$500 scholarship each year.

Our chapters also engaged in supporting our schools by donating school supplies, money for supplies and by purchasing items from school fundraisers. Some of the specific items our chapters reported donating to local schools this year were: hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, book bags, Kleenex, earbuds, and clothing. Many

chapters listed "school supplies' as items they donated. Two chapter mentioned that they collected money during coin marches to donate to their local schools to use to purchase needed supplies. A total of \$180 was specifically mentioned as donations for school supplies. Our chapters, also mentioned supporting our local schools by purchasing form FFA sales and other group fundraisers, assisting with school activities like prom, band and choir belonging to booster clubs, saving slips from Hy Vee for schools, purchasing discount cards from student groups and attending sporting events and concerts.

Our chapters also spend time volunteering in schools. Volunteering as a teacher's aide, working as official scorekeepers for volleyball and basketball games, working in concession stands at sporting events, and volunteering at Monday Morning Mission. are all ways our membership has reported that they help our public schools by volunteering. One chapter talked with students about Eastern Star and taught them how to make paper flowers, which were used as decorations during an official visit. One chapter reported not being able to volunteer right now due to Covid-19 issues.

### REPORT OF THE SERVICE DOGS COMMITTEE

Laverne Messer, Chairman
Past Grand Warder
(Due to Health Concerns, no report was received)

### REPORT OF THE TLC COMMITTEE

Sue McMain, Chairman Past Grand Adah

Sisters, Brothers, and friends, it has been my pleasure to serve as chairman of this committee. My name is Sue McMain, a member of Altoona Chapter #284. The other members of this committee are Maycel Kindig from Wayland Chapter #494 and Marjorie Frisbee from Marne Chapter #230, Liberty.

I want to thank the 20 chapters who sent their reports to me. I was so glad to hear about the contributions our chapters have given to this year's projects. In total 40 adult bibs. 395 babe caps, and 29 baby booties were made and donated.

The total number of hours reported for this years' TLC projects was 950. WOW!

Our chapters reported also making Oort-A-Cath pillows, Quilts of Valor, prayer shawls, fidget pads, knitted caps and socks, lap quilts, and assorted other items given to hospitals, hospice, nursing homes, school children, rehab centers and our homes. Many attended sewing days in their district and contributed monetary donations to other worthy causes.

Thank you to our loyal busy bees who helped make this a successful year. Thank you too to Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Payne and Worthy Grand Patron, John Whitaker for our appointments to this committee. I am so proud to be a part of this great jurisdiction.

### REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER

John Hauser, PGP, Webmaster

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, members, and guests: This year reports were received from eighteen chapters.

Most who submitted reports commented that they used it for the calendar, Grand Chapter Information, and seeing invitations to the various events. Others use it for the secretary forms, some of which are fillable, sign-in sheets, and petitions. Several said it was great to have the Galaxy online. Others expressed appreciation and commented on the excellent work. Some commented that they would like to see the project reports online and the ability to submit them. This has been tried in the past, but it has been difficult to get forms submitted to the appropriate committee chair unless someone forwards them the reports.

Some commented that they would like to see pictures/articles of chapter events. This was explored in the past. Now that the Galaxy is online, it contains photos and articles about chapter events. Another option is for the lowa OES Facebook group page to be used for this purpose, and since this is a closed group, the photos are only accessible to those in the group.

Please remember that it is important for chapters and members to send invitations and event information to the webmaster so it can be uploaded for all to view. Keep the webmaster informed of events, so they can post the information online for everyone to see. Please note the webmaster does not create or update the forms, invitations, and documents - but the webmaster can upload these when they receive them. One noted that the website needs a facelift, and the site is outdated, but they did not give any suggestions as to what they wanted to be done. Work will be done to update as much as is possible.

Thanks to our Grand Secretary Nancy Ramthun and those who have provided input, information, and suggestions. Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron John, thank you for the opportunity to again serve the lowa Grand Chapter.

### REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

Vicki Griner, Chairman

The Youth Committee is pleased to report that we have diligently supported our youth over the 2021-2022 years. Seventeen Chapters have reported that they have participated in several activities involving the youth in our communities. The BEE pin for our youth has been purchased from 127 of our members this year. Proudly 30 members have served as leaders or adult advisors of a youth organization. Many members have been involved in activities or fundraisers with our Rainbow, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters youth. There were 89 members active in fairs, Rainbow Grand Assembly, invited Youth to meetings including getting dance lessons from one group and made significant donations to those organizations. All of this support is so important for the development of relationships with these youth organizations and may produce future Eastern Star or Masonic members. Thank you to all who supported our Youth this year.

Thank you so very much for your time and commitment to the Various Committees, and you all truly showed without a doubt just how brightly the Sars can shine.



PRELUDE: Tammy Van Horsen-Post, Past Grand Organist

### **OPENING WELCOME**

Ellen Knupp
President, Board of Custodians
Past Grand Matron
Charlie Young
Past Grand Patron

ELLEN KNUPP: Good Evening! Welcome to our Saturday Evening Session.

Sister Cheryl, and Brother John, this year you were tested more than ever. You lost a lot, but you also won. You've cried, laughed, learned, and loved, but most of all, you're still here, you did not break.

We are almost to the end of this Swinging on a Star chapter and ready to start the next one to see what exciting things will happen next.

Before we do, we will turn the page and find out if their dreams have come true. Will they Celebrate? Will they listen to rock 'n roll? Will the cherry pie be gluten free? But the biggest question of all is...How much money have we raised for the "On With Life" project?

Cheryl and John, thank you for asking us to open this evening's session and remember, a book a day keeps reality away.

CHARLIE YOUNG: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, good evening.

Sister Cheryl, and Brother John, thank you for asking me to be a part of your Swinging On a Star grand chapter session and to share the east with my Worthy Grand Matron Sister Ellen. I was not able to attend a lot of the activities this summer due to having covid and moving. I'm looking forward to hearing all the results of the projects that took place this year. Heard the golf outing and the All lowa Rock and Roll party were great times.

Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed grand officers for next year. I wish you a successful year and will be there to support your projects.

Starlighters enjoy your memories of this past year and thank you for your service.

Good evening and "May the apple of your eye see only good and may God make smooth the path before you."

#### INVOCATION

Andy "Irvin" Anderson, Past Grand Chaplain

Heavenly, Father as we open this evening session of Swinging on a Star session, we thank you for all the guidance you have given to Sister Cheryl, and Brother John during their year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Thank you for your guidance as the business of the Grand Chapter was conducted.

As the Starlighters Grand Family traveled throughout the state we thank you for your ever watching eye and your arms that protected them as they traveled across the state visiting chapters.

Please guide and protect all the newly elected and appointed officers as they are about to lead the lowa Order of the Eastern Star for the coming year. All this we pray in thy Holy Name. Amen.

DOUBLE MARCH: Grand Officers and District Instructors

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: "Good Evening! Thank you for joining us tonight. Sister Ellen, and Brother Charlie, My Country Kids mom and dad, thank you for opening the session tonight.

Sister Tammy, and Brother Andy, thank you for your music and prayer.

What a joy to have the County Kids be a part of this Grand Chapter Session! Thank you all so much."

If you will allow me, I just want to say thank you to all of you who presented flowers, gifts, and cards. I am so humbled by your generosity and my deepest thanks to each and every one of you. We have enjoyed them so very much."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Ellen, and Brother Charlie, thank you for opening this evening's session. You have both experienced the excitement we feel as the big announcement of the project total is revealed. Thank you for your help and support this year. I am truly grateful for all you have done.

Brother Andy, you put your heart into your prayers. We should remember that God asks not for flowing poems, but He asks us for faithful requests and honor to Him. Sister Tammy, I don't have much to add from what I said this afternoon. So, thank you for

your beautiful music.

Welcome to Saturday night! I will admit that Saturday nights are not the same as they used to be. Growing up, my folks would either gather us up and we would go to another family's house so they could play cards and us kids play, or they would invite another family over for the same thing. Saturday nights now remind me of this thought; All of my childhood punishments have now become my adult goals, eating my vegetables, staying home, having a nap, and going to bed early. And not one of my goals but something we do too often, we will honor those who have gone on before us.

### REPORT OF THE ALL- IOWA EVENT

Beverly Reinert
Chairman and Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guest and Sisters, and Brothers. It has been a pleasure to serve as chairman of the All-lowa Event held on Saturday, August 11, 2022, at the Earlham Community Center, Earlham, Iowa. I would like to introduce the very able committee at this time: Rita Gerking, Jonnetta Theisen, Barbara Wood, Judy Hill, and Ronda Sturms. Ronda was unable to be in attendance due to a family event. Each were a delight to work with The time frame was 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Our Rock and Roll theme was carried out throughout the activities and decorations. Each committee member decorated the ten windows. Many of the membership dressed in costume for the 60's era. Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron, John choose winners. Prizes consisted of home baked cherry pie, Cherry Bing candy bar and jars of honey.

A silent auction was held with many contributions and the total amount was \$1,584. Everyone enjoyed their choice of a root beer or strawberry soda or a chocolate or caramel sundae. This was a popular fountain which brought in a total of \$355. The puzzle exchange was a success also with proceeds of \$70.50. All jigsaw puzzles left were donated to the Eastern Star Boone Home and the Barthell Home.

Thanks to Joyce Sloniger and Luke Reicks for delivering them to the homes. A pink convertible car photo op station brought in \$135. Many Grand Families found this area a fun place to take a picture. Jonnetta had members sign in on 45rpm records upon arriving. We estimate that approximately 130 attended. Jonnetta and her sister, Jennifer were "candy cigarette girls" selling candies, snacks and gum and the station of Bees and Birds brought in \$132. There were three games of Trivia played with prizes of Bit 'o Honey candies for the table winning occupants.

We started serving dinner in the diner at 5 o'clock. Menu consisted of loose meat or hot dog sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, chips, cookie, and bottles of water. The meal proceeds were \$976 less expenses. We received donations for \$627.14 making a grand total for the day of \$3,874.64. All in all, everyone had a day filled with fun and enjoyment.

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended and made the day enjoyable and a successful day for lowa Grand Chapter Treasury.

### REPORT OF THE GOLF OUTING COMMITTEE

Ron Mullenger Golf Outing Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, and Brothers. It is my pleasure to give this report of the 2022 Eastern Star Charity Golf Outing. The funds raised by this event are for a project near and dear to our Worthy Grand Matron, Parkinson's Disease Awareness. This is in conjunction with On With Life, a specialty care facility in Ankeny IA. The golf tournament was held on July 15<sup>th</sup> Friday at the A. H. Blank golf course in South Des Moines. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of having our outing at this course. I would like to thank Chris Tillinghast and his staff for providing a beautiful course and a wonderful meal. This was truly a team effort. Thank you to golf committee members Vivian Pitlo and

This was truly a team effort. Thank you to golf committee members Vivian Pitlo and Norma Fobian for their hard work and input. Thanks to our Grand Secretary Nancy

Ramthun for her hard work and for answering my many questions. Thanks to Brother John Hauser for his work on the picture slideshow. A special thanks to Past Worthy Matron Jean Koss for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this fun event. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the putting contest, registration tables, and organizing the raffle prizes. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who purchased the tickets to win these prizes. The raffle by itself made \$ 1250.

There were 74 golfers on 19 teams who enjoyed the warm day and many hole watchers who gave encouragement and many goodies to the golfers. 150 people had dinner and fellowship in the clubhouse after the golfing was done. Thanks to all of you for your support. I am pleased to announce that the net amount raised by everyone's generosity and to be given to Parkinson's Awareness is \$ 9401.89.

The traveling trophy is given to the group or Grand Family who contributes the most to each years Golf Outing. This years' vote was very close, and the winner won by one vote. Congratulations to the 2000 M&M Grand Family.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Ron, what a great day, and just know your efforts are greatly and deeply appreciated.

Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you to the Golf Outing Committee for you many hours of work devotion to make the golf outing successful. You tried a few new things and it worked great. Brother Ron, thank you for your work. You called and asked, can we try this? We said yes and you ren with it from there.

## REPORT OF THE "ON WITH LIFE" PARKINSONS DISEASE-EDUCATION/SCHILARSHIP Charlotte Dietrich, Co-Chair, Past Grand Esther James Dietrich, Co-Chair, Past Grand Sentinel

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, and Brothers.

What a spectacular year!!! Sister Cheryl, and Brother John and the Starlighters Grand Family have had a shake, rattle, and roll year! So many happy days. They have rock and rolled thru all parts of Iowa and even into other states. They have strolled thru large city chapters and bopped into many smaller chapters and did the twist to get around some construction delays. Elvis even made an appearance at an event a couple weeks ago and sang to and danced with Sister Cheryl. How special is that!???? Brother John feels like the travelin' man!!

All the while this grand family was dancing across lowa, encouraging everyone to 'bee kind' and 'bee generous,' many chapters were working behind the scenes doing fundraisers for Parkinson disease in support of the special project this year.

I received responses from 20 chapters reporting their activities and fundraising actions. I want to thank those 20 chapters for their response. From the 20 responses, there were 140 pins sold, and 58 attended the golf outing. Some chapters held special programs on Parkinsons. Chapter fundraising activities included the coin march, silent auctions, personal donations, fees paid to dress casual, pocket change and money donated to the project in lieu of Grand Officer gifts Some chapters participated in a Farmer's Market and donated the funds to the Parkinson's project. At least one chapter honored caregivers who are critical to the fight against this disease. Also 18 of the 20 responses answered "yes" to the question if they knew of someone with Parkinsons disease.

Sister Cheryl, and Brother John, each of our lowa Eastern Star members want you to know how very proud we are of you both for your leadership and hard work and for the positive results this year's project will bring forth to so many. We hope that the total collected for your project will take you over the blue moon and you will be special angels for your work and dedication. Iowa Eastern Star members say, "Thank You"!! Jim and I want to thank you for the honor of appointment as chairmen for your project this year. We Love you both!

