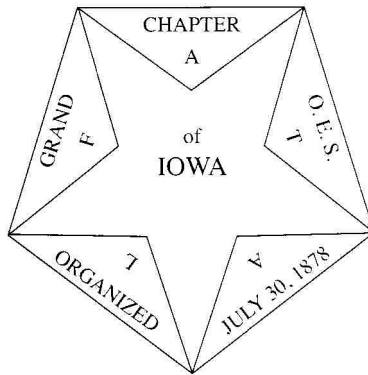


“HERO” Session



**Grand Chapter of Iowa
Order of the Eastern Star
146th Grand Chapter Session
2022-2023**

GRAND CHAPTER
OF IOWA



ORDER OF
THE EASTERN STAR

**One Hundred Forty-Sixth
Annual Session
2023**



Vicki Wallner
Worthy Grand Matron
2022-2023

We all have our own hero, that special person to look up to and gain the peace of mind and strength needed. Vicki's leadership through a year of honoring our veterans, first responders, and front-line workers reminded us of the heroes we encounter every day and often take for granted. Watchwords of community and courage had us reaching out to our local communities offering our time and energy. Often celebrating with our heroes. Spreading the OES spirit in our communities was accomplished! We waved our flags and proudly wore our red, white and blue.

Vicki was born on April 20, 1957, to Robert R. Mallette and JoAnn De Tienne Mallette in Davenport, Iowa while her father was stationed in Germany. The first girl born on the Mallette side of the family in 64 years.

On January 3, 1976, she married Joel Francois and they became the parents of two sons, Jeremy Joseph and Ryan Michael. She married Thomas Wallner in 1997 and he

passed away in 2008. Vicki has three grandsons, three stepdaughters, ten step grandchildren and two step great grandchildren. Her parents owned M & M Pawnbrokers in Davenport where she worked for 14 years. Held positions with a law firm, worked in the fashion industry and then was employed as a receptionist at Shive-Hattery 25 years ago. She is retiring as a project accountant in October.

Her father was a member of Davenport Lodge, Consistory, and Mohassen Grotto and her mother was a member of Trinity Chapter, OES. Being from a Masonic family, Vicki joined the International Order of Rainbow for Girls on September 20, 1969, at the age of twelve. Since Davenport Chapter was the sponsoring body for the Davenport Assembly her mother soon demitted from Trinity Chapter and joined Davenport Chapter.

Vicki graduated from high school in 1975 and became a member of Davenport Chapter on June 23rd of that same year. Adah was her first station and she served as WM in 1981. In 2008 I had the privilege of appointing her a District Instructor, where she continued to serve until 2012 when Sister Karen Hyde and Brother Dennis DeJoode appointed her their Grand Marshal. In 2013 she returned to instructing and was elected Associate Grand Conductress at the Heart of the Country Grand Chapter Session in 2018. She also served with Sister Beverly Smith during her service as Grand Treasurer. Due to the cancellation of Grand Chapter in 2021 because of the Covid epidemic it wasn't until at the session of the 2022 Grand Chapter that she was elected WGM and served beside Brother Larry Niday in 2023. They were honored to preside over the HERO session in October of 2023.

In her free time Vicki enjoys making T-shirts and cards and enjoys walking. Both activities were put to good use while leading the members to make more than 4,000 cards for the Cards for Troops project. The HERO project was the recipient of proceeds from her walk of 750 miles.

Her choice of a patriotic theme was based on her and Larry's military backgrounds. Larry and her father served in the Army. Husband Tom was in the Marine Corp. Son Ryan and nephew Richard are in the Air Force and nephew Brenden is in the Navy.

Her HERO Grand Chapter session closed out a fun, productive successful year and paid a loving tribute to all our heroes.

Mary Jane Young, Past Grand Matron



LARRY R. NIDAY
Worthy Grand Patron
2022-2023

Larry Niday was born in Nyssa Oregon on April 19th, 1946, when his parents, Vernon and Ethel Niday moved there looking for work. While still a baby, they moved back to their hometown of Allerton Iowa, where Larry spent the rest of his childhood. Larry's father, Vernon worked on construction, which required them to move frequently around the Midwest. That gave Larry the experience of attending many types of schools in the surrounding states, from one school that was large enough to have two classes of third graders to a country school where he was the only student in the fifth grade. He says it was the only time he was valedictorian. Every winter, the family would return to Allerton where he could reconnect with his lifelong friends. He graduated from ACL Community Schools in 1964.

Larry attended Centerville Community College for two years, but it was obvious that College wasn't the path for him at the time, soon, he found that he was at the top of the

list for the draft. He spent two years in the Army as a Combat Engineer with the third Infantry Division in Germany.

During his tour of duty, he and Nancy were married and she was able to join him in Germany for ten months. There, they learned to live a very sparse life, Nancy cooked on a woodburning stove, the water heater had to be fired up 30 minutes before they could take a bath and the refrigerator was a beer cooler. That prepared them for anything that life might throw at them in the years ahead. At this writing, Larry and Nancy have been married for fifty-seven years and have two sons and six grandchildren.

After returning home from the military, Larry worked several jobs, from parts manager at a Ford dealership, then manager for a parts store, to construction, before he started a career at the 3M Tape Plant in Knoxville, where he worked for thirty-one years.

Larry had always regretted not finishing college and had a deep passion for art, so he started taking classes and soon became a full-time student while working the night shift at 3M. After ten years, he graduated with a bachelor's degree, in art from Simpson College, a master's degree and finally a Master of Fine Art from the University of Iowa. He took early retirement from 3M in 2007 to teach art at the Des Moines Art Center and teach classes in his studio at home.

Larry was not familiar with the Masonic Order before he joined Nancy's family. The first thing he learned was that they had a strong Masonic history and encouraged him to join, which he did in 1969. He joined the Corydon lodge and he and Nancy joined the Corydon Chapter of Eastern Star in 1970. Nancy's parents, Walter and Helen Teater, initiated them and Walter learned the long optional just for their initiation and never gave it again after that.

In 1992, Nancy became a District Instructor, they traveled the state while Nancy fulfilled her duties as Instructor, Grand Chaplain and in 2004, became Grand Secretary. Larry claims to be the most experienced Traveling Companion in the Order. Their extensive travels gave them the opportunity to get acquainted with nearly every member in the State of Iowa and they have made many lifelong friends that they have cherished for many years.

In 2019, Vicki Wallner surprised Larry with an invitation to join her as her Worthy Grand Patron. Although Larry had always said that was a job he would never want, he had known Vicki for many years and they had been long time friends. It didn't take much thought to make that decision. It has been a highlight of his life and he has never regretted a minute of it.

With much love, Nancy Niday.

DEDICATION

We dedicate this 146th “Hero” Session

To the Iowa membership who have gone above and beyond supporting the Grand Family and all of the projects we chose for this year. Each member has had a part in helping us represent the Order of the Eastern Star during 2022-2023. Your enthusiasm, willingness to support change, graciously accepting our requests, and aiding our communities with fun service projects throughout the year were greatly appreciated.

To Sister Nancy, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron, both Larry and I appreciate all the hard work you did during the year to keep us on track and moving forward, accomplishing many extra tasks that most would not even realize were so important to complete.

To the Bucket Brigade Grand Officers and our faithful Companions – without your dedication, thoughtfulness, willingness to go above and beyond this year would not have been as successful or fun! Whether you are an elected or appointive Grand Officers or Companion, you are always a member of the Bucket Brigade! We will be there to support you in any endeavor that happens in the future.

To the members of Davenport Chapter and Knoxville Chapter, we are so grateful for your love during 2023. This year would not have been possible without the support of our chapters. Thank you for all that you have done for each of us during our journey.

Vicki Wallner, Worthy Grand Matron

Larry Niday, Worthy Grand Patron.





Glenda Winchester
Most Worthy Grand Matron
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Past Grand Matron of South Carolina



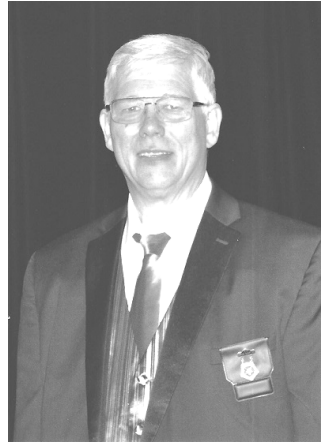
F Lon Lowry
Most Worthy Grand Patron
Past Grand Matron of Ohio



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

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GRAND SENTINEL	Bruce Stolba (Kris) (415) P5752 Hunt Ridge Drive, Cedar Rapids, 52411



GRAND OFFICERS 2022-2023

Front Row (Left to Right): Janice Alger, Associate Grand Conductress, Kent Strawn, Grand Treasurer, Mary Reicks, Associate Grand Matron, Vicki Wallner, Worthy Grand Matron, Larry Niday, Worthy Grand Patron, Joe Reed, Associate Grand Patron, Nancy Ramthun, Grand Secretary, Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress.

Second Row (Left to Right) Greg Grover, Grand Marshal, Antonio Collins, Grand Organist, Wanda Koch, Grand Adah, Loretta Coffman, Grand Ruth, Heather Wogomon, Grand Esther, Bev Dudziak, Grand Martha, Sharon Jolley Grand Electa, Ron Hofer, Grand Warder, Bruce Stolba, Grand Sentinel and Richard Gerking, Grand Chaplain.



DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS 2022- 2023

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

SESSION**“HERO” Session**

October 19-22, 2023
Cedar Rapids Marriott
1200 Collins Road NE
Cedar Rapids, IA

THEME

A Million Dreams for a Million Heroes

MOTTO

TEAM – Teaching Everyone About Membership

AIM

Spread the OES Spirit in our Communities

WATCHWORDS

Community, Courage, Believe

TRAVEL EMBLEMS

Us Flag, Baton and Baton Holder, Bible

COLORS

Red, White, Blue and Yellow

FUN SYMBOLS

Buckets, Creel, Fly Rod, Minions

FLOWERS

Gerber Daises and Hibiscus

HONOR STATIONS

Worthy Patron, Chaplain, Marshal, Esther

HONOR GROUPS

Veterans, First Responders, Front Line Workers

2023 IOWA PROJECTS**SPECIAL PROJECT**

HERO (Healing at English River Outfitters)

Sale of the Hero Pin

OES “Golf Outing”

Sale of Baked Goods at Conferring of Degrees

Coin March at Official Visits in June, July, August

Heroes Banquet

ESTARL

Sale of Flag Pin

Sale of Nuts by Grand Officers at Receptions

Note Cards

Coin March at Official Visits in March, April, and May

YOUTH

- (Rainbow, DeMolay, Job's Daughters)
- Sale of the Daisy Pin
- Collection of Pop Tabs
- Fill the Creel

IOWA GRAND CHAPTER

- Barn Dance
- Sale of Fly Pin
- Pave a Memory Brick

TLC

- Cards for our Hero's
- Continue with Lap Robes, Quilts, etc.

2023 GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

SERVICE DOGS

- Information and Awareness

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS

CHAIRMAN:

- Dennis DeJoode, Knoxville Chapter and Des Moines Chapters, Past Grand Patron

MEMBERS:

- Terri McCulley, Bellevue Chapter, Past Grand Warder
- Judy Boden, E.C.Blackmar Chapter, Burlington, Past Grand Adah
- Kevin Brown, Signa Chapter, Carroll, Past Grand Sentinel
- Lola Van Wyk, Heartland Chapter, Des Moines
- Kaylene Kiewiet, Algona Chapter, Past Grand Marshal

CHAPTER FURNITURE

- Floor Cloth.....Grand Chapter
- Altar.....Allan Tedrow
- Star Point Chairs.....Grand Chapter
- Star Point Pedestals.....Grand Chapter
- Officers Chairs.....Grand Chapter
- WGM/WGP Chairs.....Kris and Bruce Stolba
- Quilt Racks.....2009 Lucky Stars, made by the late Wendall Hall

EMBLEMS

- Baton.....Vicki Wallner, WGM
- Baton Holder.....Vicki Wallner, WGM
- Drape.....Vicki Wallner, WGM
- Sword & Veil.....Wanda Koch, Grand Adah
- Sheaf.....Loretta Coffman, Grand Ruth
- Crown & Scepter.....Heather Wogomon, Grand Esther
- Broken Column.....Cheryl Payne, Past Grand Matron
- Cup.....Sharon Jolley, Grand Electa

HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Davenport Chapter
Knoxville Chapter

ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS

Janice Megel, Heartland Chapter
Duane Wachter, Heartland Chapter, Polk City Chapter
Allan Tedrow, Polk City Chapter
Tim Anderson, Albia Chapter
Jim Spratte, Marion Chapter

TELLERS

Chairman of Tellers:
JoAnn Bergeson, Past Grand Matron

Diane Taplin, Clinton Chapter, Camanche
Linda Tedrow, Polk City Chapter
Irene Wachter, Heartland Chapter, Polk City Chapter
Kathy Hackathorn, Newton Chapter
Ruth McGinnis, Greenfield Chapter
Paula Larsen, PGM, Mount Ayr Chapter, Ollie Chapter
Deb Anderson, Albia Chapter

GRAND CHAPTER SALES TABLE

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

HONORARY PAGES

Nancy Niday

PAGES FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2023

Mary Ann Francios
Chairman, Past Grand Ruth

Worthy Grand Matron.....	Mary Ann Francios, Davenport Chapter Lark Randell, Silver Creek Chapter, LeClare
Worthy Grand Patron.....	Tom Rice, Laurens Chapter David Gnat, Ankeny New Hope Chapter, Ankeny
Associate Grand Matron.....	Lora McCollom, Ankeny New Hope Chapter, Ankeny Julie Mather, Jessamine Chapter, Iowa City
Associate Grand Patron.....	Terrie Frisbie, Liberty Chapter, Marne Kevin Brown, Signet Chapter, Carroll
Grand Secretary.....	Mary Hicks, Des Moines Chapter, Pleasant Hill Dorothy Manders, Indianola Chapter
Grand Treasurer.....	Pam Helgeson, Indianola Chapter Vicki Howell, Indianola Chapter
Grand Conductress.....	Terri Murphy, Highland Chapter, Siam Darcey Swope, Amber Star Chapter, Carson
Associate Grand Conductress.....	Betty Van Horsen, Laurens Chapter Bev Duysen, Golden Rule Chapter, Atlantic
Grand Chaplain.....	Bruce Thomas, Algona Chapter Susan Jones, Toledo Chapter, Tama
Grand Marshal.....	Deb Anderson, Albia Chapter Scott Davis, Wayland Chapter, Brighton Chapter, Washington
Grand Organist.....	Terri Grover, Cedar Falls Chapter Sheila Kiehne, Coinette Chapter, Reinbeck

**PAGES FOR GRAND CHAPTER 2023
(Continued)**

Grand Adah.....	Shirley Jackson, Bellevue Chapter Myrna Grosskruger
Grand Ruth.....	Karen Jones, Council Bluffs Chapter Claudia Hauser, Council Bluffs Chapter
Grand Esther.....	April Mohr, Amber Star Chapter, Carson Amber Tiarks, Polk City Chapter
Grand Martha.....	Kayla Salton-Koch, Evening Shade Chapter, Spencer
Grand Electa.....	Kathy Hackathorn, Newton Chapter Andrea Frier, Newton Chapter
Grand Warder.....	JoAnn Seelye, Clinton Chapter, Camanche Jody Mangler, Clinton Chapter, Camanche
Grand Sentinel.....	Sandy Raab, Altoona Chapter Jennifer Moore, Malta Chapter, Cedar Rapids
MWGM.....	Carol Nelson, Linden Chapter, Panora Jack Nelson, Linden Chapter, Panora
MWGP.....	Bonnie Glover, Ankeny New Hope, Ankeny
PMWGM.....	Grant Bargfrede, Ankeny New Hope, Ankeny
Board of Custodians.....	Janice Halverson, Polk City Chapter
Presenting Committee.....	Gail Dyer, Heartland Chapter, Des Moines Sue Jensen, South Gate Chapter, Des Moines, Altoona Chapter Cyndi Grossing, Heartland Chapter, Des Moines

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

* Appointed by Sister Vicki and Brother Larry

*Alabama	Brenda Parent
*Alberta	Joan Waller
*Arizona	Donald Wohler
Arkansas	Ben Mayer
Australia	Mary Danner
British Columbia/Yukon	Sharon Guffey-Lewis
California	Kathy Pantzer
Colorado	Carol Matthews
Connecticut	Andee Billman
Delaware	Anita Lee
District of Columbia	Kathy Betterton
*Florida	Matt Hauptman
Georgia	Phyllis Johnson
*Idaho	Leane Stutzman
Illinois	Janice Rader-Pringle
*Indiana	Jerrie Wilcox
*Kansas	Cindy Sherrard
Kentucky	Charles Blair
Louisiana	Joyce Dunbar
*Maine	Leslie Nuehring
Manitoba	Fairy Florence
*Maryland	Lynn Broughton
Massachusetts	Tana Jennings
*Michigan	Ellen Knupp
*Minnesota	Maxine DeJoodo
*Mississippi	Melody Davis
*Missouri	Jolene Harrington
Montana	Lorrie Whitaker

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

*** Appointed by Sister Vicki and Brother Larry
(Continued)**

Nebraska	Larry Culver
Nevada	Jeanette Olsen
New Brunswick	Pamela McKay
*New Hampshire	Kenny Byers
New Jersey	Linda Tedrow
New Mexico	Jason Wolcott
*New York	Julie Pederson
North Carolina	Linda Armstrong
North Dakota	Diane Taplin
*Nova Scotia/ PEI	Ron Mullenger
Ohio	Ross Yoder
Oklahoma	Russell Payne
*Ontario	Marcia Francois
Oregon	Carolyn Smith
Pennsylvania	James Peterson
Puerto Rico	Debbie Jones
Rhode Island	William Stocks
Saskatchewan	Paula Larsen, PGM
South Carolina	Frank Keeran
South Dakota	Jennifer Coffman
*Tennessee	Stephannie Claeys
Texas	Leanne Wait
*Utah	Mary Hicks
Vermont	Nancy Niday
*Virginia	Beverly Bear
*Washington	Dana Shaffer
West Virginia	Allison Price
Wisconsin	Wayne McGinnis, PGP
*Wyoming	Stephanee Fish



PRELUDE: Memorial Tribute Video

OPENING WELCOME

John Whitaker
Member Boone Home Board
And Past Grand Patron

JOHN WHITAKER: Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our Friday morning session of Grand Chapter. We are thrilled that you could join us. Of course, you know by now that Sister Cheryl will not be with us this year. I stopped to see her Wednesday and to drop off some honey. The doctor and nutritionist both told her that raw honey is one of the best foods she can eat in her recovery and yes, she knew who she could call and ask for some. Cheryl sends her love and asked me to let you know how much she misses you!

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, you have had a great year. Thank you for asking me to open this session.

INVOCATION

Charles Sloniger
Member Sound Committee and Past Grand Chaplain

Dear Lord, thank you for this beautiful morning. The fall colors and the harvest that is going on. Give us guidance as we prepare for this, the 146th Session of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star. Watch over Worthy Grand Matron Vicki Wallner, Worthy Grand Patron Larry Niday, the Bucket Brigade and "Our Hero's."

We welcome Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Glenda Winchester and Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother F. Lon Lowry. We also welcome the General Grand Chapter Officers, Appointive Officers and Committee Members that traveled to our "HERO" Session. We pray for your safe travels.

We welcome all the Out of State visitors, you bring the Beauty of the Star's Colorful Rays. We pray for your safe travels.

Lord, watch us as we deliberate our legislation, so we may make our beautiful organization better.

Watch over our sisters and brothers that are not with us today. Please, give them strength that they may be with us next year. Watch over our heroes in the Armed forces, Police, First Responders, Firemen and all the Medical Personell.

"May the Lord watch over you and keep you in his hands."
Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Cheryl and Brother John, thank you for opening our Memorial Hour ceremony for this "HERO" Session of Grand Chapter. Sister Cheryl, you are not only my Sister, but my Big Sis and my mom. There is no other organization where you are related to others in so many ways. You have been my guide, my teacher, and my friend. I will always cherish our relationship.

Brother John, I appreciate your kind words. You are always so calm and cool and that helps set the tone for this morning's session. Thank you for helping open our Memorial Session.

Brother Charles, thank you for your prayer. It is only natural that we ask you for your prayers on this Session. You have been so supportive this year and I consider you and Joyce my HEROES.

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. We welcome you to our Memorial Morning Session. It is our hope that we will carry our memories throughout this day and Session, remembering those who are unable to be here today. The musical selections today were selected to aid in our honoring those that have crossed from this earthly life to their eternal life in the heavens. The video presentation honors the Bucket Brigade's family and friends who are now stars in the heavens watching over us.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers and welcome to Iowa Grand Chapter. Sister Cheryl and Brother John, thank you for opening the Memorial Hour Ceremony this morning. This will be the start of what we hope to be a GRAND Session.

Sister Cheryl, we have been friends for many years, from your appointment of Grand Martha in the Lucky Stars Grand Family, to being my District Instructor and last year when you were my mom in the Starlighters Grand Family. You always have a warm hug for me, even if it had to be on tip toes. I will always enjoy our friendship and I hope it continues for many more years.

Brother John, we first met when you were Grand Chaplain in the Whispering Winds Grand Family. When we went to our first church service as a group, I asked you if you were ready. You asked, "For what?" I said that someone should have told you that the Grand Chaplain has to give the sermon. You instantly fired back, "I always carry one in my pocket." You shot me down the first time I met you and I have had the highest respect for you ever since. You have become a good friend and mentor. Thank you for our years of friendship and for being here today to open our session.

Brother Charles, Thank you for your prayer. I also had the pleasure of serving in a Grand Family with you. I had known you for many years but was only able to really get acquainted with you last year. Thank you for being a new friend that I am sure we will enjoy for many years to come.

We hope you enjoy the Memorial Hour as we honor the memories of loved ones that have made us what we are today.

MEMORIAL HOUR

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 TRIBUTE

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

As the sun slowly sets in the evening sky, its colorful pinks and blues
When the skies begin to darken, and the stars begin to shine
Sit back and gaze to the heavens
As our loved ones are amongst the stars

Those twinkling stars are our stairway, leading to a place of calm;
Shining their light upon us; memories flood our minds;
Reminding us of their love; providing guidance in times of trouble;
And our safe passage along life's journey

Cherish the moments in the still of the night
When the twinkle of the stars
Fills your heart with love
And your mind with serenity

The officers will drape the Altar in loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Gracious Heavenly Father, we know in our hearts that Jesus tapped our loved ones on the shoulder and said, 'Well done good and faithful servant, come with me and rest.' Be with us in this time of reflection. Give us patience and understanding until we are united once again. Amen

NECROLOGY REPORT

Written by Karen Heitmann
Past Grand Chaplain

Sisters and Brothers, as we see the altar lovingly draped before us, we remember all those dear faces we shall not see again in this life. Sometimes the grief we carry feels like it is too much for us; our hearts will indeed break from its weight. The only way this pain can be eased, the weight lifted, is to share our grief with each other, and with our most loving and gracious God.

We know that God understands our grief. We recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus himself wept at the death of his dear friend Lazarus. Grief is related to love. If we know love, then we will surely experience grief when those people we love leave us. And grief, although we may feel that we cannot bear it, may be a small price to pay for the opportunity to love and be loved.

And so, we come to this draped altar, remembering the loved ones we have lost since last we gathered, and we freely share our grief with one another and with God. Yet, even as we grieve, we give thanks for having loved and been loved by those we have lost, and we celebrate their lives. To us, they are all heroes, and in their deaths, they have joined forever the other heroes whose names we do not know, but who are all known and loved by our God.

Let me share with you a poem selected for today by our Grand Chaplain, Richard Gerking.

Heroes and Heroines by Roxie Rionne
Heroes and Heroines are role models,
Not superheroes but someone like you.
They are not the heroes from the Marvels,
And they do not have to fly to rescue.
They are selfless and will die to protect,
Heroes and Heroines helps', up the weak.
They help others first which gains them respect,
With their loyalty and looks which we seek.
Can be any age, colour; child, woman, man,
Some are remembered and some forgotten.
They are courageous and brave with a plan,
Their mental powers cannot be abandoned.
Saving innocent lives: Angel in disguise,
One act of compassion is a surprise.

In this past year our General Grand Chapter lost this hero: Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron 2003-2006, Past Grand Patron, California

We lost this heroine who was serving as a Grand Officer of Other Jurisdictions: Sister Kathy Rigoli, Grand Secretary, Idaho 2018-2022

Our own Iowa Grand Chapter continues to mourn the loss of these heroes, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons:

Sister Mary Sue Van Ryswyk, November 5, 2022

Brothers:

Randy Essing, October 22, 2022

Russell Hibben, September 18, 2023

We also share the grief of other Grand Jurisdictions who have lost 32 Past Grand Matrons and 28 Past Grand Patrons. Today we are especially saddened by losing those who held honorary memberships in the Grand Chapter of Iowa:

Sisters:

Christine Peterson – South Dakota

Nancy Barr – Connecticut

Genevieve "Jill" Ramsey – Nebraska

Ellen S Balko – District of Columbia

Brothers:

Dennis "Denny" Smith – Nebraska

Dave Mattson – Minnesota

Thomas V Hannan -- Saskatchewan

Every family has heroes and heroines and our Grand Family lost several of theirs this year:

Lavon Brockman, mother of our Grand Ruth, Sister Loretta Coffman and grandmother of Sister Jennifer Coffman, Grand Companion of Grand Ruth, passed on November 1, 2022.

Sister Cyndie Strawn, Companion of Grand Treasurer Kent Strawn, lost her father, Jack R Daniels, on April 29, 2023.

In addition to the Bucket Brigade's loved ones who passed this year, we also mourn with our Sisters and Brothers in our Subordinate Chapters who have experienced the loss of loved ones; heroes and heroines of our beautiful order.

In the Gospel of John, we find the account of Jesus telling his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?"

God always has room for one more hero or heroine. Even though we are saddened by losing these sisters and brothers, we can take comfort in knowing that our precious loved ones have found their way to the place God has prepared.

So, my sisters and brothers, it is okay to be sad. God knows and understands our pain. But even as we grieve our lost heroes and heroines, let us celebrate their very lives and thank God for the blessings of having loved and been loved by them. Knowing that God always has room for more heroes and heroines, let us strive to live every day as Jesus taught us to live, following his example of being a hero to others.
Amen.

MEMORIAL TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MEMBERS

Nancy J. Ramthun
Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron

Please do not grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid out for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay on another day to laugh, to love, to work and play.
Tasks left undone, must stay that way.
I've found my peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; these things I, too, shall miss.
Be burdened not with time of sorrow, I wish you sunshine for each tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, but don't lengthen it now with undo grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee.
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Anne Lindgren Davison

May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have the Memorial Tribute to the memory of Sister Mary Sue Van Ryswyk, Past Grand Matron by Sister Dorothy Masters.

MEMORIAL TO MARY SUE VAN RYSWYK, PAST GRAND MATRON

Written by: Dorothy Masters, Past Grand Matron

God saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb, God gently closed her weary eyes and whispered, "Peace be thine."

Mary Sue was born on March 2, 1951, in Stanhope, Iowa and went to be with her Lord on November 5, 2022. Her happy childhood was shared with two sisters. After graduating from high school, she attended college for hairstyling and worked as a Cosmetologist in Carlisle for many years.

She married Robert Van Ryswyk in February 1972. As chairman of the Sponsorship Committee for the resettlement of Tai Dam refugees in Carlisle, she helped two families to resettle. Three orphaned siblings lived as foster children in the Van Ryswyk home for several years. They later returned to California to be with family there. Joshua was adopted from Korea in 1977. Rob and Mary Sue have been active members of Carlisle United Methodist Church where Mary Sue served as a Sunday School teacher and on many committees.

Marry Sue was initiated in Runnels Chapter in 1981 and served several stations before becoming Worthy Matron in 1987. She was a frequent visitor to many chapters throughout the state and was rewarded for that involvement with a Grand Representative appointment. She served as a District Instructor and as Grand Chaplain for Brother Bill Freriks and me in 1992. She continued to instruct until her election to Associate Grand Conductress. She proceeded through the years as an elective officer and became Worthy Grand Matron in 2000. Her love of children prompted her to choose the "Make a Wish" project to bring a ray of sunshine into the lives of those who experience life-threatening illnesses.

Through research and planning, her dream culminated in a new meeting place for Grand Chapter. In October 2001, Eastern Star members met in the facilities provided at Adventureland Inn Theme Park in Altoona. Mary Sue, along with her Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ben Kain, presided over their "Let Your Light Shine" Session in the Palace Theater. Members continued to meet at this location for several years.

*In God's design of life for us that He, Himself, has planned.
There are so many hidden things we do not understand.
But He would have us know His plan is such a wondrous one,
That when we do not understand, to say, "Thy Will be done."*

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have the Memorial Tribute to the memory of Brother Randy Essing, Past Grand Patron by and given by Sister Joann Bergeson, Past Grand Matron and Brother Steven Palmquist, Past Grand Chaplain

MEMORIAL TO RANDY ESSING, PAST GRAND PATRON

Written by: Steven Palmquist, Past Grand Chaplain

Given by: JoAnn Bergeson, Past Grand Matron

If we compare a person's life to a tapestry or quilt, we will realize that there are many interesting strands and unique panels added through the years. While my interactions with our dearly departed brother began over twenty years ago, some of you knew him

even longer. Yet I consider it a blessing to be allowed to share a few of my memories of the man with you tonight.

Some sat in classrooms with Randy as a student. Some were in the Sanctuary on the day he and Danelle married. Some in a staff meeting at work and others sat in Blue Lodge as he presided as Worshipful Master. I was privileged and honored to be seated in the East at Grand Chapter as one of Randy's pages as he and Sister JoAnn presided in 2005.

Kathryn and I met the Essing's at the Iowa Grand Chapter level when Danelle was assigned as Kathryn's Big Sister among District Instructors. That relationship deepened when Sister Danelle chose Kathryn to be her Grand Esther in the Highlander Grand Family of 2003. An amusing fund raiser during that time was the "Save or Shave" campaign concerning Brother Randy's beard. Some used their pocket change and even folding money to see clean-shaven cheeks. Others contributed more to preserve his whiskers. It was a lot of fun for all, except perhaps for Worthy Grand Matron Danelle's traveling companion.

Brother Randy was chosen to travel with Sister JoAnn Bergeson. Their "God's Garden of Life" year was filled with quilts, butterflies, baseball gloves, birdhouses, garden fairies and even Snoopy. Funds were raised for the University of Iowa to research coronary heart disease, in honor of departed brother Bernie Bergeson. The Travel Club could "round the bases" by attending events throughout the year. One such event was the official visit to Waverly Chapter to confer the degrees. The candidates were none other than our daughters Erin and Nina. The Waverly-Shell Rock High School gymnasium was converted into a quilt-lined garden. What a gentle and soft-spoken Worthy Grand Patron to introduce our precious girls into our beautiful Order. He truly embodied his chosen scripture, becoming a fruitful branch of the vine which is our LORD and Savior.

The following year Sister Diane Bargfrede and Brother Russ Altes tapped me to be their Stars and Stripes Grand Chaplain. Randy sponsored me to join the York Rite College, further cementing our bond as friends and Masonic brothers. From that time forward, our written correspondences began with "Greetings Sir Knight" and the salutation of "Another Sir Knight." Sometime during that era we began our custom of baseball book exchanges, exercising our mutual passions for baseball and books. For those that may not know, Randy's profession was a librarian at the University of Iowa's Libraries. Randy was especially appreciative of these baseball books in the mail during his latter years while hospitalized or homebound.

One of my most precious memories of Randy occurred during a Highlander summer reunion held in Ames. At Reimann Gardens, Randy and I spent several hours conversing and reminiscing in that beautiful venue. With lunch at Hickory Park and visits to the Campanile, Mauker Union and the University Book Store, the relaxing dialogue in the Gardens remains the highlight of that special day.

We will each continue to remember Randy, a librarian, a consummate Mason in several bodies, a lifelong reader and learner. Each of us will recall the moments when our lives touched his, but I would like to leave you with an eight-word epitaph:
"Randy was a gentleman and a gentle man."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have the Memorial tribute to the Memory of Brother Russ Hibben, Past Grand Patron written by Nancy Kiehne.

MEMORIAL TO RUSSELL “RUSS” HIBBEN

By Nancy Kiehne,
Regenerative Medicine Committee of GGC
Past Grand Matron

It is with reverence in our hearts that we pay loving tribute to brother Russell “Russ” Hibben, who passed away September 18, 2023, in Dubuque, Iowa.

Brother Russ was born in 1932 in Waterloo, Iowa. He met Leona Medders at the National Cattle Congress in Waterloo and the two fell in love on horseback. The couple was united in marriage on March 7, 1953. She preceded him in death.

They became parents of one daughter and two sons. During the ensuing years they greeted 12 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren.

In 1968 he became a member of Martin Lodge No. 624 in Waterloo transferring to Mosaic Lodge No. 98 in Dubuque in 1990. There he served as Worshipful Master in 1998 and again in 2006-2007. He was a long time Chaplain in Mosaic Lodge as well as serving on the Educational Committee. He became a 50-year member in 2018.

He was initiated into Becker Chapter No. 499, Order of the Eastern Star in Waterloo in 1971 and in 1988 he affiliated with Julien Chapter No. 125 in Dubuque. In Julien Chapter.

He served many years as Worthy Patron. In Iowa Grand Chapter, he served two years as a Committee Member, was Grand Chaplain in 2004 and Worthy Grand Patron in 2016. In 2021. He affiliated with Bellevue Chapter No. 359 and received his 50-year pin that year.

Russ was employed at Rath Packing Company when he was drafted into the Korean War. When they moved to Dubuque in 1985, he worked for Dubuque Packing Company until his retirement. After his retirement he served countless families as a funeral attendant at a local funeral home.

We prize our association with him recognizing his gentle and courteous manner and his loyalty to his friends. May the peace that passeth all understanding lift our hearts to Him, who promised, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end.”

REMOVAL OF THE DRAPE**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:**

Twinkle, twinkle little star.
How I wonder how you are
Up above the world so high
Lighting our way in the night sky

When the blazing sun is gone
When he nothing shines upon
Then you show your little light
Twinkle, twinkle all the night.

Tis your bright and tiny spark
That lights our way in the dark
I now know how you are.
Twinkle, twinkle little star.

**MEMORIAL HOUR
"HERO" MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Written and directed by Karen Heitmann & Susan Jones, Past Grand Chaplains

Based on the thoughts of Richard Gerking, Grand Chaplain

Participants: 2023 Bucket Brigade Grand Family

Soloist: Sheila Kiehne

Signed by: Marla Norman

Accompanist: Tammy Van Horsen Post

We welcome each one of you to the 2023 Memorial Service. We gather here this morning to remember our "Heroes", our Sisters & Brothers, along with our Family Members, and our Friends who have left this world and have gone to their heavenly home. Let us always remember that grief never ends, but it changes. It is a passage, not a place to stay, Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith, it is the price of love.

KAREN HEITMANN: Gracious and Loving God, you know us so well. You created us in your image, which I believe means we are created in love, to know love, to share love. Oh, Dear God, love is so wonderful, and we are so grateful that we can experience so many kinds of love in our lives, but we have learned that because we love and are loved, we will also experience deep long-lasting grief at the loss of someone whom we have loved. Caring God, we would not want to live without love, but sometimes the grief we feel is unbearable. Please stay with us and comfort us. Wrap us in your loving arms and carry us through the times of grief. Merciful God, help us to remember that we experience grief because we love, and give us the strength to hold on to memories of those loved ones who are no longer with us, but are now with you. Help us to not just mourn our loss, but to treasure the love we shared, and to celebrate those heroes in our lives who have gone ahead of us. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus, who loved us all so much that he laid down his life for us. Amen.

SUSAN JONES: Just as Jesus' followers went out into the wilderness behind Moses, the Bucket Brigade has followed our leaders to achieve greater reward for the good of our patriots and heroes. As we follow God's path of life, never let us lose sight of God's help along the way. Remember God helps us in all our daily tasks. God is our greatest source of strength from above, may we always serve our fellow man with love in our hearts in order that we may become Fishers of Men "For this is how God so loved the world, he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but so that through him the world might be saved,"

"I Believe" Piano solo (Signed by Marla Norman)

SUSAN JONES: From Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3, verses 1-8 we read: there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear down and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

The Bible portrays "HEROES" as individuals who exhibit remarkable qualities and actions, pointing believers toward a life characterized by faith, love, courage, and service

to others. The ultimate hero is Jesus Christ, His life, death, and resurrection exemplify the ultimate act of heroism, offering salvation and hope to humanity.

KAREN HEITMANN: Loving and Gracious God, this memorial service is drawing to a close, but Dear God, you know that our grief will not end just because the music stops. As we go out into the world, may we strive to remember that you are with us every step of our lives. May we continue to live our lives in faith, and hope, and love, knowing that grief is a part of life, and being certain that one day, we too, will join our heroes who have gone ahead of us and are sharing eternity with you. Amen

The song *Day Is Done*, sung by SHEILA KIEHNE - signed by Marla Norman,

The Bible was closed and the Grand Officers retired in silence.

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PRELUDE – Bob Danner, Past Grand Organist

INVITATION TO GRAND CHAPTER: Greg Grover, Grand Marshal

OPENING WELCOME

Paula Larsen

Secretary, Eastern Star Masonic Home Board

Grand Representative of Saskatchewan

And Past Grand Matron

Welcome Sisters and Brothers, to the One Hundred Forty-Sixth, "HERO" session of Iowa Grand Chapter. What a joy to look out and see so many here to share the accomplishments of this year honoring our many heroes. Worthy Grand Matron Vicki and Worthy Grand Patron Larry, thank you for the honor of opening this Grand Chapter with Brother Wayne, my Worthy Grand Patron and these other very special brothers. This year you are our HEROES.

Sister Vicki, I have not known you as long as I have Brother Larry, but I do remember attending your very first school of instruction as you began this long and fulfilling road. You were so very nervous, but you continued through the years with a smile that captured many. We congratulate you on the work you have done for our Order and especially this year.

Brother Larry, our first meeting was in July, twenty-nine years ago. Wow! Who would ever have guessed that we would be here in this position today. You, Nancy and I have traveled many miles together since that first meeting of the Lucky Charms. We have shared many experiences, both happy and sad. I treasure those memories and your friendship. And after this session concludes, just maybe the three of us will have time for many more fun times together.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, fifteen years ago, the Lucky Stars came together for the first time. Much has happened over those years. I wish you both the best as you continue making plans for the coming year and know that we are behind you and will help you in any way we can to make your dreams come true.

Sisters Sandy and Janice, and in the event, Brother Bill, I wish you all the best as you continue planning for your special year.

Brother Bob Danner, as my M & M brother, thank you for the prelude today. Our first meeting goes waaaay back to my high school days. But it is always a joy to hear your play. Thank you.

Brother Glenn, my first meeting with you was the same day I met Brother Larry as part of the Lucky Charm Grand Family. I have many fond memories of that special year. We look forward to your invocation.

As we work our way through this session, let us remember we are a TEAM. Not only "teaching everyone about membership," and "spreading the OES Spirit in our

communities" but working together to help those around us who are in need. With the belief that we can help others and the courage to try, together we can make a difference for others.

OPENING WELCOME

Wayne McGinnis
Grand Representative of Wisconsin
And Past Grand Patron

WAYNE MCGINNIS: Good afternoon, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, and Brothers. Welcome to the opening session of the 146th Iowa Grand Chapter. It is a great honor to once again be in the East with Sister Paula. Thank you, Sister Vicki, and Brother Larry for asking me to do this. What a year you have had with your Bucket Brigade Grand family.

To the 2023 Grand Family, we hope your year was filled with joy. May the friends you made this year last a lifetime.

To Sister Mary and Brother Joe, we wish the very best for you and look forward to working with you.

We welcome everyone in attendance at this session of Grand Chapter. To all out-of-state visitors, we say "Welcome" and hope you enjoy your stay in Iowa.

Now for your Will Rogers quote for the day: Alexander Hamilton was the man that originated the "put and take" system into our national treasury. Will Rogers recounted, "The taxpayers put it in and the politicians take it out!" And now remember your obligations to God and each other. Good afternoon.

INVOCATION

Glenn Esbeck
Past Grand Chaplain

Our precious Heavenly father, as we gather here this afternoon to open the 146th "HERO" Grand Chapter Session with our Worthy Grand Matron, Vicki and our Worthy Grand Patron, Larry and the Bucket Brigade Grand Family, we ask for your guidance in enacting the business at hand tomorrow. We thank you for watching over Sister Vicki and Brother Larry during this year and we thank them for serving the highest offices in this Grand Chapter.

We pray, Lord, that our work may be done in an orderly and honorable manner and our decisions be made for the good of our beloved Order. We continue to ask for your watchful care upon each of us for sustaining our health and safety in our travels, so that we may all have the privilege to meet again.

When the "HERO" session has come to a completion, may we proudly say, "Job well done." And Lord, in just a couple of days, Sister Mary and Brother Joe will take on the responsibility of leading and governing our Order for the upcoming year. We pray that you will watch over them and their Grand Family in all their travels and endeavors. May their dreams and plans be fulfilled for another successful year.

We ask for your watchful care over our military people who guard and protect our country every day and pray that they will return home safely to their families soon. In Jesus' name, Amen

CALL TO ORDER: Larry Niday, Worthy Grand Patron

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers

RITUALISTIC OPENING CEREMONY

OPENING ODE: *"I Believe"*

FLAG TRIBUTE: *"The Star Bangled Banner"*

OPENING PROCLAMATION: Greg Grover: Grand Marshal

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is indeed my pleasure to welcome each of you to the 146th "HERO" Session of Iowa Grand Chapter. We extend greetings to our visiting guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. We are pleased you chose to come to Iowa and to share your time with us.