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you, Sister Charlotte, and Brother Jim. I am so grateful to you my very special friends for taking on this Project. I chose you specifically because I knew you would understand my passion for this project. You knew my Dad, and you know how devastating this disease is for the person afflicted, but also for the caregiver. I cannot thank you enough for your support and for your work on this project. I love you both.

Worthy Grand Patron: I sincerely want to say thank you, most humbly say thank you to the committees who worked so hard for our projects this year. It wasn't an easy task due to the post Pandemic conditions. I am grateful and at a loss for words. I am so thankful for every member's support, and for the committees who so graciously consented to do the work. Thank you so very, very much.

Worthy Grand Matron: I really don't know if I can thank the project committee enough. Sister Charlotte, and Brother Jim, you are devoted to this project as the entire committee has been. I am just too close to this issue to say much without breaking down. Parkinson's Disease affects too many of my own family on my side as well as Lorrie's side. It is so difficult to watch. Thank you for all you have done this year. I am forever grateful.

### REMARKS "On With Life"

Corey Morrison – Chief Strategy and Development Officer
Tammy Miller – Director of Outpatient
Gail McGaughy – Outpatient Team Lead and Physical Therapist
Paula Duve – Outpatient Team Lead and Physical Therapist

Corey: Good evening. My name is Corey Morrison and I have the privilege of working at an amazing organization called On With Life and we are so proud to be here tonight celebrating with all of you, especially your 2022 Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Payne and your Worth Grand Patron, John Whitaker. We first met Cheryl and John in the fall of 2019 and knew right away it would be a collaboration that would not only support our mission at On With Life, but a collaboration that would impact hundreds of lowans a year. For those of you that don't know, On With Life is known in Iowa and throughout the Midwest as the experts in brain injury, stroke, and neuro rehabilitation, including Parkinson's Disease. We provide a continuum of seven programs across multiple campuses throughout Iowa, serving more than 1,000 individuals a year. Our approach to rehabilitation combines our clinical expertise with the unique goals of those we serve. I'm excited to have three of our experts here to share a little more about our mission with you tonight. Thank you again Cheryl and John and the entire Grand Chapter of Iowa. We couldn't be prouder to be here celebrating with you tonight.

Gail: In April 2019 I was on the Van and Bonnie Morning show marketing an upcoming Lunch and Learn we were hosting and providing educational resources about Parkinson's. I have always known that On With Life's mission and message is far reaching, but I never imagined how profound our words could be. I never expected the information that I shared on the Van and Bonnie show to cause a lady in Washington, IA to emergently, and safely,

pull over on the side of the road to listen intently to the message. When we first met with Cheryl and John in August of 2019, Cheryl shared her experience with her father, her understanding of Parkinson's and the trials and tribulations of being a care-partner for a person with PD. John and Cheryl toured our facility, listened intently about our program and offerings, educated us on the Order of the Eastern Stars mission and values and discussed how we could collaborate together. At that moment in time, we were all now bonded in sharing our passion to assisting those with PD, their families, care-partners, and their community. Who knew that our passion on enhancing lives could create such a Ripple effect to so many others? It is absolutely incredible how far a Ripple can travel-across the state of Iowa and across the chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star. Who knew that 3.5 years later, On With Life would be standing before you all of receiving such an incredible gift for the Parkinson's community. We are grateful, we are humbled, and we are so excited to continue to provide the highest quality and compassionate care to all those affected by Parkinson's.

Paula: My name is Paula Duve, and I'm a physical therapist at our outpatient clinic in Coralville. When we opened this clinic at the start of 2020 our goal was to expand On With Life's high quality neurorehabilitation services towards the eastern side of the state. One of our several programs that we have worked to build in this area is our Parkinson's Program, and as we believe - the journey of Parkinson's Disease is better travelled together. We now have Persons with Parkinson's on their second or third episode of care with us, and we want to best meet their needs at each stage. One individual we serve came into the clinic with her spouse last week; worried and frustrated after having 2 falls at home. We were able to provide a walker to her that day to practice in sessions and send home with her to continue using. The next session she returned and was eager to share how much her confidence had improved – her husband no longer needed to follow her every step! This is just one small example of how we can support this community. Donations like this greatly impact our ability to maximize the safety, dignity, and independence of those we serve. Thank you for helping us to live out our mission. We couldn't be more grateful.

Tammy: We are extremely humbled by being chosen as the organization that you decided to support this year. We are excited to be able to utilize the funds that you have raised to make an impactful and a difference in the lives of individuals with Parkinson's as well as their care partners and families! Our plan is to utilize the dollars raised to further develop a more comprehensive Parkinson's programs at both of our outpatient clinics that will include purchasing needed equipment, wellness programs, educational events, support groups, as well as outreach to rural lowa partners to increase access to education and services in smaller communities. We want to say a special thank you to Cheryl and John, but also a thank you to the entire Grand Chapter of lowa for your dedication and support of On With Life! Your donation will have a profound effect on the lives of so many persons with Parkinson's and their families/support systems for the years to come!

Worthy Grand Patron: As I said moments ago, PD affects too many of my own family. Lorrie and I participated in an Extension webinar on PD over a year ago and what we learned concerned us both. My Mom passed away from a type of PD called PSP. There are various types of PD and many different symptoms. We need to educate everyone about all of the symptoms. Lorrie accompanied her mom to a recent doctor's appointment because she is noticing the 'quiet symptoms' mentioned in that webinar. She asked the doctor about PD and instead of asking what symptoms Lorrie has noticed, the doctor

asked her mom if her hands shake and she said no. The doctor then said that she doesn't have PD. Lorrie feels like she knows more about PD than the doctor did.

### **QUILT RAFFLE WIINNERS**

Karen Wood Marilyn Culver Sue McKibben Carol Schmidt Diane Bargfrede Mary Fanning Judy Boden

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you to dear members for dedicating your time and talents making the quilts for us this year, you are so very much appreciated.

## REMARKS OF SISTER DIANE BARGFREDE WORTHY GRAND ADAH THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND PAST GRAND MATRON OF IOWA

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers and Friends, Greetings to you all on behalf of our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Glenda Winchester and our Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother F. Lon Lowry, as they represent and lead, 'Worldwide the Family of God Marches Together.'

Next year we will be hosting a general grand visit at our grand chapter session, so let's start learning a little bit about our leaders. Sister Glenda, likes frogs, and believes we must "Fully Rely on God". Brother Lon is all about "corvettes" and believes we need to "march in-step on the beat". We are all in this marching band together. When they visit in our state, they will be looking to see how many lowa members are wearing the medallions. I just happen to have some with me for sale. It is important that our lowa members learn these words being promoted during the triennial: **We Believe! We Care! We Love!** 

Throughout the triennial supporting Service Dogs will continue as it is our Eastern Star premiere project. In addition, we will once again learn about Regenerative Medicine along with supporting Heart, Cancer, Youth Organizations, the Journal, International Headquarters, Shriner's Hospitals and ESTARL. Also, at the top of the list is the ongoing promotion of community service and membership.

When asked to serve as a Drum Major for General Grand Chapter representing the station of Worthy Grand Adah, I was humbled, and honored. This honor also goes to all our Eastern Star members here in Iowa. The experience of representing the Tall Corn state has been, "awesome" so far. I will do my best to make you proud.

Many of you shared that you were able to watch the Installation Ceremony on November 4<sup>th</sup> which was done virtually from the International Headquarters in Washington D.C. This was the first time anything like this had been done. Eastern Star history is truly in the making.

It has been a pleasure visiting in the following jurisdictions this year: Missouri, Florida, Georgia, Montana, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Oklahoma. Each grand chapter was unique and interesting, with generous hospitality being shared throughout each of them. Joining in the fun on Eastern Star Masonic Pilgrimage in May to Philadelphia and Washington D.C., gave me a "coach" load of memories to cherish for a long time.

While attending the Job's Daughters Exchange with Nebraska and Iowa held in Council Bluffs in August, there was a game played at the event, where the Worthy Grand Patrons along the Associate Grand Patrons were asked, 'how many states have you visited for an Eastern Star event?' This question made me wonder just how many states I have been to for Eastern Star over the many, many years. Would you believe that number is 29, and one Canadian province, Saskatchewan. The reason for sharing this information is to encourage and remind each of you of the importance of traveling and building those relations and friendships not only within our state but also with other grand jurisdictions. We must still be cautious as Covid 19, and the many variants are still out there but when it feels right for you, please, once again travel near and far for Eastern Star!

Congratulations to each of our Iowa General Grand Chapters Committee Members. I wish you well in your in duties promoting your individual projects.

To Sister Cheryl, and Brother John, I hope you have enjoyed your special year and that your "Swinging on a Star" session is all you wanted it to be.

Thank you to Sister Lori Rasmussen, for the lovely tribute shared last evening, and a thank you to Sister Jan Wilson for playing my march while I was being escorted to the east. Both were very much appreciated.

A big thank you goes to my family for their love and support in this new adventure. Craig and Grant have walked beside me and are willing to fly or drive with me to here and there and everywhere. Thank you to my traveling companions, Sisters Janice Alger and Becky Nolte who were brave enough to ride shotgun on different occasions. Each of you are a blessing to me.

In closing be stead-fast in your faith and always be Eastern Star members who illustrate: **We Believe! - We Care! - We Love!** 

Let's keep marching together in service and love. Don't forget, I have medallions for sale! Thank you and good night.

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you so much, Sister Diane. Iowa members are very proud of you and we wish you much happiness and success in the next two years of your appointment.

## REMARKS OF SISTER JEAN KOSS ESTARL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND PAST GRAND MATRON OF IOWA

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, guests. Good evening!

In October of 1952 at the General Grand Assembly held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Easter Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL) was established. Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday ESTARL!!! ESTARL is 70 years young and still going strong.

As a member of the ESTARL Committee of the General Grand Chapter, I am honored to be standing here this evening. Each state is assigned an ESTARL Committee member. As the representative for Iowa, I feel like I hit the ESTARL jackpot. Iowa's history of supporting ESTARL is outstanding.

While we definitely know how to raise money. Getting the word out about our ESTARL program is a bit lacking. There is a great shortage of pastors and it isn't just my denomination (Methodists), it is others as well. Some of our recipients have said they

would not have been able to go to the seminary without the ESTARL award they received from Eastern Star. We need to do better spreading the word about this program. When we present our annual grants, if the recipient agrees, take a picture, and get it in your local newspaper. Mention it to your church pastor; asl that they spread the word to others.

My husband Robert was talking with our neighbors recently and the subject came up about their youngest son and that he was considering entering the seminary. Robert took that opportunity to tell them about ESTARL and told them to reach out to us if he decides to proceed in that direction.

We have been great at raising the funds (and I know we will continue to do so), now we just need to get more applicates. The grant is a one-year grant, but the recipients may reapply each year while they are still in school.

I encourage all of you to be ambassadors for ESTARL. It is indeed a cause worthy of our efforts! Finally, thank you lowa Grand Chapter membership for your wonderful support of ESTARL.

# REMARKS OF SISTER NANCY KIEHNE REGENERATIVE MEDICINE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND PAST GRAND MATRON OF IOWA

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, and Brothers,

Our MWGM and MWGP endorsed the partnership between GGC and Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine as one of their selected charities and a special project for the MWGP for this triennium.

As a member of the General Grand Chapter Regenerative Medicine Committee, it has been my pleasure to meet other members at Zoom meetings. The goal of this triennium is one million dollars, and many activities are being planned to meet this goal. One fun activity are cruises so if you are interested in it, let me know.

At these zoom meetings, we have heard from many researchers from Wake Forest about their research projects. Their mantra is "Next is Now," always dedicated to finding a cure not just a treatment. With over 300 employees from over 64 countries, their passion for helping human beings throughout the world is never ending.

One project, using a 3-D printer and "bioink", the team created tiny replicas of human organs - some as small as a pinhead - to test drugs. During the pandemic they used these chips of miniature lungs and colons - two organs particularly affected by the coronavirus-to test drugs to fight Covid-19.

This process is also used for testing treatments for cancer and other diseases as well as analyzing a drug's impact on an organ.

They are working with NASA in uncovering health risks with space travel. This project is to better understand the health risks that occurs from long-duration missions in deep space and to develop countermeasures to keep astronauts safe.

It is exciting to hear about these innovations, but these studies take money, and that is the goal of this committee. You can begin by buying a pin so see me if you haven't purchased one yet.

## REMARKS OF SISTER JANE GREEN SERVICE DOGS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND PAST GRAND MATRON OF IOWA

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. It has been an exciting year being a member of the Service Dog Committee of the General Grand Chapter. I have traveled to several chapters throughout the state to display the different pins, magnets, and screen cloths that I have available for sale. I hope that you have visited my table out in the foyer. There is also information about Service Dogs and about the Partners for Patriots organization. Remember, when you purchase one of these items, the money raised stays in our State of Iowa.

I am also excited that the Service Dog standing Committee resolution passed this year. We can be proud that we have followed the General Grand Chapter and made Service Dogs a Standing Committee in Iowa.

I think that we are all aware of seeing-eye dogs and we think of that when we hear the term "Service Dogs". They are service dogs, but service dogs can encompass more than that. Wade Bailey was here earlier with "Bailey", a beautiful white German Shepherd. He is trained to help with PTSD which is a stress disorder. Recently Carol and Wade Bailey visited the "Busy Bees" at their reunion in Altoona. They were accompanied by "Bailey". Wade shared that even though "Bailey" has not been trained to distinguish low or high blood sugars, he did alert Wade that his blood sugar was high. Wade checked his blood sugar after "Bailey" nudged Wade and it was elevated. Just think a dog can do so many things! Service Dogs can be taught to do many specific tasks such as helping with anxiety from PTSD, supporting and balancing those with traumatic brain injury, assisting in household tasks, retrieving items from a drawer, refrigerator or dropped items, and helping the sight and hearing impaired to name a few.

I have chosen Partners for Patriots as our special group to donate the money that is raised in Iowa. They are a 501 (c) (3) organization and was founded in 2009 to provide service dogs to disabled Veterans. Partners for Patriots is located in rural Anthon, Iowa. Cindy Brodie, is the director and lead trainer of the group. I met with her this summer and visited the location of her home. There were several dogs in training. Some of the dogs have been rescue dogs that she is working with. Over the years that she has been doing this, she has placed dogs in several states outside of Iowa as well as in Iowa. I have also visited with Gerry Holtrop, a retired deputy sheriff of Sioux County, who is the person who takes the dog to their special person and then stays and trains the two of them together as the final step in placement of a service dog. Gerry lives in Hospers, Iowa, which is not far from Primghar. He shared a great set of slides that he has and did an excellent presentation. I am sure that he would be more than willing to come and give a presentation at a chapter, especially in northwest Iowa.

Puppies may have been donated or purchased by the organization. These puppies are then placed with a "puppy raiser" for about a year to learn basic commands, be house trained, and to be acclimated with being around people.

I know that you all want to know the amount of money that has been raised for Partners for Patriots. The money that was raised last triennium was left with Grand Chapter and was added to what has been raised this year. The total is: \$3,981.20. That is an awesome amount to give to an organization. Remember, it costs at least \$25,000 to purchase, raise a puppy, and train a service dog.

In closing I wish to say that this is a wonderful project and does set the Order of the Eastern Star to be recognized as an organization with fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love. I want to thank Sister Glenda Winchester, Most Worthy Grand Matron and PGM of South Carolina, and Brother F. Lon Lowry, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and PGP of Ohio, for this appointment. Thank you to everyone here for your support of this project.

# REMARKS OF BROTHER JOHN HAUSER INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND PAST GRAND PATRON OF IOWA

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished guests, Sisters, Brothers, and friends, I bring you greetings from the International Headquarters Committee of the General Grand Chapter. I am pleased to present information about our committee's program for this Triennium. The Perry Belmont House was constructed in 1909. Since 1935 it has been owned and has served as the Order Eastern Star International Headquarters, our house. It has been beautifully maintained since 1935. These efforts include the maintenance, preservation, conservation, and rehabilitation which are necessary and ongoing, like in any home.

This past May, I escorted a group of our members from Iowa and Nebraska on a Masonic Pilgrimage to tour the International Headquarters and other sites in Philadelphia and the DC area. We had an opportunity to witness the work of the dedicated volunteer to protect and restore this building and the artifacts for generations to come. As a result of the funds collected during the trip and other donations, to date, Iowa has sent in \$1621. Contributions from those who took this trip will be used to restore chairs in the State Dining Room.

The committee has been challenged to raise funds to supplement donations by members for the International Headquarters. We ask for a minimum donation of \$1 per member annually for the next three years. In addition, I have a beautiful pin of the International Headquarters available for a donation of \$5.00. Be sure to see me and get yours.

If you have not had a chance to visit this beautiful treasure, I encourage you to do so. Please go back to your chapters and ask them to make a \$1 donation annually for the next three years or a one-time donation of \$3 per member to help preserve this treasure, our house, our history, and all the artifacts for future generations. Contributions should be sent to the Grand Secretary's office. Please note in the memo that it is for the International Headquarters. I would also like to thank Sister Heather Wogomon for her kind remarks. Thank you.

# REMARKS OF BROTHER PHIL CORWIN YOUTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AND PAST GRAND PATRON OF IOWA

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers & Friends I am very pleased to have been appointed to the YOUTH committee for the General Grand Chapter. As a youth I spent several years in DeMolay and I look back on that time and now know that it prepared me for the life experiences that I would face as an adult. My first visit as a GGCCM was to the Florida Grand Chapter. While there Ginny and I watched as the State Master Councilor gave the Lighting of the Lights talk. After that the Grand Worthy Advisor

along with a dozen Rainbow Girls gave a special presentation of their own. To see this is truly heartening. I am sure that in 2023 there will be many DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughter events in Iowa and other jurisdictions, that I look forward to attending. I want to encourage each of you to look for DeMolay, Rainbow Girls & Job's Daughter functions in your area or when you travel outside Iowa. For Snowbirds I encourage you to find out what these youth groups are doing in your winter home.

You will probably be surprised and will truly enjoy supporting them. When you do that it would be nice if you would give me a report about those functions. Going forward I will try to have Iowa Youth functions around the state posted on the Iowa OES website. I encourage all of you to thank those youth organizations leaders and offer to help in any way you can. Wouldn't it be AWESOME if each of us could in some way inspire just one Youth to join and become a better person and leader for years to come. Remember, the Youth are our future and that we are also their future.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you to all of lowa's General Grand Chapter Committee Members for your remarks. Your lowa Sisters and Brothers are very proud of you. We extend to each of you our continued best wishes as you go into your second year of the triennium.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, following the removal of the drape from the Altar, the house lights will remain down and there will be a brief interlude as the Grand Officers and Companions prepare for the Memorial Hour. For your safety, please remain seated quietly during this time. Thank you.

### DRAPING CEREMONY

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Let us quiet our minds and open our hearts as we prepare to drape the Altar.

MUSIC: "Life's Railway to Heaven"

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

Our memories build a special bridge when loved ones have to part.
to help us fell we're with hem still and soothe a grieving heart.
Our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind, they build a special bridge of love and bring us peace of mind.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The officers will drape the Altar in loving memory of our departed sisters and brothers.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Holy and Loving God, we come to you in this hour of reflection and remembrance humbly asking for your strength. Help us to remember that our loved ones are always with us, always watching over us, always loving us as they wait patiently for us in Heaven. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: They were here only yesterday and today they are gone. They might be gone from our mortal sight but they're still here in spiritual existence. They're still here, they're still whispering to each of us, telling us to smile, telling us to open our eyes, love and go on.

Sisters: Margaret Rader, Sue Voss, Ruth Whitaker And Brothers: William Harry Rader, Bill Whitaker, Kenny Collins

### **NECROLOGY REPORT**

Necrology Report
By Charles Sloniger Grand Chaplain

We come here tonight to give honor for our departed sisters and brothers. They have "Seen His Star in the East" and are with Our Lord.

"In the depths of your sadness may you find strength in believing that:

Tears cleanse, memories comfort, faith soothes, hope survives, and love prevails.

And may you find peace in believing that there's a better place beyond this world."

This year our General Grand Chapter lost the following: Sister Barbera J. Benton, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron, Oklahoma

Sister Hellen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron, Florida Brother Henry S. Martin, Jr., Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Past Grand Patron, Texas.

The following are Honorary Members of other Grand Jurisdictions:

SISTERS:

Ruth K. Warner, Connecticut Josephine Kozacek, Colorado Sharlene Coulter, Nebraska Lynn Marie Jones, Georgia

Other Grand Jurisdictions:

30 Past Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions 23 Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions

We received word that our Iowa Grand Chapter's Golden Chain lost:

Past Grand Matron Sister JoAnn Runyan 1992-1993
Past Grand Patron Brother Alvis Shaw 1979-1980
Past Grand Patron Brother John Baker 2007-2008
Past Grand Patron Brother Edwin Hascall 2010-2011

Our Starlighters Grand Family Golden Chain stayed together, yet several members lost loved ones. Associate Grand Patron and his Companion, Larry, and Nancy Niday, lost 2 brothers: Warren and Donald Teater. Grand Treasurer Kent and Cindy Strawn, lost Aunt Anne, and Uncle Marian Gillard. Grand Marshal Kaylene and Tom Kiewiet lost a sister Fayola Joy Cook. Grand Esther Marilyn and Larry Culver lost to Irene Delp and Marilyn Isminger. Grand Electa Gail Dyer lost two brothers Steven Baumgartner and Michael Baumgartner. Grand Companion to Grand Electa Jeanne and Ben Kain lost sister. Bonnie Kersy, Sister-in-law Mary Kain, and nephew Mike Kain. Grand Sentinel Kevin and Chris Brown lost a son, Jamie Cantrell.

"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"
Then an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand; the angel said my place was ready, in Heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's Gates; I felt so much at home. For God look down, smiled at me, and told me, "Welcome Home." So, when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand. I'm right here in your heart.

Let us pray: Dear Lord we ask for comfort, strength, and understanding as we go day to day. We are always going to miss our family members. We know we will see them again in Heaven. Amen.

### MEMORIAL TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MEMBERS

Nancy Ramthun Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron

If Death should beckon me with outstretched hand And whisper softly of "An Unknown Land", I shall not be afraid to go, For though the path I do not know, I take Death's Hand without a fear, For He who brought me safely here Will also bring me safely back, And though in many things I lack, He will not let me go alone Into the "Valley of the Unknown"... So, I reach out and take Death's Hand And journey to the "Promised Land!" -Author Unknown

May the prayers of those who love you carry you through this time of sorrow. The Grand Chapter of lowa extends its heartfelt sympathy to the subordinate chapters, their families, friends, and ones loved. And may the hope of heaven give you peace and the tender touch of the Father bring you comfort.

### MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO BROTHER JOHN BAKER PAST GRAND PATRON 2008 Written by: Mary Jane Young, Past Grand Matron

John Baker Jr lived life to the fullest. A husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, Christian and friend. He loved serving his fellowman with joy. You may know him as an auctioneer for Eastern Star or a ritualist in the east. I also know him as someone who could preach the message at church, work in the kitchen and cheer on grandkids at a sport event.

Brother John was born May 19, 1937, in Redfield, IA. After high school he attended the American Institute of Business earning an accounting degree. He served several years in the Iowa Air National Guard, married Rilla Mae Williams in 1957 and had four children. He continued his accounting career for over fifty years and retired from Glen Gery Brick.

John was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1969 and was initiated into Redfield Chapter OES in 1970 which later consolidated with Linden Chapter where he was still a member 52 years later. He became a dual member with Lady Washington/Rhinehart Chapter in 2004 and served numerous stations including Worthy Patron several times in all three chapters. In 2002 he served as Grand Chaplain for Sister Connie Esbeck and Brother Ken Eshelman as part of the Earth Angel grand family.

John served as Worthy Grand Patron 2007-2008 with Sister Mary Jane Young. It was a year of flooding all over lowa and members working together to raise funds for several projects all the while thanking and praising God and rejoicing for all the blessings we have. With a grin on his face, he often gave the punch line to "you know you're in lowa when" as he made our out of state guests feel welcome at the Rejoice grand chapter session. John served General Grand Chapter 2013-2015 as a committee member serving on the Eastern Star Journal committee.

Brother John and Sister Rilla became our exceptionally good friends during our years of service. He had a great sense of humor and smile. You could often see him carrying a coffee carafe after a meeting serving our members and visiting with them. When we worked together on a decision he would sometimes say, "Tell you what we're gonna do"

and sometimes I'd let him. His willingness to serve when and wherever needed endeared him to our members. His favorite closing was an Irish blessing:

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun warm upon your face.

And the rains fall soft upon your fields, And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Brother John took his place on March 12 of this year and now resides in the hollow of God's hand. Rest well my friend.

### MEMORIAL TO SISTER JOANN RUNYAN PAST GRAND MATRON 1992-1993 Written by: Deb Jones, Past Grand Adah

With love in our hearts, we pay tribute to Sister JoAnn Runyan who was a strong person and at times a "force to be reckoned with". Always sharing her talents, knowledge, warmth, positive attitude, and winning smile.

JoAnn was born June 21, 1946, in Villisca to Richard and Ruby Runyan. Graduating from Villisca High School in 1963, she continued her education at Tarkio College receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree in secondary education and English Literature. Pursued graduate studies through the University of Northern Iowa, Bemidji State University, and the University of Nebraska.

Her teaching career stated at Atlantic in 1967 in Language Arts. While at Atlantic she was on numerous committees for the Atlantic Education Association and the School-to-Work program. Out of the classroom she kept busy scoring volleyball games, cross-country meets, wrestling, track and ran the clock for basketball. Retiring in 2020 when COVID made a drastic effect on the school district.

JoAnn kept homes in both Atlantic and Villisca, a 63-year member of the First Presbyterian Church in Villisca, serving as a junior high Sunday School Teacher, Ruling elder and Treasurer until her death. She was a member of the Cass County Hospital Auxiliary and the American Legion of Villisca.

Rainbow was a large part of her life. She served as Mother Advisor from 1973 to 1993 and was a member of the Grand Executive Committee and Rainbow Foundation Board for numerous years.

JoAnn was initiated in Villisca Chapter on May 27, 1964, holding many offices for Villisca Chapter. Grand chapter appointments included Grand Representative of North Carolina 1972-197, served as Grand Adah in 1980 for Sister Betty Briggs and Brother Alvis Shaw, elected Associate Grand Conductress in 1989. She served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1992-1993. Sister JoAnn along with Brother Jerry Hammers and the Firecrackers presided over the "Joy of Living" session in 1993.

Spring and summer found JoAnn caring for her flower gardens, generously sharing the fruits of her labor. In between work, home, rainbow, and Eastern Star JoAnn was a collector which included antiques, dishes, crystal, Cherished Teddies, Boyd's Bears, and anything Hallmark. The most cherished collected were her friends, Grand Families, and memories. Her deep faith in God never left her and she will be deeply missed by all. Fly High JoAnn.

### MEMORIAL TO BROTHER EDWIN HASCALL PAST GRAND MATRON Written by: Dennis DeJoode, Past Grand Patron

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. As we journey along life's pathway, there are many things we do because of a sense of duty and also there are many things we do because we wish to pay tribute to one who has touched our lives as an ambassador of our Order. The most appropriate memorial to Brother Edwin Hascall is the fond love and respect of all who were privileged to know him and work with him.

Brother Edwin Arthur Hascall, 88, passed away on May 11, 2022, at his home in Coin, IA. Edwin was born in a log cabin outside of Emerson, IA and grew up on the family farm. While attending Northwest Missouri State College, he met and married Sister Betty in 1954. Brother Edwin taught math classes for a total of 40 years and had an active life as a loving husband, father and grandfather, a traveler, and an untiring worker in Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge.