Sister Paula, thank you so much for opening our first session of this "HERO" Grand Chapter. I have enjoyed getting to know you over the years. Your suggestions as an instructor were extremely helpful.

Brother Wayne, thank you so much for your words of welcome. I enjoy your sense of humor.

Brother Glenn, thank you for your prayer.

Brother Bob Danner, thank you for your beautiful music and for sharing your special talent with us.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers and welcome to our Hero Session of Iowa Grand Chapter. During Nancy's year as Grand Chaplain in 1995, our Grand Sentinel was John Tomlinson, who many of you will remember. He said to me at that session that "I have never gone from nothing to something and back to nothing so fast in my life." I now understand what he was saying. It seems like we just started the year and here we are wrapping it up already. I am happy to greet our visiting guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, so we can give you an "Iowa Nice" Welcome. Thank you for taking time out from your busy schedules to be with us and we hope you enjoy visiting our Grand Chapter Session as much as we enjoyed visiting many of yours.

Sister Paula, You and Nancy hit it off right away in the 1995 Grand Family and before the year was over, I had gained a new sister. Thank you for opening this session for us, it means a lot to have you up here in the East this afternoon getting our session officially started.

Brother Wayne, I was very happy when you agreed to open this session with Paula. I know you have been waiting to have your revenge and call me an "Old Has Been." Sound familiar? Thank you for opening this first session of our Grand Chapter.

Brother Bob, thank you for playing the prelude. We always enjoy your music.

Brother Glenn, thank you for your prayer. I think your nice words will bring us strength in our deliberations these next few days.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have the reading of the minutes of the 2022 Grand Chapter Session.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2022 Grand Chapter Session, in as much as they have been printed in the 2022 Proceedings.

MOTION CARRIED

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that all visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, 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.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that all visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, 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. All those in favor vote by the usual voting sign of the Order.

MOTION CARRIED

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the acceptance of all Grand Chapter and all Grand Chapter Committee reports given today.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that all Grand Chapter and all Grand Chapter Committee reports given today be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMAL PRESENTING

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, Brother Larry and I will be sharing greetings and comments during this session. Please know that the words are sincere and are from both of us.

PRESENTATION OF HOST CHAPTERS

Mary Jo Fitzgerald	Worthy Matron, Davenport Chapter
Rick Hegland	Worthy Patron, Davenport Chapter
Sharon Spaur	Worthy Matron, Knoxville Chapter
Timothy Ramthun	Worthy Patron, Knoxville Chapter

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Hostess Chapters.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure of introducing the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the Hostess Chapters.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Saying "thank you" for all that you have done for this year to be such a success is such an understatement. You are both just the best.

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You are the greatest! You have been behind us all the way. Thank you for all the things you have done these last several years that made

this great. We knew you would do whatever it took to make our journey to the East perfect and we could concentrate on our duties without worry.

Dr Seuss said, "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary Jo, thank you for responding on behalf of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Hostess Chapters. We would be pleased to hear from you.

WELCOME FROM THE HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Mary Jo Fitzgerald
Worthy Matron Davenport Chapter

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron Distinguished Guests, Sisters, and Brothers: On behalf of Davenport Chapter and Knoxville Chapter, I welcome you to this 146th "Hero's" Session of Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, you and the Bucket Brigade have marched across the State of Iowa celebrating our Heros, whether they are active service people, veterans, police, fire fighters, EMT workers or other Heroes.

We hope you will enjoy the time spent with other Sisters and Brothers.
Again, welcome to our Grand Chapter!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary Reicks will respond on behalf of Grand Chapter.

RESPONSE TO HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Mary Reicks, Associate Grand Matron
And District Instructor

Thank you for your wonderful welcome to this 146th "Heroes" Session of Iowa Grand Chapter.

On behalf of the distinguished guests, our visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions, and our own Iowa members, I thank you for the friendliness and hospitality extended to each of us by the Hostess Chapters. You along with the Arrangements Committee have worked very hard in preparing for this Session and it is certainly a job well done.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, just look around this room filled with all of these special friends and experience the fulfillment of your special year. May your "Heroes" Session be everything you hoped for.

PRESENTATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Dennis DeJoode
Past Grand Patron

SISTERS:

Judy Boden
Lola Van Wyk
Kaylene Kiewiet

BROTHERS:

Dennis DeJoode, Chairman
Kevin Brown

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Dennis and the Arrangements Committee. Thank you for saying “yes” to serving on this committee. It is a difficult task you have taken on and you have been up to the challenge, you have made our job much easier. The Chapter Room is beautiful, and I know you have planned for every contingency. I am completely confident that this Grand Chapter will go without a hitch because of your diligence and foresight.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Dennis, thank you for accepting this difficult assignment. But I knew you would not say NO to one of your own kids. We appreciate your hard work to make this room look just like we envisioned. To the committee – we know that your work is not over yet, but we want to say thank you for all the hard work and probably annoying requests you have received from the Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have the report from the Arrangements Committee by Brother Dennis DeJoode, Chairman.

REPORT FROM ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Dennis DeJoode
Chairman and Past Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, and Brothers, on behalf of the 2023 Arrangements Committee, I thank you, Sister Vicki and Brother Larry for this appointment as Chairman of Arrangements and for this opportunity to work with the committee to meet the challenges of your Heros Session.

It is my pleasure to introduce the other members of the Arrangements Committee, Sisters: Kaylene Kiewiet, Terri McCulley, Judy Boden, Lola Van Wyk and Brother Kevin Brown. Please thank them personally for their hard work when you see each one of them. Many others have played an important part in the success of this Session and I would like to thank Sisters: Dannine Gnat who handled the housing reservations and Pat Burch for accepting the dinner reservations and all the many details performed. Grand Chapter's Sound Committee took charge of the Sound System for the Session.

We communicated by phone and email mostly because of the distance each one would have to travel. Judy Boden was assigned to the Vendors and Kaylene Kiewiet, to decorate the gift boxes for the new Grand Family. The lighted Star pedestals came from Des Moines Chapter. The late Brother Wendell Shellabarger crafted them and we honor him with the lights he shines on all of us. The white Altar with crosses was built by Brother Allan Tedrow and he is our Hero in all the gifts he crafts for our Fraternity. The doilies are from Albia Chapter. I asked Penske Truck Rental for a “Boy Scout” rate and explained our Hero Project and Penske gave us a great rate and allowed us to keep it during our Session for the return home. The Committee agreed to donate all expenses incurred including the truck rental with no charges to Grand Chapter. This is our gift to you. Our Committee is here for you, so please don't hesitate to let me or my committee know if there is any way we can further assist you at the Grand Session at the Radisson. Finally, Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, we can only hope that your “HERO” Session is everything you have dreamed it to be. Thank you for entrusting each of us with this opportunity.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Dennis and the committee, for all your hard work.

PRESENTATION OF “BUCKET BRIGADE” GRAND COMPANIONS

Nancy Niday
Luke Reicks
Claudia Reed
Timothy Ramthun
Cyndie Strawn

Rita Gerking
Terri Grover
Lora McCollom
Shirley Peterson
Jennifer Coffman

Kenny Wogomon
Anna Boecker
Alice Hofer
Kris Stolba

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To our Grand Companions, you are such an integral part of our family! You make sure your Grand Officer is where they are to be, at the right time and in the right clothing. Not an easy task. You carry the bags, sometimes park the car, make sure there is money for the coin march and keep “book.” And then there are the car rides and the hotels! And the Out of State travel! I know your Grand Officer appreciates all that you do, but I wanted you to know I appreciate it also. I was a companion and I know what you go through, “thank you” is not enough but it is the best we can do. I am pleased that you said “yes” to being a companion and I hope the year has left many great memories for you to cherish.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Nancy, my Grand Companion, I know that this year has been quite a reversal for you. You were looking forward to staying at home and making quilts. That is, until I said, “Not yet! you have one more duty you need to perform.” We were back on the road and you were there by my side the whole way. Thank you for being there for me and I love you.

To the Bucket Brigade Companions. You are truly a special group and have been our pride and joy and every bit as important as the Grand Officer you traveled with. You have bonded into a close-knit family, and we have been constantly entertained by the antics you come up with every time we are together. You are a fun group and I know that we will stay close for many years to come.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping make this a great year.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*The Greatest Showman*” Tami Van Horsen

PRESENTATION OF OUR 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Ninety-five members were presented

TRIBUTE TO OUR 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Cindy Beatty, District Instructor and Past Grand Ruth

Would members of 50-years or more please raise their hands? I want everyone to glance around and take a look at all the honorees. Imagine if our beautiful Order was missing all these talented, dedicated individuals. We would lose their humor, their instruction and their leadership. The leadership of the Chapters would be sorely lacking. Thank you, the 50-year or more members may put their hands down.

Our chapter has prepared meals for a lodge that shares the same building. When I first began helping, I had a lot to learn about how to serve, how to set the table and how to cook for 20-30 people. It was a humbling experience. Several of the ladies patiently passed their knowledge to the younger ones. Two of these ladies are 50-year members. They leave a legacy of teamwork, organizational skills and knowledge of meal preparation for large groups. I will never forget the ladies and have learned so much from them.

Each chapter has 50-year members who have led the way in facing challenges, persevering in difficult situations and patiently teaching proficiency, ritual and new skills. For these contributions and so much more behind the scenes work, we say thank you for your support, encouragement and your leadership.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Cindy. Sisters and Brothers, you will unite with me in giving our 50-year members a hearty welcome.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What a beautiful group of Sisters and Brothers. Our Order continues to exist because of your devotion and generosity. I look forward to being a 50-year member in the very near future. Thank you for all that you do.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you are a very special group of Sisters and Brothers who have spent your lives supporting and building our Order. What we have today is the direct result of the work and vision of your members who we are celebrating right now.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Larry and I will come to floor level to greet each of you and ask that you give your name, chapter, and number of years as a member. Our Grand Companions and District Instructors will be honored to escort you to the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our 50-year and more Members to the East.

REPORT OF THE EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME BOARD

Betty Clark, President
and Past Grand Esther

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have the report of The Eastern Star Masonic Home Board by Sister Betty Clark, President.

BETTY CLARK: I am honored to introduce our Board Members: Joyce Sloniger, Vice President; Paula Larsen, Secretary; John Whitaker and Chris Mishler, Members. We meet monthly in person or at phone conferences.

This year has been a roller coaster. We started out going downhill with our CEO leaving in November. We were fortunate to have an employee, Christina Walsh, already at our Home who is a licensed board-certified healthcare administrator. She stepped in to help immediately and accepted the position of Executive Director of our Home in February. She started our steady uphill climb. Our residents are very pleased with her, as she is very personal with them. To our staff, she is loyal and supportive and all have been working well together this year.

Our name, the "Eastern Star Masonic Home" is highly respected in the Boone area for the excellent quality of care we provide. The occupancy of our home varies but is currently staying steady at 85%. We are working to improve that percentage with realistic goals, having awareness of health issues and age which can change overnight in a Healthcare Facility like ours.

Our duplexes are full and continue to have a waiting list. Another goal Christina is working hard at is finishing and building the remaining duplexes in Elaine Circle. There is also a waiting list for when they are completed.

Christina is a strong competent leader of our facility and has faced challenges with confidence and resolutions. We, the Board, have confidence in her strong leadership. She continues to move us forward and uphill.

It has been my honor to serve on our Eastern Star Masonic Home Board. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Betty, for your report and for your years of service on this Board. The Board meetings have been quite interesting, and I have learned so much from attending. Thank you for handling the many issues this past year.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT AND PARADE OF FLAGS

Written by Janice Alger Associate Grand Conductress and District Instructor

Assisted by: Anna Boeker, District Instructor and Past Grand Adah and

Chris Brown, District Instructor and Past Grand Ruth

Accompanist: Tammy Van Horsen Post, Past Grand Organist,

Flag Bearers: Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Iowa and
Visiting Grand Representatives

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers. Each Associate Grand Conductress receives the appointment of Fraternal Correspondent for their year. I bet many of you felt the same way as I did, "Oh boy where will I find the time to read all the proceedings". I came to expect to see an envelope waiting on my chair at Schools of Instructions, Fun Days and even at Degrees. When the proceedings were not on a CD or flash drive, Sister Nancy, our Grand Secretary would send me an email with a huge file attached. I would then start a new adventure learning about another Jurisdictions.

As I traveled around the US and Canada, without leaving my couch, I saw many patriotic and family-oriented themes. There were lot of cardinals and eagles soaring around the two continents. The most common watchwords were hospitality, family, friendship, and patriotism. I enjoyed the Worthy Grand Matrons' and Worthy Grand Patrons' reports. I have a whole new appreciation for the work that they do within their jurisdictions. One of the most interesting items I came across was in Saskatchewan: The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were wife and husband. They held their "You Raise Me Up" session in April 2022 in Saskatoon. I wondered how that arrangement went, who got to have the final say. There were lot more fun facts to share, however, since we have a limited time this afternoon, I am going to concentrate my remarks on the reports I received from Iowa Grand Representatives. I thoroughly enjoyed reading their reports.

Here is a summary of their memories:

Fairy Florence; Grand Representative of Manitoba:

Sister Fairy along with two members of her Algona Chapter attended Manitoba Grand Chapter in Winnipeg in May. It was Manitoba's 100th anniversary, a history of the Grand Chapter was highlighted in each session. Prior to Grand Chapter, Sister Fairy had talked to her counterpart, Sister Anita Huhn, many times and when they meet it was like meeting an old friend.

Sister Fairy attended the Grand Representative Luncheon and Grand Chapter Banquet. She met many Sisters and Brothers from all over the

States and Canada and enjoyed learning about Eastern Star in their jurisdictions. It was not all meetings, one afternoon Sister Fairy and her friends took a trolley ride around Winnipeg and saw lots of interesting architecture and learned about the history of the city.

Sister Fairy was very interested in their projects. Manitoba Grand Chapter works with the Grand Lodge to provide transportation for cancer patients to appointments and treatments. They also maintain the Chalet which is an assisted living facility in Winnipeg for Star members. There are apartments there for cancer patients who need lodging during their treatment. Along with housing it holds a lodge room that is home for two Masonic Lodges and two Eastern Star chapters along with a daycare center.

Sister Fairy reported that it was a great pleasure to meet the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Glenda, and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lon, and some of her committee members.

Lorrie Whitaker; Grand Representative of Montana:

Sister Lorrie Whitaker had communicated with her counterpart, Sister Sharon Stede through snail mail and email. In July, Sister Lorrie and her husband Brother John travelled to Billings for Montana Grand Chapter. Sister Lorrie was finally able to meet Sister Sharon and other members from Montana. Sister Lorrie said they had a good time while in Montana.

Sister Lorrie reported that Sister Sharon plans to be at Iowa Grand Chapter.

Larry Culver; Grand Representative of Nebraska:

Brother Larry received his appointment at Grand Chapter last year. He was able to attend the Grand Representative Luncheon at Grand Chapter. Brother Larry's first Grand Representative activity was the Annual Meeting and Luncheon in April.

Brother Larry attended the Nebraska "Rainbows of Kindness" Grand Chapter in Kearny May 8th and 9th. Brother Larry reported that he was very impressed with the Nebraska Members and had a great time. Brother Larry attended the Membership Banquet, Grand Representative Breakfast, Distinguished Guest Luncheon and PAGO Banquet.

Brother Larry stated that he was happy to represent the State of Iowa along with 31 other Iowa Members. He said it was a great experience and looks forward to attending in 2024.

Linda Tedrow; Grand Representative of New Jersey:

In May, Sister Linda Tedrow and her husband Brother Allen, attended New Jersey's Grand Chapter at Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City. Sister Linda met her counterpart, Karyn Visscher, who took very good care of Sister Linda and Brother Allen. Sister Linda also met her last year's counterpart and her mother.

Everyone made sure that Sister Linda and Brother Allan were invited to all the various receptions and parties that were held after the daily sessions. The Grand Deputies were responsible for District Parties after the session closed for the evening. There were three parties each night with the Grand Deputies hosting their rooms.

The Grand Representative luncheon was a "Birthday Party." Since it fell on the Worthy Grand Patron's birthday, he was given many funny gifts, "Birthday Hat," and a cake. As you entered the party each representative

was given a gift. The spouses of the Grand Representatives were invited as well and they too received a gift. It was a great fun event for about 160 to 180 people.

There are four jurisdictions that are **not** under GGC jurisdiction, one of them is New Jersey. According to Sister Linda, some of the differences are:

- Esther wears a crown while on the floor and during the session.
- The Conductress and Associate Conductress each carry a baton while doing floor work.
- The Conductress opens the bible on the altar and the Associate Conductress places a bookmark on the bible. They work together.
- When the Conductress and Chaplain enter the Labyrinth, we assume the reverent attitude. While New Jersey members make the salutation sign.

Sister Linda says being a Grand Representative has been a rewarding and great experience. She said, my counterpart and other New Jersey members have become close friends. Sister Linda has had many conversations and text messages with her counterpart. In fact, her counterpart has added Sister Linda to her Local Chapter Facebook page.

Diane Taplin; Grand Representative of North Dakota:

On June 7th, Sister Diane and Sister Sheila Kiehne travelled to Fargo for North Dakota Grand Chapter. Sister Diane had a challenge before getting to Sister Sheila's place. As Sister Diane reported she got lost in Anamosa trying to find the short cut to I-380. After a few wrong turns, Sister Diane finally arrived at Sister Sheila's place. Off they went headed north.

June 8th was the start of the "Angels Among Us" Grand Chapter Session. That afternoon the ESTARL report was given followed by a Vesper Service with the message given by an ESTARL Recipient. That evening after the Guests Banquet were introductions. Sister Diane was introduced as a Grand Representative, also as a 50-year Member and honored as a secretary.

Friday afternoon and evening sessions consisted of various reports, presentations, and tributes. Sisters Diane and Sheila attended the Installation of Grand Officers Saturday afternoon.

Sister Diane tells us that she was able to renew friendships and form new friendships. She also reported on her way home she found the short cut to I-380, however, that was after she had gotten lost in Anamosa again.

Allison Price; Grand Representative of West Virginia:

Sister Allison was unable to attend West Virginia's Grand Chapter on October 5 – 7th. Sister Allison has been corresponding with her counterpart Sister Jeannie Boyd. Sister Jeannie hopes to be able to attend Iowa Grand Chapter in 2023 or 2024. Sister Allison reported that she was honored to have received this appointment to West Virginia because both her Mother and Father had Grand Representatives appointments to West Virginia.

Wayne McGinnis; Grand Representative of Wisconsin:

On May 15, Brother Wayne, his wife, Sister Ruth, his daughter, Sister Polly Miller and grandson, Brother Michael Miller arrived in Stevens Point,

Wisconsin for their Grand Chapter. Brother Wayne met his counterpart, Charlie Webster. They had a good time getting to know each other.

Brother Wayne and Sister Ruth attended the Grand Representative luncheon and "Pathways of Joy" Grand Chapter Session. Brother Wayne reported that one of Wisconsin differences from Iowa is that they have an extra Grand Officer called Grand Lecturer. The Grand Lecturer does some of the duties of our Associate Grand Conductress. She prompts and keeps everyone on track.

The McGinnes' Family had a very enjoyable time in Wisconsin. Brother Wayne reported that everyone was very friendly, easy to talk to. Brother Wayne also said that the food was very good.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Janice, thank you for your report. I know it represents many hours of reading and taking notes to prepare it. Wasn't it fun to read through the various jurisdictions and see the similarities and differences? As my Pathfinder sister, I hope you enjoy the time making your plans for 2026.

Thank you, Sister's Chris Brown and Anna Boedker, for your assistance to Sister Janice with the Parade of Flags ceremony and to Sister Tammy Van Horsen for her music.

At this time let us greet Iowa's Grand Representatives and Grand Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions.

PARADE OF FLAGS

MUSIC: *"It's a Small World"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress

CLOSING PROCLAMATION: Greg Grover, Grand Marshal

CLOSING MARCH: Grand Officers



PRELUDE: Vivian Pitlo, Past Grand Organist

OPENING WELCOME

Mary Jane Young, Past Grand Matron
Dennis DeJooode, Chairman of Arrangements
and Past Grand Matron

MARY JANE YOUNG: Good evening, Sisters, Brothers, and friends. Jesus loves you! What a great reminder for Vicki and Larry to give us each meeting. And such appropriate words to welcome you to our special evening.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, this one hundred and forty-sixth Grand Chapter Session "Hero" is the culmination of many hours given to our Order by you and your Bucket Brigade spreading the OES spirit. Official visits involving the community have afforded the opportunity to teach everyone about our membership through service projects and associating us with other volunteer organizations.

You have broadened our view of heroes. Of course, we remember our historical and military heroes and they certainly have earned our admiration. This year you made us more aware of our community heroes working in our local services and that special person who is our personal hero.

Iowa is honored to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Glenda Winchester and our Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Lon Lowry and many of their appointments. Our Iowa General Grand chapter appointments Worthy Grand Adah Sister Diane Bargfrede, committee members Sisters Jean Koss, Nancy Kiehne and Jane Green along with Brothers John Hauser and Phil Corwin have served Iowa well. It's a pleasure to welcome all other out-of-state Grand Jurisdictions and we look forward to introducing you and visiting with you.

Sister Vicki, I had the privilege of appointing you a new District Instructor in 2008 and it's been a joy to watch you grow into the leader you have become. I believed in you and knew you had the heart to serve our Order.

Brother Larry, one of my kids, we all knew that you would someday be our Worthy Grand Patron. Your artwork has left a lasting mark on Iowa Eastern Star. Thank you both for your leadership. Now is the time to enjoy the results of all your hard work. I wish you a very successful Grand Chapter Session.

I appreciate the invitation to stand with Brother Dennis DeJooode, your OES Dad to welcome our guests. Your OES Mom Sister Karen Hyde was a very special and close friend, and we all miss her. Brother Dennis, we served in the same grand family in 2007 and it is a privilege to share this welcome with you tonight. We would be pleased to hear from you.

DENNIS DEJOODE: Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished Guests, my heart is bursting with gratefulness as I count my many blessings for all of you and we welcome each of you to

the One Hundred forty- Sixth "HERO" Session this evening. It is my pleasure to share the East with Past Grand Matron Mary Jane Young. You and Charley have made many bonds with My Mother and I as we served in the Love Bug Grand Family in 2007 and all the fun times with Past Grand Matron Karen Hyde and your Firecracker Grand Family. To Our Distinguished Guests, we are thrilled and honored to extend a hearty Iowa welcome to you as you spend time with your Iowa friends and those from the other Jurisdictions. Iowa is known as "Land Where The Tall Corn Grows." We find our friendships winding their way through that "tall corn" to meet and greet each of you, this evening. We hope that each of you will return home safely with many happy memories of our Iowa Jurisdiction. Come back and visit Iowa often and we will set our sights on South Carolina in 2024.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Vicki, it is with great pride that I stand here this evening and behold you as Worthy Grand Matron at your own Grand Session. Your "Mom" Past Grand Matron Karen Hyde and I were very proud of you as you served as Grand Marshal in our Pathfinder Grand Family along with our Special Sister Beverly Smith in 2012. I am truly grateful for this privilege and it has been my pleasure along with Sister Betty Van Horsen to honor Heroes this year with you and Larry and Nancy.

Worthy Grand Patron Larry, I wish to congratulate you on the proficient and dignified manner in which you have carried out the duties of Worthy Grand Patron. You and Sister Nancy are loved in all the Grand Families that you have served along the way with all of us and more especially the Pathfinders.

Vicki and Larry, your Bucket Brigade can also be seen as how our love, praise and consideration for others are passed from person to person, reaching people far, far away. Just know that "Dad Hoot" does "Give A Hoot!" and proud of you, Vicki, Larry and Nancy.

Associate Grand Matron Mary and Associate Grand Patron Joe, we extend best wishes for a fruitful year in 2024. Thank you to Sister Nancy Niday for all your inspirations with the invocation this evening and to Sister Vivian Pitlo for your beautiful music to our ears. So, folks, grab your popcorn, settle in and watch the Bucket Brigade as they come marching home for a "Hero's Welcome."

INVOCATION

Nancy Niday, Grand Representative of Vermont
and Grand Secretary Emeritus

Gracious and Loving Heavenly Father, we come to you in celebration. Celebration of lasting friendships and those that are yet to come. Celebration of a shared love for our beautiful Order and the teachings that bring us together.

You have walked beside the Bucket Brigade Grand Officers this year, allowing them to represent our Order and the State of Iowa with love, friendship, laughter and compassion. For this we are eternally grateful.

As our session continues, may our leaders preside with wisdom, composure and of course a little humor. May our members and guests enjoy each other's company and may all celebrate as the fruits of our labors are revealed.

Now as we prepare to celebrate this evening, may we pause to remember those members who are absent from this session whatever the reason and ask your continued

compassion and blessing on each of them. Continue to keep the HEROES in our lives in your loving embrace.
Amen.

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

Written and directed by:

Chris Brown, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth

Assisted by:

Cindy Beatty, District Instructor, Past Grand Ruth

Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor, Past Grand Organist

BIBLE AND EMBLEM CEREMONY

Written by Lori Rasmusson, District Instructor, Past Grand Esther

Assisted by Barb Wood, Past Grand Martha

Karen Wood, Past Grand Adah

Narrator: Dennis DeJoode, Past Grand Patron

Organist: Terri Grover, Past Grand Organist

Bible Bearer: Nancy Niday, Grand Secretary Emeritus and Past Grand Chaplain

Adah: Vicki Butler, Past Grand Adah

Ruth: Beverly Duysen, Past Grand Companion

Esther: Lori Rasmusson, Past Grand Esther

Martha: Janice Alger, Associate Grand Conductress and Past Grand Warder

Electa: Mary Hicks, Past Grand Electa

Our emblem bearers have “spread the OES spirit in our communities” and have brought the important message of “community, courage, and a belief in God to our membership. They have shared their “million dreams” for the “million heroes” around us. As we begin this Hero session, we remember the heroines of our Order and the beautiful lessons that they bring to each of us.

Adah: The lesson of Adah is fidelity. Adah’s sense of duty and devotion to her father guided her actions. The sword and veil is an emblem of that fidelity to that which she believed to be her duty. She sacrificed her life so that her father could be faithful to his promise to God.

Ruth: The lesson of Ruth is constancy. Ruth sacrificed herself for her devotion to Naomi, showing us true and constant friendship. The sheaf is an emblem representing a collection of many small acts of kindness done for the sake of another.

Esther: The lesson of Esther is loyalty. Esther demonstrated purity and self-sacrifice as she risked her crown and life to be loyal to her people. The crown and scepter is an emblem representing royalty and power. It symbolizes the use of authority to achieve justice for all.

Martha: The lesson of Martha is that of faith and hope. Martha demonstrated that we should have a trustful faith and the hope of eternal life in order to bear the struggles of this life. The broken column is an emblem which represents an earthly life cut off all too soon, but an unshakeable faith in an eternal life.

Electa: The lesson of Electa is love and hospitality. Electa consistently acted with love toward her fellow man. The cup is an emblem of that charity and hospitality, which Electa demonstrated in her love-inspired gifts to the poor and distressed, along with her testimony of her love of Christ.

Bible: God's love for His people, and instructions for our lives, is at the center of all of these lessons. The Bible is placed on the Altar to symbolize the Spirit of God in the human heart.

It is God's Word that reminds us that He strengthens us and gives us the ability to do all things through Christ. Jesus loves each and every one of us!

FLAG TRIBUTE

Written by Anna Boecker, District Instructor, Past Grand Adah
Assisted by Jane Green, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Service Dogs
and Past Grand Matron
Gail Dyer, Past Grand Electa

Accompanist: Tammy Van Horsen-Post, Past Grand Organist

Flag Bearers –

United States Flag: Kenny Wogomon, PGP, Member of the Brd of Grand Trustees
Canadian Flag: Luke Reicks, Vice Chairman of the Barthell Home Board
Christian Flag: Jennifer Coffman, Grand Companion to Grand Ruth
Eastern Star Flag: Terri Grover, Grand Companion to the Grand Marshal
Masonic Flag: Tim Ramthun, Grand Companion to the Grand Secretary
South Carolina Flag: Kris Stolba, Grand Companion to the Grand Sentinel
Ohio Flag: Cynde Strawn,
Iowa State Flag: Rita Gerking,
Rainbow Flag: Shelby Knaap, Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow
Job's Daughter's Flag: Lisa Hauser, Supreme Treasurer, Jobs Daughters
DeMolay Flag: Michael Roach, Representing the State Master Councilor, DeMolay

United States Flag:

The American Flag is not just a piece of fabric. It is symbolic of the fabric of our society as a nation. It has been carried far and wide as a symbol of American pride, all the while serving as an emblem of the freedom we hold dear.

Canadian Flag:

The flag of Canada is unofficially called Maple Leaf. Consisting of red fields on the left and right sides and a white square on the center, the Canadian flag is embellished by an 11-pointed maple leaf. The history of the flag is not very old, the flag was adopted in February 1965. Prior to it, the Union Jack represented the whole country.

Christian Flag:

We can interpret the colors and symbols of the Christian flag as follows: the field is white, representing peace, purity, and holiness. The blue canton is emblematic of loyalty and truth (and possibly of heaven or the waters of baptism). The cross in the center of the blue canton is, of course, a symbol of Christ and His work of salvation; the cross is red, typical of Christ's shed blood. Taken together, the symbols of the Christian flag portray the basics of the faith: Jesus Christ, the Holy One, died on the cross to grant us salvation, and we serve Him in fidelity and holiness, as He is faithful to us.

Eastern Star Flag:

The Eastern Star Flag: The Eastern Star Flag is a beautiful symbol of our Order and as such merits our love and respect. Its unique design and bright colors allude to the lessons taught by the heroines of our Order and remind us that we should always endeavor to exemplify the sublime virtues of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith, and Love. Not only in our Chapter Rooms, but, in our everyday lives.

Masonic Flag:

We pay tribute to the Masonic flag in order to honor our Master Masons, as they are the foundation of our Order. The flag bears the Square and Compasses an emblem that reminds every Mason of his gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and his commitment to the teachings of Freemasonry, and serves as a symbol of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

South Carolina Flag:

South Carolina's flag has a rich history that dates back to the Revolutionary War. The flag features a blue field with a white palmetto tree and a white crescent in the upper-left corner. The origins of the flag design can be traced back to 1775 when Colonel William Moultrie designed a flag to fly over Fort Moultrie during the British attack on Sullivan's Island. The flag's design was inspired by the palmetto's ability to withstand the force of cannonballs, which played a pivotal role in the fort's successful defense. The palmetto tree is also the state tree, which is a symbol of victory and resilience. The crescent symbolizes the state's commitment to defending its freedom and independence.

Ohio Flag:

The Ohio flag was designed by John Eisemann and officially adopted in 1902. The blue triangular field represents Ohio's hills and valleys. It contains seventeen white stars - thirteen stars surrounding the circle are symbols of the original thirteen colonies. Four stars at the apex of the triangle raise the total number of stars to seventeen (Ohio was the 17th state to enter the Union in 1803). The red and white stripes represent the roads and waterways of the state. The white circle with a red center forms an "O" for "Ohio" and is also related to Ohio's nickname

Iowa State Flag:

Iowa was almost 75 years old before the state banner was adopted by the Legislature in 1921. With memory of the Civil War still fresh in their minds, Iowans had not adopted a state banner because they felt a national banner was the only one needed. Iowa's flag was designed by the state's Daughters of the American Revolution in response to Iowa National Guardsmen stationed at the Mexican border during WWI that requested an emblem of Iowa to represent their unit.

The flag consists of three vertical stripes: the blue stripe stands for loyalty, justice and truth; the white stripe for purity; and the red stripe for courage. On the white center an eagle carries streamers in its beak which are inscribed with the state's motto: "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain." The name "IOWA" is in red below the streamers.

Rainbow Flag:

The seven colors of the Rainbow are used to represent seven teachings that each member receives on her journey toward the pot of gold. William Mark Sexson, a Christian minister and active member of the Masonic Lodge, founded the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in 1922.

Job's Daughter's Flag:

The Job's Daughters Flag is composed of the emblematic colors of the Order. The four purple stripes represent the highest ideals of life and the royalty of womanhood. The three white strips symbolize the purity of a beautiful and womanly life. The emblem is the three Daughters enclosed within a triangle representing the threefold influences of Job's Daughters, God, Country, and Home. Job's Daughters was started in 1922 by Mrs. Ethel Wead Mick, who was born and raised in Atlantic, Iowa.

DeMolay Flag:

The white field of the DeMolay flag symbolizes purity and the cleanness of thought, word and deed. The three red stripes represent the basic tenants and foundation of DeMolay, those being Love of God, Love of home, and Love of Country. The helmet is emblematic of chivalry, the crescent is a sign of secrecy, the five-armed white cross symbolizes one's intentions to always remember the motto of the Order. The crossed swords denote justice, fortitude and mercy. The official emblem is centered around a crown which is symbolic of the Crown of Youth and constantly reminds a DeMolay of his obligations and the seven Precepts of his Order.

As all the flags have been placed in honor, let them remind us to honor everything that they stand for.

OPENING DOUBLE MARCH: Grand Officers and District Instructors

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Welcome Sisters and Brothers to our Friday evening session. Day one is off and running, bringing us together for the love and respect for our OES. We have honored those who have moved on to the Great Light in the sky, lunched with our Grand Representatives, opened the HERO Session and now we are pleased to welcome our guests and show them our Iowa hospitality. Our hope is you will connect with old friends and meet new ones along the journey this evening.

Sister Mary Jane, your invitation to become a District Instructor was very unexpected and I was truly surprised. I appreciate all that you have done, including your suggestions during these years. Thank you for opening this Friday evening session and for your words this evening. I have admired you and I cherish your friendship.

Thank you, Brother Dennis, my OES Dad for working so hard to make the session a dream come true. From all the Pathfinders, you are a SUPER dad. You have kept us together through the good times and the rough times. Thank you for your inspiring words this evening. And thank you for being who you are!

Sister Sheila Kiehne and the All-Membership Banquet committee, WOW, thank you for all the planning that takes place to be sure the dinner moves along so smoothly. The decorations, program and atmosphere were just perfect.

Sister Lori Rasmusson, thank you and your committee for a very beautiful Bible and Emblem Ceremony. I knew when it came to assignments this year, I wanted to have a Pathfinder write the ceremony! Our lives will forever be intertwined.

Sister Anna Boecker, your Flag Tribute was beautiful, and I truly appreciate you and our committee's work in preparing.

Sister Chris, your Grand Family introductions were wonderful. Thank you to you and your committee for the preparation and working to get all the ducks in a row for this evening's introduction. It is truly appreciated.

Sister Nancy Niday, thank you for giving the invocation this evening, and Sister Vivian Pitlo, thank you for the prelude that started this evening's proceedings.

Brother Larry, the time has come for you and me to be as welcoming as all the chapters have been throughout 2023. This year has been an excellent adventure, and now let's get this party started.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, welcome to our Friday Evening session, which will be the Grand Finale to our first day of celebrating a wonderful year.

To our distinguished guests from out of state whom we will all meet this evening, we would like to give you a special welcome to the "Land Between Two Rivers." We have made many good friends this year as we explored the Eastern Star world around us. We hope you enjoy learning about us as much as we have enjoyed learning about you in our travels to your events.

Sister Mary Jane, I remember when you and Nancy were District Instructors together. I have always admired your dedication to the work of our Order and consider you and Charlie valued long-time friends. Thank you for opening our Friday Evening Session, I was very happy to see you in the East again.

Brother Dennis, Vicki and I both were members of your Grand Family and we have many happy memories of that year. Thank you for agreeing to be our Chairman of Arrangements and putting all this together for us. And now, you have also opened this session with Mary Jane. Thank you for taking the East tonight and for never saying no when we asked you to do something for us.

Sister Vicki, here we go! This has been a wonderful day, so let's end it on a high note and make everyone here feel welcome to our home.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

PRESENTING COMMITTEE

Presenting Committee Chairman:
Kelly Walker, District Instructor, Past Grand Adah
Assisted by: Cindy Beatty, Past Grand Ruth
Chris Brown, Past Grand Ruth
Lori Rasmusson, Past Grand Esther
Friday Night only: All District Instructors

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I want to thank those who are serving on the Presenting Committee. Sister Kelly, not everyone knows the time-consuming and pressure you have in preparing for this evening's distinguished guests' presenting. Thank you for all that you have done in the months preceding this evening and your dedication to a smooth evening of introductions. We appreciate the smiles, quietly lining up the guests and the last-minute changes that will occur. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to you and the committee.

**PRESENTATION OF MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

Glenda Winchester: Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter,
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Emeritus of the General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of South Carolina

F. Lon Lowry: Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Patron of Ohio.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Glenda and Brother Lon, we are so very happy to welcome you to our HERO Grand Chapter Session. We hope that you have been greeted with our warm Iowa hospitality. "God is like oxygen, you can't see Him, but you can't live without Him."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule this year to visit us here in Iowa. Mark Twain said: "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

**TRIBUTE TO
MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

Written by: Anna Boecker
District Instructor, Past Grand Adah

Most Worthy Grand Matron Glenda and Most Worthy Grand Patron Lon, what an honor it is to have you visit Iowa Grand Chapter this year.

Sister Glenda, you were initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in Greenville, South Carolina in 1963. You were Worthy Grand Matron of South Carolina in 1979 and presided over the Sailing Star Session. You have served South Carolina Eastern Star in numerous capacities. You have also served the General Grand Chapter as an Assembly Page, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, General Grand Chapter Officer, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and is Right Worthy Grand Treasurer Emeritus. You were elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron in 2021.

Brother Lon, you are United States Navy Veteran. You enlisted in 1964 and were Honorably Discharged in 1970.

You were initiated in 1998 in George Lewis Behrens Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. You served as Worthy Grand Patron of Ohio in 2011-2012. You have served as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. You were elected and installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron in 2021.

Glenda and Lon are leading OES into the future. Their "By the Shore in 24" General Grand Chapter 51st Triennial Assembly will be held October 24 to November 1, 2024, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Thank you again for joining us at our HERO Session of Iowa Grand Chapter. We hope you enjoy your time in Iowa.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Bobbie White, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Bobbie, thank you for returning to Iowa and our Grand Chapter Session. "Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: What a pleasure it is to welcome you back to Iowa. We hope you enjoy yourself while you are with us. "The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up."

PRESENTATION OF ELECTIVE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**SISTERS:**

Linn McNary	Right Worthy Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of Louisiana
Debbie Dhayer	Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of West Virginia

BROTHERS:

Michael E. Berry	Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter Right Worthy Grand Trustee Emeritus of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron of Kentucky
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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We appreciate you taking your time to visit our Session. We hope you enjoy every moment of the coming years. "Let your smile change the world. Don't let the world change your smile."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for attending our Heroes session and sharing your friendship with us. "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why."

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTIVE OFFICERS**SISTERS:**

Sharon M. Cormie	Worthy Grand Ruth of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of British Columbia and Yukon
Bonnie G. Youngblood	Worthy Grand Esther of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of Ohio
Kaye Rackley	Worthy Grand Martha of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Matron of South Carolina

BROTHERS:

William J. Shoulders	Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron of Indiana
H.M. "Sonny" Dycus Jr.	Worthy Grand Organist of the General Grand Chapter Past Grand Patron of Georgia

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We hope you are enjoying our Iowa hospitality during your visit. "Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for attending our Session and for extending your hands of friendship. We hope you will enjoy your time with us. "Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

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

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Diane, we are so proud and honored to salute you during this Grand Chapter Session. "Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Diane, we have been friends for many years, from the time we were working together as tellers at Sioux City many years ago. I have watched you grow and sometimes, I was able to be there to be a small part of that. We are so proud of you and all you are accomplishing. "Give every day the chance to be the most beautiful day of your life."

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

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

The clear blue of the cloudless skies is the color dedicated to Adah, our first star point. Blue is a symbol of fidelity, loyalty and intelligence and represents Adah's choice in determining the right course of action, as well as her loyalty to her father. These are the same characteristics demonstrated by you, Sister Diane, in the decision making and loyalty that you have demonstrated to our beautiful Order.

The violet is dedicated to Adah because it is associated with meekness and humility. The violet represents Adah's willingness to fulfill her duty before God, rather than follow her own desires. Your duties as Worthy Grand Adah have taken you away from home and family, but you have performed them beautifully and have willingly completed them with grace.

The open bible symbolizes Adah's obedience to the Word of God and also her willingness to fulfill what she believes is her duty, which was to keep her father's vow to God. She demonstrated that she was a follower of God, just as you have demonstrated the same to our Iowa Grand Chapter members.

The emblem of Adah is the sword and veil, which represent right and the revelation. Right courses of action may be followed when the Word of God is revealed and accepted by an individual. We appreciate your leadership in following the actions that you feel are right in God's eyes. We thank you for your leadership in our Grand Jurisdiction.

And lastly, the Adah of our story was seen with timbrels and with dances. She loved life and loved to have fun. That is the way that we see you representing us! We have loved watching you dance from state to state as you continue spreading the joy of friendship in Eastern Star.