Brother Edwin was elected to Associate Grand Patron at the "Dare to Soar" Session and in 2010 he was elected Worthy Grand Patron to serve with WGM Sister Joanne Scroggie, at the Roadrunner 2010-2011 "J.O.Y. of Christmas" Grand Chapter Session at Altoona. It was a pleasure to be included in the 2011 Roadrunner Grand Family for a wonderful year of travels and joys. Brother Ed was our "Super Dad," and we will always treasure his memorable friendship. We celebrated Christmas all year. His Christmas gift to Iowa Eastern Star was reflected in all his accomplishments.

The 1993 Firecracker Grand Family will miss both Ed and Betty for their steadying influence, their willingness to share their lives and experiences and their upbeat personalities which brightened every gathering.

His surviving daughter, Vicki, wrote the following, "I'm sitting here thinking about my dad. He collected ink pens. We have at least 1000 at the house. He knew his Star stuff. Not only His but about anybody else's that was in the room! I was amazed by his memory. I always knew he had my back and was ready and able to prompt me at any given moment. He loved numbers and I credit him for my math mind. I learned so much from him. I still share tricks with my students and grandkids. Thanks for thinking of us. We miss him every day. "

2011 Motto "May the Lord touch each of your hearts with His fingers of love and leave a fingerprint no one can rub off."

I also humbly hope that the past few words in this epistle have somewhat expressed the profound loss our Fraternity and Order has experienced. Let me close with words from an unknown author, "In all losses, we can turn to the true Shephard, Jesus Christ, who alone can heal our brokenness and grief."

And from another unknown author: There is a long and winding road

Along which each must go.
It leads beyond the hills of time,
Into the sunset glow
But only for a little while,

Our loved ones leave our sight, For, just beyond the hills they wait, In God's Eternal Light.

### MEMORIAL TO BROTHER ALVIS SHAW PAST GRAND PATRON

Written by: Betty Briggs, RWG Secretary Emeritus RWG Trustee Emeritus, Past Grand Matron

Brother Alvis Shaw, Worthy Grand Patron 1980, 42-years ago. Brother Alvis was appointed and installed Associate Grand Patron May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1979to fulfil the state of Associate Grand Patron vacated by Brother Ray Bruns du to Ray's sudden death. Bill and I drove away from the farm with a feeling of hope that Spring day after we asked him if he would serve as my Worthy Grand Patron. I did promise someday that this city girl would come to help with the planting.

He was born June 14,1927 and lived on the family farm, which was homesteaded by his grandfathers from Tennessee. He joined the Marine Corps in October 1946 and qualified as a Pistol Sharpshooter. Following his discharge in October 1949, he obtained his associate degree in agriculture operations from Kansas State.

Alvis met ether Decker in Oskaloosa, Kansas and they married on December 1, 1951. They were the proud parents of one daughter, Marla, who lives in Newport Beach, California.

He began his Masonic career in Perry Lodge No. 415, Perry Kansas. In March of 1949 and later in 1957 he affiliated with Columbia Lodge No. 292, Colo, Iowa. He was initiated in Collins Chapter, OES in April 1959 and served as Worthy Patron 11 times including 1980 the year he served as Worthy Grand Patron, quite a record. He served as a Grand Chapter Committee for Grand Countryman and Brother John Vasey in 1973, he also served General Grand Chapter on the Registration Committee.

One of my most cherished memories of Alvis' wit, when we was asked what he did for a living he would answer "I am a professional gambler" then with a slight pause and smile he would say "I am a farmer".

Alvis was a very special person who possessed charm, wit, friendliness, and wisdom. He and Ether remained very special to both Bill and me through all those 40 plus years and our friendship will continue with Sister Esther. So long---my friend.

### REMOVAL OF THE DRAPE:

### WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

God called you name so softly that only you could hear And no one heard the footsteps Of angels drawing near. It broke our hearts to lose you But you did not go alone, For part of us went with you The day God called you home.

### **MEMORIAL HOUR**

Written by: Charles Sloniger, Grand Chaplain

Assisted by: Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor and Past Grand Organist

Participants: 2022 Starlighter Grand Officers and Companions

Soloists (Duet): Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor and Past Grand Organist

Charles Sloniger, Grand Chaplain

Accompanied by: Peggy Liekweg Grand Organist

Signed By: Marla Norman, Companion of the Grand Marshal

Music: "Softly and Tenderly"

"In the Garden"

"You Will Never Walk Alone"

Good evening, welcome to our "Garden of Memories" Memorial Service. We gather here to reflect and honor our loved ones who are now with our Lord.

Let us pray, "May we ask for Your guidance, Lord, as we prepare for remembering our loved ones and friends. Help those who are grieving; wrap Your loving arms around them and hold them close so that they may know You are forever with them. In Your name, we pray." Amen.

In our Lord's Garden, we see beautiful flowers and listen to the birds sing. Flowers remind us of God's beauty and everlasting glory. The songs the birds bring us are God's way of giving us peace and tranquility. The glory of God surrounds us with warmth and love in all that we do.

As we travel though the memories that we have of our departed Sisters and Brothers, may we take comfort and strength as we remember the lessons of our Star Points and the beautiful colors, flowers, and meanings we know so well from their stories.

From the Book of Judges, we find Adah: The blue ray represented by the Blue Violet. It symbolizes fidelity and faithfulness. The color of blue associated with Adah reminds us that the storms of grief will pass, and the blue of the sky will return.

From the Story of Ruth, we see the golden hue of the yellow ray represented by the yellow Jessamine. It symbolizes constancy. The color of yellow associated with Ruth is a reminder that being constantly aware that God is with us, guiding us, and leading us through our grief, is a true sign that although grief does not end, it will change into fond memories of those we have lost.

From the Story of Esther, we see the white ray represented by the White Lily. It symbolizes the light and joy to the oppressed people. White is the absence of color, pure and pristine. This reminds us that a pure light is always shining from God in Heaven as a promise that we, too, will someday follow that white light to a world without pain and without sorrow.

From John, Chapter 11, we have faithful Martha. The green ray represented by the green fern symbolizes belief in immortal life. The green color of Martha is a constant reminder that we walk by faith, not by sight. We have only to believe that a glorious life after death is a promise from God that we will be with our loved ones in everlasting life.

From the Second Epistle of John, we find the Elect Lady (known as Electa). The red ray is represented by the Red Rose. The rose-symbolizes hospitality, courage, and power. The color red reminds us that we must be courageous through grief, that we must use the power of God to move forward, to move past the suddenness of death by utilizing the faith we have in an eternal life.

We honor our loved ones on birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and memorial days, and also the day our loved ones went to live with our Lord. When we remember our loved ones and when we see others suffering in grief, our hearts are also broken and our responses to those in bereavement may give them comfort and support.

Inspiration comes in many forms and at unexpected moments.

I remember a trip we took to Sioux City to freshen up the Memorial Post where Joyce's brother was killed. As I picked up the old wreath and flowers, I noticed a plastic envelope with a note inside. I gave the note to Joyce and returned to the post with new flowers. When I finished, I returned to the truck to find Joyce crying. She read the following note aloud.

"Hello. I don't know you or your loved one that has passed on. I drive by this marker on my way to and from work every day. I notice the nice flowers and different displays that you change very constantly. I wanted to write this letter to tell you how thoughtful and sweet I think that is. Like I said, I see these and think about it a lot as I drive by, and it has made me think about how I live my life and treat others. Your lost loved one must have done things right and treated you and others correctly to have someone so passionate and loving to their memory. Being a marker on the side of the road, I can assume that it was tragic and unexpected. In the world we live in today, it is too bad to have lost what I would guess to be a good person. If there is an "Up Above." There is no doubt that they are proud and will be there to welcome you when your day comes. Thank you for never forgetting them, for holding them in your heart, and for being a kind soul. I hope this letter gives you some peace and comfort, like your flowers and displays due to me when I drive by them. TAKE CARE." Signed Unknown.

Inspiring others with daily notes of inspiration gives those in grief hope for a better tomorrow and faith that our God is always with us. Those little notes of inspiration have been given by Sister Joyce throughout the year.

Let us pray: "Hear our prayer Lord, for guidance, strength, and LOVE in our daily lives. Give us strength to understand the loss of a close loved one. Watch over us tonight, tomorrow, and forever. Lord, we love You and hold You dearly in our hearts and souls. May the Lord watch over us all and keep us in His Hands." Amen



PRELUDE: Barb Howie, Past Grand Organist

### OPENING WELCOME

Polly Miller
Member, Board of Custodians
Past Grand Matron
Kenny Wogomon
Past Grand Patron

POLLY MILLER: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers! We are so glad you've joined us for the final day of the 145<sup>th</sup> "Swinging on a Star", Grand Chapter session.

This morning's session of our Grand Chapter is a time of reflection, prayer, and joyful worship as we celebrate God's love and continuous support. Our support for the ESTARL project is one way we can help those who wish to further their religious education and also, help those wishing to start their religious education. The grants our ESTARL fund gives to these individuals assists them in reaching their goals.

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, you have had a wonderful year serving lowa Eastern Star. There was the occasional hiccup with the schedule, but you took things in stride and kept moving forward. Congratulations on the wonderful success of your projects for your year!

Brother Kenny, it is so wonderful to be sharing the East at Grand Chapter with you again! I am sure you have some words of welcome to share this morning.

### KENNY WOGOMON:

As we gather here on this Sunday morn With our souls refreshed and our spirits reborn We have no fear as we go into this day. For with love and faith the Lord will guide our way

Good morning, Sisters, Brothers and Friends, what a wonderful day to be together! I would like to start out by saying what a pleasure it is to be standing back in the East again with my own Worthy Grand Matron Sister Polly, as we open this last day of the 145<sup>th</sup> "Swinging on a Star" Grand Chapter Session. You know Polly I thought we had set the new standard for a two-year run, but it seems no one wants to follow suit.

I thank you, Sister Cheryl, and Brother John for giving us the honor of opening this morning's session for you. You made your plans and saw them through, you and your Starlighter Grand Family have Be-bopped and Doo-Wopped your way through these last twelve months and made each event you attended a great place to "bee." You can be proud of all you have accomplished and the memories you have left in our hearts. The "Buzz" is that you have set the record for the world's longest sock hop.

Sister Vicki, and Brother Larry. Today dawns the first day of a new year for you filled with the satisfaction of plans coming to fruition, dreams coming true, and the excitement and slight fear of the unknown, all I can say is embrace them all, and I know you and your new family will do a great job for Iowa Eastern Star.

I know we are not here to hear me talk, but we would be remiss if we didn't thank our own Past Grand Chaplin Sister Karen Heitman and Past Grand Organist Sister Barb Howie for their beautiful words of Prayer and music. From this Mom and Dad, it is so nice to have our Kids with us in the Fast.

"Remember If nothing in this World ever changed there would be no Butterflies."

### INVOCATION

Karen Heitmann Past Grand Chaplain

Gracious and Loving God, as our time together at this grand session draws to a close, we just pause again to thank you. You have bestowed upon us more blessings than we can even begin to count, and you continue to give still more blessings every day. Your love and mercy and grace never end. You are indeed our refuge and our strength and right now all we can say is Wow! What a great year and what an amazing Swinging on a Star Grand Session. Thank you, Lord.

As we prepare for worship this morning, our hearts are nearly overflowing with love and gratitude and hopeful anticipation. Dear God, I can feel the love in this room today, and I know you can feel it too. We feel such gratitude for Sister Cheryl and Brother John and their Starlighter Grand Family and everything they accomplished this year. And we also feel such hopeful anticipation for our coming year under the leadership of Sister Vicki and Brother Larry and their grand family who will be installed this afternoon.

Loving God, as we share in worship together; as we close this grand session; as we install our new Grand Officers for 2023; as we continue striving to do your work, please help us remember to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.

We pray all this in your name and for your honor. Amen.

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers! We welcome you to our special ESTARL Worship Service. John and I hope that you have enjoyed your time with your fellow Star members and friends at this year's session. Thank you for being with us for this morning's service.

Sister Polly and Brother Kenny, My Kruzers mom and dad, thank you for opening this session of Grand Chapter. I am delighted that you both agreed to do this for me. Sister Polly, what a great friend you are to me. We have been through a lot as we maneuvered through the Pandemic. It wasn't easy, decisions were tough. Thank you so much for everything. And Brother Kenny, I want to thank you for always being there when I needed you. I will always treasure our time together as Munchkins and Kruzers. Such fond memories.

Sister Barbara and Sister Karen, thank you for your music and prayer this morning. I am deeply appreciative of all you do for me. I am so blessed to have you in my life, and I am so grateful for your service to the Order. Thank you so much.

I appreciate the work that everyone has done this year whether in an official capacity or just because you're willing to help out wherever needed.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Polly and Brother Kenny, Mom and Dad. I think of the two years that you endured and the time that we had together and will always fondly remember the smiles, the hugs (yes air hugs) and comradery. Thank you for leading us through those troubled waters of Covid and bringing us out closer to each other.

Sister Karen, your prayers tie all of us together and it is appropriate that you open our Sunday worship service. Thank you for asking our Lord to be with us today and every day.

Sister Barb, your music is always beautiful. Your talent soothes us as David soothed Saul and inspires our hearts to sing. Thank you for playing for us.

### **ESTARL WORSHIP SERVICE**

Grand Chapter Room
Under the direction of the Educational Board

Bill Howie Mary Ann Francois Jean Jacobson Mary Knupp Kent Strawn President, Past Grand Sentinel Vice President, Past Grand Ruth Secretary Member, Past Grand Marshal Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Chaplain

**PRELUDE:** Barb Howie, Grand Organist

SPEAKER: Jill Pepper, ESTARL Recipient

WORDS OF GREETING: Bill Howie

CALL TO WORSHIP: Responsive Reading

**OPENING PRAYER:** Jean Jacobson

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:19

HYMN OF REJOICING: "Joyful, Joyful"

SCRIPTURES: Psalms 46: 1-3 Mark 12: 30-31

**RESPONSE HYMN:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (first 2 verses)

SERMON: Jill Pepper, ESTARL Recipient, Member of Davenport Chapter

**HYMN:** "Spirit of the Living God"

**INVITATION FOR OFFERING:** Mary Knupp

Special Music by: Barb Howie, Past Grand Organist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Mary Knupp

**HYMN:** "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

**BENEDICTION:** Bill Howie

RESPONSE: "Shine Jesus Shine"

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much for an inspiring message this morning. We hope that everyone is refreshed and are revitalized for the remainder of the day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

**CLOSING MARCH: Grand Officers** 



PRELUDE: Mary Danner, Past Grand Organist

### **OPENING WELCOME**

JoAnn Bergeson
President, Board of Grand Trustees
Past Grand Matron
Beverly Reinert
All Iowa Event
Past Grand Matron

JO ANN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. It is a privilege and an honor to open this Sunday afternoon session of the 145<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Iowa. Thank you, Sister Cheryl for asking me and to share it with Sister Bev Reinert is indeed a pleasure. We hope that this year has brought about the culmination of all that you dreamed of and fulfilled your expectations.

BEV: We have enjoyed the Bees, the Cherries, the Fuzzy Dice. Thanks for the memories of the 50's. We found a couple of poems and we would like to read to you now.

JO ANN: First: Sister Cheryl:

When this year is over, then I'll be in clover.
I'll finally have some time for myself.

The Ode Book, the Code Book, the things I've been shown Book,
Will all be relegated to the back of the shelf.
When responsibility's lifted, a load will be shifted.
I will go back to being a mother and wife.
I know the kids and their dad will be very glad,
To, once again, lead a more normal life.
T'was a wonderful year, but this much is clear.
My 1st time as Worthy Grand Matron is my last.
I'll gladly volunteer to help every year,
But from now on, my title will be "PAST".

BEV: Now for you Brother John:

I have spent my entire life in the service of womankind.
Bowing to their slightest whim whatever they had in mind.
First, it was learning to dress myself to save mother work each day.
Next, I was sent off to school, so I'd be out of her way.
Although I swore I never would I finally married a wife,
Who presented me with children to brighten up my life.
It was Daddy this and Daddy that and Daddy, pretty please.
Although I got the hugs, it was my billfold that got the squeeze.
I joined the Order of the Eastern Star, women thought I should.
I'd enjoy being Worthy Grand Patron, women said, besides it would do me good.
When I reach the Pearly Gates, I know exactly what they'll say,
Her Highness has a small request, will you please step this way.

JO ANN: Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, we are looking forward with excitement to your year, your plans, and your dreams.

BEV: We look forward to celebrating and honoring our country and all those who have served or are serving our nation along with you and your Grand Officers.

JO ANN: Sister Mary and Brother Joe, we know you have special hopes and dreams for your year, best of luck for the future.

BEV: We wish you both the best in creating a new Grand Family and making those dreams come true.

JO ANN: Sisters Sandy and Janice, as you begin to make plans for your year.

JO ANN AND BEV: We wish you patience, laughter, and wisdom.

#### INVOCATION

Written by: Danelle Essing, Past Grand Matron of Iowa Given by: Nancy Niday, Grand Secretary Emeritus and Past Grand Chaplain

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Compassion, and the God of all comfort; now hear our prayer.

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, be in our midst as we offer our gratitude for endings and beginnings—for the successful conclusion of one Grand Chapter year and the imminent beginning of a new Grand Chapter year. You have given us a season for every purpose! In this season of harvest, we must not be slow to embrace plans and changes which lead us into the future of our Order.

Remind us, Dear Lord, that while there are many perspectives for which actions and decisions are best for our Order, only one plan will succeed—and that will be your plan, Almighty God. Your purpose for us is that, through our binding Obligation, we are stronger together, and nothing can separate us from your love.

As we conclude our 145<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session, we pray you will make our travels safe; that you will send us into our communities renewed and inspired; and that our hearts will be joyful in your service. Amen.

**OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers** 

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

OPENING PROCLAMATION: Kaylene Kiewiet Grand Marshal

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Good Afternoon and Welcome to our final session this afternoon. We cannot thank you enough for spending your time with us during this 145<sup>th</sup> Session as we anxiously await the Installation of our 2023 Grand Officers.

We have just a few items to take care of first, and then we will get on with it.

A huge thank you to Sisters JoAnn and Bev for opening this session for us this afternoon. The two of you are exceptionally important in my life, dear friends, my sisters, and my mentors. I am so thrilled to have you here and thank you so very much.

Thank you, Sister Nancy for giving the Invocation for Sister Danelle, our thoughts and prayers are with her at this time.

And Sister Mary, so love to hear you play! Thank you so much for your music and thank you for sharing your talents with all of us.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Joanne and Sister Beverly, thank you for opening our last session of this Grand Chapter. You both know what this afternoon means to our Order. We will pass the torch to a new Grand Family, and it will be a smooth transition. Thank you for all of time you have given to Cheryl and me

Our thoughts are with Sister Danelle today. Thank you, Sister Nancy for sharing Sister Danelle's prayer.

Sister Mary, you play beautifully, and I thank you for sharing your gift of music with us.

### **CLOSING REMARKS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

This afternoon, I wish to say "thank you" one more time for everything you have all done for us this year. It has been a good year full of laughs and joys shared. A few little trials but nothing serious. I could not have done this without the love and support of everyone here and everyone who could not be here. God bless each of you! Farewell.

### **CLOSING REMARKS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

Sisters and Brothers, well, it's been quite an experience to say the least. I will admit there were times I wasn't sure not only How I could do the job, but IF I would be able to do the job. I had the Faith to believe it would all work out, and some family members who stepped up and stepped in to help, and I knew I had duties to perform in my personal life, my business life, and my Star life. I have been well aware that loyalty must be divided amongst family and Star and that sometimes duty and loyalty must weigh on the side of family. Ultimately, I figured out that the one thing that kept me going was the honest, deep, and true passion that I have for this Organization. Working on my year, 2022, took on a life of its own. It kept me going, kept me busy during long nights, and kept me focused on a project, as it were, rather than on the self-pity that could most definitely rear its nasty head at any moment.

The Pandemic didn't help matters much either. My wonderful Starlighters had to wait a whole year and 3 months to meet each other. And, Oh MY do I love my Starlighters family. Every single one of them. Not only that but included in our Starlighters extended family were all the Committee Members asked in 2020-2021 and 2022. Every single committee member asked in 2020, stayed with John and me.

No, I couldn't ask for a Grand Family that was any more perfect. ALL 38 of 'em. Love my kids. Thank you to each and every one of you, elected, appointed, companion...don't care, you're our family...and thank you for all that you do and all that you give and all of the love and caring that we will share for a lifetime. The Starlighters truly ROCKED this year.

And a huge thank you for the quilt. It is just absolutely gorgeous, and I will treasure it forever. I am so grateful to each of you for creating such a beautiful treasure. Thank you so much.

Sister Nancy Ramthun, I don't even know how to thank you for all you have done for me. I am deeply grateful for your guidance, patience, and for answering all those questions over the past year. I couldn't have done this without you. And thank you for picking up all those marbles I kept losing along the way. I deeply appreciate you and all you do for me and the Order.

To Brother Kent, thank you for having so much patience with me. I am deeply grateful to you for all the support and guidance given to me. Thank you so much for everything.

To the Board of Grand Trustees: thank you for listening, for caring and for understanding that changes must happen if we are to survive as an Order. Your patience and caring are most appreciated.

To all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, thank you for your support and encouragement over the past years. I truly am grateful for each and every one of you.

To my Lucky Stars. I love you all to the moon and back. You have always been there when I needed you, supported me when I was down, lifted me up when I fell ... Thank you for everything you have done for me ....Love you all.

To the Country Kids, Munchkins, and Kruzers, thank you for everything. Simply everything. I love you all and will cherish every memory forever. Thank you so much for your love and support. So much appreciated.

To the members of Brighton and Wayland Chapters, thank you for your support. There are no words to adequately say how much your help, your patience, and your love mean to me. I will be forever grateful to each of you for allowing me to serve Grand Chapter these past years. You truly are the best of the best. All I can say is Thank You.

To Sister Kathi and the Arrangements Committee, thank you so much for everything you've done. Everything is just lovely, and I could not have asked for anything more. Everything I wanted and much more. Thank you so much.

To the Sound Committee, thank you for everything, I think it all sounded pretty good!

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, we look forward to your year and I know the members will be behind you and your projects all the way. I wish you the best. I will always be there whenever you need anything. Always.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, my wish for you is that all your dreams come true. Anything I can do all you have to do is ask.

Sisters Sandy and Janice, as you continue your journey on the Eastern Star Road, I urge you to think outside the box and look for ways to rejuvenate, reimagine and reinvent. Just because things have been done the same way for a hundred years, doesn't mean change can't happen. I wish you the very best.

To the Board of Custodians, thank you for everything. Just everything. I am very blessed to have had three open minded, understanding, and cooperative Sisters to work with. You did an amazing job. Simply amazing.

To the Pink Ladies, you may be few in number, but you certainly took on the lion's share with all your duties, responsibilities, and assignments. This Grand Chapter would not have happened without you. You performed your duties perfectly and I appreciate each of you more than you can know. My heartfelt gratitude and love to each of you.

To Brother John and Sister Lorrie, thank you for saying yes to coming along with me and Russell on this journey. I am so grateful for all the advice and levelheaded guidance you gave to me when I was panicked and so worried and yes, scared. We came into this as

friends, and I am so thankful we continue as friends. There is no way this would have happened without you.

I am so grateful for your sense of humor it got me through the tough times. I am so, so very thankful for everything you and Lorrie have done to make this happen. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To Russell, thank you for putting up with me the last 53 years. The last five have been crazy and I know you will be so happy to have the corners empty in the house. No more boxes, no more notebooks, no more runs to the store for ink at the last minute. I don't know that we will be back to normal anytime soon, but we are closer. Thank you for every little thing. Just know that I appreciate it all.

I am very grateful to all of you as well. Thank you all so much for supporting the Parkinson's Project. I think you know by now that that was and still is so very important to me and to my family.

Last year, when I took the obligation to serve Iowa Grand Chapter, I promised to do my best for all of Iowa Membership and to try to implement a few changes. I wanted to support Grand Chapter and that financial need and to try to find a way to bring life back to our chapters.

I tried to think outside the box and try some new things that some may or may not have liked. I think the best thing I will take away from this year, is a remark that a Past Grand Matron said to me just a couple of weeks ago. She said to me: "Cheryl, you made some necessary changes that have long been needed. But you didn't change you."

I love you all, thank you for everything and thanks for the memories.

#### PRESENTATION OF INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER

Jean Koss Member, ESTARL Committee of the GGC Secretary, Board of Custodians and Past Grand Matron

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jean, I wish for you the best as you begin your year as President of the Board of Custodians. Enjoy your day as you preside as the Installing Grand Officer.

"They say you can't go back and relive the past. I disagree. Every time Buddy Holly and Crickets come on the radio, I am back in the fifties again."

# INTRODUCTION OF THE INSTALLING GRAND OFFICERS

Charles SlonigerPast Grand ChaplainInstalling Grand ChaplainKaylene KiewietPast Grand MarshalInstalling Grand MarshalPeg LiekwegPast Grand OrganistInstalling Grand Organist

#### **RETIRING MARCH OF THE 2021-2022 GRAND OFFICERS**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: Vivian Pitlo, Golf Outing Committee, Past Grand Organist

#### **INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF 2023**

Worthy Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Associate Grand Matron
Vicki Wallner, Davenport
Larry Niday, Knoxville
Nancy J. Ramthun, Oskaloosa

Grand Marshal

Associate Grand Mattern

Associate Grand Patron

Kent Strawn, Norwalk

Grand Secretary
Grand Treasurer
Grand Conductress
Associate Grand Conductress
Grand Chaplain

Mary Reicks, Lawler
Joe Reed, Carroll
Sandy Meredith, Bedford
Janice Alger, Dickens
Richard Gerking, Bronson

Grand Organist Antonio Collings, West Des Moines

Gregg Grover, DeSoto

Grand Adah Wanda Koch, Miles

Grand Ruth Loretta Coffman, Silver City Grand Esther Heather Wogomon, Treynor Grand Martha Bev Dudziak, Dickens Grand Electa Sharon Jolley, Newton Grand Warder Ron Hofer, Camanche Grand Sentinel Bruce Stolba, Cedar Rapids Grand Trustee Jane Green, PGM, Primghar Grand Trustee Kenny Wogomon, PGP, Treynor

#### ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Vicki Wallner Worthy Grand Matron

Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished Guests, and friends, being elected Worthy Grand Matron is the highest honor you, the membership, can bestow upon me. When I was asked to be an instructor, I had no idea where that adventure would lead, I just wanted to try my luck at learning the ritual and being an instructor. I thank you for your confidence in my abilities and I am truly honored for this opportunity to continue this adventure. My sincere gratitude for the trust you have placed in me. I realize the duties and responsibilities which I have assumed are great and significant to our growth. It is my commitment to the members of lowa Grand Chapter to fulfill the duties and responsibilities with grace, humility, a smile, and overwhelming enthusiasm. We need each other to grow and prosper; to provide for our sisters and Brothers and help others through our charitable donations.

This Eastern Star year is no different than those in the past and we are excited to share with each of our members the projects and activities that have been planned. Each project has a special place in our hearts, and we hope that you will support each during 2023. A "Million Dreams for a Million Heroes" is our main project. This project consists of HERO and 3 smaller projects. HERO, or Healing at English River Outfitters is a veteran's organization providing services to lowa veterans since 2008. They not only provide an outdoor experience but also provide resources and partnerships with other veteran related resources. HERO has just completed a beautiful lodge which can accommodate veteran's and their families for a great outdoor experience. Nature is a place of healing, for both the veteran and their families. We will also be supporting in a smaller way, Project Healing Waters, a group that provides fly fishing experiences for our veterans, and two of our members Sandy Raab and Kathy Panzer who provide care packages to our deployed military members.