**PRESENTATION OF
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND
AMBASSADORS OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

SISTERS:

Debi A. Olson	Co-Chairman and Ambassador to Mexico	Missouri
Nancy M. Hitchman	Ambassador to Romania	West Virginia
Jane McDaniel	Ambassador to Aruba	Louisiana
Judy Luettjohann	Membership Committee	Minnesota
Rosie Fiscus	Appeals and Grievances Committee	Wisconsin
Susan Warner	Cancer Committee	Idaho
Elizabeth Lashley	ESTARL Committee	Indiana
Linda P. Hyatt	International Headquarters Committee	North Carolina
Betty Swisher	International Headquarters Committee	Indiana
Cheryl Beckius	International Headquarters Committee	Nebraska
Shilora Hudlow	Regenerative Medicine Committee	Nevada
Susan Jackson	Chairman, Service Dogs Committee	North Carolina
Doris Schultz	Youth Committee	Wisconsin
Mary L. Sisemore	Triennial Special Assembly Committee, Faithful Note	Missouri

BROTHERS:

Jack D. Olson	Co-Chairman By-Laws Committee	Missouri
Kenneth Sisemore	Service Dogs Committee	Missouri
Gary L. Brhel	Service Dogs Committee	Nebraska
Robert Hudlow	Triennial Special Assembly Committee, Faithful Note	Illinois

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We are so pleased you were able to join us for our Grand Chapter Session this year. Thank you for your dedication to our Order. "Be the reason someone smiles today."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for being here to be with us this weekend. Always be happy. When people are in a bad mood, the last thing they want to do is hang around with happy people.

**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, Co-Chairman, HERO's Ball PGP

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is so nice to look out and see your smiling faces! What a wonderful group of friends. "Admit it. Life would be boring without me."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Friends like you make this a nice world to live in. "Never put off til tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well."

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

Written and Narrated by: Sheila Kiehne
District Instructor and Past Grand Organist

Bringing together this amazing group of women and men to represent our state as General Grand Chapter Committee members and allowing me to pay tribute is really not enough!

Sister Jean Koss, who's State Project was Learning for the Forgotten Ones. She is the General Grand Chapter Committee Member for ESTARL. Not only was learning a part of her year but her job is too. A perfect fit.

Sister Nancy Kiehne, Mom, who chose as our state project, Adaptive Sports, was appointed as General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Regenerative Medicine. A retired nurse, knowing that regenerating organs is always moving us forward, another perfect fit!

Sister Jane Green, whose State Project was Vision for the Stars, was appointed as General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Service Dogs. Another Retired nurse and loves her dogs (her children), knowing that to love them is to heal. Another perfect fit!

Brother John Hauser, who joined Sister Jane also with Vision for the Stars, was appointed General Grand Chapter Committee Member of the International Headquarters. A hospital safety coordinator has the vision to see our headquarter's needs to be taken care of and appreciated. Another Perfect fit!

Brother Phil Corwin, who served our country and supported our troops with our State Project for Service Dogs, was appointed as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member for the youth. He has always supported our DeMolay, rainbow and Job's Daughters. A perfect fit!

Iowa's General Grand Chapter Committee Members have traveled and continue to travel to support our beautiful Order. We are proud of their appointments and continue to look forward to their reports.

**REMARKS FROM THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON
AND MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON**

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers of Iowa, Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions. It is my pleasure to be in this room with so many wonderful Stars. You believe that don't you? I'm so glad that you believe the same things I do.

Sisters and Brothers, it is great to be an Eastern Star member and I have enjoyed my travels almost around the world, and it's so wonderful that you have invited me to your General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members and Special Appointments that are here with you too. Lon and I are proud of them too. We have quite a group here in Iowa and I am happy to see each one of you. Of course, I am so happy that Iowa has made tributes to honor the appointments that Lon and I have made you and I can tell by from the wonderful things you have said about your General Grand Chapter Committee Members and your special Diane, I didn't know she was one of those dancing girls until I

heard that. They know more about you than I do Sister Diane. We are so happy to have Sister Diane as one of our corps of officers and thank you Iowa for making me feel good by honoring these members that are here in your state. Sisters and Brothers, I am so happy to tell you that I know that each member in this room believe in God and you should care for others and you love one another. Do you know why? Because I saw in this very Chapter Room, the word "Believe." Did you see it? It was in behind the West with that angel, it said "Believe." And then I saw the word "Love." Did you see the word "Love" in this Chapter Room? It said that "In this land, we find Love." Sisters and Brothers, we do and it is because we are Eastern Star Members and we do believe in spreading the spirit of our Star.

I thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for having that as their aim to spread the spirit of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers, as you know, we have many, many charities that we support and we are going to get shown at Myrtle Beach in 2024 how wonderful we are around the world and we are going to exceed a million dollars in each one of our projects and even in all of the projects, that are different, we are going to lump all of those together and I know we will exceed a million dollars when that report comes in.

Now we have a wonderful house there, at 1618 New Hampshire Avenue and many of you have been to that house and you know that we are raising a dollar per member for a year so that costs three dollars in three years, that is doing things at our house to save money. We have had dollars to come in and we have put them on our windows and that cuts down on our electric bill and helps our air conditioner to last a little longer. We have refinished the floors and that has saved us in time and money with products to keep it shiny and now the floor is shining on its own. We had it finished right down to the wood and it is beautiful and they got all that finish off the wood and now it is beautiful.

I want to tell you a little story about something that happened to me. Sometimes I have to take an early flight to somewhere and I have to get up at like at four o'clock and get out the door and get to the airport. But it's a black door at that time of the morning and I do a lot of praying "Lord help me to get to the door," and a big door that you have to get out of and you have to do stuff to get out. You can get in pretty good but getting out is something else, you have to push this little lever at the bottom of the door just right and then you have to push the button over here and everything will open and that is ok. But then two things you have to get by first, you have to get by the Cadillac that's in the driveway that belongs to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and he would not be very happy if I scratched that red Cadillac. So, I was very careful not to do that. Now as Most Worthy Grand Matron, I don't have a valet to help me at all. But anyway I have to get out that gate and then there is another gate and then I have to take this little, tiny key, it's about that big and I have to put it in that lock and I have to turn that lock and then I can open that gate and I can go through it and place my luggage over here by the fence, ok? So, I got that far so I closed the gate and turned that little, tiny key again so I can lock it up. If you do not do all of that then your name goes on the bad list. No matter who you are, it goes on the bad list. So, I got under the fence to get my luggage because you can't get back through the gate, and the water sprinklers turned on!

Worthy Grand Matron Vicki and Worthy Grand Patron Larry, I just want you to know that you two are special, special Stars. You have been so kind to me and I can't think anything bad about you and if anyone does, I will let them have it. Thank you so much for all your hospitality, not only from you, but from your members and I just want to tell you again, how much I've certainly enjoyed your session, "HEROS" and how you honored them in different ways.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Good evening sisters and brothers. We are certainly pleased to be here with you for friendship and fellowship time and to share with each of you ideas and information on different subjects.

We encourage all to view the new and updated General Grand Chapter website. There are several tabs to open on the website and we believe that you will be impressed with the site. You will find information on the Perry Belmont Foundation Board of Directors, Event Planning, a Virtual Tour of the house, a Preservation and Donation tab. So, sit back and enjoy exploring the website.

Later this fall, you will find the information concerning arrangements for housing, registration and meals for the 51st "By the Shore in 2024" Triennial Assembly which will be held in the beautiful city of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

I would like you to know that in 2017, a "501c(3) nonprofit Corporation was established to raise funds solely for the purpose of preservation and restoration of the Perry Belmont House. More information will be found on the website.

Now we will turn to the subject of membership. Covid-19 was not kind to our Order and also to many of the organizations. For various reasons, some members stopped attending our Stated Meetings. Some chapters merged, consolidated, changed meeting place and some changed meeting times.

This brings us to the subject of "Retaining" the membership base of our Order. We can do a better job of keeping our non-attending members informed via newsletters. We know some chapters now do that. Newsletters can be print and paper, but email newsletters don't require postage costs. Information such as birthdates, anniversaries, picnics, inspections and listing of the officers will keep all our members engaged and feeling relevant.

We all acknowledge the need of "Recruiting" new members. Attending breakfast and dinners at our lodges can give opportunities to meet potential candidates. Some lodges have "Friendship Nights" where the various Orders meeting within the building are given the privilege to give an educational talk about their Order. To have petitions available and knowing how to approach a potential candidate can be a challenge. Our Youth Groups could be a good source. Working together, we can make a difference.

"Re-instatements" can be a task. Members can be suspended for many reasons. Some can be beyond the member's control. Suspensions can be due to finance, sickness, of simply forgetting to pay the dues. Our secretaries have many duties. Possibly other members could assist our secretaries in calling and making contact with the suspended members and encourage the re-instatement of memberships. These members are very important to our Order. They were important when they became members and are still important to us today.

In closing, I leave you with this Irish Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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

SISTERS:

Linda Dubry	Nebraska
Darlene Spooner	North Dakota
Lavonne Gesling	South Dakota
Debra Bower	Wisconsin

BROTHERS:

L. Cecil Smith	Nebraska
Leroy Kifer	Wisconsin

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for coming to Iowa. We have enjoyed visiting many of your Grand Jurisdictions and we sincerely hope that your year is as memorable and fulfilling as ours. And Fun!. "Did you know that Man was made at the end of the week's work when God was tired?"

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

SISTERS:

Lucy Miller	Idaho
Susie Roach	Indiana
Barbara Brihn	Grand Representative of District of Columbia in Minnesota,
Beverly Donham	Minnesota
Candace Martin	Nebraska
Jerri Wilcox	Grand Trustee, Nebraska
Jan Thoman	Grand Representative of Indiana in Iowa, Nebraska
Ruth Howe	Grand Secretary, Nebraska
Darnell Woodall	Most Worthy Grand Matron, New York
JoAnn Buriak	North Dakota
Laurie Christianson	North Dakota
Gayle Parmeter	North Dakota
Cindy Echols	South Dakota
Bobbi Jo Clark	Texas
Karen Stauffer	Wisconsin
Laramie Reissner	Wisconsin
Theresa	Wisconsin
Hundhausen	Wisconsin

BROTHERS:

Don Miller	Idaho
Robert Hess	Kansas
Don Miller	Idaho

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is a pleasure to welcome you to our Session. We appreciate your dedication to our Order. "True kindness is helping someone without expecting anything in return."

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF IOWA

SISTERS:

Betty Briggs	Right Worthy Grand Secretary Emeritus of the GGC Right Worthy Grand Trustee Emeritus of the GGC
Shirley Peterson	
Julie Pedersen	Grand Representative of New York
Dorothy Masters	
Danelle Essing	
Connie Esbeck	
JoAnn Bergeson	Member, HERO'S Ball Committee
Mary Jane Young	
Paula Larsen	Secretary, Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, Grand Representative of Saskatchewan Co-Chairman, Courtesy Committee Grand Secretary
Cynde Lemley	
Nancy Ramthun	
Ellen Knupp	
Polly Miller	Secretary, Board of Custodians

BROTHERS:

Larry Jones	
Richard Wehde	
Dennis DeJooode	Chairman, Arrangements Committee
Jerry Jones	Vice President, Board of Grand Trustees
Charlie Young	
Bruce Thomas	
Kenny Wogomon	Member, Board of Grand Trustees
John Whitaker	Member, Eastern Star Masonic Home Board

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, thank you for keeping our future on the right Path. "Don't worry about getting older. You still get to do silly thing, only slower."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: What an impressive group! It is so nice to look out there and see this wonderful group of friends. "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would rather have talked."

PRESENTATION OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

SISTERS:	Sheli Rice	Associate Grand Matron	Nebraska
	Linda McNaught	Associate Grand Matron	Nevada
	Heather Malone	Associate Grand Matron	North Dakota
	Lori Williams	Associate Grand Matron	Wisconsin
	Gloria Guern	Grand Conductress	Nebraska
	Sally Dahl	Associate Grand Matron	North Dakota
	Grace Bick	Associate Grand Matron	South Dakota
BROTHERS:	Keith Lindvall	Associate Grand Patron	Nebraska
	Manson Siirila	Associate Grand Patron	North Dakota
	Orville Olson	Associate Grand Patron	Wisconsin

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: For some your journey is just beginning, others your plans are being finalized. We wish you the best in the coming years. "Ask yourself what is really important and then have the courage to build your life around your answer."

**PRESENTATION OF
APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

SISTERS:	Terrie Lynn Haynes	Grand Chaplain	New York
	Janis Decker	Grand Adah	Missouri
	Sandi Lickteig	Grand Adah	South Dakota
	Angi Miller	Grand Ruth	Nebraska
	Tiffany Westerholt	Grand Esther	Nebraska
BROTHER:	Rick Baker	Grand Sentinel	Nebraska

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: This year in your life will be like no other. The friendships you develop this year will last a lifetime. "Don't wait, the time will never be just right."

**PRESENTATION OF
GRAND OFFICER EMERITUS**

Nancy L. Niday	Grand Secretary Emeritus,	Iowa
	Grand Representative of Vermont	
Janelle Hammarstedt	Grand Treasurer Emeritus and Historian	Iowa
Pam Brhel	Grand Trustee, Grand Treasurer Emeritus	Nebraska

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for being such dedicated members of our Order. "Your mind is a powerful thing. When you fill it with positive thoughts, your life will start to change."

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

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

Donita S. Davis	Iowa in Indiana
Sherry Johnson	Iowa in Kentucky
Sue McKibben	Iowa in Michigan
Greg Yoder	Iowa in Missouri
Sharon Stede	Iowa in Montana
Scott York	Iowa in Nevada
Glenys J. Edwards	Iowa in Pennsylvania
Charles Webster	Iowa in Wisconsin
Mercedes Ann Riley	Idaho in Missouri
Lynn K. Shoulders	South Carolina in Indiana

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The appointment of Grand Representative is very special. We sincerely hope each of you are making the most of your commission and are enjoying this service to our Order. "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."

RESPONSE ON BEHALF ON ALL DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Lucian Cecil Smith
Worthy Grand Patron
Nebraska

Worthy Grand Matron Vicki, Worthy Grand Patron Larry, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, and Brothers, I bring greetings on behalf of those who are visiting from other Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you for the invitation to share with you in your Grand Chapter Session. Your hospitality and kindness started before we ever arrived and continues to this day. My prayer for you is that you have a productive, fun, inspiring and truly Grand Chapter session. At my Home Chapter which is named Home Chapter when I served as Worthy Patron, I got into the habit of having a joke or a riddle at each meeting so I figured I should continue the tradition – Why did the vegetable band break up? It didn't have a beet.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you again for your kindness and friendship and I hope you have a wonderful Grand Chapter Session.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF ALL DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Deb Bower
Worthy Grand Matron
Wisconsin

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. It is an honor to be responding on behalf of your Distinguished Guests here tonight. We first thank you for all the courtesies and hospitality extended to us.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, you have had an amazing year, you and your Bucket Brigade embraced fun, laughter and dignity and can be very proud of your accomplishments.

By definition, a Hero is a person or persons that brought major achievement or noble qualities. I think Grand Chapter of Iowa will agree with me two heroes are standing here today.

We all wish for you a successful Session filled with memories to look back on in the future when you have time to relax. Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Deb, I have enjoyed getting to know you these past years as we climbed the ladder in Eastern Star. Each time we have visited I could feel the love you have for Eastern Star. May your journey be pleasant and give you more than you thought possible. Thank you for bringing the response on behalf of all distinguished guests.

"Let your dreams be bigger than your fears and your actions be louder than your words."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Cecil, I have had the pleasure of getting to know you in these last couple of years as we both were preparing for our years in the East. Our friendship has grown and it has become one of the highlights of my year that I will take with me long after we move on from here. I look forward to our paths crossing again in the near future. I wish you much success with your plans for the rest of your year. Thank you for your response on behalf of the Distinguished Guests and I am very happy that you so readily agreed to do it. "How far we travel in life matters far less than those we meet along the way."

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
IN IOWA**

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

Don Wohlers, Arizona	James Peterson, Pennsylvania
Anita Lee, Delaware	Jennifer Coffman, South Dakota
Lorie Whitaker, Montana	Stephanie Claeys, Tennessee
Larry Culver, Nebraska	Leanne Wait, Texas
Linda Tedrow, New Jersey	Mary Hicks, Utah
Diane Taplin, North Dakota	Stephanee Fisher, Wyoming
Marcia Francois, Ontario	

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We hope you are enjoying your appointment as a Grand Representative. "Life is too short to be serious all the time. So, if you can't laugh at yourself, call me, I'll laugh at you."

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS OF THE MWGP/MWGP
FAITHFUL NOTES AND TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Jennifer Bailey	Personal Page to the Most Worthy Grand Matron
Barbara Ann Lowry	Personal Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron
Cathy J. Wagner	Faithful Note and Grand Secretary Emeritus, Nebraska

**DISTRICT GRAND SUPERVISOR AND BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINER
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

Beth Benson	District Grand Supervisor, Nebraska
Chris Puckett	Board of Grand Examiners, District #2, Texas

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You work with the ritual, the thing that sets us apart from other organizations. Thank you for your dedication and labor. "Out of all the things I have lost, I miss my mind the most."

DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS OF IOWA

Mary Reicks, Associate Grand Matron	Chris Brown
Lori Rasmusson	Cindy Beatty
Kelly Walker	Sheila Kiehne
Anna Boecker	

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Welcome to our Diamonds. There is no way a thank you is enough to show our appreciation for all your labors during the year. You were all so supportive of the changes we made this year, holding a District business meeting and the new District School structure. I am extremely proud of the work you are doing here at our grand Chapter Session. Our Grand Chapter would not happen without your dedication to your assignments. You all shine, just like the Diamonds you are. Thank you! "They're called MAN hours because a woman would have had that stuff done in 20 minutes."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Your proficiency and dedication to our Order is to be highly commended. Thank you for all you do for Grand Chapter. "Thunder is good, thunder is impressive, but it is lightning that does the work."

RESPONSE FROM THE 2023 DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS

Lori Rasmusson

District Instructor and Past Grand Esther

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, and Brothers:

Thank you, Sister Vicki, for the honor of giving this response on behalf of your Diamonds, the 2023 District Instructors. We were each honored to receive our appointments, and to spread a little *sparkle* around the state and within our districts. Our aim was to *Spread the OES Spirit in our Communities* as we provided instruction and support to the members of our districts.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, as we traveled across our state to honor our many past and present servicemen and women and to promote patriotism, it was our privilege to share in your Million Dreams for our Million Heroes. We learned about our great country and flag, and the meaning of the red, white, and blue that we all hold dear, as we promoted our state projects. We will always treasure our pewter bells as they remind us of this year and our Hero Session.

Sisters Jean, Polly, and Cheryl, our dear Board of Custodians, thank you so much for your instruction, guidance, and support throughout this grand year. We appreciate all that you have done for us and want you to know that your friendships will always be very dear to us.

And now, Sister Vicki, Brother Larry, and the Bucket Brigade Grand Family, we wish for you a successful Grand Session and hope that your *Million Dreams* will all come true. It will be our pleasure, and with much love, to *shine* for you as we complete our assignments for 2023—because you know-as Larry told us, we are kind of a Big Deal!

PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SISTERS:

Mary Knupp	Member, Eastern Star Educational Board
Joyce Sloniger	Vice Pres. Eastern Star Masonic Home Board
Diane King	Member, Barthell OES Home Board
Beverly Godsey	Barthell OES Home Board
Judy Boden	Arrangements
Lola Van Wyk	Arrangements
Kaylene Kiewiet	Arrangements
Linda Overturf	Chairman, Jurisprudence
Evelyn Cross	Public Schools
Charlotte Rodgers	Barn Dance
Janice Ruble	Barn Dance
Charity Stone	Barn Dance
Danine Gnat	Chairman, Boone Home Picnic
Sue Jensen	Boone Home Picnic
Vivian Pitlo	Chairman, Golf Outing
Janice Megel	A Million Dreams Project

Ginny Corwin	Co-Chairman HERO'S Ball
Carol Mullin	HERO'S Ball
Pam Spratte	HERO'S Ball
Mary Jo Fitzgerald	State Project Chairman
Becky Woolery	Project Chairman District #3
Jody Connor	Project Chairman District #4
Debbie Anderson	Project Chairman District #6
Lisa Swanson	Project Chairman District #9
Kim Reason	Social Media
Deb Jones	Cards for Troops District #2
Sue Thomas	Cards for Troops District #3
Cyndi Grosing	Cards for Troops District #5
Marjorie Frisbie	Cards for Troops District #7
Sandy Raab	Chairman TLC Sewing
Jill Pepper	Youth

BROTHERS:

Bill Post	President, Board of Grand Trustees
Bill Howie	President, Eastern Star Educational Board
Chris Mishler	Member, eastern Star Masonic Home Board
Luke Reicks	Vice Chair, Barthel OES Home Board,
	Project Chairman, District #1
Kevin Brown	Arrangements
Grant Bargfrede	Jurisprudence
Terry Frisbie	Golf Outing
Jim Spratte	HERO'S Ball
Brian Beatty	Chairman, Sound
Michael Cross	Sound
Charles Sloniger	Sound

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, thank you for accepting our request to help on your respective committees. Our success has been because of your work. "Stay strong...make them wonder why you're still smiling."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You have been promoting the projects and the work of our respective committees. You are truly the ones that deserve all the credit for the successes we have achieved. "Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Sandy and Janice, thank you for your work. It is a long night on your feet, but you performed well. I look forward to watching you with pride as you assume new duties and responsibilities. Remember the Bucket Brigade will be there whenever you need anything. We will be watching with pride as you continue along your OES path.

Brother Antonio, we talked about our music and made some decisions to keep things lively! Thank you for all the beforehand work that was necessary to make that happen.

Sister Kelly, you and your Presenting Committee have worked diligently to make our guests feel welcome. I'm sure Sister Sandy appreciated your efforts to have the introduction cards in the correct order. Thank you, Kelly for your efforts in preparing for this Session. Thanks to all of you for the gracious way in which you handled your assignments.

REMARKS

Michael E. Berry, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron,
Past Grand Patron of Kentucky

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members and guests, Sisters and Brothers. What a pleasure it is to be with you once again for the annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Many thanks to all of you for the courtesies shown to me and all of your General Grand Chapter guests.

You may wonder why I am here speaking this evening. Well, when our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and I were coordinating calendars, we discovered that she would need to be in one place making announcements while I went to the other. I drew the LONG straw and here I am in Iowa while Sister Billie Bradfield is in California for their Grand Session. You might say that I am her Hallmark card...because she cared enough to "send the very best!"

Before I get down to the business, at hand, I just wanted to give a shout out to some special people:

To Worthy Grand Adah, Diane Bargfrede, Craig, and Grant: Thank you for the hospitality since I arrived yesterday. It has been a pleasure getting to know you better as we have served General Grand Chapter.

To Betty and Bill Briggs: What a joy to spend time with you again in your beloved Iowa. Betty and I served together while she was Right Worthy Grand Secretary and again when we were both Right Worthy Grand Trustees. They are two very special friends.

When you travel like we do, it is always nice to see a friendly face from home. To Sherry Johnson, Grand Representative of Iowa in Kentucky: thanks for traveling to Cedar Rapids for this session and being my "texting buddy" during our visit here. In my role working for Governor Andy Beshear and Sherry serving as an elected official in Kentucky, our paths cross other places besides at Eastern Star.

We have been excited to march together with Sister Glenda and Brother Lon these past two years and look forward to another fun year as the Drum Majors for General Grand Chapter. But just like every good marching band and football team, we realize that there will come a time when the senior class will graduate and we need to have the junior class ready to lead the team during the next season.

We congratulate those from Iowa who are serving General Grand Chapter and ask that you continue supporting them as they work toward a successful Triennial Assembly in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I am pleased and privileged to share with you the names of those that will leading Team OES in Iowa during the 2024-2027 Triennium:

- Cheryl Payne, PGM – Member of the Charters Committee
- Bruce Thomas, PGP – Member of the Community Service Committee
- Polly Miller, PGM - Member of the Heart Committee
- Kenny Wogomon, PGP - Member of the Registration Committee

Also, Billie and I will be having a special group of 20 friends called the "Star Chasers" who we want to honor because of their enthusiasm, support of and love for the Order of the Eastern Star. This group can travel with us to places far and wide...or simply be

prayer warriors from their homes. They will be called on to cheer, sell, carry, write, escort, laugh, eat, pray, stuff, even caddy or one of a hundred different duties. Most of all we want them to know that they are inspirations to us, and our lives have been made better by knowing them.

I am telling you all of this because during the 2024-2027 triennium, one of these Star Chasers will be your own, Brother Grant Bargfrede.

To each of you, thanks for agreeing to serve. Please hang around after the close of the session for a picture so I can prove to Billie I was a rousing success here in Cedar Rapids!

Our Most Worthy Grand Patron closed his remarks with an Irish Blessing, and I would like to follow his example and leave another blessing with you:

"May those that love us, love us. For those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts. If He can't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so that we will know them by their limping."

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your attention and always remember to:

BE REAL

DO RIGHT

BRING JOY

AND GIVE THANKS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

**DOUBLE CLOSING MARCH BY THE GRAND OFFICERS
AND DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS**



PRELUDE Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor and Past Grand Organist

OPENING WELCOME

Polly Miller
Secretary, Board of Custodians
And Past Grand Matron

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers, to the Saturday morning session of the 146th "Hero" session of Iowa Grand Chapter. It is always a pleasure to greet our distinguished guests and visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope you have enjoyed your time with us and will return again for another visit.

To our Iowa Sisters and Brothers, thank you for making the effort to attend this Saturday session to support our Grand Officers on this special day. We will hear the reports of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and conduct other important business of Iowa Grand Chapter. Thank you for your dedication to our Order.

To Sister Vicki and Brother Larry: thank you for the invitation to open this session of your Grand Chapter with my own, Past Grand Patron, Brother Kenny. I congratulate you on a successful year and look forward to hearing the reports of the fund-raising totals for your state project later today. Your Grand Officers, the Bucket Brigade, did you proud as they traveled the state and beyond as representatives of Iowa Grand Chapter.

Best wishes to Sister Mary and Brother Joe as they are poised to take over the leadership for next year. And, to Sister Sandy and Brother Bill, good luck as you begin the journey to the East in 2025.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry may your session be everything you hoped and planned for it to be!

Kenny Wogomon
Member, Board of Grand Trustees
And Past Grand Patron

Good Morning, Sister, Brothers and Friends. What a pleasure it is to stand in the east once again with Sister Polly as we open this 146th Grand Chapter of Iowa Saturday Morning "HERO" Session.

A very warm welcome to our distinguished guests and friends from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope your visit to Iowa will be a memorable one. Thank you everyone for attending and showing your support to Iowa Grand Chapter.

I must say that this Bucket Brigade Grand Family has done a fantastic job of getting the word out about this year's project and has shed new light on what exactly a Hero is. From the Hero Lodge in Washington Iowa to all of our local hero's. I do not think that anyone will look at our Veterans and First Responders the same way again! I feel that the education and support they

set in motion is just a “drop in the bucket” and once that bucket is full, we will hand it to the next person and grab another and then another. I am sure we are all looking forward to seeing the total for “HEROES” this evening.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, now, I may be a little bias, but I do think you did one heck of a job selecting your Kids. I know that my own personal hero is among them. They all have done such a great job representing Iowa Eastern Star this past year and we have had a bit of fun along the way. Thanks “Mom and Dad”! May your Grand Chapter Session be everything you want it to be and more.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, I look forward to seeing the great things you will be able to accomplish for Iowa Eastern Star in the upcoming year. Just know you have our full support, if there is anything you need, just ask.

Sister Sandy and our own Kruzers Kid, Brother Bill, as you lay the groundwork for your year to follow, you too, need just ask whether it be a bit of advice or some tasks that you may need accomplished.

Thank you again Sister Vicki and Brother Larry for allowing me to share the East with my own Past Grand Matron Sister Polly this morning and remember “If nothing in life ever changed there would be no Butterflies.”

INVOCATION

Karen Heitmann, Past Grand Chaplain

Gracious and Loving God, we ask your continued blessing on this, our 146th Grand Session, and on all who have gathered here to celebrate our Heroes.

Loving God, even as we gather here in safety, in the heartland of this magnificent country, on this gorgeous fall day, we know there are wars raging in Africa, in the Middle East, and in Eastern Europe, and we pray this morning for all the innocent people who are victims in these wars. How your heart must be breaking for them. We pray for all of your children. May we all know peace, and your Peace.

O God, your apostle Paul wrote that although faith, hope and love all remain, the greatest of those is love, and we pray that love will truly overcome the fear and hate in our world.

As we prepare to move toward the business that needs to be transacted here in this Session, may our words and actions, and decisions, be informed by love.

Guide us to always think of you and each other, and may we strive to become Heroes to our neighbors and to our strangers, following Christ’s teachings. We ask this all in your name. Amen.

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

OPENING PROCLAMATION: Greg Grover, Grand Marshal

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers and welcome to this day of business for Iowa Grand Chapter. To our committee members, we are excited to hear your reports this morning and to see what is planned for our future.

Sister Polly and Brother Kenny, I served in the Kruzer Grand Family as the Grand Conductress. And yes, we endured the never-ending year 2020/2021. Even though we had very few meetings in 2020 and Grand Chapter Session was just Iowa, you had a wonderful two years. Remember, not everyone can say they were Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for two years! I truly enjoy your friendship and cherish the memories we have created over the years. Thank you for opening this Session and your kind words. Sister Polly, wishing you the best on your next adventure, President of the Board of Custodians and Brother Kenny, as you continue to serve on the Board of Grand Trustees.

Sister Karen, your prayers are always so heartfelt and inspiring, thank you for preparing such a wonderful invocation for this morning.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Good morning to our Saturday morning session. This is when we start learning about the work our committee members and chapter members have been doing all year, sometimes under the radar. You will see their accomplishments and activities that have made Iowa Eastern Star such a strong and worthwhile organization.

Thank you, Sister Polly and Brother Kenny, for opening this morning's session. Sister Polly, we have followed your service to Eastern Star from when you started as a District Instructor until you served in the East. We wish you well in your new role on the Board of Custodians.

Brother Kenny, this year you were a member of the Bucket Brigade and I got to introduce you as one of my kids. Good luck in your role as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees. I know you will give it your best.

Sister Karen, Thank you for your opening prayer. Your prayers are always inspirational and I know it will help make this morning pleasant and enlightening.

Sister Sheila: Thank you for your music. I have always enjoyed listening to you play for us, it adds so much to our ritual.

PRESENTING OF WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS Of CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 552

24 Worthy Matrons and 18 Worthy Patrons presented

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You are one of our Heroes this year. Thank you for accepting the position and leading your Chapters. We hope that you have enjoyed your year serving as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron. "I don't have bad handwriting; I have my own font."

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WGM & WGP RECEPTION

We began our reception season with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron joint reception held at the Cedar Rapids Marriott. Davenport and Knoxville Chapters hosted the event. Both chapters provided lovely table decorations, welcomes and generous hospitality. We would like to extend a warm thank you to all the assisted in making the day as wonderful and beautiful as possible.

We continued our reception schedule, with receptions for the Appointed Grand Officers, Associate Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Patron. Each chapter graciously hosted their respective Grand Officer. Each chapter was asked to share information about their Grand Officer, it was great to learn about each member of the Grand Family. There were no receptions during the Thanksgiving holiday, and we completed the reception on December 3, 2022. We

finished early so that our family would have time during the holiday season to spend with their own families.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BOONE AND BARTHELL HOMES

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions for visiting the home. We did provide a package of holiday cards and a gift for the residents at the homes.

STATE SCHOOL

Pleasant Hill again hosted our 2023 State School, with our overnight stay at the Sleep Inn and Suites in Pleasant Hill. This annual event was held on February 10 -11, 2023. The meals were provided by the members of Des Moines Chapter and were delicious as always.

State School instruction was under the direction of Sisters Jean Koss, President, Polly Miller, Secretary and Cheryl Payne, Member. Their hard work and dedication to our District Instructors was evident in their work. Every year the Board has the stress of teaching our District Instructors and this year was no exception. With the change to District Schools and holding a District Business Meeting, the instruction had to be modified to reflect this change. I want to express my sincere gratitude to the Board for their diligence in working out a plan and executing it with grace.

With the number of instructors dwindling each year, State School has had to undergo some changes. As always, the Grand Officers and their companions were invited to attend State School. The Grand Officers were impressed with the amount of instruction and work the Board of Custodians provides and just how much knowledge the District Instructors are required to learn. With only having nine District Instructors and three of those having specific duties to perform at State School, we invited the Grand Officer Star Points to be part of the instruction. They were able to give their lectures for the first time, relieving some of the butterflies before we did Degrees. Thank you to all that assisted during State School, whether it be as an Assistant Sentinel, an Associate Patron, or Organist, we appreciate you! A special thank you to Nancy Ramthun, Grand Secretary, for preparing all the materials necessary for our weekend.

To Des Moines Chapter, Pleasant Hill, thank you for the use of the building and making sure the room was set up properly. Everything was ready for us when we arrived on Saturday morning. It was wonderful to be able to use my Bible, Drape and Baton Holder, Drape and Gavel at State School. Our Star Points that had their own emblems were allowed to use them during State School. Thank you to Dennis DeJoode, Chairman of Arrangements and PGP (my OES dad too) for being sure everything was in order. Thank you also to Brian Beatty for manning the sound system. It is so important for all to hear the instructions.

I appreciate Sister Terri Grover, our Organist protem, during State School. Thank you for filling in for Brother Antonio. To Brother Bruce Stolba, thank you for making sure our membership had their signed dues cards!

Sister Nancy, thank you for the beautiful and fun decorations for the tables during our meals. I think everyone enjoyed the Minions!

On Friday evening we held a conference with the Board of Custodians and the District Instructors in the Board Room of the Sleep Inn. Discussion was held on changes and items for emphasis during the District Schools. We also had discussion on what items to include at their District Business meetings. Each District Instructor and Board of Custodians were given a pewter dinner bell for use during their Schools. It was wonderful to have the discussions we had on how District Schools will be handed. It was great to have questions and concerns aired prior to any Schools taking place. Even though he is not a District Instructor, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Larry Niday attended the meeting and offered a special greeting to all in attendance.

At the Saturday evening meeting, Sister Mary Reicks and Brother Joe Reed presided during presenting. It was so nice to see both in action, their greetings were great! Following presenting the Bucket Brigade participated in a skit for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Richard is quite the storyteller! The Board of Custodians were also honored with a skit.

After the close of the meeting, it was time for snacks and fellowship. The traditional snack party was held in the Board Room at the Sleep Inn. All those in attendance were greeted with savory and sweet snacks and drinks, while partaking in lively conversations. Of course, the District Instructors went through the line first so they could retire to study for the Sunday morning examination. The 2023 Bucket Brigade hosted and provided the snacks and drinks for the party.

Sunday morning arrived and it was testing time for the District Instructors. This examination is to help provide the Board of Custodian information on their instruction and where or what they could improve upon for next year.

GLEANINGS FROM DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS

Switching to a District School format this year held its challenges. The District Instructors had to be sure all of their chapters and their members were participating in their school. Each District Instructor worked with their chapters to prepare a chart of responsibilities, in other words, who was doing what. Some Districts were better prepared than others, but it was something uncharted. Other than the schools being much longer than usual (mostly due to all the schools being an Official Visit and presenting taking well over an hour) I feel the new change was accepted and enjoyed by the membership. The District School needs to be refined but overall, I feel it was successful.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Our first Conferring of Degrees was held on July 22, 2023, at Indianola Chapter. Brother Richard was still under doctor's care and not able to attend. His station was graciously filled by Sister Anna Boecker, District Instructor and Past Grand Adah. The chapter provided coffee and pastries prior to practice. Sister Pat Burch called the practice to order at 9:00. We did introductions of the Chapter officers and the Grand Officers. Sister Sandy Meredith gave instructions for the incoming double march, exchange march and the closing march. After the Chapter officers and Grand officers practiced the marches, the lunch table prayer was given by Sister Anna and the Chapter officers and Grand Companions were dismissed for lunch. At this time, the Grand Officers practiced the initiation ceremony.

After a wonderful lunch prepared by the Indianola Chapter officers and members, we were happy to welcome one new member to their Chapter.

Our second Conferring of Degrees was held on July 29, 2023, at Loess Hills Chapter Sioux City. Sister Mary Reicks' station was filled by Sister Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor and Past Grand Organist, Brother Kent Strawn's station was filled by Sister Cindy Beatty, District Instructor and Past Grand Ruth, Brother Richard Gerking's was filled by Sister Anna Boecker, District Instructor and Past Grand Adah, Brother Antonio Collins' station was filled by Sister Tammy VanHorsen-Post, Past Grand Organist. The chapter provided coffee and pastries prior to practice. Sister Barb Wood called the practice to order at 9:00. We did introductions of the Chapter officers and the Grand Officers. Sister Sandy Meredith gave instructions for the incoming double march, exchange march and the closing march. After the Chapter Officers and Grand Officers practiced the marches, the lunch table prayer was given by Sister Anna and the Chapter officers and Grand Companions were dismissed for lunch. At this time, the Grand Officers practiced the initiation ceremony.

After a wonderful lunch prepared by the Loess Hills Chapter officers and members, we were happy to welcome one new member to their Chapter.

Our last Conferring of Degrees was held on September 30, 2023, at Davenport Chapter. Brother Richard Gerking's station was filled by Sister Sheila Kiehne, District Instructor and Past Grand Organist. The chapter provided coffee and pastries prior to practice. Sister Mary Jo Fitzgerald called the practice to order at 9:00. We did introductions of the Chapter officers and the Grand Officers. Again, Sister Sandy gave instructions for the incoming double march, exchange march and the closing march. After the Chapter Officers and Grand Officers practiced the marches. Sister Anna gave the lunch table prayer. The chapter officers and Grand Companions were dismissed for lunch. At this time, the Grand Officers practiced the initiation ceremony.

After a wonderful lunch prepared by the Davenport Chapter officers and members. It was a special day being in my own chapter and welcoming two new members to our Chapter and Order.

MASONIC AND YOUTH ORGNIZATIONS

It is so important to be supportive of our Masonic and Youth Organizations. We need each other's support to continue to grow. In March, we were invited to join our Masonic Brothers for brunch in Mt. Pleasant. It was wonderful to sit with the Masonic Grand Officers and get to know each other. Worshipful Grand Master Ted Willey, Brother Larry and I introduced our respective Grand Officers and asked each to talk about themselves. In April, Brother Larry and I had to split duties. Brother Larry and some of the Grand Officers attended the reception for Lisa Hauser, Supreme Treasurer, Jobs Daughter's International in Council Bluffs. Some of the Grand Officers and I attended the Omelet Breakfast at Camp Courageous on Sunday morning. It was the largest crowd I have served since I have been attending the breakfast! In June Brother Larry and I had to split duties again. He represented Eastern Star at the Joint York Rite Banquet. On June 9th we sponsored a golf hole at the Masonic Golf Outing. It was a great time, and the weather was remarkable.

We were unable to attend Rainbow Spring Fling due to a scheduling conflict. In June we attended the Five State Exchange, where we attended Nebraska Grand Assembly. What a joy to see the young ladies performing their ritual. The very next week, we attended Iowa Grand Assembly and had the honor of representing Iowa Eastern Star. Kailyn Carstensen presided over the Session with such grace. Installation of officers was held that Sunday and Shelby Knaap presented her projects for the upcoming year.

In September, we attended dinner for Grand Lodge's yearly Communication. Grand Master Ted Willey presented a check to our project, HERO, as his father was a Vietnam Veteran and Ted felt the project was so worthy of our support.

In October, I attended the annual meeting of Amaranth in Davenport. The dinner was wonderful, and I was able to renew friendships with our Masonic family. It was also my first introduction to Amaranth, and I was pleased to meet their Supreme Royal Matron and Patron.

TRAVEL TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

We enjoyed being able to represent Iowa at the following Grand Chapter Sessions – Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Illinois. It was wonderful to reconnect with friends and make new ones at the Sessions we attended.

We attended three exchanges this year – Illinois/Iowa/Wisconsin (which was added due to the Illinois Worthy Grand Matron and me trying unsuccessfully to schedule an exchange), the 5 State Exchange held in Nebraska and the Nebraska/Iowa Exchange held in Lincoln. At each of the exchanges, our Grand Officers were able to interact with their counterparts.