We will continue to support ESTARL, though the sale of nuts during reception season, Youth organizations with the sale of the daisy pin and by attending as many of their functions throughout the year as possible. Our TLC efforts will again focus on sewing, but we will also be creating hand-made cards. Each District has a card chairman, and each District will be given a specific type of card to create (birthday, anniversary, thinking of you, just to name a few). These cards will be packaged in sets and added to the care packages our members will be sending. We will also be making thank you cards to be given to our military, police, and fire personnel and to anyone that is considered a hero. We will also be supporting the General Grand Chapter project for Service Dogs.

Please read carefully through the project sheets in your Chapter packet to learn about the exciting projects we have planned for 2023. These project sheets will also be posted on the OES website. We are excited by the projects, and we hope you be also!

During the year we will celebrate with our out of state Sisters and Brother with exchanges. There will be the Nebraska/lowa Exchange; the 5 State Exchange (Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa) and an Illinois/Wisconsin/lowa exchange. We have also added and Iowa/Illinois Exchange. Please check the calendar either in the VIP Book or our website for more information and plan to attend at least one of these events, if not all of them, to help us extend our warm Iowa hospitality to our sisters and brothers from the other Grand Jurisdictions.

I would like to take this time to introduce my family members who are present today. My brother and Sister-in-law Brian and Anita Mallette. I will always be grateful to all the times you have had to listen to my crazy OES ideas and then help me plan them and carry them out. I have two sons, Jeremy, and his fiancé Erin. Jeremy is an assistant manager for Happy Joe's Pizza in Bettendorf. Between the two they have Jackson, Hunter, Kaiya, and Ethan. Ryan and his wife Tiffany – Ryan is a MSGT in the Air Force and is stationed at Joint Base Pearl in Hawaii, and their son Leon. My nephew Richard and his wife, Bobbie – Richard is a MSGT in the Air Force stationed at Offutt but is currently deployed and Bobbi is a police office in Omaha; they have a daughter Harper. My niece Amber and her husband Brenden. Amber is an office manager for a chiropractic practice and Brenden is a Petty Officer in the Navy stationed in Norfolk. They have a son Michael and a daughter Nicole. I know most are not here today, but would you please give them a heartly welcome?

To Sister Jean, my Munchkin mom! Thank you so much for being our Installing Officer this afternoon. During this upcoming year, your will be the President of the Board of Custodians. Just so you know, I appreciate all your time answering all my questions, addressing concerning, and working diligently on how we will be implementing District Schools. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and your general calming nature.

To our other Installing Officers: Brother Charles and Sisters Kaylene and Peggy, I have enjoyed getting to know each of you over this past year and I thank you for the special part you had in our Installation today. Brother Charles, the installation prayer is special, and I appreciate your hard work in preparing. Sister Kaylene, Marshal's will always have a special place in my heart and the duty of installing the new officers is such a treat, I hope you have enjoyed your part of this day as much as we have. Sister Peggy, my only request was beautiful. special music of your choice, and it was the best! Thank you, Starlighters Grand Family members, for helping make this day very special.

I want to thank Sister Vivian Pitlo, who provided the special music during the interlude.

To our Tuxedo Brigade Brothers who placed and removed the chairs, I thank you. Each of you have a special place in Larry and my hearts. You made this day more special by taking part in our Installation.

There are many people who I would like to take a moment to thank those who have helped make this day into a reality. Sister Mary Jane Young who first asked me to serve as a District Instructor in 2008; all the Worthy Grand Matrons that continued me on this adventure; to Sister Karen Hyde and Brother Dennis DeJoode who asked me to join their Pathfinders Grand Family; to the Pathfinders Grand Family who taught me the true meaning of FAMILY, I cannot thank you enough. To the Beachcombers, Pacesetters, Star Gazers, Country Kids Grand Families, thank you for allowing me to be a family member when I traveled with Sister Bev. Your friendships a cherished. The Munchkins, Kruzers and Starlighter Grand Families, being included as an elective is so very special and I enjoyed getting to know each of you. I thoroughly enjoyed each and every year I served as a District Instructor, and I especially enjoyed the warmth and friendliness with which the members of the Chapters I served welcomed me. I always felt like I was "one of your own."

With my first appointment as a District Instructor, I was assigned a Big Sis, Sister Cheryl Payne. Sister Cheryl, thank you for leading the way and setting the standard for what a Worthy Grand Matron is to do. You have been there to guide, support, listen and brainstorm ideas. I cherish our special friendship. I love you.

Will the members of Davenport Chapter please rise? There are no words to say how grateful and honored I am to be a part of this Chapter. There was (and still is) some hard work to do and you have all stepped to the plate and made the work just a bit easier. I am grateful that you are a big part of this special day. Thank you for all you have done in the past and a thank you in advance for what you will do this coming year. Will you please join me in thanking this special group? I am so happy to have some of my co-workers with me today. Thank you for coming.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, another step along the journey begins today, we send you only good thoughts as your plans begin to take shape. Even though there is much to do and prepare, have fun, and enjoy each moment. Sisters Sandy and Janice, I wish you well as you begin planning for your journey to the East.

I would like to congratulate Sister Jane Green and Brother Kenny Wogomon on their election to the Board of Grand Trustees; Sister Beverly Godsey on her election to the Mathilda A. Barthell Home Board at Decorah; and Brothers John Whitaker, PGP, and Christopher Mishler on their election to the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board at Boone. I look forward to working with each of you in these very responsible positions.

To the Board of Custodians, Sisters Ellen, Jean, Polly, and the newest member Sister Cheryl, thank you for all the time you dedicate to helping the District Instructors become more proficient in their work during the school season and throughout the year. I am sure there will many moments during 2023 that I will need your guidance and support.

Brother Larry and Sister Nancy, every District Instructor has a list of those they would like to have join them on this journey. As the years go along, this list becomes shorter and shorter. Bev and I thought long and hard but knew that you were the right choice for this journey. During the last several years, we have had such laughs, as we have travelled, planned, visited, and gotten lost. And I am sure that this will continue for a lifetime. Thank you both for being you.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for attending our Installation today and invite you to attend our Joint Reception this coming Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> right here at the Cedar Rapids Marriot.

In closing I would like to ask you to be Someone's Hero Today.

#### ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Larry Niday Worthy Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, Brothers, and friends. Today I find myself standing here as your newly installed Worthy Grand Patron, an honor I never really thought I would have. I have continually been surprised each time I remembered this day was coming. I thank you for the trust you have shown in electing me to this office and for the work you have given me to do for Grand Chapter. I also want to thank you for the honor this gives Knoxville Chapter. They have been so good to Nancy and me for over 50 years. I proudly accept this office and promise to honor the traditions and the protocol of our great Order.

A big thanks goes to our installing officer, Sister Jean Koss, our Installing Chaplain, Brother Charles Sloniger, installing Marshal, Sister Kaylene Kiewiet and installing Organist, Sister Peggy Liekweg.

I want to congratulate Sister Vicki Wallner on being elected and installed as Worthy Grand Matron. It is an honor you certainly deserve. I know you will fulfill the trust you have earned and make us very proud. I am truly happy that Nancy and I have been included in this journey. Thank you, for asking me to go on this adventure with you.

I want to thank Nancy for supporting me in this new adventure. You have been my wife, constant companion, and best friend for almost 56 years. Add to those, four years of dating and it adds up to a bunch of years! We have been through many ups and downs, but we have always been there for each other through it all. I couldn't do this without you. Thank you for one more adventure, then you can relax and make all the quilts you want. I Love you.

Would the members of Knoxville Chapter please stand? You have been there for us for longer than I care to remember, through Nancy's appointments and her years as Grand Secretary. We hope this year will be the crowning point in our dependance on your support and hard work. I hope you accept this as a special honor for you, our good friends and fellow chapter members. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I have two very special guests there today. Our two granddaughters Mackenzie Niday and Ashlynn Kramer. We are thrilled and touched that they would give us their day to drive here and spend it with us. Mackenzie graduated recently from Iowa State and is now an accountant, Ashlynn is in her last year of culinary school studying to be a chef. We are really proud of these girls, and they are very special to us. Thank you for being here with us today and we love you very much.

Over the years, I have gotten to know all of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and consider each of you, my friend. I will be leaning on you for advice and learning the ropes that I am finding aren't as simple as it looked from the outside.

Congratulations to Mary and Joe on your election to Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron. This year will be full of fun times, making your plans and getting your Grand Family put together. Best wishes. Sandy & Janice, congratulations on your elections and I know you will be starting your planning for your years ahead. This starts a fun time in your lives.

Thank you to the Grand Officers who said "yes" and are joining us on this journey. You all are special, and we have a fun year planned for us. I must warn you that it will be a lot of

work, but it will be rewarding work and something you will always remember as a highlight of your OES life. We are looking forward to a great time traveling with you this year.

Most people, when they are giving this speech, introduce the Grand Families they have been a part of. I hope you don't mind if I abbreviate that part just a little. Nancy and I have been members of 18 Grand Families, and it would be easier to have the people stand that we haven't been with than the families we have been. Thank you, to each of you for sharing your year with us on your travels. We have made a lot of very good friendships over the years and each one is very special to us.

One Sunday morning, Sisters Vicki and Bev Smith were at our kitchen table for breakfast. After we finished eating, we began to visit. While I was telling one of my "totally truthful and incredibly interesting stories," I noticed Vicki handing Bev an envelope, who immediately passed it on to me. Now, I had been Nancy's Traveling Companion for more years than I can remember and one of my duties was to receive envelopes for her, stick them in my pocket and give them to her on the way home. So that's what I did. I looked at the envelope and saw the names, "Larry and Nancy." I should have seen the red flag; I had never seen my name listed first on an address before. I passed the envelope on to Nancy, as I had been trained to do and continued my "totally truthful and incredibly interesting story." She opened it and looked at it and then nudged me and said, "You need to read this." I read it and then, I read it again and then I looked at Vicki. She wasn't kidding! I forgot all about my "totally truthful and incredibly interesting story." Our lives changed completely at that moment, and it's been a wild ride ever since.

I promise to perform my duties to the best of my ability and to support you, Sister Vicki, as you pursue your vision for the year. I will do all I can to support you and make this the trip of your life. It has been fun making plans and coming up with ideas the past several years. We savor all those times as surely as we will each moment in the coming year as we travel lowa and beyond and gain new friendships, while we make it a fun and fruitful year. Now it is time to bring those ideas to fruition. I think we have a fantastic year ahead of us. Thank you.

Thank each of you for being here today and we plan to see all of you this coming year as we travel around the state. Thank you, we love all of you.

# PRESENTATION OF THE JUNIOR PAST GRAND MATRON AND THE JUNIOR PAST GRAND PATRON

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Cheryl and Brother John - We know your year was "A Sentimental Journey". During 2022 there were moments where you "Almost Lost Your Mind" and were "All Shook Up". But you persevered and "Hoop-Dee-dooed" through. We just finished your Swinging on a Star session that kept us "Rockin' Around the Clock", with many "Moments to Remember". Now it is time to say ,"Good Night Irene" and to travel home and snuggle up with your "Teddy Bear". I wish for you both "A Bushel and a Peck" of love and happiness.

Sister Cheryl and Brother John, congratulations on a wonderful and successful 2022. Your donation to On with Life was amazing, and I am sure you are very proud of your accomplishments. I enjoyed being a part of the Starlighters Grand Family. Sister Cheryl I am looking forward to working with you yet again this year as you join the Board of Custodians.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Congratulations to Sister Cheryl and Brother John and your Grand Family. You had a great year and Nancy and I have really enjoyed spending the time and traveling with you. You can sit back now and savor the fruits of your labors, then get up and go do something fun that you have been putting off for the last couple years.

### PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MATRON'S JEWEL

Janice Rader Pringle
Sister of the Junior Past Grand Matron
Russell Payne
Husband of the Junior Past Grand Matron

JANICE RADER PRINGLE: To my sweet Sister, on the way here today I was thinking about our father and what he would say if he was still here. I think he'd be all smiles and saying Great Job Sis! Great Job! Thank you for all you do for all of us! Love you.

CHERYL PAYNE, PGM: Thank you to the members of lowa Eastern Star for the gift of my Past Grand Matron pin.

## PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND PATRON'S JEWEL

Lorrie Whitaker
Wife of the Junior Past Grand Patron

JOHN WHITAKER, PGP: Thank you to the membership of lowa Eastern Star for the confidence you held in me and for the gift of my Past Grand Patrons pin.

# PRESENTATION OF 2023 DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS

Mary Reicks, Associate Grand Matron Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress Janice Alger, Associate Grand Conductress Lori Rasmusson Kelly Walker Anna Boecker Chris Brown Heather Wogomon Cindy Beaty Sheila Kiehne

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My very special Sisters, you are our Diamonds of 2023. I thank each of you for accepting my invitation to serve as one of our District Instructors this year. A great deal of time and dedication is required of you in the fulfillment your responsibilities. The members of our Chapters look to you for guidance and support throughout the year.

I hold a special place in my heart for each one of you, and I look forward to supporting and watching you instruct this year. Remember to serve with enthusiasm as you work with the members of your Chapters this year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Some of my best friends have been District Instructors, so you are a very special group to me. Your duties go far beyond your schools. You are the driving force in our organization, you support and advise chapters, from their initiations to the annual events we hold around the state and then, of course, you work long hours during Grand Chapter. All that in addition to dealing with us Worthy Patrons. Thank you for your dedication to our Order, much of this wouldn't be happening if it wasn't for you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for sharing this special afternoon with us and our Bucket Brigade Grand Family. We pray everyone has a safe journey home.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, before we depart from this Grand Chapter Session, remember each and every day you can make a difference to someone. Be someone's HERO. Be the person your friends can lean on, that you will be there for them. Give someone a compliment, a smile, hold the door, pay for their coffee, thank a veteran, nurse, policeman or firefighter. By you adding happiness to someone's day, it may encourage them to do the same. And maybe, just maybe the world will be a better place for you and me.

CLOSING ODE: "Jesus Loves Me"

CLOSING THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

MIZPAH BENEDICTION

CLOSING PROCLAMATION: Greg Grover, Grand Marshal

THE 2023 GRAND OFFICERS RETIRE

CHERYL PAYNE
WORTHY GRAND MATRON

JOHN WHITAKER WORTHY GRAND PATRON



ATTEST: NANCY J. RAMTHUN, GRAND SECRETARY

#### DATES OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS

2023

Cedar Rapids Marriott Cedar Rapids, Iowa October 19 – 22, 2023

2024

Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa November 7 – 10, 2024

2025

Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa November 13 – 16, 2025

2026

Airport Holiday Inn Des Moines, Iowa November 12 – 15, 2026

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

6:45 A.M. District Instructors' Breakfast 12:00 P.M. Travel Club Luncheon All Membership Banquet

# FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

7:00 A.M. Tall Corn Breakfast 7:00 A.M. Sunrise Breakfast Buffet

11:30 A.M. Grand Representatives Luncheon

11:30 A.M. All Membership Luncheon

4:00 P.M. Past Grand Matron/Past Grand Patron's Banquet

4:00 P.M. All Membership Dinner

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

6:30 A.M. P.A.G.O. Breakfast 7:00 A.M. Sunrise Breakfast

11:30 A.M. AGM, GC,AGC Luncheon 5:15 P.M. All Membership Dinner

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

10:30 A.M. ESTARL Breakfast and Program

# "Breakfast at the Frosty Place" Breakfast

District Instructor's Breakfast

Mary Reicks, Grand Conductress and District Instructor Assisted by: Sandy Meredith, Associate Grand Conductress and District Instructor

The "Breakfast at the Frosty Palace" Breakfast was held on Thursday, October 24, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. at the Cedar Rapids Marriot. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Payne, the Board of Custodians, Sisters Ellen Knupp, Jean Koss, and Polly Miller; and the 11 District Instructors were in attendance.

The District Instructors were invited to wear Pink Lady Jackets or 60s style clothing. Eleven pink jars with solar lights, which were gifts for each Pink Lady, decorated the table with hot pink tulle down the center of the table. Vinyl records served as chargers for the breakfast plates. At each place setting, chiffon scarves were used as napkin rings. Each Pink Lady received a "care package" for Grand Chapter. Each honored guest received a special gift as a remembrance from her year as Worthy Grand Matron.

After entering to the song "We Go Together," Sister Mary Reicks welcomed all who were present. Sister Kelly Walker led us in prayer, after which we enjoyed a delicious breakfast.

Following breakfast Sister Mary honored each of the special guests by sharing information from their year of service to Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron beginning with Sister Ellen Knupp's 2018 "Heart of the Country" Grand Chapter Session, then Sister Jean Koss's 2019 "Over the Rainbow" Grand Chapter Session, followed by Sister Polly Miller's 2021 "Butterfly Dreams" Grand Chapter Session, and ending with Sister Cheryl Payne's 2022 "Swinging on a Star" year. We remembered the special events, projects, and teachings from each Worthy Grand Matron's year. Each honored guest was given the opportunity to share remarks.

Sister Sandy Meredith presented Sister Cheryl with her special scrapbook filled with special memories from the year. The pages in Sister Cheryl's scrapbook album were made by members of the Starlighters Grand Family, District Instructors, Iowa's General Grand Chapter personnel, as well as by other special friends, Grand families, and chapters.

Sister Mary concluded the "Breakfast at the Frosty Palace" District Instructor's Breakfast by encouraging each sister to enjoy her opportunity to serve Iowa Eastern Star during Grand Chapter.

# Tall Corn Breakfast Kenny Wogomon

Past Grand Patron

As the day dawned, I found myself setting up a meeting room with bags of candy corn and microwave Popcorn at each place setting for the annual gathering of Brothers at the 2022" Swinging on a Star" Grand Chapter Session located in the Marriott Hotel, Cedar Rapids Iowa.

We gathered early and I greeted each brother as they entered. We then sat and chatted for a bit as we drank our first cups of coffee. When time came for breakfast to be served Brother Bill Howie gave the blessing. We had a plate breakfast of eggs, bacon, fried potatoes, breakfast rolls and Coffee or juice. There were 36 Brothers in attendance including myself, I feel it was a good representation of our Chapters. While breakfast was served, we enjoyed fellowship and great conversations. There may have been a few tall tales told and a few corny jokes but then again this was the "Tall Corn" Breakfast and what else was to be expected. I addressed the group and thanked them for attending and talked a little, about the brother's role in Eastern Star and the need to try to increase our numbers and how we only get out what we put into our Star.

After the meal we again talked in smaller groups until it was time for the trivia questions to be asked. I had compiled a list of 24 questions and answers regarding facts about Route 66 and as I asked each one aloud turns were taken trying to answer them. Now for as

many years as this road has been around and, for as many accumulative years of driving experience were held within the walls of this room, well this quiz was pretty hard. We did have a bit of excitement this year as we had an interloper sneak in. "Oh no it's a Woman" someone shouted (ok it was me) and all heads turned as one of the sisters popped in to retrieve a room Key. I thanked everyone for attending and left the group with a word search to take with them with the theme being Route 66, words related Bees and words from the 1950's I included the Key and I trust no one cheated.

# "Happy Days and Starry Nights"

All-Membership Banquet
Lori Rasmusson, District Instructor, Past Grand Esther
Assisted by:
Chris Brown, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth
Cindy Beatty, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth

The All-Membership Banquet was held on Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 pm at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids. Guests entered the banquet room to 50's music being played over the speaker. The room lights were dimmed, and stars and twinkling lights were set on vinyl record albums in the centerpieces on each table to give the appearance of a starry night. A banner welcoming every member was hanging on the front of the head table and was made by bright argyle shapes and miniature record albums. Each place setting had a 50's era bright colored cup containing popcorn and chocolates, with a miniature record album standing in it. These served as both place cards and favors. The tables also were sprinkled with sparkly stars and Hersey Kisses that had a 50s message on them. There was a photo booth table with a 50s banner, and guests were encouraged to stop and get their picture taken. There was also a table for "yearbook signing" for everyone to stop and write a note to Sister Cheryl and Brother John, our WGM and WGP. These pages will be added to their scrapbooks.

A program complete with 50s images was given to each member attending. Junior Past Grand Matron, Polly Miller, and Junior Past Grand Patron, Kenny Wogomon, served as Mistress and Master of Ceremonies. They greeted all present. The 2022 Starlighters Grand Family was introduced and escorted to their seats by the 2020-21 Kruzers Grand Family.

Sister Karen Heitmann, Junior Past Grand Chaplain, gave the table grace and all enjoyed the meal with recorded 50s dinner music.

Distinguished guests were introduced and given greetings. Masonic and Youth Leaders were then asked to speak on behalf of their respective organizations. The evening concluded with time for fellowship, and a visit to the photo booth and to sign yearbooks.

# "Pen Pals Forever"

Grand Representative Luncheon Allice Hofer, Past Grand Ruth

Approximately 155 current and past Grand Representatives enjoyed the "Pen Pals Forever" Luncheon. Alice Hofer President of The Hawkeye Links presided. Duane Wachter – Michigan in Iowa gave the Welcome and his counterpart Sue McKibben – Iowa in Michigan gave the Response. Charles Sloniger, Grand Chaplain gave the Blessing. Tables were decorated with flowerpots filled pink roses, a bumble bee, and a mailbox. At each place setting was an airmail stationary with an airmail envelope and pen. Everyone there was a "Pen Pal" because of their corresponding with their counterpart.

#### "Yellow Rose "

Luncheon Sharon Jolley, Newton Chapter #100

Approximately thirty members attended "The Yellow Rose Luncheon" the luncheon was arranged as an alternate meal for those members not attending the Grand Representative luncheon. Table decorations were yellow roses in quart jars with fall leaves scattered about. Also fall napkins with candy corn favors.

# ""Beach Blanket Bingo"

Past Grand Matron/Past Grand Patron Banquet Lynn Tague Past Grand Matron, Hostess Phil Corwin Past Grand Patron, Host

Sister Lynn Tague, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Phil Corwin, Member of the Youth Committee of the General Grand Chapter, welcomed fifty-eight Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and guests to the "Beach Blanket Bingo" Banquet on Friday, October 21, 2022, at the Cedar Rapids Marriott in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Members of the 2015 "Beachcombers" Grand Family registered guests and escorted those in attendance to their seats beginning at 3:45 p.m.

The Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Polly Miller, and Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Kenny Wogomon, were initiated into the Past Grands Association by Sister Jean Koss, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Bruce Thomas, Past Grand Patron.

Sister Lynn Tague and Brother Phil Corwin invited our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Payne, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Whittaker, along with their respective companions, Brother Russell Payne, Grand Representative of Oklahoma and Worthy Patron, Brighton Chapter, Washington, and Sister Lorrie Whittaker, Grand Representative of Montana, into the banquet room.

Sister Lynn Tague introduced those seated at the Head Table.

Since Sister Danelle Essing, Past Grand Matron, was unable to attend, Sister JoAnn Bergeson, Past Grand Maron, gave the Table Grace. Sister Judy Wilson, Past Grand Organist, provided the beautiful music throughout dinner.

Sister Lynn introduced the guests in attendance from out-of-state and those included:

#### SISTERS:

Judy Luettjohann

Member of the Membership Committee, of the GGC
PGM, Minnesota
PGM, Nebraska
Kathie Brown
Leslie O'Donnell
Sharon Powell
Elie Morrissy

Member of the Membership Committee, of the GGC
PGM, Minnesota
PGM, Minnesota
And Prince Edward Island in Minnesota
GR Texas in Louisiana
Companion of Brother Scott Morrissy

#### BROTHERS:

Keith Powell PGP, Louisiana Scott Morrissy PGP, Minnesota

Table Talk – Breaking with tradition, Sister Lynn and Brother Phil led the group in an activity. Those in attendance were asked to imagine, the group of Sisters and Brothers seated at their table were about to embark on a 6-month adventure on a beautiful BEACH

on a secluded island. The catch, each table group was only allowed to take 2 items with them (aside from some limited "essentials"). The first item had to be from the 1950's, while the second item had to be used for survival purposes. What two items would each group be bringing and why? Guests had about 10 minutes to discuss amongst themselves giving each person seated at the table a chance to quickly share their ideas and then reach a consensus as a group on their items. When time was up, each Table Captain would share their groups two items and why they chose each item. Table Captains were then identified as the guest seated at each table with the STARFISH on their place card. Captains were then informed they'd be responsible for facilitating the discussion at their table, reaching consensus, and then speaking on behalf of their table. Everyone seemed to have fun and enjoyed this alternate activity.

Brief greetings and remarks were given by Sister Cheryl Payne, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother John Whittaker, Worthy Grand Patron. Each welcomed everyone to their "Swinging on a Star" Grand Chapter Session, shared their reflections on the banquet and thanked the group for their thoughtful gifts.

Sister Diane Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Iowa, honored our departed Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons with a Memorial Service. Special music, Here I Am Lord, was played during the memorial tribute, accompaniment by Sister Judy Wilson. Our departed Sisters and Brothers along with their year of service included the following:

John Baker (2008) JoAnn Runyan (1993) Edwin Hascall (2011) Alvis Shaw (1980) Betty Hascall (2011 Spouse) Mike Coulter (2007 Spouse)

The banquet closed after the guests recited the Mizpah Benediction.

Tables were decorated by members of the 2015 "Beachcombers" Grand Family. Each table was decorated in a beach-theme. The centerpieces consisted of a large mason jar adorned with blue ribbon and filled with sand and seashells along with a votive candle at the top. Seashells were then scattered around the outside of the jars. A handmade program was placed in the center of each place setting. Each guest received a miniature basket filled with those famous Nebraska melt-away chocolates.

# "Let the Good Times Roll" P.A.G.O. Breakfast

Rita Gerking, President, Grand Martha

The "Let the Good Times Roll with the Starlighters Grand Family" 2022 P.A.G.O. Breakfast was held at the Cedar Rapids Marriott at 6:30 am on Saturday, October 22, 2022, hosted by the 2019 Munchkin Grand Family. There were 129 people in attendance.

The 2021-22 Starlighters appointed officers provided the centerpieces for the tables and were host or hostess at their respective tables. The Munchkins provided a table favor consisting of a Bit-O-Honey candy which was Worthy Patron's favorite candy for the year.

Rita Gerking, P.A.G.O. President, and PG Martha welcomed everyone. The invocation was given by Sister Susan Jones, PG Chaplain. A buffet breakfast was served. Sister Rita introduced Sister Cheryl Payne, WGM and Brother John Whitaker, WGP.

Also introduced were Sister Diane Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah of the General Grand Chapter was introduced and was given a hearty welcome. Sister Betty Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Emeritus, Right Worthy Grand Trustee Emeritus and Past Grand Matron of Iowa was introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Introductions of those at the head table included: Sisters Carol Nelson, PG Electa and Sue McMain, PG Adah.

General Grand Chapter Members present were introduced: Sisters Jean Koss, Nancy Kiehne, and Jane Green and Brothers Phil Corwin and John Hauser. Sister Janice Alger, Special General Grand Chapter Appointment, Triennial Other Assembly Committee of the General Grand Chapter and District Instructor was introduced.

The 2021 Starlighters Grand Family were introduced followed by Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Iowa. Responses were given by Sister Cheryl Payne, WGM and Brother John Whitaker, WGP. The 2018 Country Kids Grand Family with Sister Ellen Knupp WGM and Brother Charlie Young WGP won the traveling trophy with seven in attendance.