I was able to attend an Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of Illinois in Fulton. It was so fun to see Sister Janice and Brother Bob, at one of their meetings.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Exodus Chapter, Exira

Liberty Chapter, Marne

Newton Chapter

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

Algona Chapter
 Ankeny New Hope Chapter
 Altoona Chapter
 Amber Star, Quick
 Aspasia Chapter, Sigourney
 Brighton Chapter, Washington
 Buena Vista Chapter, Sioux Rapids
 Coinette Chapter, Reinbeck
 Council Bluffs Chapter
 E.C. Blackmar Chapter, Burlington
 Evening Shade Chapter, Spencer
 Diamond Chapter, Fort Madison
 Heartland Chapter, Des Moines
 Highland Chapter, Siam
 Holly Chapter, Malcom
 Indianola Chapter
 Jessamine Chapter, Iowa City
 Julien Chapter, Dubuque
 Laurens Chapter
 Loess Hills, Sioux City

Knoxville Chapter
 Lamont Chapter
 Linden Chapter, Panora
 Marion Chapter
 Minnehaha Chapter, Colesburg
 Mount Ayr Chapter
 Ollie Chapter
 Ophir Chapter, Osceola
 Polk City
 Purity Chapter, Wilton
 Sibley Chapter
 Signet Chapter, Carroll
 Silver Creek Chapter, LeClaire
 South Gate Chapter, Des Moines
 Stockport Chapter
 Toledo Chapter, Tama
 Tri Star Chapter, Eddyville
 Unity Chapter, Mason City
 Wayland Chapter

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Wisconsin

CONSOLIDATIONS

We had one consolidation for this year- Pearl Chapter, Guttenberg started their consolidation with Minnehaha Chapter, Colesburg; to be completed by November 1, 2023. There were two others started but not completed by Grand Chapter Session.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION

There were no Waivers of Jurisdiction requested or approved during 2022-2023.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**TO HOLD STATED MEETING OUT OF TIME**

Jessamine Chapter #135 Iowa City
 Marion Chapter #135 Cedar Rapids
 Unity Chapter # Mason City
 New London Chapter #
 Exodus Chapter # Exira
 Decorah Chapter #
 Des Moines Chapter # Pleasant Hill

TO MOVE CHARTER

New Hampton Chapter #
 Davenport Chapter #178
 Clinton Chapter # Camanche

PROJECTS

We were excited to have a major project and three additional projects we raised funds for during 2023. Project Healing Waters (a project originally organized by Brother Larry), Blue Star Moms (headed in Iowa by Sandy Raab) and a Community Service Program by students whose teacher is Sister Kathy Panzar, were the three projects we were excited to be able to donate \$2,000 each for their causes. Project Healing Waters works with our veterans in learning to tie flies and be out in nature to fly fish. Blue Star Moms send care packages to our Iowa deployed service members and the Community Service Project also sends care packages to deployed service members. Each group was given their checks at our last official visit at Knoxville Chapter and Eddyville Chapter.

Healing at English River Outfitters was our major project. We met with this group in Washington, Iowa at their newly constructed Lodge, which at the time was still under construction. We were impressed with the dedication to the project and assisting our veterans with many of their issues. We were able to have our Grand Family visit the Lodge on the day of their ribbon cutting, for their first annual Easter Egg Hunt and then we rented the Lodge for a weekend of travel in the area. We realized just how peaceful and calming this area would be for our veterans. HERO enables veterans from both Iowa and other states to hunt, never realized how many hunters want to come to Iowa for deer season!

Throughout the year we sold our HERO pins, stars for our pot of gold, coin marches, donations, and the Hero Banquet. We raised an astonishing \$53,460.90 for the project, with \$47,460.90 going directly to HERO for their use in keeping the project alive and well. We also saw a need when we stayed at the Lodge, they needed more kitchen and bath towels. Many of the Grand Officers provided towels and Sister Kris Stolba embroidered their logo on the towels. They should be set with towels for a while.

Through meeting the Board at HERO, we have established lifelong friendships, and they know we are there for them in the future.

TLC PROJECTS

Sister Sandy Raab was chairman of the TLC Sewing projects. During the year she and her sewing crew crafted 413 Christmas stockings and 500 packable neck pillows to be included in the care packages the Blue Star Moms were sending to our deployed service members.

Sister Sue Thomas as chairman of the TLC Cards for our Troops project. Each District had a card chairman. Each district was asked to provide 400 homemade cards to be included in the care packages sent by Blue Star Moms and by the community project headed by Sister Kathy Panzar. In addition to the 400 cards each district was asked to make thank you cards to be shared in their community. When all was said and done, the card makers created over 4,000 handmade cards! What an endeavor. Thank you for all of the card parties to make this dream come true.

GALAXY

Sister Erin McCroskey was chairman of the Galaxy Newsletter. She was able to have 3 issues placed on the Iowa OES Website during the year.

RAILROADING IN THE ROCKIES OES TRIP

Our trip began on June 30, 2023, with pickups in Des Moines and Council Bluffs. We had 48 join us on this wild adventure. We bussed our way through Nebraska and Colorado, making stops along the way at some very interesting places. Dinner and a shoot-out in Ogalala, to the wonders of national parks. Riding the trains was such a wonderful experience. Riding the train to Durango and staying that the Strafford Hotel was wonderful.

GOLF OUTING

The annual Golf Outing was held on June 23, 2023, at Terrace Hills Golf Course located in Altoona, IA. The outing was moved to June and with a shotgun start of 9 AM, hoping to beat the heat. Who knew that June 2023 would be as hot as July? There were 21 teams of golfers, not bad for the first time doing the early start. There were many golf holes that either had Grand Families, chapter or corporate sponsors. Besides the golfers, there were members playing cards and conversing in the club house during the event.

Prior to the start of the outing, a putting contest was held. Sister Kelly Walker, who hasn't been able to golf since 2018, made the only hole in one!

Great items were donated to the silent auction.

Brother John Hauser traveled the golf course, taking photos of the participants and those members manning the holes. These were compiled and shown on the screen in the clubhouse during lunch.

HEROES BANQUET

We wanted to honor our heroes by hosting a dinner in their honor. The event was held at the Consistory Building in Cedar Rapids on Saturday, September 16, 2023. As an additional fundraiser, tables could be sponsored for \$100, like sponsoring a hole at the golf outing. There were 16 tables, and all were sponsored! The sponsor was responsible for decorating the table with a theme of their choice. A delicious catered meal was provided by HyVee. After dinner, Brother Craig Bargfrede was our guest speaker, reminding us of the meaning of a hero. Rod Courtney, from HERO, also spoke, giving more information about HERO. He thanked Eastern Star for supporting their group this year. Sister Kris Stolba and the Bucket Brigade presented HERO with towels that had their logo embroidered on them. The best part of the evening was the pie auction. There were 27 pies, and each garnered a great amount in the auction, one raising \$150! It was a spectacular evening!

ESTARL

The Educational Board met on July 9, 2023, at Pleasant Chapter, Pleasant Hill. President Bill Howie and the members of the Board reviewed nine applications. The 2023 Grand Officer's ESTARL funds were equally divided between the applicants.

The Board also reviewed the educational loans, all of which are being monitored and reminders sent if the loan is in arrears.

THANK YOU'S

We had asked the Chapters to have us participate in a community event, hoping to have the Order of the Eastern Star recognized in the community. We planted flowers in Marion, helped weed and do minor repairs at the Borlaug Home; rode and walked in the Sweet Corn Festival Parade in Adel, honored our first responders in Winterset; put together cookie and soup mixes together in Bellevue; served dinner to the fire department in Newton; and played bingo with the residents of REM in Atlantic. Thank you to the Chapters and membership for honoring our wishes.

I would like to thank Grand Chapter for the advance funds which were used for travel. There will be no other requests for reimbursement.

Thank you to our Board of Custodians, I appreciate all your guidance during this past year. We had some challenges with our changes this year, but I feel for the most part we were successful. Our membership doesn't realize all the hard work this Board does during the year, and I probably didn't either. But I do now and saying thank you so just not enough.

To the Diamonds: Thank you for accepting your assignments for Grand Chapter. Your work was exceptional! This Grand Chapter would not happen without all your dedication. You are my Heroes, thank you so very much.

To the members of Davenport Chapter, thank you for all you have done in making this year a reality.

To the many Grand Families that I have been lucky enough to be a part of, I thank you for all you have done for me. Each family has a special place in my heart.

To our Bucket Brigade – you are the most phenomenal family anyone could ask for. You have been everywhere, doing everything, making this year such a success. We travelled many miles, to other jurisdictions, and right here in the state of Iowa, we filled the pot of gold for the Million Dreams for a Million Heroes, we helped in our communities, we stayed up late playing Farkle. You have been there for each other in the hard times and celebrated the good times. Thank you to each of you for what you brought to this Grand Family. Each of you have a piece of my heart and I will love you forever.

Brother Larry and Sister Nancy, this has been an adventure like no other. We laughed and cried because we were laughing so hard and became great friends. We understood that we had to be a team and work together for the common cause we were representing. We also know that we had our guardian angel watching over us during this journey. I know that I caused you much stress, but only because you like stress so much. Our friendship will be a forever thing. Thank you for coming along for this adventure.

To the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you for allowing us to be someone's hero.

IN CONCLUSION

As the year comes to a close, I truly believe there is no other organization, where, when you meet someone, and they become your friend for life. We may not see each all that often, but we are friends. Thank you for allowing me to make so many friends and creating such wonderful memories of this past year.

WGM ITINERARY

OCTOBER 2022

Saturday 29

Cedar Rapids, WGM/WGP Reception

Sunday 30

Cedar Falls, Grand Marshal Reception

NOVEMBER 2022

Friday 4

Cedar Rapids, Grand Sentinel Reception

Saturday 5

Low Moor, Grand Warder Reception

Friday 11

Bellevue, Grand Adah Reception

Saturday 12

Newton, Grand Electa Reception

Sunday 13

Altoona, Grand Organist Reception

Friday 18

Carroll, Associate Grand Patron Reception

Saturday 19

Spencer, Grand Martha Reception

Sunday, 20

Sioux City, Grand Chaplain Reception

DECEMBER 2022

Thursday 1

Spencer, Associate Grand Conductress Reception

Friday 2

New London, Stated Meeting Visit

Saturday 3

Council Bluffs, Grand Ruth Reception

Council Bluffs, Grand Esther Reception

Bucket Brigade Christmas Party

JANUARY 2023

Saturday 14

Honolulu, Lei Aloha Chapter Grand Visit

FEBRUARY 2023

Friday 10 – Saturday 11

Sunday 12

Saturday 18

Saturday 25

MARCH 2023

Wednesday 1

Saturday 4

Sunday 5

Wednesday 8

Friday 10

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Tuesday 14

Saturday 18

Saturday 25

APRIL 2023

Saturday 1

Monday 10

Saturday 15

Monday 17

Wednesday 19

Thursday 20 – Friday 21

Saturday 22

Monday 24

Saturday 29

Sunday 30

MAY 2023

Tuesday 2

Wednesday 3 – Friday 5

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Tuesday 16 – Thursday 18

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JUNE 2023

Friday 2

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Monday 5

Thursday 8

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Saturday 9 – Sunday 10

Monday 12

Friday 16 – Sunday 18

Tuesday 20

Friday 23

Saturday 24

Sunday 25

Friday 30 – Friday July 7

Pleasant Hill, State School

Pleasant Hill, Board of Grand Trustees

Clear Lake, Clear Lake Kite Flying Event

Addison IL, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa Exchange

Sigourney, Aspasia Chapter Stated Meeting Visit

Clinton, District 9 Business Meeting

Mt Pleasant, Masonic OES Brunch

Cedar Rapids, Cedar Chapter Stated Meeting Visit

Council Bluffs, Council Bluffs Chapter Stated Meeting Visit

Osceola, AGM Last First School

Des Moines, Heartland Chapter Stated Meeting Visit

Spencer, District #3 School

Festina, AGM Last School

Waterloo, District #4 School

Burlington, E.C. Blackmar Stated Meeting Visit

Pleasant Hill, District #5 School

LeClaire, Silver Creek Initiation

Altoona, Altoona Chapter Stated Meeting Visit

Wichita, KS, Kansas Grand Chapter

Albia, District #6 District

Des Moines, Grand Representatives Luncheon

Carroll, District #7 School

Monticello, Camp Courageous

Algona, Algona Chapter Stated Meeting Visit

St. Cloud MN, Minnesota Grand Chapter

Mason City, Unity Chapter Fun Day

Altoona, Rainbow Girls Fun Day

Kearney, NE, Nebraska Grand Chapter

Washington, District #8 School

Stevens Point, WI, Wisconsin Grand Chapter

Davenport, District #8 School

Knoxville, Board of Grand Trustees Meeting

Fulton, IL, Official Visit

Pleasant Hill, Board of Custodians and DI Meeting

Toledo, Holly/Tama/Bona Dea Cookout Fun Night

Marion, Marion Chapter Fun Day

Mt Ayr, Mt Ayr Chapter Stated Meeting Visit

Ankeny, Ankeny Chapter Fun Day

Boone, Masonic Golf Outing

South Sioux City, NE, Five State Exchange

Muscatine, Electa Chapter Stated Meeting Visit

Des Moines, Rainbow Grand Assembly

Colesburg, Minnehaha Stated Meeting Visit (morning)

Bellevue, Bellevue Chapter Initiation (Evening)

Altoona, OES Golf Outing, Terrace Hills

Polk City, Polk City Chapter Fun Afternoon

New Hampton, New Hampton Chapter Fun Afternoon

JULY 2023

Saturday 8

Saturday 15

Sunday 16

Saturday 22

Saturday 29

Sunday 30

AUGUST 2023

Tuesday 1

Saturday 5

Saturday 12

Friday 18

Saturday 19

Sunday 20

Friday 25

Saturday 26

Monday 28

SEPTEMBER 2023

Wednesday 6

Saturday 9

Thursday 14

Saturday 16

Saturday 23

Saturday 30

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 1 – Tuesday 3

Friday 6 – Sunday 8

Saturday 14

Thursday 18

Colorado, Trains, Trains and More Trip

Knoxville, Board of Grand Trustees Meeting

Pleasant Hill, Educational Board Meeting

Decorah, Barthell Home, Caryl Lawyer Reception

Indianola, Conferring of the Degrees

Sioux City, Conferring of the Degrees

Spencer, District #3 Fun Afternoon

Centerville, Centerville, Moravia Stated Meeting Visit

Monticello, Barn Dance at Camp Courageous

Adel, Linden Chapter OV and Sweet Corn Festival Parade

Winterset, Winterset Chapter Official Visit

Exira, Exodus Chapter Official Visit

Greenfield, Greenfield Chapter Official Visit

Bellevue, Bellevue Chapter Fun Evening

LeClaire, Silver Creek Chapter Official Visit

Newton, Newton Chapter Official Visit

Ollie, Ollie Chapter Official Visit

Knoxville, Board of Grand Trustees Meeting

Des Moines, Grand Lodge of Iowa Dinner

Marne, Liberty Chapter Official Visit

Cedar Rapids, Heroes Banquet

Davenport, Conferring of the Degrees

Springfield, IL, Illinois Grand Chapter

Lincoln, NE, Nebraska/Iowa Exchange

Pleasantville, Knoxville/Tri Star Eddyville Official Visit

Cedar Rapids, "HERO" Grand Chapter Session

MUSICAL SELECTION: *A Million Dreams*, Tammy Van Horsen-Post, Past Grand Organist**PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

Mary Reicks

Associate Grand Matron and District Instructor

Sister Vicki, you have shared your friendship with others this year as you traveled all over Iowa and beyond reminding our members to remember our heroes.

Today, it is my pleasure to present you with this love gift from your Bucket Brigade Grand Family, your District Instructors known as the Diamonds, the Grand Representatives, Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. This gift is presented as a small token of our admiration and love for you.

Joseph Campbell said, "A hero is someone who has given his or herself to something bigger than oneself." We want to congratulate you on a job well done!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary, it has been a pleasure to work with you as a District Instructor and then as we both have been working our way through the line. My wish is that every plan you have becomes a reality. We know that you will lead Iowa Eastern Star in the right direction next year.

I appreciate everyone that participated in this love gift. It is truly appreciated. Thank you.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

First, I want to thank the members of Iowa Grand Chapter for giving me the honor and privilege of serving our Order and for the support you have given us these last two years. It has been the most memorable time in my life. Everywhere we traveled, we were always greeted with friendship, hospitality and your generosity will not be forgotten. Nancy and I thoroughly enjoyed every visit and the new members we met, along with the special friends we have come to rely on for many years.

RECEPTIONS

The receptions began with a joint reception for Sister Vicki and me at the Cedar Rapids Marriott, on October 29, 2022, hosted by Knoxville and Davenport Chapters. Receptions for each of the appointive Grand Officers, along with our Associate Grand Patron and Associate Grand Conductress were held through November and the first week of December. They were all fun and as we requested, the attention was always centered on the honoree so the membership could get acquainted with our Grand Officers.

TO OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Vicki, I don't know if I have the words. To just say thank you for asking Nancy and me to join you on this journey seems so inadequate, but I will try. We started as the Fearless Four, but your companion and close friend, Sister Bev Smith passed away before we really had a chance to get started. We miss her and we wish she could have enjoyed the trip we were on. I know she has been watching and I'm sure she was smiling at everything we did.

I couldn't have asked for a better Worthy Grand Matron. At the very first, you said that everything was going to be 50/50, and you meant it. We are a team; we have been included in all your plans and the long talks in the hotel rooms always went well beyond your 9:30 bedtime. You said you wanted it to be fun and you made it fun. We have never had any contention, well, you might have rolled your eyes once in a while when I was talking, but that was often my goal and you knew it. Thank you for giving me the greatest honor I have ever received and especially for your friendship. We came into this as friends and we are going out with a much stronger bond that will last throughout our lifetimes. We love you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

TO NANCY, MY WIFE AND GRAND COMPANION

Sister Nancy, it is because of you that I am here today. When we met, I knew nothing about Masonry or Eastern Star, but when we married, I received a masterclass in both organizations. It wasn't long before we followed your family's traditions and we became active members. I still wasn't all that sure about what I had gotten myself into, but after following you through your appointments and the years in the Grand Secretary's office, I grew to appreciate the life I had entered into and it became our journey instead of just yours. It has been quite a trip and next to marrying you, the most positive growth I have ever experienced. Thank you for standing behind me when I told you I would like to say yes to Vicki. I love you and now you can get back to your retirement plans that you have had to put on hold because of me.

GRAND VISITATIONS

Thanks to all the chapters that hosted a Grand Visitation. They were all great and it was fun visiting with those we know and making new acquaintances with people we had not met before. With our "Community" theme, many of the chapters, in lieu of entertainment, had programs from local Heros and organizations working in the fields we were supporting. We spent time in their communities, planting flowers, serving a meal to our Heros, packing "Meals in a Jar" and even riding in a parade. We asked many chapters if we could come to their regular meeting so we could spend time with them on a casual basis. These low-key visits were fun and allowed us to spend time with the membership without fanfare. These were wonderful times that we will always look back on as great memories.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

Honorary memberships are a special honor a Chapter can bestow on a member because they require a unanimous vote of the chapter. I am honored to have received honorary memberships in many chapters over the years and especially these last two years.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

Acanthus Waveland Park Chapter, DM	Highland Chapter, Siam
Albia Chapter	Holly Chapter, Malcom
Algona Chapter	Indianola Chapter
Alta Chapter	Jessamine Chapter, Iowa City
Altoona Chapter	Lebanon Chapter, Harlan
Ankeny New Hope Chapter, Ankeny	Linden Chapter, Panora
Arthur Chapter	Marion Chapter
Aurora Chapter, Fort Dodge	Mt. Ayr Chapter
Becker Chapter, Waterloo	New Hampton Chapter
Bellevue Chapter	Newton Chapter
Brighten Chapter, Washington	North Gate Chapter, DM
Buena Vista Chapter, Sioux Rapids	Oak Chapter, Red Oak
Cedar Chapter, Cedar Rapids	Ophir Chapter, Osceola
Cedar Valley Chapter, Waterloo	Pleasant Chapter, Pleasantville
Centerville Chapter	Purity Chapter, Wilton
Coinette Chapter, Reinbeck	Sibley Chapter
Coral Chapter, Sanborn	Signet Chapter Carroll
Council Bluffs Chapter	Southgate Chapter, DM
Davenport Chapter	Stockport Chapter
Des Moines Chapter, Pleasant Hill	Toledo Chapter, Tama
E.C. Blackmar Chapter, Burlington	Trinity Chapter, Davenport
Exodus Chapter, Exira	Twin City Chapter, Douds
Goodwill Chapter, Norwalk	Valley Junction Chapter, WDM
Greenfield Chapter	Waterloo Chapter
Heartland Chapter, DM	Waverly Chapter
Heather Hill Chapter, Manly	

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS RECEIVED

Ankeny New Hope Chapter	Jessamine Chapter, Iowa City
Altoona Chapter	Loess Hills Chapter, Sioux City
Aspasia Chapter, Sigourney	Newton Chapter
Brighton Chapter, Washington	Ollie Chapter
Cedar Falls Chapter	Polk City Chapter
E.C. Blackmar Chapter	Unity Chapter
Highland Chapter, Siam	Wayland Chapter
Indianola Chapter	

HONORARY MEMBERS RECEIVED FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

It was my honor to represent Iowa Grand Chapter in other jurisdictions. The following are states I received Honorary Memberships as Associate Gand Patron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Wisconsin, Kansas and Minnesota

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It has been great to honor and fun to surprise deserving members with Grand Representative appointments. These are the members who will represent the Iowa Grand Chapter in other Grand Jurisdictions as our ambassadors throughout the country and across the globe. Thank you for your service to our Order.

CONFERRING OF THE DEGREES

This year it was our pleasure to confer the degrees in three chapters: Indianola Chapter, Loess Hills Chapter, Sioux City and Davenport Chapter. It was a pleasure to work with such a wonderful and proficient corps of officers. We thank these chapters for all the hard work and preparation that they put in by hosting the degrees and we welcome the new members. We also attended the Conferring of the Degrees in three states, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

TRAVEL TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

We represented Iowa at the following Grand Chapter Sessions: Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin and Illinois. In addition, we attended the 5-State Exchange in South Sioux City, and the Nebraska/Iowa Exchange in Lincoln.

DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS

Thank you to the District Instructors for all the hard work and dedication you devote to our Order. You are responsible for our reputation of a high level of proficiency. You had a huge challenge this year with the change to District Schools. You handled it beautifully. We are very proud of how you adapted to the new changes in format. I thoroughly enjoyed attending your schools and watching you do your work. A special thank you for all your hard work in helping to make our HEROS Grand Session run smoothly.

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS

To the Board of Custodians, you have also been up to your necks with the changes to the schools. It has been through your direction that we were able to make it work. Thank you for your work at State School and the Degrees. Your labors for the good of Eastern Star are greatly appreciated.

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Very few know of the difficulty of the decisions you are forced to make. I have been privileged to sit in on the Board for the last several years and I learned firsthand the work you do to keep Grand Chapter of Iowa as a viable organization. You are a dedicated group of members with the interests of Grand Chapter first in your mind. Thank you for what you do to keep our Order alive.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS

I wish to thank the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for their support throughout this year. No matter where we traveled throughout the state you were there to support us. Your support and encouragement were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your dedication to our Order.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

To our Board Members and Grand Chapter Committee Members, thank you for helping to make our year a success. You did the hard groundwork that completed our vision for this year. We truly appreciate all the work you have done during the year and we look forward to hearing your reports on the results.

BUCKET BRIGADE GRAND FAMILY

To the Bucket Brigade, thank you to the Appointive Officers for saying yes when we asked you to serve Iowa Grand Chapter as members of our Bucket Brigade. To the companions, you are always in the background, but we know that you are as important to the Grand Family as the Grand Officer you travel with. To the Elective Officers, thank you for being with us when you could, we know the preparation work you have to do for your upcoming years. To all of you, you have all bonded into a very close family and have a strong support system for each other. Vicki and I have really enjoyed the antics you come up with when we are together. You are a fun group and we never know what will happen next. You go far beyond what we ask of you and it has been an honor to serve in this Grand Family with you and I look forward to the times we will get together in the future.

HOSTESS CHAPTERS

To Knoxville Chapter, thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me. From the time Sister Vicki made the announcement that she had selected me as her Worthy Grand Patron through to this Grand Chapter, you have gone above and beyond in helping us and standing behind me. I also want to thank the members of Davenport Chapter for the support and encouragement you have given Sister Vicki throughout her many years as a District Instructor and through her term as Worthy Grand Matron. The love, support, and commitment of both chapters have been greatly appreciated.

MILLION DREAMS PROJECT

Our special project was the "Million Dreams Project" for our Heros, whether they are military, police, fire fighters, first responders or personal hero's that have made an impact on our lives. We hope we have been able to make a difference in people's lives and have helped to make a better world for them.

RAILROADING IN THE ROCKIES TRIP

In June, we embarked on a bus trip to Colorado, where, in addition to many sights, we rode three trains, the Silverton/Durango train, the Cumbres/Toltec train and the Royal Gorge train. Our travelers enjoyed the trains, along with sights, such as Mesa Verde, the Air Force Academy and the Garden of the Gods. It was a great trip and I think everyone had a wonderful time.

MASONIC AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

As I traveled the state, I asked you to fill the creel. Those contributions and donations presented to me went to the Youth Groups to help in their projects and activities. We also collected pop tabs which were cashed in with the proceeds used for the Youth. Through your generosity, we will be able to give checks to the youth groups this evening at our banquet. Thank you to all those of you who are currently working with or supporting one of our three Masonic Youth groups. We attended the Iowa Rainbow Grand Assembly and The Nebraska Rainbow Grand Assembly in South Sioux City. Also in June, I attended the reception in Council Bluffs for Sister Lisa Hauser for her appointment as Supreme Treasurer.

In March, the Bucket Brigade had the pleasure of enjoying brunch with the Most Worshipful Grand Master Ted Wiley and the Grand Lodge Officers. Many of our Grand Family joined the Grand Lodge Officers, to serve omelets at Camp Courageous in April. I attended the Joint Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter and Council Banquet at Honey Creek Resort in July and we attended the Grand Lodge banquet in Des Moines in September.

ESTARL

The Grand Officers sold the fancy nuts at the receptions and baked goods at the degrees. The monies from the ESTARL pin and other donations helped support the ESTARL grant program. We thank the membership for supporting this program which provides benefits far beyond our membership.

IN CONCLUSION

I want to thank my Pages, Brother Tom Rice and Brother David Gnat. They have been here to back me up this weekend and I appreciate how they were so enthusiastic when I asked them to be here with me. I wish to thank the Grand Chapter of Iowa for the generous gift of \$2,000.00. It was used for gas and postage for this year and no further expenses were reimbursed. This year I have traveled a total of 16400 miles. I am very grateful that you have given me this wonderful opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year serving Iowa Grand Chapter. I have made many friends and memories that will always be with me. This year has given me the opportunity to travel to many places, visit many of our chapters and spend time with many wonderful Sisters and Brothers.

MUSICAL SELECTION: *Time in a Bottle*, Antonio Collins, Grand Organist

WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S ITINERARY**October 2022**

October 29

WGM/WGP Joint Reception/Cedar Rapids

October 30

Grand Marshal Reception, Cedar Falls

November 2022

November 4

Grand Sentinel Reception, Cedar Rapids

November 5

Grand Warder Reception, Low Moor

Grand Adah Reception, Bellevue

November 11

Grand Electa Reception, Newton

November 12

Grand Organist Reception, Altoona

November 13

Associate Grand Patron Reception, Carroll

November 18

Grand Martha Reception, Spencer

November 19

Grand Chaplain Reception, Sioux City

November 20

Associate Grand Conductress Reception, Spencer

December 2022

December 1

New London Stated Meeting Grand Visit

December 2

Grand Ruth Reception, Council Bluffs

December 3

Grand Esther Reception, Council Bluffs

December 3

Bucket Brigade Christmas Party, Council Bluffs

February 2023

February 10-11

State School, Des Moines Chapter, Pleasant Hill

February 12

Board of Grand Trustees Meeting, Pleasant Hill

February 18

Clear Lake Kite Flying Event

February 25

Illinois/Wisconsin/ Iowa Exchange

March 2023

March 1

Aspasia Chapter Stated Meeting, Grand Visit, Sigourney

March 5

Masonic/OES Brunch, Washington

March 7

Grand Representative Appointment, Centerville

March 8

Cedar Chapter Stated Meeting Grand Visit, Cedar Rapids

March 10

Council Bluffs Chapter Stated Meeting, Grand Visit

March 11

Last First School, Sandy Meredith, Ophir Chapter, Osceola

March 14

Heartland Chapter Stated Meeting Grand Visit, Des Moines

March 18

District #3 School of Instruction, Evening Shade Chapter, Spencer

March 2

Mary Reicks, Associate Grand Matron, Last School

April 2023

April 1	District #4 School Of Instruction, Cedar Valley Chapter, Waterloo
April 3-9	Holy week
April 10	E.C. Blackmar Chapter Stated Meeting Grand Visit, Burlington
April 15	District #5 School of Instruction, Des Moines Chapter, Pleasant Hill
April 2-21	Kansas Grand Chapter
April 22	District #6 School of Instruction, Albia Chapter
April 29	District #7 School of Instruction, Signet Chapter, Carroll

May 2023

May 2	Algona Chapter Stated Meeting Grand Visit, Algona Chapter
May 3-5	Minnesota Gand Chapter
May 7	Rainbow Girls Meeting, Altoona Chapter
May 9-11	Nebraska Grand Chapter
May 13	District #8 School of Instruction, Brighton Washington Chapter, Washington
May 15-18	Wisconsin Grand Chapter
May 20	District #9 School of Instruction, Davenport Chapter
May 21	Board of Grand Trustees Meeting, Knoxville

June 2023

June 2	Reception for Lisa Hauser, Supreme Treasurer, Jobs Daughters. Council bluffs
June 3	Marion Chapter Fun Day
June 5	Mt Ayr Chapter Stated Meeting Grand Visit
June 8	Ankeny Chapter Stated Meeting, Grand Visit
June 9-11	5-State Exchange, South Sioux City, Nebraska
June 12	Electa Chapter Stated Meeting, Grand Visit, Muscatine
June 16-17	Rainbow Grand Assembly, Des Moines
June 17	Clinton Chapter, Camanche, Flag Disposal
June 20	Minnehaha Chapter Stated Meeting, Grand Visit, Colesburg
June 23	OES Golf Outing, Terrace Hills, Altoona
June 24	Polk City Fun Afternoon
June 25	New Hampton Fun Afternoon
June 30-July 7	Trains, Trains and More Trip to Colorado

July 2023

July 8	Grand Trustees Meeting, Knoxville
July 15	Educational Board Meeting, Pleasant Hill
July 22	Conferring of Degrees, Indianola Chapter
July 29	Conferring of Degrees, Loess Hills, Sioux City
July 30	District #3 Fun Afternoon

August 2023

August 1	Centerville Stated Meeting Grand Visit, Moravia
August 5	Barn Dance at Camp Courageous
August 8	Bedford Stated Meeting, Grand Visit
August 11	Grand Family at the Iowa State Fair
August 12	Adel Sweet Corn Festival, Linden Chapter, Panora
August 18	Winterset Fun Evening
August 19	Exodus Fun Evening, Exira
August 20	Greenfield Fun afternoon
August 25	Bellevue Fun Evening
August 26	Silver Creek Fun Afternoon, LeClaire
August 28	Newton Friendship Meeting

September 2023

September 6	Ollie Stated Meeting Grand Visit
September 9	Grand Trustees Meeting, Knoxville

September 16	Liberty Chapter Fun Afternoon, Marne
September 23	HERO Banquet
September 30	Conferring of Degrees, Davenport Chapter
<u>October 2023</u>	
October 1-3	Illinois Grand Chapter
October 6-7	Nebraska/Iowa Exchange
October 14	Tri-Star, Eddyville/Knoxville Fun Afternoon
October 19-22	"HERO" Grand Chapter Session

PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Joe Reed
Association Grand Patron

Larry, we appreciate your leadership this past year. We appreciate how you treated our veterans and what you have done for them and being a veteran myself and we have also appreciated your humor this year. Your humor is what really makes us happy and keeps us going.

And on behalf of the Grand Family, District Instructors and the whole room, I would like to present you with this love gift and I know you keep forgetting things throughout the year, so on behalf of the membership is a scrapbook of memories of the year. Enjoy it and thank you for the work you have done this year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Joe, in the last couple years, we have talked a lot about our respective responsibilities. I hope I was able to help you prepare for this next year, but you have to remember that I was trying to advise you on things as I was just learning myself. I know you will be great; you have the enthusiasm and the desire to do your best for our Order.

This book will furnish me with many evenings remembering this year and the things that made it a wonderful time in my life. Thank you to everyone who had a part in it and for this generous love gift.

PRESENTATION OF MARSHALS

7 Marshals presented

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the saying over and over again..."Once a Marshal, always a Marshal. Whether you are serving your Chapter or your Grand Chapter, Marshal's have so many duties. From making sure the Chapter Room is properly prepared for meetings, to working with the other officers for draping, to assisting with ceremonies, your duties are such a large part of our meeting. Thank you for serving your Chapter and this Grand Chapter.

"I'm not weird, I'm just a limited edition."

TRIBUTE TO MARSHALS

Greg Grover, Grand Marshal

A Marshal has many different meanings depending on the context. It can be defined as an office of the highest rank in one of the military forces, an administrative office with similar duties of a sheriff (think wild, wild west), the head of division of the police or fire department, or a person who arranges and directs ceremonies or parades. Eastern Star focuses on the latter definition.

Eastern Star would be lost without their Marshals. This includes all the Marshals, whether a Chapter Marshal, a Grand Marshal or a Worthy Grand Marshal. They are the arrangers and directors that make sure we are able to do our work and hold our meetings according to our standards. They are the ones that keep our chapter rooms set up with everything in its proper

place. They often lead us into and out of our chapter rooms. They drape the charters when we lose one of our own and they lead us to the altar and our stations during initiation.

Our Worthy Grand Matron is a Past Grand Marshal and is very proud to have been chosen for that role. There are many in this room who have been a Marshal at the Grand Chapter or local Chapter level. We thank them for their service and hard work that can include so many duties. Sometimes it might feel like herding cats when they are trying to gather a group for pictures or some other assembly. Sometimes they are the toters and carriers. They make sure we have our badges and collect them when we are done. Making sure everything is in its proper place applies both to our paraphernalia as well as to our members. Every Marshal has held a special place in their home chapters, and, also in Grand Chapter. It is a privilege to serve in that office.

It is very special to have our Worthy Grand Matron's special baton and baton holder sitting at the left of the Marshal's chair. It has traveled across the state and the baton has been held by many different hands. What a privilege to use these items that are near and dear to our Worthy Grand Matron's heart. The baton is one of our Worthy Grand Matron's honor symbols and past and present Marshals understand the honor it holds.

To be able to meet the many Marshals across the state and, also Marshals from other states has been a highlight of the year. To all the Marshals past and present and future, may you forever marshal with grace and strength.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Nancy J. Ramthun

Grand Secretary, Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, and Brothers, where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday that I began this journey and now I am completing my fifth year as your Grand Secretary, and I have enjoyed every minute of it. My days are filled with greeting our sisters and brothers though emails, phone calls and sometimes office visits.

The year began with the receptions for the Bucket Brigade Grand Family. Tim and I were able to attend all except one reception this year. To the BB's it has been a pleasure getting to know each one of you. You are to be commended for the fine way you represented your own chapters as well as Grand Chapter.

I was privileged to serve as Secretary for State School again this year. I commend the members of the Board of Custodians as they continue to make changes to the format in the best interest of Grand Chapter. The District Instructors did an excellent job and I am sure their chapters benefited greatly from their instruction and the caring way it is presented.

The decline of chapters continues. We had one chapter consolidate since our last session. Two more consolidations will be complete by the year's end. I wish I had the solution on how to stop this, but unfortunately, I don't. Our members need to continue to urge each other, get proactive in your chapters, share rides with those who are unable to drive at night, or in some cases the distance stops them from attending, hopefully this will keep them active.

Membership continues to be a major concern for our Order. We had a net loss of 287 members. There were 32 initiations, 18 reinstatements, and 18 affiliation/dual members. On the flip side, 255 deaths, 40 demits and 60 suspensions were reported. There were 1,934 Life Members claimed on last year's annual reports. The final total as of December 31, 2022, was 3,943. This number is made up of 2,118 paying members and 1,825 life members.

Being secretary for the Board of Grand Trustees continues to be one of my responsibilities. The Board Members continue to keep the welfare of our Grand Chapter foremost in their deliberations. The membership can rest assured that the decisions made by these dedicated individuals are done so in the spirit of what is best for our Order now and into the future.

I want to acknowledge the Chapter and individual members who have made very generous contributions to Grand Chapters general fund. Thirteen months later, members are still making contributions to the "Give A Dime" Project. Past Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl, who would have guessed when you ask our members back in September 2022, "Do you give a dime about Grand Chapter? Can you pledge a dime a day for one year?" To date this dime a day has blessed Grand Chapter with \$16,583.63. Thank you, Sister Cheryl, and to our Worthy Grand Matron Vicki for continuing to support this project in 2023.

The office would not run as smoothly as it does if it were not for my able assistant, Sister Nancy. She kiddingly calls me a slave driver (you are kidding right?) but the tasks she takes on, eases my workload allowing me time to get to get the daily work done and other responsibilities, that come with this position.

Tim and I want to express our appreciation to the chapters and members for understanding when once again vacation time took us camping at the Iowa State Fair. Anyone who really knows me, knows I love the Fair.

Time also allowed us to make a couple of extended weekend trips to Florida again this year. I have to have my beaches and very warm sunshine. It makes life good!

It has been a pleasure working with Brother Kent, our Grand Treasurer. We worked well together for the last three years and I wish you all the best! Know this does not mean that you, Cynde, Tim and I are done. There will still be times that we will meet in the office.

To the newly elected Grand Treasurer, whoever you may be. I look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, what an amazing year you have had and what a blessing you are to our Order. You have served our membership well and now deserve your time to sit on the beach and bask in the sunshine. Well, for Larry and Nancy it will be the snow, I will never understand your love for the cold and snow.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, the year ahead will be an exciting one for you as you watch the plans you have made unfold. I am only a phone call or email away. Best Wishes!

Sister Sandy and Brother Bill, my two Candlelighter Kids. I know you will make a great team and will have fun with your planning. If I can help, you know where to find me!

Sisters Janice and Lori, my Pathfinders Sisters. Who knew back in 2012 this is where you would be today. I know the road ahead will be a little uncertain at times but in the end, it will be worth the journey. Best wishes as you continue to plan.

Sisters Mary Hicks and Dorothy Manders each shared a special bond of being in a Grand Family together. I was so pleased when you said yes to serving as my pages. I thank you for what you have and will be doing for me during this session. You both are truly blessings in my life. To Sisters Irene Wachter and Janice Megel, I asked these two special friends to take care of the Leftover Sale Table again this year. Thank you for saying yes, and for always being ready to help me with whatever I need.

To my Chapter Secretaries, you are the best. I enjoy working with each of you and you make my job a breeze. Remember, I am just a phone call away if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for all you do for your individual chapters and for me personally.

To Brother John Hauser, thank you for following up on my requests to add, change or delete forms on our OES webpage. I appreciate you keeping the information and forms I send you updated.

Sister Kim Reason, my Candlelighter Kid. You have done a wonderful job of keeping our members in the know of what is happening in our OES World by posting invitations, announcements, and pictures of the Official Visits. We know you are not able to be everywhere, and I appreciate you sharing the year with those who are unable to attend or travel.

Sister Nancy Niday, it is going to be very quiet and a bit lonely in the Grand Chapter Office after Sunday. I thank you for having my back for the last 5 years, for having the answers to my questions and your reassurance that I do know what I am doing. But, mostly for your friendship. I know you told me you are only a phone call away. I will miss having you around for a good laugh when we both needed it. "Friendship isn't a big thing – it's a million other things."

Tim, thank you for always being here for me during the good days and the not so good ones. You keep me sane, strong, and are the love of my life. I promise, starting next week I will dig out old my Betty Crocker cookbook and learn to cook again...."I love you more and more."

And from our Monday morning inspiration that we enjoy on our OES Facebook page, I leave you with this minion quote.

"Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tip toe if you must but take the step."