The Annual Meeting of PAGO was called to order. The 2021 PAGO minutes were read by Sister Carol Nelson. Secretary of PAGO. The 2023 PAGO officers nominated are: President, Sister Leanne Wait, PG, Martha, Vice-President, Sister Karen Heitmann, PG Chaplain and Secretary Sister Terri Murphy, PG Adah. The Memorial Service was given by Sister Sue McMain, PG Adah.

#### "Blue Moon"

Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress
Luncheon
Mary Ann Francois, Jonnetta Theisen, and Kim Reason
Hostesses

The "Blue Moon" Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress Luncheon was held on Saturday October 22, 2022, at the Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel. Approximately 132 enjoyed the luncheon. The table centerpieces were a blue half-moon and silver stars attached to a stick on a block of wood. Scattered around each table were Minions, baskets of candy and lady bugs on a letter opener. Each one represented some of the fun symbols of the Honorees. Favors at each place were Reese's Peanut Butter Cups attached to a notecard embossed with a flag and the word "BELIEVE".

Sister Jonnetta welcomed everyone, and Sister Mary Ann gave the table grace.

The hostesses introduced Sisters Vicki Wallner, AGM, Mary Reicks, Gr. Conductress and Sandy Meredith, AGC who each gave a brief summary of the plans for each of their respective year.

Sister Kim Reason introduced Sister Cheryl, WGM and Brother John Whitaker, WGP. She then thanked everyone for attending and closed with a verse.

### "Rock Around the Clock "

Banquet
Tammy Van Horsen-Post, Co-chair

The "Rock Around the Clock" Banquet was held October 22, 2022, in the Rosewood Room at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron John requested this banquet to be available for members to purchase tickets and continue to enjoy the fellowship of those attending Grand Chapter. Host and Hostess for this banquet were Bill Post and Tammy Van Horsen-Post. Pat Burch once again did a wonderful job of taking reservations for all meals. As reservations came in, Pat would update her records and the final attendance, as of just a few days before Grand Chapter showed 151 members would be attending this banquet! As more cancellations came in during Grand Chapter, Pat Burch would consult her "waiting list" to fill those spots. The head table consisted of WGM Cheryl Payne and Russell Payne, WGP John Whitaker and Lorrie Whitaker, and Bill Post and Tammy Van Horsen-Post

Greetings were given by Bill and Tammy, and an invocation was given prior to tables being dismissed to start through the buffet line for the meal. The Marriott staff coordinated with the host and hostess to assure that food supplies were kept filled.

As tables were dismissed host Bill Post decided to raise some additional monies for the WGM and WGP special project – "On with Life" Parkinson's education. He did this by singing a song into the microphone and assured all he would continue to sing until funds were raised. This was greeted by laughter from those attending. Grand Marshal Kaylene Kiewiet sprang into action and started "marshalling" each table by encouraging them to contribute just a few dollars toward this impromptu fund-raiser. While I'm not sure of the exact amount collected, I believe it was between \$300 & \$400!

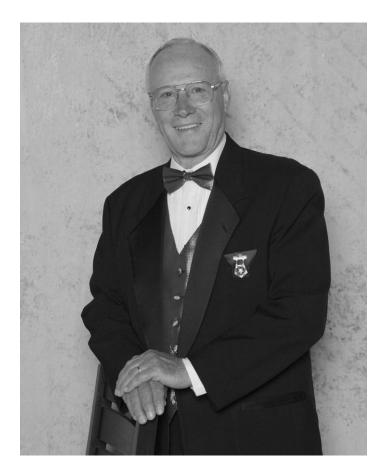
This banquet was scheduled between the afternoon and evening sessions of our Grand Chapter. While we didn't have a lot of time, it was another great opportunity for those attending to have a nice meal, and hurry back in for the evening session.

# **ESTARL Brunch** Shelly Hanes, Chairman

The ESTARL breakfast was held at 10:30 a.m. in the Banquet room of the Sheraton Hotel following Sunday morning worship service, as of October 12, 2022, eighty-five people were registered to attend.

Sister Shelly Hanes welcomed everyone with a greeting. She introduced the following guests at the head table: Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Payne, and her companion Russell Payne, Worthy Grand Patron John Whitaker and his companion Lorrie Whitaker, President of the Educational Board Bill Howie and his companion Barb Howie, and Rev. Jill pepper who gave the message at our worship service. Sister Joyce Sloniger led us in grace, then, breakfast was served. After breakfast, the ESTARL report was given, sister Shelly Hanes introduced Rev. Jill Pepper; she spoke with us about what grants she received. Brother Bill Howie gave updates on the ESTARL grants awarded and the educational loans given. We were dismissed with the Mizpah Benediction.

# **APPENDIX**



MR. JOHN BAKER WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2007-2008

"May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
And may the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again
May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hands."



MS. JO ANN RUNYAN PAST GRAND MATRON 1992-1993

"A special day like this one is made happier by the thought of you, And all the special joys that you have always brought. And so we wish you happiness and we bring a message too... The world's a brighter, lovelier place, because of those like you."



MR. EDWIN HASCALL PAST GRAND PATRON 2010-2011

"Sometimes a person comes along and it's clear right from the start,
You have a friend who is special in your life and in your heart.
That friendship is a treasure that can't be bought or sold,
There's just no way to measure a love valued much more than gold.
The treasure of our friendship is in the memories that we share,
And the warmth of simply knowing that I have someone who cares."



MR. ALVIS SHAW PAST GRAND PATRON 1979-1980

"In the World Beyond there lies a land that's filled with love and light.

Where shadows never fall, for there is no night.

In that celestial place of joy and peace, there is no doubt or fear.

and there all troubles cease, all difficulties disappear."

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NEBRASKA	*Larry Culver	482	3128 Highway 44	Panora	10/01/2024
NEVADA	*Jeannette Olsen	548	2532 S. Cypress Street	Sioux City	12/31/2023
NEW BRUNSWICK	*Pam MacKay	353	611 Main Street	Janesville	12/31/2023
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Don Krueger	265	114 W 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Aurelia	01/01/0223
NEW JERSEY	*Linda Tedrow	361	122 Carroll Street	Boone	01/01/2024
NEW MEXICO	*Jason Wolcott	135	321 #. 4th Street	Tipton	12/31/2023
NEW YORK	Pamela Crawford	900	205 N. Jones Avenue	Maquoketa	02/01/2023
NORTH CAROLINA	*Linda Armstrong	184	2479 250th Street	Winterset	01/01/2024
NORTH DAKOTA	*Diane Taplin	900	1698 400 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Bryant	11/01/2023
NOVA SCOTIA & PEI	Lynn Kropf	494	1142 Oakview Drive	Columbus Junction	12/31/2022
OHIO	*Ross Yoder	198	612 S. Mackey Avenue	Sigourney	09/01/2024
OKLAHOMA	*Russell Payne	486 & 494	3104 Coppock Road	Washington	03/01/2024
ONTARIO	Donald Drennan	194	1302 Elm Street	Atlantic	12/31/2022
OREGON	Carolyn Smith	135	4608 Sharon Center Road	Iowa City	03/01/2024
PENNSYLVANIA	*James Peterson	305	3334 Franklin Avenue	Des Moines	01/31/2024
PUERTO RICO	*Debbie Jones	180	820 NE 4th Street	Earlham	07/07/2024
RHODE ISLAND	*William Bil Stocks	045	212 5th Avenue SW	Oelwein	03/01/2024
SASKATCHEWAN	*Paula Larsen, PGM	356 & 549	2268 110 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Diagonal	12/31/2023
SOUTH CAROLINA	*Frank Keeran	482	13744 270th Street	Redfield	03/01/2024
SOUTH DAKOTA	*Melinda Englebrecht	472	1100 6th Street NE	Independence	09/01/2023
TENNESSEE	Karen Miller	273	906 15th Street	Eldora	12/31/2022
TEXAS	*Leanne Wait	361	206 Main Street	Slater	06/01/2024
UTAH	*Mary Hicks	099 & 284	969 SE 68th Street	Pleasant Hill	12/31/2023
VERMONT	Kerry Krogman	102	411 8th Street	Sibley	08/01/2023
VIRGINIA	*Richard Gerking	502	2116 Old Highway 141	Bronson	Relinquished
WASHINGTON	*Mendi Frasher	338	2351 Glenwood	Des Moines	10/15/2023
WEST VIRGINIA	*Allison Price	265	41713 Potato Farm Road	Laurens	01/01/2024
WISCONSIN	Wayne McGinnis, PGP	91	2706 270th Street	Greenfield	12/31/2023
WYOMING	Becky Goehring	549	2634 Clearwood Avenue	Libertyville	12/31/2022

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Date		Mbrs.	Location	Worthy Grand Matron	Worthy Grand Patron	Grand Secretary	Grand Treasurer
1946 Oct 24	ct 24	73,654	Des Moines	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*W. Russell Hayes	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S.Johnston
1947 Oct 28	ct 28	75,546	Sioux City	*Mrs. Mildred Harrington	*Clifford Young	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S.Johnston
1948 Oct 28	ct 28	79,433	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Betty Fraseur	*Ray Mc Murray	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S.Johnston
1949 Oct 25	ct 25	81,868	Des Moines	*Mrs. Lucille H. Johnson	*Clyde E. Jones	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mary H.S.Johnston
1950 Nov 7	lov 7	83,952	Des Moines	*Mrs. Velda Felton	*Henry W. Greeve	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1951 Oct 23	ct 23	85,771	Sioux City	*Mrs. Dorothy Harris	*Henry E. Meyers	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1952 Oct 28	ct 28	86,754	Des Moines	*Mrs. Hazel Cox Adamson	*Robert W. Hughes	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1953 Oct 27	ct 27	87,636	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Esther Barber	*Lloyd O. Burtness	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1954 Oct 26	ct 26	88,194	Des Moines	*Mrs. Nell Bonnell	*Edward G. Squire	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1955 Oct 25	ct 25	88,535	Sioux City	*Mrs. Bernice Sundberg Lilly	*Dwight Mc Cracken	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1956 Oct 23	ot 23	88,467	Des Moines	*Mrs. Helen Bowers	*Alvin Flint	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1957 Oct 22	ct 22	88,282	Sioux City	*Mrs. Isabelle Walensky	*Herman Beck	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1958 Oct 28	ct 28	87,962	Des Moines	*Mrs. Viola Drape Sweet	*Frank L. Fellows	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1959 Oct 27	ct 27	87,318	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. June Watson	*Howard Lyon	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1960 Nov 2	lov 2	85,935	Des Moines	*Mrs. Norma Long	*R. Edward Dunlap	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1961 Oct 25	ct 25	84,295	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Eva Lu Murrison	*Edward J. Yelick	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1962 Oct 24	ct 24	82,903	Sioux City	*Mrs. Lois Hanke	*Harry Cowden	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1963 Oct 31	oct 31	81,473	Des Moines	*Mrs. Helen Kline	*Wendell Teachout	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1964 Oct 27	ct 27	79,616	Davenport	*Mrs. Luella Brammer	*Howard T. Miller	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1965 Oct 26	ct 26	78,348	Des Moines	*Mrs. Alice Young	*Henry Winger	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1966 Oct 25	ct 25	76,984	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Virginia M. Jones	*Don Shoning	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1967 Oct 24	ct 24	75,037	Des Moines	*Mrs. Josephine Walter	*Dean W. Hess	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1968 Oct 22	ct 22	72,784	Davenport	*Mrs. Leona Dosland	*Charles W. Antes	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1969 Oct 28	ct 28	71,021	Des Moines	*Mrs. Ruth Carlson	*Robert Kitchell	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1970 Oct 27	ct 27	69,467	Des Moines	*Mrs. Eileen Y. Minnich	*Leo Maurer	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1971 Oct 26	ct 26	67,613	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Lurene Walter	*George Clapsaddle	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1972 Oct 31	ot 31	65,888	Des Moines	*Mrs. Peggy Hauswirth	*H. Victor Stead	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1973 Oct 25	ct 25	63,925	Sioux City	*Mrs. Grace Countryman	*John Vasey	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1974 Oct 24	ct 24	61,908	Des Moines	*Mrs. Leona P. Paschal	*L. Doyle Champion	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1975 Oct 28	ct 28	60,239	Davenport	*Mrs. Dorothy Messinger	F. Gilbert Mote	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Miss Clara Brown
1976 Oct 26	ct 26	58,676	Waterloo	*Mrs. Lucille Gremmels	*John E. Thompson	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Miss Clara Brown
1977 Oct 25	ct 25	57,322	Des Moines	*Mrs. Beth Friday	*Dean E. Ellis	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Mrs. Grace Hansen
1978 Oct 24	ct 24	55,710	Des Moines	*Mrs. Vera Mae Baker	*Karl Aschenbrenner	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Mrs. Grace Hansen
1979 Nov 1	1 vo	53,811	Davenport	Mrs. Elsie Miller	*Frank Rosenboom	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Mrs. Grace Hansen

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2014`Oct. 23	7,295	Altoona	Mrs. Nancy J. Ramthun	Jerry Jones	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Connie Chase
2015 Oct. 22	6,735		Mrs. Lynn Tague	Phil Corwin		Mrs. Beverly Smith
2016 Oct. 20	6,308		Mrs. Nancy Kiehne	Russ Hibben		Mrs. Beverly Smith
2017 Oct. 19	5,887		Mrs. Jane Green	John Hauser		Mrs. Beverly Smith
2018 Oct. 18	5,480	Cedar Rapids	Ms. Ellen Knupp	Charlie Young		Mrs. Beverly Smith
2019 Oct. 24	5,053	West Des Moines	West Des Moines Mrs. Jean Koss	Bruce Thomas	un, PGM	*Mrs. Beverly Smith
						Mrs. Connie Chase
						Acting Gr. Treas.
2020 CANCEL	TED DUE	2020 CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 Mrs. Polly Miller	Mrs. Polly Miller	Kenny Wogomon	Mrs. Nancy J. Ramthun, PGM Mr. Kent Strawn	Mr. Kent Strawn
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