2022 MEMBERSHIP

Chapter	Location	01/01/2022 Membership	Audit Adj.	Initiations	Reinstatements	Affiliations	Consolidated	Deaths	Demits	Suspensions	12/31/2022 Membership	1/01/2023 Life Members
1	Carroll	152						11	1	1	139	80
25	Council Bluffs	52						1			51	18
26	Missouri Valley	38						3			35	18
32	Muscatine	30									30	7
45	Oelwein	71						10	1	1	59	40
58	Mason City	88						6		2	80	36
59	Spirit Lake	63									63	35
65	Clinton	66						2		1	63	37
67	Marshalltown	74						8			66	46
68	Algona	105		2				6			101	60
73	Decorah	29							2		27	12
75	New Hampton	26						3			23	6
78	Cedar Falls	70						2	1	1	66	23
85	Knoxville	34			1			2		1	32	11
89	Des Moines	170		1				18		6	147	64
91	Greenfield	62						3			59	27
99	Eddyville	39						5			34	15
100	Newton	60			1			1	1	4	55	25
102	Sibley	21									21	11
116	Spencer	92						2			90	31
128	Waterloo	59		1	1			5	1		55	22
135	Iowa City	71			1			6		1	66	35
143	Guttenberg	20							1		19	7
178	Davenport	139			1			6	1		133	67
180	Winterset	43						2			41	16
183	Marion	65		1				4			62	30
184	Cedar	50		2				3		2	47	20
194	Golden Rule	82						3	9		70	30
198	Sigourney	49						3			46	21
214	Clarinda	34						2			32	18
228	Bedford	63			4			3		2	62	36
230	Mame	40			1						41	6
239	Centerville	60		1	2			8	3	2	50	31
240	Albia	21				1		2	1		19	5
265	Laurens	101						3	1	2	95	57
267	Osceola	40		2		2		3			41	21
273	Reinbeck	48						4			44	23
284	Altoona	55			1			2	1	2	51	24
302	LeClaire	48		1				2	1	1	45	11
305	Des Moines	114						6	1	2	105	63
306	Burlington	102		5	1			9		1	98	36
313	Exira	55		1				1	2		53	25
328	Carson	20				6		4	1		21	8
335	Adel	64				2		6	1		59	28
338	Indianola	89						8	1	4	76	35
344	Colesburg	31									31	14
353	Waverly	50		1		1			1	1	49	13
356	Mount Ayr	74						5	2		67	30
359	Bellevue	63						4	1		58	25
361	Polk City	114		4		2		7	1	4	108	49
375	Traer	48						6			42	27
380	Tama	38						1		1	36	19
415	Cedar Rapids	54		5	1			6	2	1	51	24
440	New London	38						1			37	8
441	Council Bluffs	59		1		1		3			58	17
472	Lamont	13		1				1			13	4
477	Malcom	32						1	1		30	13
482	Linden	69						6		3	60	26
486	Brighton	73						7			66	38
494	Wayland	25		2	1			1			27	7
502	Sioux City	167			1			8	1	9	150	75
513	Ankeny	42						1			41	12
523	Siam	22									22	7

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TOWN	HANDICAP ACC	CHAPTER NAME	NO.	TIME OF MEETING	LOCATION OF MEETING PLACE
Adel	Yes*	Lady Washington/Rhinehart	335	3rd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	411 South 12th St
Albia	Yes**	Albia	240	1st Thursday (7:00 p.m.)	15 ½ S Clinton
Algona	Yes*	Algona	68	1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	1413 N. McCoy St
Altoona	Yes**	Altoona	284	(November – 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.)	707 8th St SE
Ankeny	Yes***	Ankeny New Hope	513	3rd Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)	206 SW Walnut Street
				2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.)	(First UMC)
Atlantic	Yes***	Golden Rule	194	1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	1010 SW 7th Street
Bedford	No	Bedford	228	2nd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	617 Court Ave
Bellevue	Yes*	Bellevue	359	1st Tuesday after	206 N Riverview
				1st Monday (7:00 p.m.)	
Burlington	Yes***	E.C. Blackmar	306	2nd Monday (7:00 p.m.)	401 N 5th St
Camanche	Yes*	Clinton	65	2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.)	220 9th Ave, Camanche
Carroll	Yes*	Signet	1	1st Monday (7:30 p.m.)	2002 N Hwy 71
Carson	No	Amber Star	328	2nd Monday (7:30 p.m.)	27046 Highway 6
Cedar Falls	Yes***	Cedar Falls	78	1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	212 ½ Main St
Cedar Rapids	No	Cedar	184	2nd Tuesday (1:00 p.m.)	216 6th St NE
Cedar Rapids	No	Malta	415	1st Saturday (10:00 a.m.)	610 6th St NE
Centerville	Yes** ***	Centerville	239	1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	105 E. Charlton, Moravia
Clarinda	No	Clarinda	214	3rd Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)	117 ½ North 15th St
Colesburg	Yes*	Minnehaha	344	3rd Tuesday (10:00 a.m.)	508 Church St
Council Bluffs	Yes***	Harmony	25	3rd Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	130 South 6th St.
Council Bluffs	Yes***	Council Bluffs	441	2nd Friday (7:30 p.m.)	130 South 6th St.
Davenport	Yes*	Davenport	178	2nd Monday (7:00 p.m.)	511 Veterans
				(December 6:00 P.M.)	Memorial Parkway

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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	99	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
Independence	Yes*	Lamont	472	1st Thursday (6:30 p.m.)	213 1st Street E
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	85	2nd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	714 Willets Dr.
Lamont	SEE INDEPENDENCE				
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	67	Jan—Feb 2nd Saturday (1:00 p.m.)	
				Mar—Dec 1st Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)	
Mason City	Yes***	Unity	58	1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	26 South 1st Ave
Missouri Valley	Yes**	Valley	26	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.)	304 St SE
				Except, Sept - 3rd Monday	310 E. Erie
Mount Ayr	Yes**	Mount Ayr	356	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.)	121 ½ S. Fillmore
				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 (United Methodist)
New London	Yes**	New London	440	1st Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	128 West Main
Newton	Yes***	Newton	100	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.) except Sept-- last Mon in August	208 1st Ave W
Oelwein	Yes**	Oelwein	45	3rd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) Except Dec -- Feb -- (1:30 p.m.)	113 N Frederick
Ollie	Yes*	Ollie	549	1st Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)	207 Main St.
Osceola	Yes**	Ophir	267	1st Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)	100 S. Park
Ottumwa	Yes*	Rose	552	3rd Thursday (1:00 p.m.)	611 E. Pennsylvania Ave.
Panora	Yes*	Linden	482	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.)	110 E. Market St.
Pleasant Hill	Yes*	Des Moines	89	1st Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)	5201 Maple Dr
Polk City	No	Polk City	361	1st Monday (7:00 p.m.) Except Sept -- Tuesday after Labor Day	106 N 3rd St
Reinbeck	Yes**	Coinette	273	2nd Saturday (9:30 a.m.)	118 Broad St
Siam	No	Highland	523	3rd Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)	Main St.
Sibley	Yes*	Sibley	102	1st Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) May -- July meets at 7:30 p.m.	704 4th Ave
Sigourney	Yes*	Aspasia	198	1st Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)	207 S Jefferson
Sioux City	Yes**	Loess Hills	502	2nd Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	4110 Morningside Ave.
Sioux City	No	Silver-Azure	548	3rd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	662 Fredette St
Spencer	Yes***	Evening Shade	116	2nd Tuesday (7:00 p.m.)	103 East 4th St.
Spirit Lake	Yes*	Twilight	59	1st Tuesday (7:30 p.m.)	3740 Aurora Ave
Stockport	No	Stockport	544	1st Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	120 S. Main

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Tama	Yes*	Toledo	380	2nd Thursday (7:00 p.m.)	1105 E. 5th St.
Traer	Yes*	Bona Dea	375	1st Saturday (10:00 a.m.)	614 2nd St.
Washington	No	Brighton	486	2nd Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	108 1/2 N. Marion
Waterloo	Yes**	Cedar Valley	128	1st Wednesday (7:00 p.m.) 1 st Tuesday during Lent	607 Bishop Ave
Waverly	No	Waverly	353	1st Thursday (7:30 p.m.)	203 3rd St SE
Wayland	Yes*	Wayland	494	1st Wednesday (7:30 p.m.)	218 West Main St.
Winterset	Yes**	Winterset	180	1st Thursday (7:00 p.m.)	109 ½ N 1st Street
Handicap Accessibility					
*Ground Floor	**Chairlift	***Elevator	****Ramp		

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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Kent Strawn, Grand Treasurer
Past Grand Chaplain

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to thank you for all you have done this past year. I know there have been many challenges and changes in your year and you both have stepped up and taken them on and the Grand Chapter of Iowa is in a better place because of your efforts, it is my pleasure to present this my final report as your Grand Treasurer.

Members and Guests, thank you all for being here today to hear about the Great things that have gone on during the year of 2023 and how we are changing to meet the challenges of the years to come. As I have told you in the past your Grand Chapter is financially challenged, we are not meeting even our monthly expenses under the current dues structure and if you do not approve the recommendation to increase dues we will continue to be financially challenged and your board of trustees will be looking at some tough decisions for the operation of the Grand Chapter.

I will tell you we have some very special folks with us that have made sure we continue to operate by sharing with us their dollars which are far above their dues, please trust I know who you are and appreciate your dedication and sharing - I will not point these folks out individually because they are not doing it for the recognition they are doing it because they want to see our Grand Chapter be here in the future, Thank You! Many, yes, many of you have given to the I give a dime project that was started with just one little idea instituted by Past Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Payne. It appears we will run about \$20,000.00 under our projected loss which was approved in last year's budget at our general session because of those donations. Which means We should be about \$14,000.00 in the red for the year depending on how our investments continue to perform, if they stay on track we may not even go that far in the red. This would not have been possible without the special contributions by our members and the fund-raising efforts by Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons for our Grand Chapter. We told you of our challenges and you all stepped up! Will these continue in the future? Who knows? Our membership continues to go down in numbers and our chapters continue to consolidate and disappear. It was not an easy decision for your board of trustees to make the recommendation to increase dues but they have squeezed the bottom line as far as they can and therefore, please give due consideration to increasing the dues rate as recommended.

This was our first calendar year for financial operations as opposed to a fiscal year. I think the work is almost done and next year your trustees will be able to work with complete comparative financials that will give them the trends and projections they need to make the tough decisions.

We have included a year end income Statement and Balance Sheet in your packet. This was requested by the board so we can share with you where we are and where we will head as we move forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your trustees, Nancy Ramthun or myself and we will try to get those questions answered for you.

At the May Trustees meeting there was a true concern raised considering the Grand Treasurers' open position and some members hesitating to run because of the accounting requirements I have talked about in the past. The Board of Trustees will be naming one among them to work with The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to assure our financials are in order and will assist the board of trustees in the financial performance analysis of the Grand Chapter.

This addressed some of my concerns, making sure we have someone with accounting knowledge to assist in making sure there is a line of continuity going forward in our accounting procedures. The Grand Treasurer will continue to maintain the student loan portfolio, working with the Education Committee and our Grand Secretary. They just added another set of hands to make sure the job gets done properly. Once this is fully implemented the Grand Secretary, Trustees Financial person, and the Grand Treasurer will work as a team to take care of the stuff I have worked on during my term as Grand Treasurer. Nancy cannot do it alone, there are just too many areas of the operation she is responsible for and accounting is just a minor part. She needs someone to be her right-hand person or second set of eyes to make sure our books are in order.

As I announced last year, this was last year as your Grand Treasurer. The time commitment, the traveling and the challenges with my health have taken their toll. I cannot continue as your Grand Treasurer for all these reasons and several more. I have enjoyed my time in the position and working with Nancy to make many changes. The work has been challenging at times, but I can say for the most part, it has been very rewarding and memorable.

Nancy Ramthun, needless to say, I have not made your life easy over the past few years. Truth be known I gave you a dart board with my picture on it the first year I was Grand Treasurer, I am having to leave because there is no picture left evidently all the darts hit the mark. The challenges were many and most of the time you hunkered down and got 'er done without question. This year I have seen some big changes in the way you do things, you now catch my errors and answer my questions. You played a key role in moving our accounting from cash flow to actual General Accounting as defined by GAAP. you talk to me in General Ledger terms instead of increase and decrease it is debit and credit! You have created reports and I hope will be creating more reports as you move forward to present them to the board of trustees. You worked to create checks and balances, so our new processes did not leave questions as to the accuracy of your work. I think you have performed above and beyond! I want everyone to know you played a key role in reducing expenses and I am convinced you will continue that process in the many years to come.

Your dedication to the Grand Chapter is above and beyond. During our conversations about making the accounting changes, I stated you would be a hero if we got this done and Nancy, I am proud to say you are my hero. The changes we have made will serve our Grand Chapter well in the future.

And Tim, I also want to thank you for your support, hard work and all the other things that you do, believe me they do not go unnoticed by myself or many of our other members. I know you have been a great deal of help to Nancy in staying on track and staying calm. Nancy, you and Tim are both to be commended for your dedication to this order and I personally want to thank you both for everything and for everything you have done and your friendship.

Would you all please join me in thanking these two individuals for all they do for our Grand Chapter.

Nancy Niday, thank you for all you have done! I know it was not easy seeing the changes we were making but I think and hope you understand why we needed to do them to help the board of trustees engage in their responsibility of financial management of the Grand Chapter. Your years were many, your dedication was elite, and we all appreciate all you have done. you are a special person and will be missed! Ladies and Gentlemen please join me in Thanking Nancy Niday for all she has done over the past many years!

I want to thank you all for your patience and support! Especially the board of trustees, I know I jumped in sometimes more than I should have but JoAnn Bergeson you told me to feel free to speak up whenever I felt I needed to, so all the rest of the trustees that I have worked with, you can blame her. I have enjoyed you all and look forward to seeing who will be elected to take that next step as your Grand Treasurer.

I want to thank my wife Cyndie of many years for her support and patience; the good part is I still remember your name. I will tell you all it has not been easy for Cyndie because of my health challenges but as you probably noticed she was always there, she always made sure I was where I was supposed to be, she helped me up the stairs, she also tried to make sure I did not fall down them, from time to time she would let the right people know when I had had enough and needed to take a break and all the time she worried and worried what was to come next or how I was doing when she was not with me. God gave me a present when he shared you with me and I have no doubt that was a part of his plan to help me succeed! I Thank God for that and I thank you Cyndie for all you have done! I love you!

Finally, I hope you appreciate all we have done and where we have gone, the road has been long but I think the rewards have been many. Friendships have been built and will continue. Changes have been made and more will be made as the years progress, as long as we keep our minds open, the way will be clear. Thank you and God Bless you all!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Kent, thank you for your report. Our membership should know that with your help, Grand Chapter funds have been assessed, moved, budgets looked at in a totally different manner than previous years and our outlook is better with your leadership. We hope that after this Session is over, you will rest up, do some family travel and then be ready to answer any calls that we might have. We appreciate your knowledge and your willingness to share it.

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Kent, you have worked many long hours in the last few years and have successfully changed the way we manage the Grand Chapter's funds. Because of your diligence, we have a much better handle on where we are financially and what we need to do to keep Grand Chapter as a viable institution. Your labors have given us more hope for the future of our great Order.

I know you are giving up your position this year, but we will be happy to have you continue in a different capacity, protecting our financial future. Thank you for your years of service.

"A clear conscience is the sure sign of a bad memory."

**PRESENTATION OF THE
2008 CRYSTAL ANNIVERSARY GRAND FAMILY**

Mary Jane Young
Past Grand Matron

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary Jane, we welcome you and your Grand Family to our HERO Session to celebrate your Crystal anniversary of your Grand Chapter Session. We are thrilled to be a part of this celebration.

"Your limitation- it's only your imagination."

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Mary Jane, congratulations to you and your Grand Family for this landmark anniversary. Thank you for letting us join in with your celebration, We have many fond memories of you and John in your year in the East.

“You meet people who forget you. You forget the people you meet. But sometimes you meet those people you can’t forget. Those are your friends.”

TRIBUTE TO CRYSTAL ANNIVERSARY GRAND FAMILY

Chris Brown
District Instructor and Past Grand Ruth

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” These are the words I remember in 2008 when the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary Jane Young and The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Baker traveled our state and beyond. They were accompanied by the Kaleidoscope Grand Family that followed wherever they went. They partnered with the University of Iowa and promoted the Osteoarthritis Project. They raised money through their district projects, golf outings and “Smiley Face” pins CD sales and the “Barnyard Blast.”

The Theme of the year was Praise and Thanksgiving, a Daily guide was the Bible with daily instructions before leaving the earth. The Aim was to praise the Lord with service to others. The symbols were the Kaleidoscope, Horn of Plenty, Pinwheel, Smiley Face and Fish.

They traveled to many other Grand Jurisdictions, The Iowa/Nebraska Exchange in Council Bluffs, the Five-State Exchange and the Quad State Exchange.

The trip was a trip to the state of Alaska, it was a wonderful Alaskan cruise.

The “Rejoice” Session was at the Downtown Marriot in October. What a fitting end to a great year as your accomplishments were celebrated.

I would like to end with these words from Mary Jane, “Rejoice in the Lord always, again, I say rejoice.”

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CRYSTAL FAMILY REMARKS

Mary Jane Young Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, and Brothers. In 1992 Sister Dorothy Masters started honoring our silver anniversary family. As I watched these anniversary families be presented it was sad to see that many of the families had lost members. So, in 2008 I celebrated the crystal family and I'm pleased to say the tradition has continued. At the time 15 years seemed a long way off and yet here it has arrived. There have been many changes in our Grand Family and in Iowa OES. At Grand Chapter 2008 we had 126 chapters and 12,400 members. Currently, we have 68 chapters, little more than half and less than 4,000 members.

Our family is called the Kaleidoscopes. It is a family of many different talents, looks, dreams and abilities. Thank you, Sister Chris Brown, for the special tribute. You brought back many memories.

Even with historic Iowa floods that year and very high gas prices that peaked at \$4.11 a gallon the Kaleidoscopes keep going. Our special project was S.M.A.R.T., which stands for Support Movement Arthritis Research Targeted working with the University of Iowa. The funds that year were used to obtain a million dollar grant to continue the work on osteoarthritis research. Our youth project, Change for Charity raised 610 pounds of quarters, nickels, dimes, and pennies. This was also the year the Pave a Memory brick project was started by Worthy Grand Patron John Baker. He insisted it would be a success and I was very skeptical. Well, he won that debate. We attended services for three Past Grand Matrons and one Past Grand Patron lost to death that year. These were the people we followed and who showed us the way.

One of the highlights of the year was the Good Works Reception held at the University of Iowa. Including the 2008 contribution Iowa Eastern Star had given over \$700,000 to the University at that time. A quote taken from the Good Works Reception committee report; "On that afternoon in April, we learned that our many bake sales, dinners, coin collections, and other fundraising efforts have not been in vain. Our beautiful Order is having a positive impact in improving the lives of thousands of people." And I would add we continue to do so. So, congratulations to all of you for making that happen.

Our family has lost four Grand Officers and six Grand Companions to death. We remember fondly. John Baker, Worthy Grand Patron; Joanne Scroggie, Associate Grand Conductress; Darlene Larsen, Grand Electa; and Ron Paulsen, Grand Sentinel. COMPANIONS, Margaret Batschelet, Dorothy Hinders, Earlene Walton, Bill Owen, Francis Prueitt, and Verna Paulsen.

Here to represent the Kaleidoscopes today are, Paula Larsen, Associate Grand Matron and Companion Barbara Hall; Wayne McGinnis, Associate Grand Patron and Ruth; Nancy Niday Grand Secretary and Larry; Janelle Hammarstedt, Grand Treasurer; Donna Walther, Grand Chaplain; Melanie Raulerson, Grand Marshal; Vivian Pitlo, Grand Organist and Companion Shirley Jackson; Kelly Walker, Grand Adah; Linda Overturf, Grand Esther and Bob; Marilyn Whitmore Grand Martha and My companion, Charlie

Rilla Baker is in the Stewart Community Care facility. She has lost most of her sight and is wheelchair bound. Dorothy Parrish is in the Clearview Home in Mt Ayr. She celebrated her 99th birthday in September and is known to our Grand Family as Aunt Dorothy.

Unable to be with us are, Phyllis Moore, Grand Conductress and Alan; Iris Owen Grand Ruth; Kenneth Byers, Grand Warder and Marvel; Gary Scroggie and Tom Raulerson.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Vicki and Iowa Grand Chapter, for honoring us today. Eastern Star is loved by us all and has left a lasting impression on our lives. I'll close with Brother John's favorite Irish blessing.

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the winds be always at your back,
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
And may the rain fall soft upon your field
And until we meet again,
May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hands.

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, REJOICE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CUSTODIANS

Jean Koss
ESTARL Committee of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron

Good Morning! I am Jean Koss President of the Board of Custodians and next to me is Sister Polly Miller, Secretary of the Board of Custodians. Our third member, Sister Cheryl Payne, is unable to be here at Grand Chapter this year and we miss her!

The Board of Custodians worked closely with Sister Vicki to execute our State School and to tackle the first year of District Schools.

The Board met several times to prepare for State School. For our out-of-state guests, our State School is where our District Instructors are instructed in the proper way to conduct our schools and work with our chapters. State School is a challenge – trying to cover everything in one day is not easy. The District Instructors take notes and they have no clue what their State School assignments will be. They find out as we move from item of business to item of business and announce assignments. On Sunday we then have a written test for the District Instructors and go over any work we might have missed.

We learned a lot at the District Schools. The good thing was – our sidelines were full at every school. I am only guessing we had anywhere from 80-100 at each school. The bad thing – the schools were too long. This was our first year – we took notes and met with the District Instructors and Vicki in May to discuss and hear suggestions. We met again in August to brainstorm more. It will get better; it is a work in progress. I know that Sister Mary and Polly are working on plans for State School in 2024 and will definitely be looking at ways to improve the District School experience.

At least one of us was at each Conferring of the Degrees. We arrived early for practice and then sat back and relaxed while the Bucket Brigade did their work. Each Degrees was beautiful.

To the Diamonds (our District Instructors), you shined bright all year long! We are so proud of you. You were the "Skippers" of your schools and you tickled us Pink, Ladies! I didn't even have to call out any of my Flying Monkeys to rein you in. We want to say that the District Instructors are some of the hardest working ladies we know. They are so devoted to their Star work. In Iowa, they must memorize the ritual – from balloting, opening, closing and initiation (including the long optional). Memorize the uniform wording sheet. Memorize the Secret Work. In Iowa we do not allow open rituals in our chapter meetings. So, if a District Instructor attends a meeting, she may be called upon at any time to be a prompter if needed. We have tons of respect for these ladies.

I believe this Board worked together very well. As President of the Board, this is my last year to work directly with the Instructors. I will miss it but I know they are in very good hands with Polly, Cheryl and Vicki. On a last note, thank you Polly and Cheryl for your hard work. I could not have done this without you. Sister Cheryl, I know you would rather be here at Grand Chapter but for now, you need to get well and be back stronger than ever next year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jean, thank you for your report. This has been a year of change, and with the assistance of the Board, we made it through the District Schools. We have listened to the District Instructors with suggestions for moving forward. Sister Jean, I would like to thank you for being my surrogate mom since my OES mom was Sister Karen. There are so many questions that arise during the year, and I didn't always know where to find the answer, and there are times you just need to have another set of ears to help with your decisions. I appreciate your willingness to point me in the right direction. True friends are hard to find. To Sisters Polly and Cheryl, I am excited to become a member of the Board and to continue to work with you both. Thank you for all you do for our Order.

TRIBUTE TO WORTHY PATRONS

Sheila Kiehne
District Instructor, Past Grand Organist
18 Presented

Who are our Worthy Patrons? He's the one who is always there as we have our meetings. He's the one that can also preside when requested to do so. He's the one who presides at our initiations and is the key to making a good impression on our newest sisters and brothers. He is the one who shares his thoughts and jokes (sometime pretty corny). And best of all he reminds us of the refreshments after our meeting.

I love a hug from my Worthy Patron. We can't do without our Worthy Patron and we appreciate him always.

TRIBUTE TO CHAPLAINS

Nancy Niday
Grand Secretary Emeritus, Past Grand Chaplain
10 Presented

On behalf of our Grand Chaplain, I offer the following Tribute:

Sisters and Brothers, we all have a common bond when we are installed as a Chaplain on any level. Being that "We recognize our dependence on the source of all Wisdom and Strength and often invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon our work."

Not only in our Eastern Star life, but in each of our daily lives, we are called upon to ask our Heavenly Father for help, but also to be an unsung HERO in the lives of family, friends and strangers as we lift up their health concerns, sorrows, travel mercies and gratitude for the many blessings that have been present in their lives.

Today, we say "Thank you" for always being our HERO when you are asked to lift us up to our HERO on high, in prayer.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you so much, Sister Nancy, a lovely inspirational tribute.

REPORT OF THE STATE PROJECT CHAIRMAN

Mary Jo Fitzgerald, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers; With the help of nine District Project Chairmen, we marched across the State promoting the State Project by selling Hero pins, Sheet Music and CD's. We sold Daisy pins for Youth, two Flag pins and notecards for ESTARL and Fly pins and the VIP books for Grand Chapter.

As of September 30, 2023, we have collected a total of \$8,550.00 so far for the projects. Thank you for supporting the special projects this year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary Jo, thank you for accepting this challenging appointment, although you really didn't have a choice! I appreciate your diligence in making sure all the project pins, sheet music, notecards and CD's were available for each of the project chairpersons. And then tracking the sales and replenishing when needed.

"I'm not arguing, I'm just explaining why I'm right."

PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT PROJECT CHAIRMEN

District 1...Luke Reicks
 District 2...Terri Murphy
 District 3...Becky Woolery
 District 4...Jody Connor
 District 5...Janice Wauson

District 6...Debbie Anderson
 District 7...Carol Schmidt
 District 8...Jessica Beatty
 District 9...Lisa Swanson

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you to all the District Project Chairmen, you are the people that work at the events to raise the funds for the projects. You pack and unpack, set up your wares and stay at your table when everyone else is having their snacks. Then you pack up and carry your stuff out, when all the others are heading home. Without you, our projects wouldn't be nearly as successful as they are now. You generate a large portion of the funds we rely on to give to our projects. Again, a big thank you to each and every one of you.

"Why is it important to find something to do with your free time? Because if you don't, someone else will."

TRIBUTE TO ESTHERS

Heather Wogomon
 Grand Electa

Esther was a Jewish damsel who rose from humble beginnings and was chosen for her undeniable beauty to succeed Queen Vashti as the Queen of Persia. As she sat by the King's side, her past history was hidden from him. As time went on, the King, being guided by his advisor was manipulated into issuing a cruel edict that all of the Hebrew race should be slain. Queen Esther, finding out about this could not let it go unchallenged and through her dedication to her people and her determination to do what was just and right, she convinced the King to stop his evil actions, risking her crown and life in the process.

This story shows how one person with just cause on their side can conquer an insurmountable task. In our own lives we each have many tasks both large and small, the lessons of Esther show us that if we follow her example, we are able to overcome them.

The third point of the Star embodies the inherent characteristics of integrity, bravery and loyalty. The lily represents the color white, it is a symbol of purity and indicates to us that we should be motivated by pure and exalted principles. The crown and scepter united together is an emblem that implicates royalty and power.

My sisters, because of your loyalty to our beautiful Order, you have been selected by your chapters to represent the white ray of our central Star. Thank you for bringing the message of Esther to our new members reminding them to be loyal to kindred and friends, to our country and to our God.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I chose to honor the station of Esther to honor Sister Beverly Smith who served as Grand Esther for Sister Elsie Miller and Brother Alvis Shaw. Sister Esther was loyal to her family and her friends, which Sister Beverly emulated in her daily life. We thank you for your loyalty to our Order.

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

CLOSING PROCLAMATION: Greg Grover, Grand Marshal

CLOSING MARCH: Grand Officers



OCTOBER 21, 2023
Saturday Afternoon - 12:15 P.M.



PRELUDE: Pamela Crawford, Past Grand Organist

OPENING WELCOME

Ellen Knupp, Grand Representative of Michigan, PGM

Charlie Young, PGP

ELLEN KNUPP: Good Afternoon! Welcome to our Saturday Afternoon Session.

This is probably the most important session in all of Grand Chapter. The others are fun or ceremonial, but this business session is important to our existence. The decisions made today will affect what happens to us in the future. So, listen carefully and vote wisely, and as I recently heard in Michigan, no afternoon naps!

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, thank you for asking us, your Country Kids family and for including our Love Bug Sis Pam, to open this afternoon's session. I leave you with this thought: Life is like a book. Some chapters are sad, some are happy, some are exciting, but if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter has in store for you.

CHARLIE YOUNG: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, welcome to the Saturday afternoon business session.

This is an important time as we make decisions on legislation and elect the leadership for next year.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, congratulations. You and your Bucket Brigade Grand Family have accomplished a lot this year, making us aware of all our heroes. And I'm sure you have made many new friends along the way.

On a personal note, Larry, a very special thank you for engraving my name on my Past Grand Patron's pin. You have served our Grand Chapter for many years, and I know our membership thanks you.

Thank you, Sister Vicki for asking me to be a part of your Hero Session with Sister Ellen, my own Worthy Grand Matron. Take time to enjoy the rest of the session.

"May the apple of your eye see only good and may God keep smooth the path before you."

INVOCATION

Andy Anderson

Past Grand Sentinel

Heavenly Father, we gather here this afternoon to continue the business of this Grand Chapter. Let us be mindful of the actions that must be completed before the end of the Session.

We ask that you open the hearts and minds of all the members here present. Let them vote with a clear and honest mind so that all the business will be completed.

Please watch over those who will be elected this afternoon. Guide them as they prepare to lead us in the future. Please keep us safe as we travel to our respective homes. All of the we ask in your Holy Name. Amen.

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

OPENING PROCLAMATION: Greg Grover, Grand Marshal

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Welcome Sisters and Brothers. I thank you for your attendance at this important business session. This afternoon will be electing our new leaders for the upcoming year and voting on proposed legislation.

Sister Ellen and Brother Charlie, I thank you for opening this afternoon session. It was a pleasure to be included in your Country Kids Grand Family as Sister Bev's companion. Sister Ellen, thank you for reminding me how much I love to read. I have a goal, albeit small, to read at least 5 minutes per day. Books allow you to escape the daily grind.

Brother Charlie, you are always so pleasant and kind. Thank you for being such a great friend and I look forward to many more hugs in the coming years.

Brother Andy, with this session's business, your kind and humble words should remind us of our responsibilities to this great Order. Thank you for your beautiful prayer.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, welcome to our Saturday afternoon business session. This is when we do the business of Grand Chapter that affects the future of our Order. We will discuss and vote on the legislation that will shape the way we move forward in an ever-changing world and we will elect the leaders that will take us there.

Sister Ellen and Brother Charlie, thank you for opening this session. It was nice to see you standing in the East again. I had the pleasure of being a Companion during your year and I have many fond memories of our travels.

Brother Andy, thank you for your words of encouragement in your prayer. It helps start this session on a positive note.

Sister Pamela, thank you for your beautiful music in the prelude. It gives a nice touch to the start of this session.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Sharon Spaur, Chairman

The 2023 registration report is as follows:

Total number of Pre-registrations (Iowa Members)	@ \$15	269
Total number of Pre-registrations (Iowa Members)	@ \$20	5
Total number of Registration cards sold at the session.	@ \$20	20

TOTAL NUMBER OF IOWA REGISTRATIONS

295

Total number of Pre-registrations (Out of State Guests)		
Total number of Pre-registrations (Out of State Guests)	@\$15	102
Total number of Out of State Registrations sold at the	@\$20	4
session.	@\$20	2

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OUT OF STATE REGISTRATIONS**108****GRAND TOTAL OF ALL REGISTRATIONS****493****REPORT OF THE GC COURTESY COMMITTEE**

Vicki Butler, Past Grand Adah

It has been an honor to serve on this committee on behalf of my own Pathfinder Mom, Sister Karen Hyde, Past Grand Matron of Iowa and to work with my Whispering Winds Mom, Sister Cynde Lemley, Co-Chairman, Courtesy Committee and Past Grand Matron of Iowa. Those assisting were the Pathfinder Grand Family, the Whispering Winds Grand Family and several others who were so kind to help as needed. Our Courtesy Room was Red, White, and Blue to honor our Heros.

We greeted 105 out of state guests. We had three who had pre-registered but were unable to attend.

We were happy to greet the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and many General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, and other special appointments. It was our pleasure to welcome many visiting Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, District Instructors, and many companions and escorts.

We thank you for the honor of being on the committee. It was a pleasure to greet everyone.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Vicki, for your report. I appreciate you accepting this appointment and thank you for all you have done for our out-of-state guests.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - 1:00pm

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we are about to begin the election of Grand Officers and Board Members for the ensuing Grand Chapter year. We will also be voting on legislation. It is of utmost importance that you remain seated and that no one enters or leaves the Grand Chapter Room until all voting has ceased. Please remember to vote for the good of the Order and in the best interests of this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, Sister JoAnn Bergeson, Chairman of the Tellers, will give you instructions on balloting for the election this afternoon. Please give close attention to the instructions so that all votes will count and the election will run smoothly.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

JoAnn Bergeson, Chairman of Tellers
Past Grand Matron

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: One of the duties of this "146th" Grand Chapter Session is to elect Grand Officers and Board Members of our Order for the coming year. At the Discretion of sister Vicki Wallner, 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.....	Mary Reicks
Worthy Grand Patron	Joe Reed
Associate Grand Matron.....	Sandy Meredith
Associate Grand Patron	Bill Howie
Grand Secretary.....	Nancy J. Ramthun
Grand Treasurer	Terri Grover
Grand Conductress.....	Janis Alger
Associate Grand Conductress	Lori Rasmusson
Board of Grand Trustees (five-year term)	Kent Strawn
Board of Grand Trustees (three-year term).....	Jeanne Davis
Board of Eastern Star Masonic Home.....	Betty Clark
Board of Barthell OES Home.....	No Election

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Bill Post
President and Past Grand Marshal

The 2022-2023 Grand Chapter year continued our history of financial challenges for Iowa OES and for the Board of Grand Trustees (aka: The Board) to resolve. The Board was faced with the final resolution of financial and legal liability regarding the two retirement/care facilities that have long been associated with Grand Chapter. Other matters before The Board were: How can The Board reach the goal of approving a balanced budget? How is Grand Chapter going to maintain the current level of service of the Grand Secretary's office with less income from declining membership numbers? Is there a better way of reporting the financial status of Grand Chapter to the membership? Can The Board and Grand Chapter better utilize the Grand Treasurer position regarding fiscal accountability? How are Grand Chapter's financial woes going to impact the quality of our Ritual regarding our District Instructors and the Board of Custodians?

The Board's members are Bill Post, President; Jerry Jones, Vice-President, PGP; Jane Green, PGM; Jeanne Davis; Kenny Wogoman, PGP; and Worthy Grand Matron Vicki Wallner & Worthy Grand Patron Larry Niday. The line officers are included in the meetings, and they are: Mary Reicks, Assoc. Grand Matron, DI; Joe Reed, Assoc. Grand Patron; Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress, DI; and Janice Alger, Assoc. Grand Conductress, DI; along with Nancy Ramthun, Grand Secretary, PGM and Kent Strawn, Grand Treasurer. The Board met after the October 2022 election for an organizational meeting welcoming Jane Green, PGM (filling the three-year term left vacant) and Kenny Wogoman, PGP (elected to a five-year term) to The Board and Janice Alger, AGC, DI. The Board met on February 12, 2023, at the Sleep Inn Hotel in Altoona following State

School. The Board met via Zoom on April 27, 2023. The Board met at the Grand Chapter office in Knoxville on May 21st, July 8th, and September 9th.

The Board decided to take a final step concerning the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone and the Barthell OES Home in Decorah. During the 2021-2022 Grand Chapter year, legal counsel had determined that Grand Chapter had no ownership or financial interest/liability in either of the Homes. At our February meeting, The Board tasked its member, Jane Green, PGM, to examine the Iowa Code Book and draft legislation to eliminate both Homes from our Iowa Code. The Board determined the only real impact for the Homes is that the Homes would have to elect their own Board members. The relationship between Grand Chapter and the Homes does not have to change, as the relationship rests on the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. This legislation was reviewed and approved by The Board and was submitted to Grand Chapter's Jurisprudence Committee for their review.

The Board has been in the difficult situation of approving an unbalanced budget for several years. With declining membership, the per capita dues income has not met the expenses of Iowa Grand Chapter. The Board has been pulling from the principal of our investments for the past several years to meet budget demands. This trend has prompted legislation to increase the per capita tax for each dues-paying member in 2024 to \$34.00 from the current \$14.00 plus General Grand Chapter per capita dues (\$2.00) for all members. The 2024 budget will have a \$44,861.00 deficit to be made up from investment principal. Grand Chapter will not come close to reaching a balanced budget for 2025 unless the per capita tax increase is approved. (Per capita dues collected in 2024 are not payable/due to the Grand Secretary office until early 2025.) If the legislation is approved, the amount needed to pull from the principal of investments decreases significantly for the 2025 fiscal year. The Board has been made aware by our investment managers that Iowa Grand Chapter will not be financially solvent in 10 years at the current level of withdrawal from our investment principal. The Board predicts that the current level of service provided by our Grand Chapter Office in Knoxville will be significantly reduced without this increase in our income.

The Grand Treasurer, Kent Strawn, has done an exemplary job improving Grand Chapter's financial tracking and reporting. He worked with our Grand Secretary, Nancy Ramthun, and The Board to change our fiscal year from October through October to a calendar year. The financials for 2023 will be the first full calendar year. Kent and Nancy restructured our operational financials, and we now have a clearer picture of where Grand Chapter stands financially. This is still a work in progress and more improvements are expected to be generated by Kent, Board member Jeanne Davis, and Nancy.

Legislation has been introduced to modify the payment structure of the District Instructors. If approved, it will create a stipend of \$300.00 to each district Instructor rather than paying mileage. This structure will assist The Board in planning the budget for future years. The Board appreciates the District Instructor's service to our Grand Chapter. The Ritual cannot be compromised and funding for our DI's cannot be cut any farther.

On a positive note, our investments have done well with our move to Carson Wealth Management in 2021. The communication pathway with Carson Wealth has been excellent, as they are based out of Cedar Rapids. They have done a superior job of managing our portfolio.

This past summer, The Board performed a detailed review of our insurance coverage and made the appropriate adjustments to the coverages.

The financial struggles of Grand Chapter are real, and The Board must deal with keeping member services available. Without financial support of dues income, The Board will have

the challenge of determining where future cuts in our budget will come from. If the Grand Chapter per capita tax increase passes, it will still present a small deficit to be taken from investments. Sister Nancy Ramthun was not presented with a wage increase. Sister Nancy Niday will be stepping away from being the part-time assistant in the office, thus the Grand Secretary will be handling the full load of the Grand Chapter office duties. The Board thanks Nancy Niday for her years of dedicated service and we appreciate Nancy Ramthun's dedication to our Grand Chapter and thanks her for her continued service.

The Board thanks the Finance Review Committee of Cyndi Grosing, Terri Grover, and Susan Whitson for their hard work and final report of the 2022 financial review of Grand Chapter.

The honest solution to our financial woes is to increase membership. It is up to each Chapter to recruit new quality members and restore the membership of suspended and demitted members.

**2023 – 2024 Proposed Budget
General Fund**

INCOME:

Per Capita – General Fund	\$ 29,904
Office Supplies – Sales	\$ 3,600
Proceeding Sales	\$ 45
*Session – Banquet - 2024	\$ 39,000
*Session – Registration – 2024	\$ 5,000
*Session – Misc/Vendor Fee – 2024	\$ 700
Per Capita – GGC	\$ 5,250
State School	\$ 2,000
Postage Income from Sales	\$ 450
Miscellaneous Gr. Chapter Projects	\$ 2,500
Meeting Income	\$ 100
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 50
Office Maintenance (Snow)	\$ 300
***Records Management	\$ 0

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 88,899

**General Contingency Fund	
Worthy Grand Matron	\$ 3,000
Worthy Grand Patron	\$ 2,000
Grand Secretary	\$ 1,000
Grand Treasurer	\$ 1,000
Associate Grand Matron	\$ 700

*** This Money is actually coming from an endowment fund for the purpose of archiving the membership records and has no bearing on the operating budget. Included for information only.

EXPENSES:

PGM/PGP Jewels	\$ 1,950
Proceedings	\$ 75
Trustee Expense	\$ 0
Board of Custodian Expense	\$ 0
Instructor Expense	\$ 3,600
*Session – Banquet – 2024	\$ 35,000
*Session – Rent – 2024	\$ 100
*Session – Misc – 2024	\$ 700
**General Contingency Fund	\$ 7,700
Per Capita – GGC	\$ 8,700
State School	\$ 6,400
Accounting Fees/Audit	\$ 1,000
Supplies – Resale	\$ 3,000
Office Supplies	\$ 1,300
Grand Chapter Project Exp.	\$ 500
Telephone	\$ 3,300
Utilities	\$ 2,600
Insurance	\$ 5,700
Postage and Shipping	\$ 2,150
Rent	\$ 7,440
Equipment Rental	\$ 3,100
New Computers	\$ 1,200
Office Maintenance	\$ 550
General Printing	\$ 100
Publications	\$ 270
Meeting Expense	\$ 100
Payroll Tax Expense	\$ 2,600
Salaries	\$ 34,000
Wages – Assistant	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 100
Web Page	\$ 0
Sound System	\$ 100
Digitizing Records	\$ 425
***Records Management	\$ 0

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 133,760

INCOME OVER EXPENSES \$ (44,861)

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WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Bill, the Board of Grand Trustees has an awesome weight on their shoulders. Most of our membership don't realize how hard the Board works for our Grand Chapter. We have some difficult hurdles to face and you each search diligently for answers to these questions. I have the utmost respect for the way the Board works to keep Grand Chapter moving in the right direction. Thank you and the members of our Board for all you do for us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Bill, it has been a pleasure working with you and the Board of Grand Trustees this year. There have been some difficult decisions made throughout the year, but those decisions will help Iowa OES continue into the future. Thank you for your hard work this past year.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Linda Overturf, Chairman
Worthy Matron Holly Chapter Malcom
Past Grand Esther

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, and Brothers: It has been a pleasure for me to serve on the Jurisprudence Committee these past three years. I want to thank Sister Polly Miller for my original appointment. It has been an honor for me and for my chapters: Holly Chapter, Malcom and Toledo Chapter, Tama. It has been a privilege to serve Grand Chapter in this capacity. As Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, it is my pleasure to introduce those who have served with me this year Brother Grant Bargfrede and Sister Ronda Sturms.

We have received twelve proposals for changes to the code. They were received in proper form in the Grand Secretary's office before the June 26th deadline. We thank you for allowing us to serve on this committee this past year.

Before we begin with the Legislation, I would like to invite Brother Bill Post to speak about our two homes.

BILL POST, President, Board of Grand Trustees regarding the Eastern Star Masonic Home and the Barthell OES Home.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, in 2021, we were having some issues with the Boone Home, primarily with the administrator. There were some financial requests that we denied by the Home. So, we got into a question of "Do we own the home?." This was always a little bit of a gray area and we had many discussions about it in our Trustees Meetings in 2021 and 2022. So, ultimately, this document that is in the packets is a memo from the Boone Home's lawyer, Patrick White to Rick Colby and it reads:

"You asked me to consider whether the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, here called the Grand Chapter, is liable for obligations of the Eastern Star Masonic Home, which he calls the Eastern Star. I have reviewed the Eastern Star Home's Articles of Incorporation beginning with the amended and substitute Articles of September 27th, 1954, and has been amended various times through 2004. I've also reviewed Eastern Star Home's June 26th, 2013, bylaws, which I understand to be the most current version. I have not reviewed the corporate documents of the Grand Chapter. The Eastern Star Home and The Grand Chapter are organized under the Iowa Code Chapter 504, the revised Iowa non-profit corporation. As non-profit corporations they do not shareholders, as a for-profit would.

Additionally, as such, they cannot have ownership interests in one another. Because of this, Grand Chapter does not have ownership or authority for the obligations for the Eastern Star Home, nor have I seen any other basis of liability by the virtue of Grand Chapter's and the Eastern Star Home's corporate relationship to one another.

The Grand Chapter could possibly be liable for Eastern Star Home's obligations:

Number one, if the Grand Chapter has contractually agreed to be liable for obligations, for example, co-signing a debt. I have not reviewed all of the Eastern Star Home's contracts; however Eastern Star Home has not made me aware of any obligations for which the Grand Chapter has contractually agreed to be liable.

Number 2, If the Grand Chapter owns property that Eastern Star Home uses, for example, if someone on that property was injured. Eastern Star Home has not made me aware of any property that Grand Chapter owns.

Number 3, If the Grand Chapter exercised control over the day-to-day operations of the Eastern Star Home, my understanding is that the Eastern Star Home governs its own day-to-day affairs, that The Grand Chapter does not control the Eastern Star Home's day-to-day business. I am also not aware of any other basis for which the Grand Chapter being liable for the Eastern Star Home's obligations.

You also asked me to consider what would happen to Eastern Star Home's assets if it dissolved. As amended on November 1st, 1986, Eastern Star Home's Article of Incorporations state that if Eastern Star Home dissolves and there are any assets remaining after satisfaction of all debts and obligations, the remaining assets shall be paid over and transferred to such a charitable corporation that has an office in the State of Iowa and determined by a two thirds vote of the eligible voting delegates in the annual meeting or a special called meeting of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star at the time of dissolution and which charitable corporation shall qualify as an organization exempt from taxation under section 501(c)3 by the Internal Revenue code of 1954 or a corresponding division of any future United States Internal Revenue law. In other words, an Eastern Star Home is resolved and any profit from any debts and obligations are met then it has to be given to a 501(c)3 charitable corporation."

That is the legal memo we received regarding the lack of ownership Grand Chapter has over the Home. I did speak with the Barthell Home Board, we have no ownership of the Barthell Home either and no liabilities concerning that other than we continue to elect the Board. They understand everything that is proposed and are willing to move forward with that change.

2023 LEGISLATION**Section 214. EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME BOARD – BOONE**

Eliminate pages 86 - 96 of the Code relating to the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board at Boone, which reads:

The Eastern Star Masonic Home is established and maintained by the Grand Chapter to furnish a home for elderly people, giving preference to members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Said Home is under the direction and control of a Board of Trustees consisting of seven members of the Grand Chapter. Five members of the Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot of Grand Chapter for a term of five years, the term of one to expire each year. A member who has served two consecutive full terms shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one Grand Chapter year. The two remaining members of the Board shall be the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron during their respective terms of office. Said Board shall elect annually from their own members a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer of said Board shall give corporate surety bond in accordance with the provision of Grand Chapter, Section 61 of the Code.

Section 215. HOW SUPPORTED –

There shall be appropriated annual an amount to aid in the support and maintenance of said Home.

There is also established a special fund known as the Endowment Fund of the Eastern Star Masonic Home, which is a trust fund for the support and maintenance of the Home. Said Fund shall remain intact, but the income therefrom shall be credited quarterly to the General Fund of the Home. Donations and bequests for the benefit of the Home shall also be used for the purpose expressed by the donors. All amounts received by the Board shall be accounted for, and the Board shall make an annual report to the Grand Chapter. Said Board shall prepare a budget each year and submit it to Grand Chapter for the proposed expenditures of the ensuing year. The annual report shall show in detail receipts and expenditures and also a statement of residents admitted and discharged, cost of maintenance, and other items of interest which may be required by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, or the Grand Chapter.

Section 216. APPLICATION, HOW MADE –

The initial request or application and also the formal and final application shall be made through the office of the Administrator of the Home. Verification of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star shall be determined by affidavit obtained from the Chapter of membership stated by the applicant.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF RENEWAL. AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the original Articles of Incorporation of the Eastern Star Masonic Home will expire by operation of the laws of the State of Iowa on October 28, 1954.

AND WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa did at its regular annual session held at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 27th day of October, 1954, adopt Renewal Amended and Substituted Articles of Incorporation in the form as set out fully below, and directed the President and Secretary of the Eastern Star Masonic Home to adopt, execute, acknowledge, and file with the Secretary of State, Renewal, Amended and Substituted Articles of Incorporation in the name of EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME,

and to do all things necessary to renew and extend the life of the original articles and the corporation heretofore known as the Eastern Star Masonic Home.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Masonic Home in regular session, that the following Articles be adopted as a renewal of the Articles of Incorporation of the Eastern Star Masonic Home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Masonic Home be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and acknowledge this certificate and these and the attached RENEWAL, AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION in the name of the Corporation and do all things required by law to make the same effective.

RENEWAL, AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME

We, the undersigned, do by these precepts associate ourselves together as a corporation not for pecuniary profit by virtue of Chapter 504 of the Code of Iowa, and the laws amendatory thereto, and do renew and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I. The name of this corporation shall be the EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME. It shall commence business as soon as these Articles are filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of Iowa, and continue for a period of fifty years, with the right of renewal, and its principal place of business shall be in or near the city of Boone, in Boone County, Iowa.

ARTICLE II. The object and purpose of this Corporation shall be to hold title to and operate the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, Iowa, which is a charitable home for members of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa, and for this purpose it may raise, control and disburse funds, may take by gift, purchase, devise, or bequest, real and personal property for the purpose appropriate to its creation. Property coming into its possession intended for the Endowment Fund of the Eastern Star Masonic Home shall be transferred to the said Endowment fund within 120 days after it is received.

ARTICLE III. The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees of seven members, consisting of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, ex officio, and five members who shall be elected by Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Iowa, at such times and in such manner as said Grand Chapter may determine. The officers shall be a President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, to be elected from the members of the Board of Trustees annually at its meeting coinciding with the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa, and their duties shall be such as are usual in such cases, or as may be prescribed by the Bylaws of this corporation or the rules adopted in conformity therewith, as well as by regulations adopted by the Grand Chapter. Said Board of Trustees shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in said board or said officers, by appointment, until the next general election, or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

The following named persons shall constitute the first Board of Trustees: Mrs. Jessie Wheeler, Mrs. Bessie McMurray, Clinton Kastner, Mrs. Philomena Fox, and Clifford H. Young, and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, who shall as soon as convenient proceed to elect the officers above provided and they shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. Said Board of Trustees shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring in said Board or said officers, by appointment, until the next general election, or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IV. The time and place of the annual meeting of the corporation shall be coincident with the time and place of the annual session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa.

ARTICLE V. Any of the five elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Masonic Home may be recalled and the office declared vacant, providing a recall petition signed by fifty members of the Grand Chapter shall be presented to the Grand Chapter before three o'clock PM of the second day of the Grand Chapter Session and shall be carried by a majority of the members voting. In the event the recall is perfected and the office becomes vacant, then a ballot shall be taken on the third day of such session to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VI. This corporation shall have a corporate seal and all contracts for the conveyance of real estate shall be signed by the Corporation by its President and attested by the Secretary with the corporate seal attached.

ARTICLE VII. The bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees and may be amended at any time by two-thirds of said Trustees voting affirmatively for such change, provided that no amendments to the bylaws shall become effective until approved by the Grand Chapter. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, provided said amendment has been theretofore adopted and approved by the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa.

ARTICLE VIII. The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION (Adopted 1986)

In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, then if after payments, satisfaction and discharge of all liabilities and obligations, there are any remaining assets and property, such remaining assets and property of every kind and nature not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer or conveyance by reason of dissolution shall be paid over and transferred to such a charitable Corporation having an office in the State of Iowa as may be determined by two-thirds vote of the eligible voting delegates of an annual meeting or a special called meeting of the Grand Chapter of Iowa Order of the Eastern Star at the time of dissolution and which exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding Law). The intention of the Article being to provide that in no event shall any of the assets, earning, or income of the Corporation inure to the benefits of a private individual or Corporation, the purpose of this Corporation being entirely charitable in character.

Said plan of distribution of remaining assets upon dissolution shall be made in compliance with Section 504A.49 Code of Iowa, provided, however, that such transfer, conveyance, disposal, or distribution shall be only to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for such purposes and shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the said plan of distribution shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of by the District Court of Boone County, Iowa, or of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, to such organization or organizations said Court shall determine and operated exclusively for such purposes stated above.

Come now John Barrett and Mrs. Twila Seley, who being duly sworn, depose and say that they are the President and Secretary respectively of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Masonic Home and that at a regular meeting of the said Board of Trustees held at Boone, Iowa, on the 25th day of February, 2004.

the above and foregoing Resolutions together with Renewal Amended and Substituted Articles of Incorporation hereto attached were duly presented and adopted by said Board of Trustees at which meeting a quorum of the membership was present at such meeting, and that the amendments set forth above, and each of them received at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast. The said Renewal Amended and Substituted Articles of Incorporation were duly adopted by the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Iowa at its

One Hundred Twenty-Seventh Annual session held at Altoona, Iowa, on October 29, 2004, and did authorize and direct the Board of Trustees to execute, acknowledge and file and record such Renewal Articles of Incorporation. EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME By John Barrett, President and By Twila Seley, Secretary Pages 92 and 93 are blank. BYLAWS OF THE EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME

ARTICLE I: MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Star Masonic Home (hereafter referred to as the Board) shall be held each year at the Iowa Annual Grand Chapter Session, order of the Eastern Star. The board shall organize for the ensuing year by electing a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. All meetings, except the annual meeting, shall be held at the Eastern Star Masonic Home in Boone, unless a different place is designated by the Board.

Section 3. The presence of three (3) members of the Board shall be required at any meeting for the transaction of business. No Board members shall vote by proxy.

Section 4. At least five (5) days notice of all meetings shall be given each member of the Board by mail, except for emergency special meetings for which notice may be given by telephone or e-mail.

Section 5. The President is responsible for calling regular meetings.

Section 6. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or upon request of any two members of the Board.

Section 7. At least {8} meetings of the Board shall be held during the year.

Section 8. At each meeting of the Board, the following shall be the order of business:

1. Reading and Approval of the minutes
2. Reading of Treasurer's Report
3. Approval of Applicants
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business
6. Miscellaneous
7. Adjournment

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, appoint all committees and shall have a general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of this officer to act.

Section 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the office and other duties as may be required by the By-laws of the Corporation or as the Board may from time-to-time order. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all money from the Grand Chapter designated for the Eastern Star Masonic Home, turning same over to the Administrator.

Section 4. The Board shall be responsible to the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star and shall make an annual report at each Grand Chapter session.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Board shall consist of five (5) members of the Order of the Eastern Star. These five (5) members of the Board shall be composed of three (3) Sisters and two (2)

Brothers (Section 214 of the Code). Each shall be elected by the Grand Chapter for a term of five (5) years so that one membership shall expire each year. A member who has served two consecutive full terms on the Board shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one Grand Chapter year.

Section 2. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron shall be additional members of the Board. They shall have the right to vote on all questions and shall be counted as members of the Board for all purposes, except the counting for a quorum.

Section 3. Each member of the Board shall be reimbursed for mileage to Board meetings computed at a reasonable rate as established by the Board.

ARTICLE IV: HOME ADMINISTRATOR

Section 1. The Board shall select and employ a qualified Administrator who shall be its executive in the management of the Eastern Star Masonic Home.

Section 2. At each meeting of the Board, the Administrator shall submit to the Board written statements of income and disbursements for the preceding month and other financial and managerial matters which the Board may require.

Section 3. The Board shall act upon Applicants for the Home as submitted by the Administrator with a majority vote required for acceptance.

ARTICLE V: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. The official records and corporate seal are located, in the safe, at the Eastern Star Masonic Home, 715 West 3rd Street, Boone, IA 50036.

Section 2. The Board shall have full charge of the grounds and buildings belonging to the Corporation.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall benefit any Board member. No contracts or loans shall be made by the Corporation to its Board members.

Section 4. The Home shall be open to inspection by members of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star.

The foregoing By-laws or Articles one through five were approved and adopted as the By-laws of the Eastern Star Masonic Home by the Board of Trustees thereof on this 26th day of June 2014.

RATIONALE: We are deleting the areas of the Code relating to the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, as we have no ownership of this Home. So, areas of the Code addressing this Home should be deleted.

Advisory Board Aye 19 Nay 0

CARRIED

MATHILDA A. BARTHELL ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR HOME- DECORAH

Eliminate pages 96-99 of the Code relating to the Mathilda A. Barthell Order of the Eastern Star Home at Decorah, which reads:

Section 217, ORGANIZATION AND POLICIES OF -The Articles of Incorporation, the organizational meeting minutes, and the complete bylaws, as an Iowa Nonprofit Corporation, are on file in the office of the administrator of the Barthell O.E.S. Home, located at 911 Ridgewood Drive, Decorah, Iowa 52101.

The Barthell O.E.S. Home will not discriminate by refusing admission to anyone over the age of eighteen because of race, color, creed, national origin, or sex. Members in good

standing of the Order of the Eastern Star or the Masonic Lodge will automatically go to the top of the waiting list when they apply.

a. For the care, administration, maintenance, construction, rental and operation of the Barthell O.E.S. Home, there shall be a Board of Directors. The number of directors shall be seven (7) which includes five elected by ballot at a Grand Chapter meeting and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron during their respective year of office. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron shall have the right to vote on all questions and shall be counted as members of the Board for all purposes, except counting for a quorum. All members of the Board will be notified in advance of the meeting and no member shall vote by proxy.

Advisory Board Aye 19 Nay 0

CARRIED

SECTION 29 Paragraph g) - WORTHY GRAND MATRON

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CURRENTLY READS: She shall act as a regular voting member of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, the Barthell OES Home Board, the Board of Relief, and the Eastern Star Educational Board.

RATIONALE: We are deleting the areas of the Code related to the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, and the Barthell OES Home at Decorah, as we have no ownership of these homes. So, areas of the code addressing these Homes should be deleted.

PROPOSED CHANGE: She shall act as a regular voting member of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Board of Relief, and the Eastern Star Educational Board.

Advisory Board Aye 19 Nay 0

CARRIED

Page 15, Section 30, WORTHY GRAND PATRON,

last paragraph, eliminate the underlined portion of this area of the code:

He shall act as a regular voting member of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, the Barthell OES Home Board, the Board of Relief and the Eastern Star Educational Board.

RATIONALE: We are deleting the areas of the Code related to the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, and the Barthell OES Home at Decorah, as we have no ownership of these homes. So, areas of the code addressing these Homes should be deleted.

So, Section 30, WORTHY GRAND PATRON, last paragraph would read:

He shall act as a regular voting member of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Board of Relief and the Eastern Star Educational Board.

Advisory Board Aye 19 Nay 0

CARRIED

Page 19, Section 42, DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Eliminate the underlined portion (paragraph 4) of this area of the Code:

CURRENTLY READS: 4) To execute all conveyances of real estate for and on behalf of Grand Chapter and to make contracts, leases, agreements, and other instruments in their name as Trustees with reference thereto; and to buy, sell, and transfer the real and personal property of Grand Chapter (with the exception of the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, Iowa).

RATIONALE: We are deleting the areas of the Code related to the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, as we have no ownership of this home. So, areas of the code addressing this Home should be deleted.

So, Section 42 DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES, paragraph 4 would read:

4. To execute all conveyances of real estate for and on behalf of Grand Chapter and to make contracts, leases, agreements, and other instruments in their name as Trustees with reference thereto; and to buy, sell, and transfer the real and personal property of Grand Chapter.

Advisory Board Aye 19 Nay 0

CARRIED

Page 19, Section 42, DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Eliminate the underlined portion (paragraphs 2) of this area of the Code:

CURRENTLY READS: 2) To receive and hold Title to all property of the Grand Chapter, real, personal, mixed (except the property of the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, Iowa) which Title shall be vested in said Trustees and their successors in office in trust for Grand Chapter.

RATIONALE: We are deleting the areas of the Code related to the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, as we have no ownership of this home. So, areas of the code addressing this Home should be deleted.

So, **Section 42, DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES**, paragraphs 2 and 4 would read:

2) To receive and hold Title to all property of the Grand Chapter, real, personal, mixed which Title shall be vested in said Trustees and their successors in office in trust for Grand Chapter.

Advisory Board Aye 19 Nay 0

CARRIED

Page 82, Division V, THE CODE, EASTERN STAR BOARD OF RELIEF, EDUCATIONAL BOARD AND ESTABLISHMENT, AND HOME BOARDS EASTERN STAR MASONIC HOME - BOONE, MATHILDA A. BARTHELL OES HOME - DECORAH.

Eliminate the underlined portion of this area of the code.

Section 209, TRUSTEES -The Eastern Star Board of Relief shall consist of eight members. These members shall be selected as follows: Two (2) members from the Board of Grand Trustees, Two (2) trustees from the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, Two (2)

members from the Board of Directors of the Barthell OES Home, the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. Said Board shall have supervision over the relief fund. All cases for relief shall be referred to said Board and after investigation the Board may, by majority vote, extend relief wholly or in conjunction with the Chapter reporting, the city, county, state or federal government, as such relief is deemed expedient. Said Board of Relief shall make rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the relief and all expenses connected with its work shall be paid from the Relief Fund. Relief shall be paid from the Relief Fund. Relief shall be limited to members of Chapters within this Jurisdiction, or dependent children of such members who are of good moral character and recommended for assistance by the Relief Committee of their respective Chapters. The Secretary of the Board of Relief shall annually make a report to the Grand Chapter of all receipts and disbursements, the numbers aided, and other information which may be requested by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron. The names of persons to whom relief is granted shall not be required to be given as part of the report.

RATIONALE: The wording: Relief shall be paid from the Relief Fund. Is repeated from the previous sentence, so, it should be deleted.

The EDUCATIONAL BOARD AND ESTARL are listed with their own sections so these titles should be eliminated from the title of this area of the code as it relates only to the BOARD OF RELIEF.

Note: The number (8) of members needs to be changed. The Grand Trustees suggest changing this number to "5" to include two members of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Treasurer. The Grand Treasurer to be added as she/he is an elected officer and it creates an odd number for close votes.

It should be the President of the Board of Relief who is making the report at Grand Chapter.

We are deleting the areas of the Code related to the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, and the Barthell Home at Decorah, as we have no ownership of these homes. So, areas of the code addressing these Homes should be deleted.

So, this section of the Code would read:

Division V, THE CODE, EASTERN STAR BOARD OF RELIEF

Section 209, TRUSTEES - The Eastern Star Board of Relief shall consist of five members. These members shall be selected as follows: Two (2) members from the Board of Grand Trustees, the Worthy Grand Matron the Worthy Grand Patron, and the Grand Treasurer. Said Board shall have supervision over the relief fund. All cases for relief shall be referred to this Board and after investigation the Board may, by majority vote, extend relief wholly or in conjunction with the chapter reporting, the city, county, state or federal government, as such relief is deemed expedient. Said Board of Relief shall make rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the relief and all expenses connected with its work shall be paid from the Relief Fund. Relief shall be limited to members of Chapters within this Jurisdiction, or dependent children of such members who are of good moral character and recommended for assistance by the Relief Committee of their respective Chapters. The President of the Board of Relief shall annually make a report to the Grand Chapter of all receipts and disbursements, the numbers aided, and other information which may be requested by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron. The names of persons to whom relief is granted shall not be required to be given as part of the report.

Advisory Board Aye 21 Nay 0

CARRIED

SECTION 57, pages 24-26
Paragraph 4

Changed to read:

It shall be the duty of the District instructor to attend the School of Instruction and a Business School of Instruction in each of the chapters in her District. She will be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.

Advisory Board Aye 21 Nay 0

CARRIED

Section 58, REPORT, EXPENSE, COMPENSATION

(2021) Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties, make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the Chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be entitled to receive the actual and necessary expenses incurred in her official visitation and in addition the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each Chapter instructed. Her Transportation expenses will be paid at the allowable business rate as of June 1st of each year for the miles traveled by the nearest direct route. All expense bills incurred shall be paid when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees.

REMOVE: "Each District Instructor shall be entitled to receive the actual and necessary expenses incurred in her official visitation and in addition the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each Chapter instructed. Her Transportation expenses will be paid at the allowable business rate as of June 1st of each year for the miles traveled by the nearest direct route. All expense bills incurred shall be paid when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees."

Replace with: "Each District Instructor shall be paid a stipend of \$300.00 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned."

To Read:

Section 58, REPORT, EXPENSE, COMPENSATION

(2023) Each District Instructor shall within thirty (30) days following the completion of her duties make a report to the Worthy Grand Matron on the condition of the chapters visited, together with such suggestions and recommendations as may be deemed of interest to the Order. Each District Instructor shall be paid a stipend of \$300 at the completion of her duties when approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and audited by the Board of Grand Trustees. Such payment to the District Instructor will be made by June 25th of the year the stipend was earned.

Rationale:

The IRS rate for mileage keeps climbing and is unpredictable from year to year, making it difficult for the Board of Grand Trustees to budget for the expense. Also, due to the size of

our districts, many Instructors have mileage reimbursement that totals more than the \$300 stipend being suggested. By changing this to a set stipend, it will enable the Board of Grand Trustees to budget accordingly each year.

Advisory Board Aye 21 Nay 0

CARRIED

Page 28, Section 67, PROJECTS OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Eliminate the underlined portion of this area of the code: Any project of the Worthy Grand Matron having for its purpose the raising of funds by voluntary contributions from Chapters or members of the Order shall first be approved by the Grand Chapter after same has been referred to and reported on by the Board of Grand Trustees. If such project be approved by Grand Chapter, the jurisdiction and authority of the Worthy Grand Matron over such fund shall cease with the close of the Grand Chapter Session over which she presides. The balance in any such fund shall be disposed of as the Grand Chapter may direct at that session, except the balance or continued contributions of all General Grand Chapter projects are to be forwarded to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. All contributions from projects relative to the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone and to the Barthell OES Home at Decorah shall be forwarded to those Homes.

RATIONALE: To replace "as the Grand Chapter may direct at that session" with the wording "to each special project as designated at the time it is collected". The Grand Chapter does not direct the money as it is already designated for the project for which it was collected.

And, we are deleting the areas of the Code related to the Eastern Star Masonic Home at Boone, and the Barthell OES Home at Decorah, as we have no ownership of these homes. So, areas of the code addressing these Homes should be deleted.

Section 67, PROJECTS OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON, would now read:

Any project of the Worthy Grand Matron having for its purpose the raising of funds by voluntary contributions from Chapters or members of the Order shall first be approved by the Grand Chapter after same has been referred to and reported on by the Board of Grand Trustees. If such project by approved by Grand Chapter, the jurisdiction and authority of the Worthy Grand Matron over such fund shall cease with the close of the Grand Chapter Session over which she presides. The balance in any such fund shall be disposed of to each special project as designated at the time it is collected, except the balance or continued contributions of all General Grand Chapter projects. These are to be forwarded to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Advisory Board Aye 21 Nay 0

CARRIED

Section 122 under Subordinate Chapters

Now reads: Section 122. Grand Chapter Dues -

The Grand Chapter dues shall be due on the first day of January each year. Each Chapter shall pay as Grand Chapter dues for all members upon its roll for the year ending December 31st preceding, including affiliates and initiates [except those whose dues have been remitted, those who hold life certificates, and those entitled to prepaid credit for dues paid before the transfer of membership] a per capita tax of fourteen dollars [\$14.00] per

member plus the General Grand Chapter Per Capita amount, which sum shall be apportioned as follows: fifty cents [\$.50] for the Eastern Star Board of Relief, the payment of the General Grand Chapter Per Capita and the balance for the maintenance of Grand Chapter.

Proposed Changes:

Section 122. Grand Chapter Dues: The Grand Chapter dues shall be due on the first day of January each year. Each Chapter shall pay Grand Chapter dues for all members upon its roll for the year ending December 31st preceding, including affiliates and initiates {except those whose dues have been remitted, those who hold life certificates, and those entitled to prepaid credit for dues paid before the transfer of membership] a per capita tax of thirty four dollars [\$34.00] per member plus the General Grand Chapter Per Capita amount, which sum shall be apportioned as follows: fifty cents {\$.50} for the Eastern Star Board of Relief, the payment of the General Grand Chapter Per Capita and the balance for the maintenance of Grand Chapter.

Final Version:

Section 122. Grand Chapter Dues The Grand Chapter dues shall be due on the first day of January each year. Each Chapter shall pay Grand Chapter dues for all members upon its roll for the year ending December 31st preceding, including affiliates and initiates [except those whose dues have been remitted, those who hold life certificates, and those entitled to prepaid credit for dues paid before the transfer of membership] a per capita tax of thirty-four dollars [\$34.00] per member plus the General Grand Chapter Per Capita amount, which sum shall be apportioned as follows: fifty cents [\$.50] for the Eastern Star Board of Relief, the payment of the General Grand Chapter Per Capita and the balance for the maintenance of Grand Chapter.

RATIONALE: Costs have risen while membership has been declining over the years. We are losing approximately twenty-five thousand dollars a year from our accounts. We have had fundraisers and donations, but both have failed to bring in enough money to offset these losses. We have a total membership of under four thousand, and only twenty-three hundred of them are dues paying members. If every one of those members of Iowa Eastern Star paid the extra twenty dollars that would increase our income by forty-six thousand dollars. We would then be back to operating on our income instead of raiding our accounts every year.

Advisory Board Aye 17 Nay 4

CARRIED

Page 72, Division IV, THE CODE, CONSOLIDATION AND NEW CHAPTERS

Section 179. NOTICE. Two or more Chapters having concurrent or adjacent jurisdiction may be consolidated as one. The proposition for such consolidation shall be presented in each Chapter in writing at a stated meeting, and notice given by the Worthy Matron that a vote will be taken at the next stated meeting. The Secretary shall notify the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Chapter Concerns Committee and each member of the Chapter either personally taking a receipt therefor, or by ordinary mail, at least 20 days before the date of the meeting, of the proposed action, and of the time when the vote will be taken. If more than one in a family is a member of the Chapter, the notice shall be sent individually to each member and not to Mr. and Mrs.

PROPOSAL: To eliminate to Mr. and Mrs. and insert instead together in the same envelope.

RATIONALE: Family members other than spouses may be living at the same address, such as a mother and a daughter.

So, this section would read:

Section 179. NOTICE. Two or more Chapters having concurrent or adjacent jurisdiction may be consolidated as one. The proposition for such consolidation shall be presented in each Chapter in writing at a stated meeting, and notice given by the Worthy Matron that a vote will be taken at the next stated meeting. The Secretary shall notify the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Chapter Concerns Committee and each member of the Chapter either personally taking a receipt therefor, or by ordinary mail, at least 20 days before the date of the meeting, of the proposed action, and of the time when the vote will be taken. If more than one in a family is a member of the Chapter, the notice shall be sent individually to each member and not together in the same envelope.

Advisory Board Aye 19 Nay 1 Abstain 1

CARRIED

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Linda and to your committee for the fine work.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF RELIEF

Jerry Jones
Vice President, Board of Grand Trustees
Past Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: Members of this year's Board of Relief are: Worthy Grand Matron Vicki Wallner, Worthy Grand Patron Larry Niday, President of the Board of Grand Trustees, Bill Post, President of the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, Betty Shives, Vice President of the Eastern Star Masonic Home Board, Joyce Sloniger, Chairperson of the Barthell OES Home Board of Directors, Mike Whitson, Vice Chair of the Barthell OES Home Board of Directors, Luke Reicks.

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 Chapters 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 \$6,971.75 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.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Jerry, thank you for your service on the Board of Relief this year. You and the members of this board play a major part in fulfilling one of the basic tenants of our Order, by providing for the relief of members in distress. You and the other members can rightfully feel that you have accomplished something good in someone's life because of your commitment to our principles. Thank you again from the membership.

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, it has been my honor to serve as the President of the Eastern Star Education Board for 2023. It is my sincere pleasure to introduce the other members of the Education Board. Brother Michael Miller, Vice President; and Sisters Julietta Griffioen, 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 Sister 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.

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, 2023, we currently have \$22336.86 in outstanding loans. \$19500.00 of these are loans to students still attending school and are not in repayment at this time. \$4,336.86 is currently in repayment status.

Since the last report four educational loans of \$1,500.00 each were made for a total of \$6,000.00.

ALL members of Eastern Star, 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 2023 annual meeting was held on Saturday, July 15, 2023, in person at Home Lodge in Pleasant Hill, IA. In addition to the members of the Board, those in attendance were. Sisters Vicki Wallner, Mary Reicks, Sandy Meredith, and Janice Alger Brothers Larry Niday, and Joe Reed.

The membership of the Order of the Eastern Star places 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 March, April, and May, sale of the flag pins and note cards, individual donations, memorials, Chapter memorials and Chapter donations. All donations are tracked through the office of the Grand Secretary. In 2023, these donations amounted to \$10939.28 available for awards. In addition, the Geraldine Wickart Award of \$4000.00 was awarded to Samuel Felderman and the Cliff and Beverly Godsey Award of \$1000.00 was awarded to Jackson Reynolds. Through all of the nut sales, the Grand Officers raised another \$4578.00 which was split equally between all 9 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.

2023 applicants: 9 applicants (6 previous and three new applicants). Total awards, including the Wickart and Godsey and Grand Officers nut sales was \$20,514.26.

In 2023 the Education Board, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Line Officers and Associate Grand Patron 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. They are our future as leaders in the Ministry of God.

The speaker for the ESTARL service this year is Chitoka Webb, a previous ESTARL recipient. She will also be speaking at the ESTARL brunch following the service.

As two members leave the Board this year, we welcome two new members and hope that their experience on the Board will be just as rewarding for them.

2023 ESTARL RECIPIENTS

Previous Applicants

Devyn Nelson	\$ 1,798.90
McCalla, Ray	\$ 1,368.82
Vogel, Kasey	\$ 1,798.90
Reynolds, Jackson	\$ 2,860.34
Webb, Chitoka	\$ 1,844.98
Copple, Debra	\$ 1,752.82

New Applicants

Malven, Mitchell	\$ 1,491.70
Felderman, Samuel	\$ 5,844.98
Christensen, Ryan	\$ 1,752.82

2023 ESTARL \$20,514.26

REPORT OF THE TLC SEWING COMMITTEE

Sandy Raab, Chairman
Past Grand Adah

This year our project went to benefit our deployed service members through The Blue Star Mothers of Iowa. This organization is composed of Mothers, Grandmothers, Foster Mothers, and Legal Female Guardians who have children serving in our military. In November we assemble care packages to be sent to Iowa's deployed service members.

Each project chairman was given a pattern and a sample of a Christmas Stocking and a neck pillow to be shared with their district.

Since the care packages arrive around Christmas, we include the Stockings filled with candy. The neck pillows are flat rectangular squishy pillows that can be rolled and stuffed into a side pocket of a backpack to be used while traveling or just catching some much-needed rest and take up a lot less room than the traditional neck pillows.

In total I received 413 Christmas Stockings and 500 Neck Pillows. I thank everyone for the time and love that went into making these projects. And I thank Worthy Grand Matron Vicki Wallner and Worthy Grand Patron Larry Niday for asking me to chair this project which is so dear to my heart.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Sandy, for your work on this committee. This was a very special project to you and me. I know that our deployed service members will enjoy the pillows and stockings that you and your committee had made this year. Thank you to everyone that participated in making these items.

REPORT OF THE TLC – CARDS FOR TROOPS

Sue Thomas, Chairman
Past Grand Esther

The members of the 28 chapters that sent in their TLC report were very busy this last year with over 355 hours recorded in making cards. I want to thank the seven District Card Chairman around the state for their hours of planning and hosting card making days and just making cards. Thank you to the chapters and members that donated supplies and made donations to purchase supplies to make the cards.

Worthy Grand Matron Vicki said there was over 4,000 homemade cards packaged in September to go out in troop boxes later this year. Cards were also sent to local police, firefighters, emergency services and sheriff departments.

Many chapters also participated in sewing projects that benefited their communities. Comments on the card making days highlighted the great fellowship with others.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Sue. I know that everyone was in shock when I asked for each district to make 400 cards! But I know our members and their devotion to our projects. Thank you for being the Chairman and thank you to all the card makers! I am sure that our deployed service members will be thrilled to receive the handmade cards! From me personally, thank you for making my dream come true!

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS FOR 2024

Mary Reicks
Associate Grand Matron and District Instructor

It is my pleasure to be able to share with you the projects we have selected for 2024, which have been approved by the Advisory Board.

Our main project for 2024 is called Oh the Pawsibilities to support Retrieving Freedom. Retrieving Freedom, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to training Service Dogs to help people. Their primary focus is training dogs to serve the needs of Veterans and children with autism. We will be selling a bicycle pin and notecards to support this cause. Iowa Eastern Star will be sponsoring Dinner Theaters, a Da Doo Fun Run, and the traditional golf outing to raise awareness in our communities and work with them to support Retrieving Freedom.

We will continue to support our Youth organizations; Rainbow, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay, through the sale of a Birdhouse pin, a "Stuff the Birdhouse" campaign, a raffle of birdhouses, and through our attendance at their events.

This year our TLC projects includes two new sewing projects: Angel gowns and Hearts for babies in the NICU. We will also be making birdhouses and Little Free Libraries for your communities.

Iowa Eastern Star has awarded over 200 Quilts of Valor in the past 4 years. This support will continue and there will be a special day for members to help make quilts.

The ESTARL program will be supported by the sale of the March music and CD's, as well as the Nuts sold by the Grand Officers during the Reception season.

To help benefit Grand Chapter we will sell memorial/honorarium embroidered birds, and a pin with stars. We thank you for your support of the projects for the next year.

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

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary and Brother Joe, our best wishes to you as you see your plans unfold. Your trail will lead to success!

REQUEST FOR OPEN INSTALLATION

Joe Reed

Associate Grand Patron

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we have open Installation of the Grand Officers of 2024 at 1:00 P.M. Sunday afternoon.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I wish to remind everyone that the remaining meetings of our Grand Chapter are open to all who wish to attend. Our Session tonight starts at 6:15 p.m. Our ESTARL Worship Service Sunday morning will be at 9:00 a.m. and will be held here in our Grand Chapter Room. We hope you will join us at these Sessions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING ODE: *"Jesus Loves Me"*

CLOSING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

CLOSING PROCLAMATION: Greg Grover, Grand Marshal

CLOSING MARCH: Grand Officers

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

Remarks of the Triennial Other Assembly Committee Member

Written by: Janice Alger

Associate Grand Conductress

And Triennial Other Assembly Committee Member of the GGC

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. Last year I told you the circumstances in which I was asked to be an Other Assembly Committee Member. I would like to remind you of my reaction, also, I think Sister Glenda will enjoy the story. In February 2020, I received a letter from Sister Glenda Winchester, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. The letter asked me to be part of her "Marching Band." I read the letter several times thinking she must have the wrong person. Because I do not play any type of instrument and the Board of Custodian's thinks I really do not know how to march. So, I called my sister, Diane, and asked what I should do. With a chuckle and not giving away her appointment, she said to accept, I would receive more information later. I am so glad I accepted this appointment. I have enjoyed getting to know Sister Glenda, other Officers, and Committee Members.

This year I have been able to travel some with Diane, as her personal page. We attended the Kansas Grand Chapter, Nebraska Grand Chapter, Minnesota Grand Chapter and Texas Grand Chapter. I enjoyed attending these Grand Chapters. It was very interesting to see the differences between the other Jurisdictions and the Iowa Grand Chapter. I had the pleasure of getting to know Sister Glenda better.

I hope all of you are wearing your Medallions. Diane and I sold hundreds of them in the State of Iowa.

In my travels, I met many of my counterparts from other Grand Jurisdictions. It was fun to discuss our preliminary plans and how excited we were to take that first step toward the East in the Grand Chapter.

Sister Glenda, I am trying to perform all my duties as Personal Page to Worthy Grand Adah, but as you discovered, Diane sometimes she has her own ideas.

In conclusion, I hope everyone is saving the date for the General Grand Chapter 51st Triennial Assembly October 24th - November 1st, 2024, in Myrtle Beach, SC. Sister Glenda, I have started getting ready for the Assembly with the purchase of Mertle Beach socks.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to share my memories.
Good evening.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

Evelyn Cross, Chairman

Thank you, Vicki and Larry, for asking me to be on this committee. Twenty chapters submitted reports this year. Two chapters did not do anything with their public schools. The others are listed in alphabetical order by chapter name.

- Albia Chapter donated funds to their local elementary school and have a member who helps in her child's classroom.

- Amber Star Chapter at Carson has members who take tickets at the theater and sporting events at the school, sell items at the concession stand during ball games and 2 members listen to children read once a week for a period of 3 months.
- Aspasia Chapter at Sigourney donated school supplies at the beginning of the school year and plan to donate clothing, personal care supplies, cleaning wipes and possible lice kits in the winter/spring.
- E. C. Blackmore Chapter at Burlington donated items for school backpacks and also donates mittens, hats, and gloves to the school.
- Cedar Falls Chapter has a member who is a Reading Buddy participant at one of the grade schools.
- Central Chapter at Marshalltown had four members donate school supplies on their own.
- Clarinda Chapter donated school supplies in the Backpack program. Two of their members teach school even though they are "retired."
- Davenport Chapter has a member who assists in a reading program.
- Exodus Chapter at Exira awarded four scholarships to high school graduates.
- Golden Rule Chapter at Atlantic donates \$180.00 to the elementary school to use for their lunch or milk programs.
- Indianola Chapter donates funds for food at Lunch in the Park for children during the summer.
- Laurens Chapter donates school supplies, hats, gloves, and mittens to their school. One of their members is the Booster Club president.
- Malta Chapter at Cedar Rapids added \$50.00 to their September coin march and sent it to Kathy Pantzar to help her group with postage for the boxes to be sent to the military personnel.
- Oelwein Chapter's members donated supplies to a local backpack program and has a member who reads with students.
- Polk City Chapter members voted on bond issues and school board elections. They also have several members who volunteer at their grandchildren's school. They purchase items during fundraisers at the school and one member has been the official score keeper for home varsity basketball games for over 30 years.
- Southgate Chapter at Des Moines awarded a \$500.00 scholarship to a student.
- Twilight Chapter at Spirit Lake donated school supplies and have two members do volunteer work at the local school.
- Unity Chapter at Mason City matched a \$250.00 donation from one of their members to the Salvation Army's school backpack program.

REPORT OF THE ESTARL COMMITTEE

Gina Inman, Chairman

I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron Vicki Wallner and Worthy Grand Patron Larry Niday for choosing me for this project. I had 18 chapters respond back to me. The total collected this year from those who sent their paperwork to me is \$1853.35.

There were 99 ESTARL pins sold.

Oelwein Chapter sponsored an applicant who has just found out he will receive money and they are very happy to hear the good news.

There were eleven chapters who promoted ESTARL and/or the Educational Program.
Thank you, Gina Inman

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SERVICE DOGS

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

A service dog is an invaluable asset to a disabled Veteran. These dogs, besides giving companionship and loyal service, help the Veteran in many ways. PTSD can be debilitating and can keep the Veteran from functioning in society. Service dogs react to the slightest hint of anxiety and intervene by bringing the Veteran back to reality. Always with them, the dog helps them to gain confidence and independence.

Traumatic Brain Injuries can cause balance issues and the service dog is always there to support the Veteran. The Veteran can use the dog for balance or breaking a fall. The dogs are used as support while going up or down stairs. Items dropped are retrieved by the dog. Getting up from a chair can be difficult but with the help of a dog they can get up and the dog will help by bracing for support or by using the harness hold, the dog helps with forward momentum.

The Order of the Eastern Star Supports **Service Dogs!** I have attended several schools and one of the degrees by the Grand Officers and have had to replenish my pins a couple of times. If I attend a meeting, I will have my pins with me and I have several brochures from "Partners for Patriots." As I have said before, "All funds raised in Iowa will stay in Iowa." Come see me.

I have chosen "Partners for Patriots" for this year's organization to support. They are located in rural Anthon, Iowa. Cindy Brodie is their Director and Lead Trainer. You can find them on the web at info@partnersforpatriots.org.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT 2023

John Hauser
Iowa Eastern Star Webmaster
And Past Grand Patron

This year reports were received from twenty-two chapters.

Those who submitted the report said their members used it for the calendar, Secretaries Page, the Galaxy Grand Chapter Information, information and invitations to events, secretary forms, some of which are fillable, and sign-in sheets. 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 getting forms submitted to the appropriate committee chair has been difficult unless someone forwards them the reports.

One submitter suggested we post the Code Book, Trustees Book of Decisions, and the Worthy Matrons Notebook online. Another suggested a members-only section to get access to upcoming legislation. The Galaxy is online now and contains photos and articles about chapter events. Another option to post photos is the Iowa OES Facebook group page since this is a closed group, the photos are only accessible to those in the group.

The webmaster does not create or update the forms, invitations, and documents - but the webmaster can upload these when they receive them. Work will be done to update the update as much as possible.

Chapters and members need 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. Thanks to our Grand Secretary Nancy

Ramthun and those who have provided input, information, and suggestions. Worthy Grand Matron Vicki and Worthy Grand Patron Larry, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Iowa Grand Chapter again.

GALAXY REPORT

Erin McCroskey, Chairman

The Galaxy is a fun project, although I did not have quite the right software for a quality presentation. I owe a huge thank you to John Hauser and his formatting skills.

The Project Sheets revealed some interesting and sometimes surprising information. For example, very few chapters share the Galaxy news at a stated meeting. We should encourage our chapters to do so, especially for those members without computer access. One report suggested a more printable version...one issue printed at 17 pages. Also, not many chapters submit articles. I wish I would have taken the time to send emails to chapters requesting information, even if it would be a single photograph or one or two sentences. There could be a section especially for short information bits from our sisters and brothers.

Not so surprising: Most chapters appreciate there is no charge for online access. Photographs and chapter news are very popular with our readers. We had one "shout out" to Janelle Hammerstad and her history articles and one request for a monthly newsletter. Best Wishes to the 2024 Committee.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Jill Pepper, Chairman

Reports received – 21

Daisy pins purchased – 80

Leaders of youth organizations – 19

Invited youth to a program - 3

Activities that supported youth that were held throughout the year:

- *donations made to scholarship programs, mission trips, Scouts group, food and clothing, local schools
- *attended athletic events
- *collected pop tabs
- *coin march and donations to HIKE
- *Boy Scouts attended program with Grand Officers, demonstrated folding the flag
- *Donation to Rainbow Assembly
- *assisted and supported local 4-H groups
- *Served meals for youth
- *dance groups
- *Sunday School teachers, cheer coach, VBS leaders, helped at camp
- *bake sale

Ideas of how to support youth:

- *Attend their meetings and special events
- *Donate to their activities
- *Be more visible at youth activities

Rainbow meetings/functions attended – 26

DeMolay meetings/functions attended – 16

Job's Daughters meetings/functions attended – 5

SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Kim Reason, Social Media Committee
Past Grand Marshal

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters & Brothers; about a year ago Sister Vicki approached me about a new Committee she was thinking of starting and asked me if I would like to be on the Committee. At the time she was not sure exactly what it would entail but after several visits I believe we came up with a good start.

As we all know, society today revolves around various social media platforms. Since Iowa Eastern Star already had a Facebook page that is what I went with. My main goals were communication and participation of all our Iowa OES members whether it was on Facebook, the Iowa OES Website, Email, Regular Mail and so forth. Other than a few hurdles/rough spots throughout the year, I believe a good portion of our membership got something out of it.

Following are just a few of the various things I put on our Iowa OES Facebook page:

- Reception season – Any invitations I received for the Grand Officers Receptions were posted.
- School season – Any invitations I received for the District Schools were posted.
- Nut Sales Information
- Galaxy Information
- ESTARL Information
- Trip Information
- Degrees – Any Invitations I received for the Degrees were posted.
- All other Official Visits – Any invitations OES I received were posted.
- Grand Officer Birthdays – I created a special birthday photo and posted them on their birthdays.
- Grand Representative Appointments – Anytime a new appointment was given it was posted.
- New 50 Year Members – Anytime a new 50-year pin was presented it was posted.
- Beginning of Each Month – I created a Minion picture saying goodbye to the previous month & Hello to the new month.
- Monday Inspirations – Each and every Monday, I posted one or more Inspirations to start each week off (some were words of wisdom, some funnies and even once in a while a Minion or two got involved)

Thank you, Vicki, Larry and Nancy, for asking me to be your 2003 Social Media Committee.

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DOGS COMMITTEE

John Phillips, Chairman
and Past Grand Warder

I received reports from twenty-four Chapters. Of these Chapters, three Chapters reported having a program about Service Dogs, and twenty-one Chapters said they did not. There are many ways that a Chapter could support the project, by giving a monetary contribution or purchasing the pins that General Grand are selling. The money received from the sale of the pins will stay within the state of Iowa. Four Chapters reported they discussed the project as a group at their regular state meetings and all four Worthy Matrons talked about the project themselves. Unfortunately, none of our Chapters requested brochures from the General Grand Chapter Committee Member. It was reported that several members have

Service Dogs, one person with a fainting disorder, one for a person suffering from PTSD, and they have another dog in training to help with a person at work.

Twenty Chapters reported making monetary donations, one Chapter brought one pin. Several Chapters reported their members purchased the Service Dogs tee shirts from the General Grand Chapter Committee member.

The General Grand Chapter website has several videos and additional information on what we as Star Members can do to support the Service Dogs Project in our own communities. The website offers a wealth of information on the various ways our canine companions are learning to assist with medical, emotional, and physical impairments.



OCTOBER 21, 2023
Saturday Evening - 6:15 P.M.



PRELUDE: Veterans Video

OPENING WELCOME

Jean Koss
Member General Grand Chapter ESTARL Committee
President of the Board of Custodians
Past Grand Matron
Bruce Thomas
Past Grand Patron

Good evening! It is our pleasure to welcome you to this Saturday evening session of the one hundred forty-sixth "HERO's" session of Iowa Grand Chapter. What a pleasure and privilege to be back up here with Brother Bruce.

After a morning and afternoon of business, this evening is a time for celebration. We draw for quilts (Karen Wood – how many are you going to win this year?). We learn how much was raised at the Golf Outing, the Barn Dance, and all the projects. Iowa Eastern Star members NEVER disappoint.

To Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, thank you for asking us to be up here this evening. Sister Vicki, I am so proud of you. We have been together in several Grand Families. You and Sister Bev tried to teach me Farkle, I just consider myself a true Farkle failure. I know you have several angels watching over you and two of them, Karen and Bev, are smiling from ear to ear!

Brother Larry – Congratulations on a great year! You are a true artist – not just with your jewelry making and fly tying – but also with your Ritual work. The year we made our big announcement, which is a big secret to the people in Iowa. I had all the men stand up and one by one they had to sit down as I stated certain facts and if they didn't match the fact, then they had to sit down. What I didn't know until later was Brother Larry couldn't see Bruce was still standing and they were the only two standing and he was one of them. The last fact came out and he sat down and he said to Nancy, "I was getting nervous, I thought she would have asked me first!" You and Vicki are a great team and your Bucket Brigade is a wonderful group!

To Sister Mary and Brother Joe, Best of luck in your year. I know you will do great and we are all excited to support you with your projects. We are excited to get to know your Grand Family and follow you all around our Great State!

Sister Sandy, You've done a great job as our Grand Conductress. Now it is time to "moooooo-ve" on up the line. Best of luck to you and Brother Bill. Sister Janice, my OES Little Sis, congratulations to you and I know you will do great. Sister Lori, you are a gem and enjoy the ride! The time goes very quickly.

Thank you, Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, for the privilege of opening this Saturday evening session with Brother Bruce and our Munchkins Sister Susan Jones (our Grand Chaplain) and Brother Bob Danner (our Grand Organist).

BRUCE THOMAS: Thank you, Sister Jean. As always, she is a great spokesperson and pretty much took everything I had to say , so thank you very much and I can sit down.

Worthy Grand Matron Vicki and Worthy Grand Patron Larry, it has a nice ring to it doesn't it? It will even sound better tomorrow when you put a "Past" in front of it.

It is an honor and privilege to share the East with Sister Jean, and we extend a very warm and precious welcome to each of you as we open this session tonight.

Tonight marks the culmination of a very long year and it marks many, many successes and it also marks the beginning of some and the beginning of others.

Heros can be identified as ordinary people doing extraordinary things. The two of you certainly fall into that category, you, your Grand Family, your Officers, your committees, Eastern Star Members and many friends that donated their time and resources to make this year successful.

You have traveled many miles in the pursuit of friendship and fellowship. Your special projects have raised funds in an effort to promote personal growth. We congratulate you on your accomplishments.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, I think we can probably share a few more secrets now if you'd like. It's been rather secretive the last year or so, I thought I could trick one of you to say something, but it didn't work this year. But you will soon embark on an adventure of a lifetime, some say it's once in a lifetime, but those that have traveled it say nah, that it's once FOR a lifetime. Enjoy every minute, cherish the memories and we wish you the best of luck in the upcoming year.

In closing I want to share a little bit of scripture with this group because I think it will fit every one of you and it comes from the result of having a tremendous year. I will leave you with this short message from Matthew 25:23, *"Well done, good and faithful servant, well done."*

INVOCATION

Susan Jones
Past Grand Chaplain

Gracious Heavenly Father, as we bow our heads, our hearts are full of gratitude. We thank you for this opportunity to be together at this 146th Session of Iowa Grand Chapter. We are grateful for the countless blessings that you have bestowed on us during this year and may everyone here feel your love and presence.

Give us a humble Heart that we may hear You; a Heart of Love that we may serve You; and a Heart of Faith that we may abide in you.

Thank you for this wonderful and beautiful Order that we are members of, for without it we would not be here. Help us all to be more willing to serve than to be served, to love than to be loved and to forgive more than to be forgiven.

Father, please be at the side of those who are sick and unable to be with us, as well as each of our members with health concerns. Keep each of them in your loving arms and surround them with your love every day.

Bless our service men and women along with our First Responders, Police Officers, Fire fighters and frontline responders. Watch over each of them as they perform their various duties for our Country and fellow man.

We thank you Heavenly Father for allowing our Bucket Brigade Grand Family to spread the OES Spirit in our Communities and our Chapters. We are very grateful that you have held this Grand Family in your protective hands and guided them through this year.

May we always remember that to do Thy will is our sole aim and purpose, nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else. In your precious name we pray. Amen

DOUBLE MARCH: Grand Officers and District Instructors

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Good evening! Thank you everyone for joining us tonight.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Jean and Brother Bruce, for opening our evening session. This will be an exciting evening because we will be honoring those who give so much to our heroes.

Sister Susan, thank you for your invocation. It was a nice way to start our evening.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To Sister Jean and Brother Bruce, thank you for your kind words to open our Session tonight.

Sister Susan, thank you for your inspirational prayer. I knew you would get tonight's session off on the right track.

REPORT OF IOWA'S OES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Vivian Pitlo, Chairman
Past Grand Organist

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, and Brothers, it is my privilege to give the report on the 2023, 22nd Eastern Star Charity Golf Outing, an Iowa Eastern Star summer tradition! All proceeds of this event were designated for the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project: "A Million Dreams" benefiting H.E.R.O (Healing at English River Outfitters), Project Healing Waters and care package postage.

On June 23 we arrived in Altoona at a familiar site but the course, club house and personnel had changed. It was also June not July and it was morning. Tee off was at 9:00 a.m., not the usual 1:00 p.m. The putting contest began at 8:00 a.m. with Janice Alger in charge for the last time. The winner Kelly had a "hole in one." Thank you, Janice and crew for your efforts.

The shotgun start saw 84 golfers on 21 teams take to the course. Thank you to the teams who participated and purchased mulligans and strings. Thank you also to the Grand Families and Chapters who enjoyed the sunny day, greeted all teams and maybe coached some of them. Thank you to the volunteers who checked in golfers and meals-only

participants, sold mulligans and strings, helped with the Silent Auction and were smiling faces greeting participants. A talented photographer, John Hauser, took pictures of the day's action on the course and his photos were projected in the club house, an excellent record of the day! The Silent Auction yielded many interesting choices. An intense card game took place in the club house during the morning and a lot of conversation later as we waited to hear the results of the tournament.

Thank you to Past Worthy Grand Matron Polly for appointing me to the committee. Thank you, Golf Committee members, Norma Fobian and Terry Frisbie for your support and input. Best wishes for successful years ahead. Grand Secretary, Nancy Ramthun, kept us informed through email and was willing to answer questions, help us make decisions and encourage us.

Worthy Grand Matron, Vicki and Worthy Grand Patron, Larry, I have an apology for you. I did not give you time to address the members after the meal and awards were announced. I know you appreciated everyone's participation and have informed members of your appreciation.

I am pleased to announce the net amount raised is \$8,999.99.

The traveling trophy is given to the Grand Family with the most contributions. This year there were three Grand Families in close competition and it was Donations that made the difference. The winner of the 2023 Golf Tournament is the 2016 PACESETTERS!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To Sister Vivian and the members of the OES Golf Outing Committee, congratulations on a job well done. When we changed the golf outing to a June date with a 9am start we thought, "It will be so much cooler in June and starting early"...little did we know that June day would turn out to be a hot one! Thank you for working with the staff at Terrace Hills, we know it was not an easy task. The meal was wonderful, the silent auction went well, and I do think the golfers had a great day. Thank you for all your hard work!

QUILT RAFFLE WINNERS

Terri Grover	Janice Wauson	Sharon Jolley
Kris Stolba	Kris Stolba	Betty Clark
Janice Alger	Cynthia Hagmeier	Julie Johnston
Amanda Angus	Terri Haines	

Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you to our members for dedicating your time and talents making the quilts for us this year, you are so very much appreciated

REPORT OF THE BARN DANCE COMMITTEE

Karen Wood, Chairman
Past Grand Adah

The 2023 Barn Dance, our fundraiser for Grand Chapter, was held on August 5 at Camp Courageous' beautiful Sill Barn and we had a great time!

Approximately 80 people attended – a small but mighty group! We had a free-will offering picnic lunch, a two-step contest, did some line dancing, singing, and had our very own jug band. Sill Barn had many old implements for their décor and there was a scavenger hunt

to identify and locate some of those implements. We were told one of our items on the "hunt list" didn't exist, but isn't that part of the fun?

Thanks to all who donated to the basket and pie silent auction and to those who bid on the items. You are great and the auctions were a great success! We also had a photo booth with country props and an instant printer for your photos for \$5.00 each.

We received 14 reports from Chapters, with Chapters supporting the event through attendance and coin marches.

Income was \$1,629.00 with \$220.00 in expenses, for a total raised of \$1,409.00. Thanks so much to all those who attended and those Chapters who contributed to this fundraiser. Thanks to Sister Vicki and Brother Larry for asking us to serve on this committee. We had a blast!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Karen, we thank you and your committee for planning a most enjoyable day. It was so much fun trying to locate all the different tools in the barn, making fools of ourselves dancing, and of course enjoying a wonderful lunch. We may have been a small crowd, but we had a wonderful time. Thank you for making my dream of having a barn dance in a barn become a reality.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Karen, I knew that with you in charge, it would be fun. Thank you for a fantastic day and making it a success.

REPORT ON THE HEROES BALL COMMITTEE

Phil Corwin, Co-Chairman

Member of the Youth Committee of the GGC

Past Grand Patron

Ginny Corwin, Co-Chairman

Past Grand Esther

PHIL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, I've been waiting two years to say that. The HEROES Banquet was held on September 16th. A Hero is someone that inspires by their example, look around you and look at examples.

First, I want to say this committee has done a fantastic job with this banquet. My wife, Co-Chairman, Sister Ginny Corwin, my Operations Officer, Sister Pam Spratte and her husband Jim. Give this committee a hand. Without their hard work we couldn't have made it a success.

We would like to thank you Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, for asking us to serve on this Grand Chapter project and be able Honor our heroes.

We served 134 people, you have to believe, two weeks before, we had fifty, I think it was, but we thought it would balloon and it did. Of the 134 people, 30 of them were guests or not members of our organization. This was very exciting because they were the Heroes that were there. There was a total of sixteen tables that were sponsored by Sisters and Brothers for one hundred dollars for each table. Every table was decorated with pictures or items that honored their heroes.

We had in attendance two of the Greatest Generation World War II veterans, Brother Bill Briggs and Brother Marvin Wood.

We had National Guard members, Army Reserve Members, Viet Nam Veterans, State Troopers, Sherrif Deputies and nurses and nurse students.

Every table was unique in who they represented at their table.

The evening began with the presentation of service flags, along with the flag of service dogs for each branch.

The invocation was given by Brother Kent Strawn.

After dinner we heard an inspiring talk by our Brother Greg Bargfrede and boy, did he knock it out of the park. A retired Brigadier General, he knows that we all can be heroes and there are heroes all around us. His talk was very inspiring and thought provoking. A job well done, Brother Greg.

After the talk, Judy Wilson performed the song "Hero." Then we introduced the heroes at each table. We went around and had each hero stand up and tell us their story.

After that we went on to the much-awaited pie auction. There were twenty-seven pies donated by the members and guests that attended the banquet. Out of those twenty-seven pies, we raised over fourteen hundred dollars.

That was quite an evening, something I will never forget.

In closing, we were so glad to take the time to honor those who are heroes in our eyes. Iowa Grand Chapter, you can be proud of what has been done this year for our Heroes. Thank you, Brother Larry and Sister Vicki.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Phil and Sister Ginny, thank you for co-chairing, and to the other members serving on the committee. This project was near and dear to my heart. We wanted to honor those who have so unselfishly protected us, took care of us, and made sacrifices over the last few years. The banquet was a wonderful display of our gratitude and respect for our Heroes.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother Phil and Sister Ginny, thank you and your committee for a wonderful event. You made the afternoon a fitting tribute to the heroes we are honoring this year and I was proud of our membership for getting behind this project with such enthusiasm.

TRIBUTE TO OUR MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Kenny Wogomon
Member, board of Grand trustees
Past grand Patron

As morning breaks on a calm cool Saturday in early May, I pour a cup of coffee and go outside to the second story deck at the HERO'S lodge in Washington Iowa. While I sit and enjoy the still peace of the morning, sipping from the cup provided by the Lodge, I reflect on what this place is and why I am here. The Lodge at English River Outfitters was designed for the use of Military Veterans. It is a place they can experience the outdoors as equals to not only each other but everyone else. It is set up for veterans of all ages and stages of life as well as the varying disabilities that come with the classification of veteran. It is managed and run by and for veterans.

It has been said that a day in the woods is worth two weeks in therapy, this I firmly believe.

Well, ok, enough about my morning coffee, what is a veteran? Webster describes a veteran as someone who has served a lengthy period in any one of the branches of the military. Or someone who has become extremely proficient at their duties. I do agree with this in part but not in the whole. Veteran is someone who said to us all by their actions "Not today, no not on my watch." Now I know that not all veterans here may have volunteered, some may have been drafted. Either way you all would have stood or did stand on that piece of ground, flight line or ship's deck and said, "This I will defend until I can defend it no longer!"

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present Active-duty military, veteran's and First Responder's for introduction.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Saying thank you for all that you do or have done is just not enough. We hope this evening will let you see how much respect and gratitude we have for you. Brother Kenny Wogomon has a tribute for you.

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

REPORT OF THE "MILLION DREAMS" PROJECT

Janice Megel, Chairman

Greetings Sisters and Brothers, it has been a privilege and an honor to have served I Million Dreams for a Million Heroes Project for Worthy Grand Matron Vicki Wallner and Worthy Grand Patron Larry Niday.

This year has been a busy one, but the results will truly amaze you!

HERO, Healing at English River Outfitters, Project Healing Waters, Blue Star Moms led by Sister Sandy Rabb, and The Community Service project led By Sister Kathy Pantzer. Have netted the following chapters reporting 43. With the purchase as follows:

197 Hero Pins

94 Rainbow Stars

95 different baked goods at the Conferring of Degrees

The Golf Outing had 109 attendees.

The Heroes Banquet 89 attendees.

Remember this is what has been reported there were many more purchases and donations. As well as many more in attendance at all this year's fundraisers.

Thirty-two Chapters had coin marches, fund raisers, and made various products for sale or raffle.

The support For A MILLION DREAMS FOR A MILLION HEROES PROJECT has been outstanding.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Janice, we thank you for all the time and effort you gave us for the overall projects. Each project was well represented by the letters sent to the Chapters. When I was listening to each letter being read at our Chapter meetings, it

helped bring clarity to why we were raising funds. Again, thank you for all you have done to encourage our members to donate.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Janice, thank you for accepting this appointment and giving it the serious attention it deserved. Your work was a large part of the success of our projects.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO HERO

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been our pleasure to work with you during this past year. From the moment we met, I knew we had chosen the right group to raise funds for 2023. We had selected HERO as our session name and when we met, you had changed from English River Outfitters to Healing at English River Outfitters, HERO. Still give me chills to this day. Our group had the honor of attending your ribbon cutting and helping at your 1st annual Easter Egg hunt. But I think the best was spending two nights at the Lodge. It is unbelievable how quiet and peaceful it is there. We were able to cook our own meals, use the large gathering space to have a card making session and just enjoy fellowship. We may have raised funds for you this year, but you have us for life! If you need volunteers for an event, call us. If you need items for the Lodge, call us!

For me, knowing there is a place right here in Iowa for our veteran's that may need some assistance, means the world to me. We are so pleased for have worked hard this year for funds you will be able to use to sustain the Lodge and the programs you offer our veteran's. Thank you for all that you do!

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: When Vicki and I were talking about what we wanted for a project, we knew we wanted to find an organization that would do the most good for our veterans, but we didn't know how to narrow it down to the groups that would fit the criteria we had in mind. We found many that we could work with, but what we were looking for was a local group that would keep our funds here in Iowa and work hands-on with the veterans. If they had a CEO, they didn't qualify. When we talked to people, the name English River Outfitters kept coming up until we just had to meet these guys and find out what was so special about them. We were completely impressed at our first meeting and haven't looked back since.

Thank you for all you are doing and I hope what little we have done has made a difference in your abilities to help those who have given so much for us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Nancy, we don't know how much the check is, so we are going to be as surprised as you are because we have no idea.

ROD COURTNEY: Every time I get to join you and sit and eat and have fellowship with you, I am overwhelmed by your generosity. My heart is so full.

Chuck and I started a long time ago before we had a board or a president. We knew it was going to be a challenge. It was a lot of hard work and a lot of prayers. Right now, I'm in the fourth year of a one-year assignment with HEROES.

When we got ready to come up here, We knew what was going to happen, but we didn't know the scope of what was really going to happen, but I just knew that I wanted Dave Brewer here. I want you to know he is Chuck's grandson. Dave is serving in Iowa as a recruiter and joined the ranks of HEROES. He sat at dinner tonight and told a story about his granddad and how they went deer hunting, talked about his healing and how the

surroundings were part of his healing. He told story after story about how it filled his heart and kept him going.

There is so much work that's taking place here and we are just hitting our stride in the service to veterans. We are working with suicide prevention; I don't even know how many veterans are in the sessions. We have the Lodge for them to come with their families and relax and spend time together. That's just the beginning, what's happened here tonight is a quantum leap for what we can do for the veterans.

I don't know how to thank you. Thank each and every one of you for your generosity, that certainly means everything to us and the veterans that we serve.

I know there are a lot of choices out there, there are a lot of organizations you could have dedicated your hard work to and we are certainly honored that you chose us.

We are glad we had the opportunity to get to know you. This organization is filled with compassion. God bless you; this is what the world needs. I can't say enough, but thanks. I do want to make other mentions here before I wrap up. I want to tell you that all of us, all of the Healing at English River Outfitters that are here tonight thank you and I mean that. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for what you have done for us and I promise you we will be good stewards of your efforts from this day forward. From now on, when I think of heroes, I will certainly think of all of you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I also want to add, that some of you may not know that at our last Official Visit in Pleasantville, we presented three checks to Project Healing Waters, to Blue Star Moms, and to Kathy Pantzer for a total of \$6,000, so you can add \$6,000 to that total, it comes to \$53,490.60, that is what we raised this year. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all of your hard work and all of your donations. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I'm so proud of you guys, because I tell people a lot that we raise our funds from within our group. We don't go out on the street and solicit from civilians. We're a small group and we work hard and open our pockets and help everybody we can. People are amazed that we don't go out and ask people for money because it's right here. We thank you so much.

**REMARKS OF
SISTER DIANE BARGFREDE
WORTHY GRAND ADAH THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER
AND PAST GRAND MATRON OF IOWA**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers and Friends,

Well....what can I say this year in my report but.....I've been everywhere, man, I've been everywhere, man, Crossed the deserts bare, man, I've breathed the mountain air, man Of travel I've had my share, man, I've been, everywhere!

Now let me clarify that statement, I have been travelling, but not nearly as much as your Most Worthy Grand Matron and your Most Worthy Grand Patron. Their schedules are exhausting. Isn't it wonderful to have them here in Iowa!

Many of our Iowa members have shared how much they enjoy traveling along through our Iowa Eastern Star Facebook page. Thank you for your thoughts and questions.

Travels after Grand Chapter last fall took me, along with my son Grant to three of the Hawaiian Islands. Starting on Maui – visiting Maui Chapter in Kahului; next Hilo Chapter in Hilo, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Both chapters were so friendly and made us feel welcome and the food was delicious.

On Maui there were chickens! Chickens everywhere! Those who know me well know I am afraid of birds. So, at times it was difficult for me to enjoy the beautiful scenery because I was too busy keeping my eyes peeled for chickens.

When we checked into our hotel in Hilo, I asked guest services if there were a lot of chickens in the area. Her reply was not so many, We Have Cats!!! And they did, cats were running amuck everywhere. I'm okay with cats, they eat chicken.

Finally, arrival on Oahu where we found some vacationing Iowans known as Jack and Carol Nelson. They joined us on our visits in Honolulu to Lei Aloha Chapter, Harmony Chapter, and Mid-Pacific Chapter. The hospitality and food were amazing. We received many lovely gifts along with beautiful leis. Tonight, I am modeling a Muumu purchased in Oahu. Humm, it just happens to be blue.

After returning to reality in Iowa in Mid-November we were chilled to the bone and ready to warm up with a family Thanksgiving celebration.

In December, Craig and I flew to Washington DC for a Special General Grand Chapter Session held in the International Headquarters. A first in the history of the Order.

In April, I was able to attend the reception in Council Bluffs for Sister Lisa Hauser, Supreme Treasurer for Job's Daughter's International.

April and May were full of visits to Grand Chapters in: Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota Nebraska, Wisconsin, and South Carolina. In the months of June and July Indiana and Nova Scotia & PEI. August was Texas Grand Chapter where the weather was hot but the session was beautiful.

On August 28th Craig and I took off on an adventure of a lifetime with Sister Glenda Winchester, Most Worthy Grand Matron. We spent the next seventeen days visiting chapters in Romania and Germany. We had full days with busy schedules. I wish I could share everything we did but that is impossible. Travel modes were planes, trains, automobiles, and buses. Lots of walking too, averaging almost 11,000 steps a day. One highlight was proteming Adah at Esther Chapter in Lubeck, Germany.

October brought me to the Illinois Grand Chapter, as well as West Virginia Grand Chapter. Sister Glenda and Brother Lon, thank you for asking me to be one of your Drum Majors, it has been a wonderful experience in getting to march alongside you.

Thank you to the General Grand Chapter Officers both elected and appointed and the many General Grand Chapter Committee Members who took time to travel and attend Iowa Grand Chapter. I hope you have enjoyed yourselves.

To our Iowa General Grand Committee Members, thank you for all your work in preparing for the 'Strike Up the Band' event and for the awesome snack party on Friday evening.

A big thank you goes to my family for their love and support. Craig and Grant have continued to walk beside me and are willing to fly or drive with me, most of the time, here and there and everywhere.

Also thank you to my other traveling companions, Sisters Janice Alger and Becky Nolte who have been brave enough to ride shotgun again this year. You each continue to be a blessing to me. Special thanks to Becky for her willingness to dress as a Drum Major to keep us on task Thursday evening at the honor banquet.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, I hope your session has been all that you wanted it to be. Brother Larry, you were one of my Stars and Stripes kids, we are proud of you and Sister Nancy.

Thank you to Sister Lori Rasmussen for the lovely tribute to me on Friday evening. Also, congratulations on your election to the office of Associate Grand Conductress, best wishes to you as you begin a new Eastern Star adventure.

Thank you to Sister Tammy Van Horsen-Post for playing 'In the Mood' while I was escorted last evening. Thank you for making Thursday evening special, too. Your talent is amazing my friend, please know how much I appreciate you.

My travels have taken me to many places, and I have attended chapter meetings and Grand Chapter Sessions. Each visit was unique and interesting, with generous hospitality being shared throughout all of them. The common thread found most often in Eastern Star is that *'Worldwide the Family of God Marches Together'* and we find members everywhere who say, We Believe! We Care! We Love! Let's keep marching together in service and love. Good Night and God bless each of you.

JEAN KOSS

Member, General Grand Chapter ESTARL Committee
President, Board of Custodians
Past Grand Matron
Jean Koss

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, guests. Good Evening!

Give me an E – S – T – A – R – L!!!!!! What does that spell? ESTARL. Louder! ESTARL! Louder!!! ESTARL!!!! Well, that's better!

We all need to be cheerleaders for ESTARL! 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 astounding!

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. 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, post it on social media, etc. This is where you all come in. We ALL

need to be better cheerleaders for ESTARL. Mention it to your church pastor; ask that they spread the word to others.

We have been great at raising the funds (and I know we will continue to do so), now we just need to get more applicants. In Iowa, all the funds we raise each year are paid out in grants. The Educational Board reviews the applications and they then divide the money between the applicants. 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 cheerleaders for ESTARL. It is indeed a cause worthy of our best efforts! Finally, thank you Iowa Grand Chapter membership for your wonderful support of ESTARL!

I want to thank Sister Glenda and Brother Lon for this appointment. I am truly honored to be one of your General Grand Chapter Committee members.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Jean, thank you for your work on the ESTARL Project.

NANCY KIEHNE

Member, Regenerative Medicine Committee of the GGC
Past Grand Matron

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 on Zoom meetings.

The goal this triennium is one million dollars and many activities are being planned to meet this goal. One fun activity is cruises so if you are interested, 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.

As I mentioned last year, 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. This process is also used for testing treatments for cancer and other diseases as well as analyzing a drug's impact on an organ.

Tissue loss and organ dysfunction are commonplace in modern medical care. Over the past half century, the transfer of tissue and organ transplantation has revolutionized our ability to care for these disease entities. This spans the spectrum from breast reconstruction following a mastectomy to solid organ transplants. Despite the advances they are not without many problems and all require a suitable donor.

Tissue engineering represents a field aimed at creating biological replacements that can mimic native tissue. Two weeks ago, a research paper was published presenting a significant breakthrough in the area of skin regeneration and wound healing by researchers at Wake Forest. It showed the successful development of bioprinted skin that

accelerates wound healing and provides optimism for complete wound recovery.

The creation of complete full thickness skin has not been possible to date. Normal skin has three layers and this bioprinted skin not only formed all layers but it formed blood vessels and normal tissue formation. They also found improved wound closure, reduced skin contraction and reduced scarring.

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.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Nancy, thank you for your work with the Regenerative Medicine Committee.

**REMARKS OF
SISTER JANE GREEN
Service Dogs Committee of the
GGC
Member of the Grand Trustees
Past Grand Matron of Iowa**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. I hope that you have visited my table out in the foyer. As most of you know, I have been selling the pins from General Grand Chapter which include the "Paw" pin, "Bone" pin, logo pin, music pin and I have added the miniature "paw" pins. There are t-shirts from "Partners for Patriots" for sale as well as literature about service dogs and "Partners for Patriots." As a reminder, the money raised, stays in Iowa to assist with the training of dogs.

Our service dog project is "Partners for Patriots." They are a 501(c)(3) organization and was founded in 2009 to provide Service Dogs to disabled Veterans. They are located in rural Anthon, Iowa. Cindy Brodie is the director and lead trainer of the group. Over the years that she has been doing this, she has placed dogs in several states outside of Iowa as well as in Iowa. Some of these dogs assist with balance for the Veteran, picking up items from the floor that have been dropped, retrieving items from the refrigerator, and helping with PTSD. Gerry Holtrop, a retired deputy sheriff of Sioux County, 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.

Puppies are sometimes donated to 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 to being around people.

In December 2022, I was able to present a check for \$4183.20 that was raised from the sale of pins and donations in that year and the money held over from the previous triennium. An article along with a picture of me handing the check last December, to Gerry Holtrop was in the Galaxy. So far this year, we have raised \$1999.56, for Partners for Patriots. The money that was raised from selling the t-shirts since I started is \$1648. This was given to "Partners for Patriots" as the money was raised.

This year I have started to volunteer with "Partners for Patriots." My first outing was at the Plymouth County Fair in LeMars. At the Plymouth County Fair, we did not sell anything while I was there as it was a hot day, but many stopped at the booth to see the two service dogs in training that Cindy and Maddison, a trainer in training, had at that fair and literature was handed out.

I also assisted at the Clay County Fair, in Spencer, for 2 days. Again, Cindy Brodie and Maddison were there with their dogs in training for the first day. On the second day, they were there but we also had a veteran with his dog "Radar" in attendance. "Radar" had been delivered about a month before and helps this young man with PTSD. Before receiving "Radar" he was unable to go out in public and speak to people. Now, with "Radar" he is able to go out and visit with people. He was there at the fair visiting with people who stopped at the booth and was telling them of his trials before "Radar" came to him.

Now, I have a red quilt with dogs, cats, elephants, and penguins. It has been at my table for silent auction. The winner is: Becky Woolery, Evening Shade Chapter, Spencer for \$100.00. Thank you, Becky, one of my OES kids. This money will go to Partners for Patriots.

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 Past Grand Matron of South Carolina, and Brother F. Lon Lowry, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Past Grand Patron of Ohio, for this appointment. Thank you to everyone for your support of this project.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Jane, we appreciate all your work on the Service Dogs Committee.

**REMARKS OF
BROTHER JOHN HAUSER
International Headquarters Committee of the GGC
Past Grand Patron of Iowa**

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, 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. It has been beautifully maintained since 1935. These efforts include the maintenance, preservation, conservation, and rehabilitation which are necessary and ongoing, like any home.

Last year, I escorted a group of our members from Iowa and Nebraska on a Masonic Pilgrimage to tour the International Headquarters and other sites. We had an opportunity to witness the work of the dedicated volunteers to protect and restore this building and the artifacts for generations to come. As a result of the funds collected during the trip, donations from members and chapters, so far this Triennium, Iowa has sent other donations, to date, Iowa has sent in \$2518.50. Contributions from those who took this trip were used to restore some of the chairs in the State Dining Room. Much work still needs to be done.

The committee has been challenged to raise funds to supplement donations by members for the International Headquarters. We are asking for a minimum of \$1 per member per year for the next three years. The monies raised so far have helped with several projects. One of the projects on the list is to replace the air conditioning units that serve the front part of the building which are estimated to cost about \$25,000.

If you have not had a chance to visit the beautiful treasure, I encourage you to do so. Thanks to those who have made donations. There is still much to be done and I ask our chapters to make donations so the work to preserve this treasure, our history, and all the artifacts for future generations can continue. Contributions should be sent to the Grand Secretary's office. Please note in the memo that it is for the International Headquarters. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Brother John, thank you for your information about the International Headquarters Committee.

**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, Most worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers & Friends. I thank you very much for the privilege of serving and representing the Iowa Grand Chapter by serving the General Grand Chapter Youth Committee. Let me refresh your memory about the Masonic Youth organizations. The Order of the DeMolay, which I am proud to have been a member, was founded in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri. The Order of the Job's Daughters was founded in Omaha, Nebraska in 1920 and the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, was founded in 1922 in MacAlister, Oklahoma. That was the start of these great organizations in the heart of America. I went back in time to find out that these organizations got their start here in the Heartland.

This opportunity to work with the youth here in Iowa and the United States, is truly an amazing experience for me. I have been to several Grand Chapters Sessions. Wisconsin, Nebraska and Illinois. I have observed many Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay interact with all the adults in attendance. In Florida, it was a pleasure to meet the leaders of each of these organizations and watch the DeMolay and Rainbow Girls perform a special presentation that they had put together themselves for that Grand Chapter Session.

I've been to other jurisdictions and have been privileged to meet with and talk to youth and find out what they are doing in their lives, find out what they enjoy in their organizations and what they are looking forward to doing with their lives. If you have the opportunity, don't pass it up, sit down and talk with these young people. I found out they are at ease talking to the adults around them. I've watched the initiations and it's always exciting to see the initiations.

I found out the other night that Steve Palmquist's granddaughter was being initiated in Cedar Rapids Assembly, October the 28th. I know they would like to see you there also. It's amazing to watch them do their rituals and initiations, they are very serious about their work, they seem to be very relaxed while performing on the chapter floor. On every occasion, they thank their leaders and sometimes very special people who have been there for them and they learn to be young adults. It's very inspiring for me to see this and I am so glad to have another year to serve on this committee.

You might not know that you are making an impression on a young person wherever you go. Whether you are checking into this hotel, whether you are stopping for groceries or whether you are at the place you work, you and the adult leaders are making an

impression on young people. They learn from you. Were it not for those adult leaders when I was in DeMolay, I wouldn't be so nervous up here because I probably wouldn't be here. They taught me what I needed to do, they helped me get over a lot of different things, so keep that in mind when you are out and around young people, it doesn't have to be DeMolay, it doesn't have to be Rainbow, or Job's Daughters, it can be church, dance, a football game or whatever, just be a good example for them to follow.

Be a leader, offer your time and talent, a smile, a pat on the back, or a word of encouragement it may be all that is needed for them to continue in their Masonic futures.

I want to leave you with this, Jeremiah 29:11 *"I know the plans I have for you; plans that are good for you and will not harm you, plans that will give you hope and a future"* and that's what we need for our organization.



OCTOBER 22, 2023
Sunday Morning - 8:45 A.M.



PRELUDE: Claudia Hauser, Past Grand Adah

OPENING WELCOME

Jane Green

Service Dogs Committee of the General Grand Chapter

Member, Board of Grand Trustees

Past Grand Matron

John Hauser

Member of the International Headquarters Committee of the General Grand Chapter

Past Grand Patron

JANE: Good Morning Sisters, Brothers and Friends, The Lord has given us a beautiful day to celebrate together and I want to welcome each of you here for our ESTARL Worship Service.

We have completed a lot of work at this 146th Grand Chapter Session. A lot of legislation was presented and voted on. We have seen a little different format which has been successful and look forward to the installation of a new set of Grand Officers.

I thank you, Sister Vicki, and Brother Larry for the privilege to open this session of your "HERO" Grand Session with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Hauser; our Grand Chaplain, Brother Tom Rice who will give an inspirational invocation; and Sister Claudia Hauser, Brother John's wife and companion, who played beautiful music for the prelude.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, you were both in our Grand Family as companions to our Grand Treasurer, Sister Bev, and our Grand Secretary, Sister Nancy. Now, your year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is almost complete. You have raised money and awareness for your "Heroes" Project, Healing at English River Outfitters. Our congratulations to you on a successful and fun-filled year. Thank you for all you have done for our beautiful order.

A special wish to Sister Mary and Brother Joe, as you start your year with your new Grand Family, for success with your projects for your upcoming year.

To Sisters Sandy and Janice, we hope you continue to have fun as you travel and plan ahead for your upcoming years.

JOHN: Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, Good Morning.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and give thanks. It is always good to join together in the name of the Lord. Welcome to the ESTARL Worship Service.

It has been another excellent Grand Chapter, and soon the 146th Grand Chapter Session will end. We have had a chance to serve our community, demonstrate courage, and believe in others while honoring our Heroes.

Thank you, Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, for allowing me and members of our Stargazers Grand Family, Worthy Grand Matron; Jane Green, Grand Chaplain; Brother Tom Rice; and my lovely and talented wife, Sister Claudia Hauser.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, our paths have crossed many times throughout the years, and it has been great to watch you implement your plans and help others through your projects. Soon, you will close the book on your year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for your past service and continued service to our order.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, you are starting your year. Best wishes to you and your Grand Family for a successful year and safe travels. Take time to enjoy it as it flies by.

Sisters Sandy and Janice, we know you are working on plans for your years and building your families. May they come together as you have envisioned them.

INVOCATION

Tom Rice
Past Grand Chaplain

Our Father, as we complete the work of one Grand Family and the beginning of another Grand Family, we thank you for your watchful eye on the work that we do. Watch over the new Grand Family as they travel throughout the state promoting the good of the Order.

Guide our National and State leaders for the good of our Nation and State. Keep our First Responders safe as they protect us from adversity. All this we ask for in thy name's sake. Amen.

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. Our worship service will be an important way to begin this day, because today we will welcome our new leaders and start a new chapter in the history of Eastern Star in Iowa.

Sister Jane and Brother John, thank you for starting this day for us. You each have done so much for Grand Chapter and we are happy that you both agreed to preside over the opening of the Sunday morning session of Grand Chapter.

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ESTARL WORSHIP SERVICE

Grand Chapter Room

Under the direction of the Educational Board

Bill Howie	President, Past Grand Sentinel
Michael Miller	Vice President
Julietta Griffioen	Secretary
Mary Knupp	Member, Past Grand Marshal
Kent Strawn	Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Chaplain

PRELUDE: Barb Howie, Past Grand Organist

SPEAKER: Bill Howie

WORDS OF GREETING: Bill Howie

CALL TO WORSHIP: Responsive Reading

SCRIPTURE: Romans 1:21, Psalms 100

HYMN OF REJOICING: *"Joyful, Joyful"*

SCRIPTURES: Philippians 4:47

SERMON: Bill Howie, President, Educational Board, Past Grand Sentinel

INVITATION FOR OFFERING: Michael Miller

Special Music by: Barb Howie, Past Grand Organist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Michael Miller

HYMN: *"Jesus Loves Me"*

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: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

CLOSING MARCH: Grand Officers



OCTOBER 22, 2023
Sunday Afternoon - 12:45 P.M.



PRELUDE: Tammy Van Horsen Post, Past Grand Organist

OPENING WELCOME

Danelle Essing
Past Grand Matron
Phil Corwin

Member of the Youth Committee of the General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron

DANELLE: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, good afternoon. We extend a heartfelt greeting to all distinguished guests, members and friends who have joined us this afternoon for what is the last time we will come together during this 146th Grand Chapter Session.

To Worthy Grand Matron Vicki and our Worthy Grand Patron Larry and your Bucket Brigade Grand Family, you worked hard this year to spread the Eastern Star spirit across our state and beyond. The reports yesterday confirmed your many wonderful accomplishments. I congratulate you all on your very successful efforts and thank you for the honor of serving in the East today.

Th honor groups this past year have shown a bright light on Heroes, especially our veterans, first responders and front-line workers. My friends, this afternoon, I want you to remember that you are front line workers for Eastern Star. All those of you who memorize, recite, sew, croquet, cook, clean up, drive up, lend a hand, open your billfold and get out the checkbook, you are Heroes and the Sheroes of our order. Don't stop now, as we leave our Session, keep up the work. As we leave today, remember to start spreading that Eastern Star light throughout our communities.

To Sister Mary and Brother Joe, our best wishes go with you and your Shining Stars Grand Family for much joy and safe travels as you begin your journey today.

It is a pleasure to share the opening of this session with Brother Phil Corwin. You and your wife Sister Ginny were adopted into our 2003 Highlander Grand Family and your Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lynn Tague was our Grand Marshal. So, the four of you are all part of our Grand Family.

Sister Tammy, your prelude was delightful as always. Thank you for providing such wonderful music this weekend.

I look forward to hearing Brother Kent's payer and Brother Phil's words of welcome.

PHIL: Sisters, Brothers and Friends. I want to welcome every one of you to this afternoon's final session of the 146th Hero Grand Chapter. This is the time when we say thank you to one Grand Family and look forward to the new Grand Family it will bring to Iowa Grand Chapter.

It is a pleasure to share the Grand East with my Highlander adopted OES Mom, Sister Danelle for this Afternoon session.

Sister Vicki, Ginny and I have known you for quite a while as you were our District Instructor a long time ago. I think it was in the eighties. We enjoyed watching you as you progressed to the office of Worthy Grand Matron. You've been all over the state representing Iowa very well and many other Jurisdictions. Now you will have more time to travel to the Great State of Hawaii or wherever you choose.

Brother Larry, We have known each other for several years, I always enjoyed your sense of humor and of course, the fishing stories about the one that got away. I know you have been tied up this year, but now you will have the time. I do have some questions for you, Larry. What's the difference between a golfer and a fisherman? When a golfer lies, they don't have to bring anything home to prove it.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, you named your Grand Family the Bucket Brigade. Bucket Brigades were used to put out fires, but I do believe your Grand Family started a few fires around the state. You honored our Heroes, our military veterans, firefighters. Police and first responders. You are to be commended for all you and your Grand Family have done to honor those people.

You will soon have the coveted title of Past, just remember that title is not the end but another beginning. Job well done.

Sister Mary and Brother Joe, in a short time you and your Grand Family will be installed. We are looking forward to you to honor your position in Iowa Grand Chapter. Keep in mind that Iowa Grand Chapter is here to assist you in doing more in 2024.

Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, you did "Believe." I will leave you with my favorite saying, Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, to prosper you and not harm you, to give you hope and give you a future," Thank you.

INVOCATION

Kent Strawn

Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Chaplain

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is a pleasure and an honor to share this invocation this last morning of your Grand Session. You have led this order down the road all year long, you have faced many challenges, this meeting has been full of business decisions that were not easy that will have an impact on our order for the many years to come. I know God has been with you all the way and his guidance helped you get us where we are today.

Heavenly Father as we come to you today as one body, as brothers and sisters, and as Friends and Neighbors, one thing is certain, this would not be possible without you and your blessings on this organization. I begin by thanking you for all you are and all you do.

Worthy Grand Matron Vicki and Worthy Grand Patron Larry have worked so hard this past year with their guidance, leadership, and support, it is clear it was you with your hand on their shoulders that made it such a success. We thank you for giving them the courage and support to move forward with their ideas and getting the results we have experienced during this session.

Father, we thank you for all the members and guests that are here with us today. As you know this has been a meeting of information, sharing of hugs and friendships and making some tough decisions along the way. While we each are individuals, we all share a common goal of keeping our order as strong as it was and making it better in the future. We ask you to have each one of us look back on this meeting and accept the decisions made and believe they were made in the best interests of our order. Give us strength to move forward with the decisions and not look back with regret. Help us understand our members' needs and do all we can to meet those needs.

This Session has helped us remember all the members that have gone to be with you. Father, we know these are the folks that made us the order we are, We pray that our actions and our decisions have met their expectations of us.

Father, you know the ones in our order that are hurting or sometimes lost they need your powerful touch to get them through, please be with them, as they are in our prayers and thoughts for resolve and peace for whatever their needs are.

Our retiring Grand Family has traveled not only in our state but to other states, we are so thankful for their safe travels and all they have done for the Grand Chapter of Iowa. We are setting the stage for a new Grand Family, and may they continue the great work of this order and experience your support and guidance as they go about their work.

There is a light above us that gives us hope and peace and that light is you, please continue to let that light shine as we realize all the concerns and troubles we see in this world today, we know you are our source of redemption and forgiveness we ask that you always keep that in our hearts.

Father Thank you for all that you are and helping us be all we can be.

All this we ask in your son's precious name our lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
Amen

OPENING MARCH: Grand Officers

OPENING OF THE BIBLE: Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

OPENING PROCLAMATION: Greg Grover Grand Marshal

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Welcome to this final day of the 146th Grand Chapter Session. We are excited that you are here this afternoon to share in the Installation of the 2023-2024 Grand Officers.

Sister Danelle, thank you for opening this afternoon's session. I have always admired your dedication to our Order. Your Minion quote is "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Brother Phil, I enjoyed being a part of the Beachcombers Grand Family as Sister Bev's companion. Thank you for opening this afternoon Session. I wish you continued success on the Youth Committee of the General Grand Chapter.

Brother Kent, another Beachcomber Family member! Not only do I want to thank you for the invocation today, but also for all the hard work you have done as Grand Treasurer.

You have put us on the right path for the coming years. Best wishes on your next adventure.

Sister Tammy, thank you for sharing your talents for the prelude this afternoon. We all enjoy hearing you play, and, of course, you are both a Pathfinder and a Beachcomber, so it was just natural to ask you to play.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you for being here for the culmination of our 146th session of Iowa Grand Chapter. This afternoon, we will install the next corps of Grand Officers that will carry on our traditions and charitable work into the future.

Sister Danelle, thank you for opening our final session. You have been one of my biggest supporters for many years and it is very special to have you opening this important session, marking the ending of one year and the beginning of another.

Brother Phill, I was a member of your Beachcomber Grand Family and you have always been there with advice and help whenever I have needed it. Thank you also for opening this afternoon session.

Brother Kent, we have served together many times in Grand Families and this last year, you have been one of my kids. Kind of an ornery one, too. Thank you for your invocation today. It will start this session off in a good light.

Sister Tammy, thank you for your music. It was a nice way to start our afternoon off in the right frame of mind.

CLOSING REMARKS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Here I am standing in front of you one last time, this time with just a touch of sadness. This has been one of the most wonderful trips I have ever been on. Now it is time to hand the reins over to very capable hands. It is that knowledge that makes me feel confident that our Order will continue to shine as a beacon of light in our world. I am very happy and proud to feel that I may have had a hand in moving us forward one more step and hoping that my contribution, though small, may be lasting.

Vicki, this has been a fantastic trip! You always made me feel appreciated and truly a part of a partnership. Thank you for giving me the greatest honor I have ever received and especially for your friendship. We came into this as friends and we are going out with a much stronger bond that will last throughout our lifetimes. We love you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

To Nancy, my wife and companion, it has been quite a trip and next to marrying you, the most positive growth I have ever experienced. Thank you for standing behind me when I told you I would like to say yes to Vicki. Thank you for being there for me and all the work you have done these past few years to make this so special. I love you and now you can get back to your retirement plans that you have had to put on hold because of me.

To the Bucket Brigade, thank each of you for agreeing to serve our Order. You were always full of surprises and kept us on our toes and we loved every bit of it. This year is just the beginning of a long family relationship and we are proud of each of you, you are all special.

To our Membership. Thank you for giving me this responsibility. I only hope that I have lived up to the confidence you placed in me. You have been there supporting us all year and have made us feel welcome wherever we went. Thank you very much for giving us a wonderful year.

Finally, Mary and Joe, I wish you all the best in your coming year. I hope all the preparations you have been making lead you to fulfill all your hopes and dreams. Sandy and Bill, this will be the year of planning and getting ready for what is coming for you. Have fun, that is a major part of this journey. Janice and Lori, congratulations on taking your positions in the line and we are looking forward to your trip ahead.

Thank you, everyone, and all the best of luck and health in the coming year.

CLOSING REMARKS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sisters and Brothers, it has been an honor and privilege for me to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. I thank you for the confidence you placed in me when you elected me four years ago and each year since. I have done my best to fulfill the obligations of this office and your expectations. Sister Mary and Brother Joe, best wishes as you begin your next adventure, leading this Grand Chapter. My hope for you is that all the planning leads you to great success. Your Minion quote is "If you can dream it, you can do it."

Sister Sandy and Brother Bill may this be the best year yet. Putting together all your plans, choosing your Grand Family! So much fun awaits you, enjoy every step!

Sisters Janice and Lori, my Pathfinders sisters! I can't wait to see what you have planned for your years. May your planning be easy and your adventure full of memories. If you need something, don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you to our Board of Custodians, I appreciate all your guidance during this past year. We had some challenges with our changes this year, but I feel for the most part we were successful. Our Membership doesn't realize all the hard work this Board does during the year, and I probably didn't either. But I do now and saying thank you is just not enough.

To the Diamonds: thank you for accepting your assignments for Grand Chapter. Your work was exceptional! This Grand Chapter would not happen without all your dedication. You are my Heroes, thank you so very much.

To the members of Davenport Chapter, thank you for all you have done in making this year a reality.

To the many Grand Families that I have been lucky enough to be a part of, I thank you for all you have done for me. Each family has a special place in my heart.

To our Bucket Brigade - you are the most phenomenal family anyone could ask for. You have been everywhere, doing everything, making this year such a success. We traveled many miles to other jurisdictions and right here in the state of Iowa, we filled the pot of gold for the "Million Dreams for a Million Heroes," we helped in our communities and we stayed up late playing Farkle. You have been there for each other in the hard times and celebrated the good times. Thank you to each of you for what you brought to this Grand Family. Each of you have a piece of my heart and I will love you forever.

Brother Larry and Sister Nancy, this has been an adventure like no other. We have laughed, cried because we were laughing so hard and became great friends. We understood that we had to be a team and work together for the common cause we were representing. We also know that we had our guardian angel watching over us during this journey. I know that I caused you much stress, but only because you like stress so much. Our friendship will be a forever thing. Thank you for coming along for this adventure.

To the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you for allowing us to be someone's hero.

PRESENTATION OF INSTALLING GRAND OFFICER

Polly Miller
President, Board of Custodians
and Past Grand Matron

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Polly, I wish you much happiness as you preside today as the Installing Grand Officer. Best of luck to you as you assume the role of President of the Board of Custodians. I am looking forward to serving with you.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INSTALLING GRAND OFFICERS

Karen Heitman	Past Grand Chaplain	Installing Grand Chaplain
Greg Grover	Past Grand Marshal	Installing Grand Marshal
Antonio Collins	Past Grand Organist	Installing Grand Organist

RETIRING MARCH OF THE 2021-2022 GRAND OFFICERS

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: Antonio Collins, Past Grand Organist

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS OF 2023

Worthy Grand Matron	Mary A. Reicks, Lawler
Worthy Grand Patron	Joe A. Reed, Carroll
Associate Grand Matron	Sandy Meredith, Bedford
Associate Grand Patron	Bill Howe, Manson
Grand Secretary	Nancy J. Ramthun, Oskaloosa
Grand Treasurer	Terri Grover, DeSota
Grand Conductress	Janis Alger, Dickens
Associate Grand Conductress	Lori Rasmusson, Cedar Falls
Grand Chaplain	Alan Tedrow, Boone
Grand Marshal	Larry Culver, Panora
Grand Organist	Lyn Tackett, Waterloo
Grand Adah	Janelle E. Miller, Vinton
Grand Ruth	Linnea Clausen, Le Mars
Grand Esther	Kerry Krogman, Sibley
Grand Martha	Lola Van Wyk, Des Moines
Grand Electa	Debra Renner, New Hartford
Grand Warder	Karen Miller, Eldora
Grand Sentinel	Michael G. Miller, Greenfield
Grand Trustee	Kenny Wogomon, Treynor
Grand Trustee	Kent Strawn, Norwalk

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Mary Reicks
Worthy Grand Matron
Joe Reed
Worthy Grand Patron

MARY: Thank you to our Chapters, New Hampton Chapter, Lawler and Signet Chapter, Carroll & Loess Hills Chapter, Sioux City for all you have done to help us to get to today and for all that you will do this year for us. Words cannot tell you how much appreciation we feel for each of you today. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sister Glenda, Our Most Worthy Grand Matron- we are so honored you are here with us today.

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, we are honored and deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in us; and the honor you have bestowed upon our Chapters. We realize the magnitude of the duties and responsibilities which we have assumed and pledge to you that we will do our best to promote the welfare of our order.

JOE: The success of Iowa Eastern Star, as any organization, depends upon the cooperation and support of all of its members. As your leaders this year, we ask for your support, involvement, and prayers. We will strive to fulfill our duties and obligations with humility, integrity, wisdom and understanding. With each new Eastern Star year, we look forward to the new projects that have been planned. We hope that you enjoy this year's plans and will participate in the activities this year. Our main project is Oh the Pawsibilities. We will support Retrieving Freedom. There will be more information at our reception next Sunday when Calvin VerMulum, a representative of Retrieving Freedom, will present.

We will be selling embroidered dove ornaments for a special recognition at next year's Grand Chapter. This will be an opportunity to recognize someone who has been special to you. The doves will be on display next year and you may take your dove home with you afterward.

MARY: Increasing membership will be an emphasis this year. We must extend the hand of friendship; we have so much to share with others. In today's society, even though people are busy, there is a need for the kind of sharing and caring exemplified in our Order. There are future members to be gained who don't know the good work we do. We need to help our communities see what we are doing. We hope by working with our communities to support Retrieving Freedom we will bring awareness of Eastern Star and Retrieving Freedom to our communities. We ask you to promote Eastern Star in your community by sharing information about the good work our Chapters are doing. We need to reach out to all the Masonic organizations in order to continue building stronger fraternal relations. Our Masonic Relations Committee will be reaching out to all Masonic Organizations for fellowship opportunities. Whether it's a shared meal, a game day, or a shared parade float. We need to work together. We challenge each Chapter to offer a paid Eastern Star membership to new Masonic members.

JOE: Rather than having a travel club, this year we are doing a couple of new activities to encourage you to travel. One of the greatest joys of being a District Instructor was getting to visit Chapters and get to know members throughout the state. We want you to be able to share that joy. We will share more information about some activities at our reception. Please carefully read through the project sheets in your Chapter packet to see what else

is planned for 2024. We hope you will like what you find. The committee members will be reaching out to you throughout the year to promote projects and asking you to share what you are doing in your chapters.

MARY: We are so proud of all the TLC projects our members do each year. This year we are asking you to consider a few new projects. One of our newest projects got put to use recently. Sister Karen Miller's daughter had premature twins and Sister Karen was able to share hearts with her. These hearts are worn close to the skin by the parents and then placed beside the babies so that they feel the warmth of their parents, even when they aren't able to be with them.

JOE: Another new project is creating and placing Little Free Libraries in your communities. We will have a sample house at our reception. Sister Ellen Knupp will help our Chapters keep these libraries filled. Our TLC Committee will be reaching out to you to share patterns and schedule days to work together.

MARY: At this time, We are pleased to introduce our families.

So, I don't get overwhelmed and forget- Luke, this would be impossible without all of his support through the years and everything he does each day. From copying papers, to making Little Free Libraries, packing, toting, cooking meals for large groups. The list is endless. He lets everyone know he had to retire so I could accept this position. Luke- there is nothing I could do without you by my side.

Elizabeth, Andrew, and Sarah- Some of you got to know Elizabeth and Andrew at my last school. It is clear they have been on this journey in Eastern Star with me. Andrew came back from Missouri to be Worthy Patron that day and Elizabeth didn't hesitate to open as Worthy Matron and then be Conductress for the initiation. She has held more offices in Eastern Star than I have. She also agreed to be on the Galaxy for us. My Sister Deb, who was in Rainbow with me.

The Bible on the altar was my parents' Bible. They started this journey with me and I certainly wouldn't be here without my them. Mom was my biggest supporter.

JOE: Some of my family wasn't able to be here today, but will attend next Sunday. My family has traveled this journey with me and I know I could not have traveled it alone, nor would I have wanted to. Please welcome my very special travel companions.

It is my pleasure to introduce my wife of 55 years, Sister Claudia. It was Claudia that got me started on this journey almost 40 years ago. I knew nothing about the Order of the Eastern Star until one day she was asked to join and we decided to get on the Star trail together. We have been through a lot together and I appreciate her support.

MARY: Sister Polly, our Installing Grand Officer, the Installation Ceremony this afternoon was lovely. We are so grateful to you for the beautiful work today and for the on-going benefit of your wisdom and good advice. Thank you for all you have done.

To our other Installing Officers, Karen, thank you for your prayer today. Thank you for saying yes without hesitation. Please continue to pray for us as we begin this new journey. Brother Greg, thank you for your beautiful work today. This was your day to shine and you certainly did. Brother Antonio, thank you for your beautiful music. We have enjoyed your music all year and again today. Thank you to Sister Peggy Liekweg, who provided our special music during the interlude. Our friendship goes back before I can remember and

only grows stronger each year. Thank you to Brother Dennis DeJooe for organizing those who helped with the chairs and thank you to each of you for saying yes when we asked you to help.

JOE: Thank you, Brother Joel Tackett, who will be sharing his musical talent later today. We would like to congratulate Sister Sandy and Brother Bill on your election. You won't believe how quickly the next year will pass and in no time you will be standing up here. We wish you the best of luck with all your plans and look forward to sharing the year with you. Sister Terri, we welcome you and Brother Greg to the Shining Stars. Congratulations on your election as Grand Treasurer. Sister Janice, we look forward to another year together and congratulate you on your election. Sister Lori, Congratulations on your election. It is extra special because you are my little Sis. We look forward to having you be a part of our Grand Family.

MARY: I have many people to "Thank" for making this day so special. First, I would like to remember Sister Connie Coulter who asked me to be a Grand Representative and then her page at Grand Chapter. The three of us who were her pages formed a lasting friendship. Each time she would go to floor level to greet members she would hand one of us her gavel and say, "whatever you do, don't use it!" Thank you to Sister Paula Larsen and Brother Wayne McGinnis for asking me to be Grand Marshal. Boy, was I shocked when you asked me. Sister Phyllis Moore and Brother Gary Smith asked me to be a District Instructor in 2010. I really had no idea what it meant. I just knew I enjoyed teaching. Thank you to all the Past Grand Matrons who continued to ask me to serve as an instructor. I am really going to miss it. Thank you to my Big Sis, Ellen Knupp. Thank you for answering every text, e-mail, and phone call. Thank you to Sister Paula and Brother Wayne for asking Claudia to be a Grand Officer as this started my involvement in Grand Chapter.

JOE: I had the privilege to serve the Grand Chapter on the Chapter Concerns Committee and as a District Project Chairman. My appointment as Grand Representative of New Hampshire was a great honor. I would like to thank Sister Cyndi Lemley and Brother Carl Yoder for asking me to be in their Grand Family. It was your faith in me that got me started on this journey. When you asked to come to our house to see Claudia's windmill picture, I knew something was up.

MARY: We have great respect for the work the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons have done as they traveled this journey ahead of us and all the work they continue to do for our Order. We appreciate your support and encouragement.

JOE: We had the privilege to serve in several Grand Families. Please stand when we give your name and remain standing until all are recognized. Please hold your welcome until we have introduced all our Grand Families. Beginning with the Lucky Stars -will you please stand? We had so much fun around the state in '09. Sister Paula and Brother Wayne brought us all together and we had quite the adventures as we traveled the state. Whether it was playing cribbage or predicting lunches, we always enjoyed our time together. You are all very special friends. We appreciate all your love and support. Will the Whispering Winds please stand? Thank you for sharing this day with us. Sister Cyndi and Brother Carl, it was a pleasure to serve with your team. It was a great year. Thank you for the faith you have in Claudia and me. I appreciate your encouraging words for this next year. Will the Kruzers please rise? Little did we know what was ahead of us. The challenges we faced and all those zoom meetings brought us even closer. You are a very special bunch of Sisters and Brothers. We appreciate all the help and support you gave us. Will the Starlighters please stand? We enjoyed the year with our Lucky Stars Sister

Cheryl and Whispering Winds Brother John leading the way. We appreciated all the help and support you gave us this year and look forward to your continued support.

Will the Bucket Brigade please stand? This year was a special year as heroes were recognized throughout the year. It had special meaning to all the veterans, including this Vietnam veteran.

MARY: To our own Shining Stars Grand Family. You look so beautiful today and how very proud we are of you! Thank you for saying yes to being a Grand Officer, whether you were elected or appointed. The responsibility of selecting a Grand Family is tremendous, and we couldn't be happier than we are today as we look out at you. We look forward to getting to know all of you even more as we continue this journey.

Sister Nancy- Thank you for all you do. We could never thank everyone here who has been a part of this journey with us. Tim Cahill said, "A journey is best measured in friends rather than miles." This is certainly a grand journey with all of you.

We would like to congratulate Kent Strawn on his election to the Board of Grand Trustees. This position carries great responsibilities, and we look forward to working with you as you begin this new adventure in your service to Grand Chapter. We greatly appreciate all the work our Board of Custodians has done for our Order and especially all you did to make today special. A sincere "thank you" to our Board of Custodians, including Sister Jean, our out-going, and Sister Vicki, our in-coming members of the Board. In closing, we want to thank everyone for attending our Installation today and invite you all to attend the Joint Reception being given in our honor this coming Sunday, October 29 at the Holiday Inn, Airport in Des Moines.

We leave with you this thought, Joseph B. Wirthlin said- "We will never make a journey of a thousand miles by fretting about how long it will take or how hard it will be. We make the journey by taking each day step by step and then repeating it again and again until we reach our destination."

**PRESENTATION
OF THE JUNIOR PAST GRAND MATRON
AND THE JUNIOR PAST GRAND PATRON**

MARY: Sister Vicki and Brother Larry, Your very successful year has drawn to a close. It was a joy to be a part of your Bucket Brigade Grand Family and to see heroes recognized all year long.

JOE: We appreciated your support for our veterans. Congratulations to you both on a successful year and a beautiful session. God Bless you both.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND MATRON'S JEWEL

Dennis DeJoode, Past Grand Patron

Larry Niday, Past Grand Patron

Nancy Niday, Grand Representative of Vermont

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will have the presentation of the Past Grand Matron's Jewel by Brother Dennis DeJoode, Past Grand Patron, Brother Larry Niday, Past Grand Patron and Sister Nancy Niday.

Sister Vicki, I congratulate you on the success of your year and your session and the greatest honor is mine as I present your Past Grand Matron's Jewel on behalf of all our dear Pathfinder friends. Wear it with pride of accomplishment for it is a symbol of gratitude and love and crafted by your own Worthy Grand Patron Larry. Welcome to the Past Grand's Group.

VICKI WALLNER: I would like to explain a little bit about my pin. When Larry said he would make it, I had my husband's wedding ring and the stones from that and I said to Larry, would you make it with that gold and that stone? So that when I wear it, I have him with me. So, it's very personal. Thank you for everything you have done for me these past two years, that brought me to tears. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE PAST GRAND PATRON'S JEWEL

Bruce Thomas, Past Grand Patron

Nancy Niday, Grand Representative of Vermont

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We will have the presentation of the Past Grand Patron's Jewel by Bruce Thomas, Past Grand Patron.

BRUCE THOMAS: It's amazing what you can learn sitting at a brunch. Some of those comments around the table this morning, I'm sure will be familiar to you. All eyes are on you! It seems as if we have come full circle. Our paths have crossed many times during our Eastern Star activities. You have always served as a role model to me and to others as we have traveled this path.

Having the same birthday and being identified as twins probably presented you with a few uncomfortable moments. Don't worry about any of that, just know that mom liked me best. (I think)

At this time, know that we are all extremely proud of you. We know that we cannot pass this way alone. Sister Nancy, you have been that support team for a long time, so you are as much a part of this as he is. You made Larry look really good! Your efforts have been priceless. Look around, Larry, all these people have been involved in your path as well. Each and every one has something to contribute and have contributed to where you are today. You are indeed that light that shined on many different facets of the Eastern Star. We don't travel this path by ourselves, but leaders say to surround yourself with good people and you have done that. Thank you for all your contributions.

I am sure everyone will join us in congratulating you. I look forward to having you join the group as a Past Grand Patron. (At the end of the line!)

It is with extreme pride and honor that I now present you with the Past Grand Patron's Jewel.

LARRY NIDAY: According to Bruce, this is all your fault. I hope you sleep well tonight. This pin has a special meaning to me. It is special for several reasons, first is because Bruce presented it to me. He said that we were twins, we're a couple years apart, but we are still friends. I would like to confess that I'm the best looking. The thing about this pin is that it was one of the first ones I made, we went to a Grand Visit at Winterset and John Baker was there and he asked me if I wanted this pin and that was the last event John went to. He went from there into hospice.

I want to thank Grand Chapter, especially John and Bruce and Vicki. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF 2024 DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS

SISTERS:

Sandy Meredith, Associate Grand Matron
Lori Rasmusson, Associate Grand Conductress
Kelly Walker
Anna Boecker
Chris Brown
Heather Wogomon
Sheila Kiehne

Sister Cindy Beatty was called away for an emergency.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I thank you for saying yes once again when invited to be a District Instructor. Members look to you for guidance and support for their chapters.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You are a very special group for taking the responsibility for keeping us proficient in our work. We wish you safe travels in the coming year and above all else, have fun. Thank you very much for your time and dedication and may God be with you as you travel the roads of Iowa and travel the road of life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for sharing the day with us and everyone have a safe journey home.

Remember "It is not the destination where you end up, it's the journey along the way."

CLOSING ODE: "Shalom to You"

CLOSING THE BIBLE: Janise Alger, Grand Conductress and District Instructor

MIZPAH BENEDICTION

CLOSING PROCLAMATION: Larry Culver, Grand Marshal

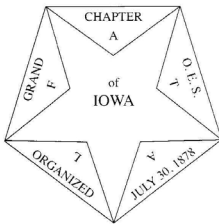
THE 2024 GRAND OFFICERS RETIRE

Vicki Wallner

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Larry Niday

WORTHY GRAND PATRON



ATTEST:

NANCY J. RAMTHUN, GRAND SECRETARY

DATES OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS

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 19, 2023**

12:00 P.M. District Instructors' Luncheon
5:30 P.M. General Grand Chapter Honor Night Banquet

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

7:30 A.M. "Stand Tall" Tall Corn Breakfast, Men only
11:00 A.M. "Wave Your Flag" Grand Representatives Luncheon
"Chow Hall" Luncheon
4:30 P.M. "Stars and Stripes Forever" All Membership Banquet

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

7:00 A.M. P.A.G.O. Breakfast
11:15 A.M. "Boot Camp" All Membership Luncheon
5:00 P.M. "5-Star" Past Grand Matron/Past Grand Patron Banquet
"Sassy & Stuart" Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

10:30 A.M. ESTARL Breakfast and Program

All-Membership Dinner, Saturday

Wanda Koch, Grand Adah

Sister Wanda Koch, Grand Adah and Brother Greg Grover, Grand Marshal were the hostess and host for the All-Membership Dinner on Saturday Night.

Guests were welcomed and a few minion facts were shared. Brother Larry Culver led us in prayer before dinner was enjoyed. Approximately 121 guests were present

"WAVE YOUR FLAG"**Grand Representative Luncheon**

Sandy Raab, Hawkeye Link President, Past Grand Adah

The "Wave Your Flag" Grand Representatives Luncheon was held on Friday, October 20, 2023, at the Radisson Hotel, Cedar Rapids. The tables were decorated with a Rose Bowl with American Flags or a Patriotic Top Hat. A table favor of an American flag was given to each guest.

Of the 182 registered guests, we had 24 Iowa Grand Representatives, 9 Grand Representatives to Iowa and 2 Grand Representative to Other Jurisdictions present.

The introduction of the head table was followed by the table blessing given by Sister Nancy Niday, Grand Representative of Vermont in Iowa, Past Grand Secretary Emeritus. Sister Jerri Wilcox, Grand Representative of Indiana in Iowa, Past Grand Matron of Nebraska gave the Official Welcome. The Response was given by Sister Donita Davis Grand Representative of Iowa in Indiana.

Remarks were made by Vicki Wallner, Worthy Grand Matron of Iowa; Larry Niday, Worthy Grand Patron of Iowa; Glenda Winchester, Most Worthy Grand Matron; Lon Lowry, Most Worthy Grand Patron; Diane Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah and Janice Alger, Associate Grand Conductress and Fraternal Correspondent gave her report.

General Grand Officers, General Grand Committee Members, Iowa Grand Officers, Grand Representatives in Iowa, Grand Representatives to Iowa from Other Jurisdictions, and Grand Representatives to Other Jurisdictions were introduced and given a hearty welcome. They were also presented with Honorary Membership to Hawkeye Links and a packet of Famers Best Popcorn which is produced in Iowa.

The luncheon was closed with everyone repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

“DIAMONDS FOREVER”
District Instructor Luncheon
Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress

The District Instructor Luncheon was held at 12pm, Thursday, October 19, 2023, in the Cedar Rapids Room. The luncheon was attended by nine District Instructors, two members of the Board of Custodians and our Worthy Grand Matron. We were disappointed that Sister Cheryl Payne could not be with us this year.

The luncheon was hosted by Sisters Sandy Meredith, Grand Conductress and Janice Alger, Associate Grand Conductress. Each District Instructor received a Grand Chapter survival bag. The bags were filled with goodies to get them through the week. Board members received a Christmas ornament from Sister Sandy. Sister Vicki was presented with her scrapbook of memories for 2023.

“BOOT CAMP LUNCH”
ALL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
Lark Randall, Past Grand Ruth

The All-Membership Luncheon was held on Saturday October 21, 2023, at the Grand Chapter of Iowa. The luncheon was held for all the Line Officers. It was Hosted by Lark Randall. There were 154 reservations for the Lunch including Glenda Winchester, our Most Worthy Grand Matron and eight other CCGGM members.

Each Line Officer had table decorations and favors they provided. Orvill Olson, Associate Grand Patron of Wisconsin, and Chaplain of his Chapter gave the table grace. Lark Randall thanked all for attending.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Vicki Wallner and our Worthy Grand Patron, Larry Niday were introduced and gave us a few words of thanks. Each Line Officer was introduced and gave us a hint of the plans for their year. We finish by all repeating the Mizpah Benediction.

APPENDIX

IN MEMORIAM

**MRS. MARY SUE VAN RYSWYK
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
2000-2001**

"Let us celebrate how brightly it burned
And now let us go forward,
With our flames burning brightly,
To light the world around us.

IN MEMORIAM



**MR. RANDALL R. ESSING
PAST GRAND PATRON
2004-2005**

"Lives like his, so kind and true
Die not with the passing of years
But leaves his impression upon our hearts
Stilling our doubts and fears."

IN MEMORIAM

**MR. RUSS HIBBEN
PAST GRAND PATRON
2014-2015**

"Perhaps my time on earth seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now – He set me free."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF IOWA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

	Commission Granted *2021-2024	Commission Expires 2022 - 2025
ALABAMA	Terri Waldrep	711 County Road 385, Cullman, AL 35057
ALBERTA	Phyllis McEwan	207 Station Blvd., Coal Dale, AB T1M 0A7
ARIZONA	Anita Wulf	P.O. Box 256, Dewey., AR 86327-0256
ARKANSAS	*Denzel Griffin	124 Layne Street, Farmington, AR 72730
AUSTRALIA	Margaret O' Leary	17 Somersset Road, Parra Hills, SA 5096, AUSTRALIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA & Yukon	Patricia Seale	5410 Manson Avenue, Powell River VSA 3P4
CALIFORNIA	*Cynthia Young	340 ?Via Paraiso, Monterey, CA 93940-4339
COLORADO	Nita Naugle	P.O. Box 153, Yampa CO 80438
CONNECTICUT	*Jennifer A. Whittlesey	254 Looking Glass Hill Road, Morris, CT 06763
DELEWARE	Patricia Martin	11 West Greenwing Drive, Milton, DE 19968-9558
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Margo Bulman	5 Sampson Place, Annapolis, MD 21401
FLORIDA	*Karen Leedham	2513 Queen Palm Drive, Edgewater. FL 32141
GEORGIA	Paul Schuler	101 Farm Overlook Drive, Rex, GA 30273
IDAHO	Mikki Carr	1972 N. Raymond, Boise, ID 83704
ILLINOIS	Kar4n Skinner	450 Broadview Avenue, Hillside, IL 60162
INDIANA	*Brenda Leddington	8828 S. 300 West, Lynn, IN 47355
KANSAS	Leah Brown	1011 Elm Street, Valley Falls, KS 66088
KENTUCKY	Sherry Johnson	P.O. Box 125, Morgantown, KY 42261
LOUISIANA	*Jackie Morgan	206 Cobb Road, Cotton Valley, LA 71018
MAINE	*Richard Hanson	28 Broadlawn Drive, Brewer, ME 04412
MANITOBA	Anita Huhn	983 Jessie Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3M 1A1 CANADA
MARYLAND	Patricia A. Hodgson	851 Hartman Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331
MASSACHUSETTS	Christine Corcoran	P.O. Box 242, Lenox Dale, MA 01242-0242
MICHIGAN	Sue McKibben	1921 Brenner Street, Saginaw, MI 48602
MINNESOTA	Kathy Irvine	2515 Queensport Road, Woodbury, MN 55125
MISSISSIPPI	Casey Hutto	166 Kerr Adams Mill Road, Louisville, MS 39339
MISSOURI	Gary Yoder	P.O. Box 904, Kimberling City, MO 65686
MONTANA	Sharon Stede	P.O. Box 621, Dillon, MT 59725
NEBRASKA	*Dona Hurst	7337 S/ 53 rd Street Court, Lincoln, NE 68516
NEVADA	Scott York	1921 Capo San Vito Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89123
NEW BRUNSWICK	*Ron Bateman	265 Bateman Mill Road, Shediak Cape, NB E4P 2Y9 CANADA
NEW HAMPSHIRE	*Doug Fletcher	P.O. Box 836, Franconia, NH 03580-0836
NEW JERSEY	Karyn Visscher	18 Park Way, Morris Plains, NJ 07950

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Commission Granted *2022-2023		Commission Expires 2021 – 2024
NEW MEXICO	*Donnie Fuller	P.O. Box 98, Jal, NM 88252-0098
NEW YORK	*Lisa Zimmerman	24 Mary Rion Road, Prattville, NY 12468-7608
NORTHCAROLINA	Karen Pahl	231 Finley Court, Clayton, NC 27520-4158
NORTH DAKOTA	Meredith Mitskog	76 N. 4th Avenue, Wahpeton, ND 58075
NOVA SCOTIA & PEI	Faye Calder,	895 Charles Street, Kentville, Nova Scotia B4N 2Y9 CANADA
OHIO	Donna Garrett	628 N. Mill Street, Wellington, OH 44090
OKLAHOMA	*Linda Kaye Lanier	1301 N. Camp Bone Road, Tishomingo, OK 73460
ONTARIO	Brad Currie	30751 Cairo Road, Bothwell, ON N0P 0N2 CANADA
OREGON	Jean Spence, 1	0106 W. 4 th Street, Island City, OR 97850
PENNSYLVANIA	Glenys J. Edwards	P.O. Box P, Waymart, PA 18472-0108
RHODE ISLAND	Shannon Hornridge	285 Legion Way, Cranston, RI 02910
SASKATCHEWAN	*Anita Ingram	407=150 Langlois Way, Saskatoon, SK S7T 0K8 CANADA
SOUTH CAROLINA	*Jane Huggins	2657 Pageland Hwy, Lancaster, SC 29720-7248
SOUTH DAKOTA	*Jon Gonsor, PGP	510 N. Grand Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501
TENNESSEE	Jean Brannock	P.O. Box 1416, Athens, TN 37371
TEXAS	*Cindy Echois	6112 100 th Street, Lubbock, TX 79424
UTAH	J.R. Adams	4951 Murray Blvd, #P3, Murray, UT 84123
VERMONT	Martha B. Fiske	434 Shaw Mansion Road, Waterbury Center, VT 05677
VIRGINIA	Nada Smith	22 Dorado Bottom Road, Castlewood, VA 24224
WASHINGTON	*Ron Hendrickson	P.O. Box 3453, Union Gap, WA 98903
WEST VIRGINIA	Jamie McNeely	7560 Paint Creek Road, Scarbro, WV 25917
WISCONSIN	Charles Webster	N 5815 770 th Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011
WYOMING	Robert Smith	405 Rifle Pit Road, Baulah, WY 82729

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN IOWA

November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2023

STATE	NAME	CHAPTER	ADDRESS	TOWN	EXPIRES
ALABAMA	*Brenda Parent	441 & 026	128 Rosebud Lane	Council Bluffs	01/01/2025
ALBERTA	*Joan M. Waller	116 & 68	1127 West 5 th Street	Spencer	12/31/2024
ARIZONA	*Don Wohlers	359	5297 Grand Meadow Drive #212	Asbury	06/01/2025
ARKANSAS	Ben Mayer	180	317 E Green	Winterset	07/01/2024
AUSTRALIA	Mary Danner	.32	1555 Magnolia	Muscatine	07/01/2024
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON	Sharon Guffey Lewis	194	905 Maple Street	Anita	12/31/2023
CALIFORNIA	Kathy Pantzer	482	707 Northview	Dallas Center	12/31/2023
COLORADO	Carol Matthews	361	10555 NW 106 th Avenue	Grimes	07/11/2024
CONNECTICUT	Andee Billman	073	1432 130 th Avenue	Castalia	12/31/2024
DELAWARE	Anita Lee	547	1609 SW Leland	Des Moines	12/31/2023
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Kathy Betterton	338	702 North Buton	Indianola	12/31/2023
FLORIDA	Barbara Gurney	273	402 Spruce Street	Reinbeck	02/28/2024
GEORGIA	Phyllis Johnson	059	Box 611	Lake Park	11/30/2022
IDAHO	*Leane Stutzman	198	118 May Street	Sigourney	09/14/2024
ILLINOIS	Janice Rader Pringle	486 & 494	407 S. B Street	Fairfield	12/31/2024
INDIANA	*Geraldine "Jemie" Wilcox	441 & 114NE	8050 Maywood Street	Ralston, NE	11/15/2023
KANSAS	*Cindy Sherrard	239	400 W. Washington St.	Centerville	02/07/2025
KENTUCKY	Charles Blair	089	3101 Freedom Drive	Grimes	01/01/2024
LOUISIANA	Joyce Dunbar	486	3010 Ginko Avenue	Brighton	06/01/2024
MAINE	*Laslie Nuehring	198	1107 North Street	Williamsburg	10/14/2024
MANITOBA	Florence Fairy	0668	183 4 th Avenue E	Thompson	03/01/2025
MARYLAND	*Lynn Broughton	302	3737 Cedarwood Court	Bettendorf	04/30/2024
MASSACHUSETTS	Tana Jennings	494	310 W. Pearl Street	Winfield	12/31/2024
MICHIGAN	*Ellen Krupp, PGM	415	204 Brush Avenue	Urbana	12/31/2023
MINNESOTA	*Maxine DeJooode	085	854 40 th Avenue	Pleasantville	01/01/2025
MISSISSIPPI	*Melody Davis	078	3115 Union Road	Cedar Falls	12/31/2024
MISSOURI	*Jolene Harrington	085	683 Nimrick Street	Knoxville	04/01/2025
MONTANA	Lorrie Whitaker	544 & 361	1212 W. Broadway Street	Polk City	01/01/2025

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STATE	NAME	CHAPTER	ADDRESS	TOWN	EXPIRES	
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	*Kenneth Byers	059	110 East 5 th Street	Lake Park	01/01/2025	
NEW JERSEY	Linda Tedrow	361	122 Carroll Street	Boone	01/01/2024	
NEW MEXICO	Jason Wolcott	135	321 #. 4 th Street	Tipton	12/31/2023	
NEW YORK	*Julie Pedersen, PGM	265	5429 70 th Avenue	Alta	02/01/2025	
NORTH CAROLINA	Linda Armstrong	184	2479 250 th Street	Winterset	01/01/2024	
NORTH DAKOTA	Diane Taplin	065	1698 400 th Avenue	Bryant	11/01/2023	
NOVA SCOTIA & PEI	*Ron Mullenger	313	1907 250 th Street	Hamlin	12/31/2024	
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	*Marcia A. Francois	178	66824 Hacienda Avenue	Desert Hot Springs, CA	12/31/2024	
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 4 th Street	Earlham	07/07/2024	
RHODE ISLAND	William Bil Stocks	045	212 5 th Avenue SW	Oelwein	03/01/2024	
SASKATCHEWAN	Paula Larsen, PGM	356 & 549	2268 110 th Avenue	Diagonal	12/31/2023	
SOUTH CAROLINA	Frank Keeran	482	13744 270 th Street	Redfield	03/01/2024	
SOUTH DAKOTA	*Jennifer Coffman	325	10519 290 th Street	Silver City	09/01/2025	
TENNESSEE	*Stephanie Claeys	178	19859 300 th Street	Long Grove	12/31/2024	
TEXAS	Leanne Wait	361	206 Main Street	Slater	06/01/2024	
UTAH	Mary Hicks	099 & 284	969 SE 68 th Street	Pleasant Hill	12/31/2023	
VERMONT	*Nancy Niday	085	1210 E. Robinson Street	Knoxville	08/01/2025	
VIRGINIA	*Beverly Bear	240	47260 285 th Avenue	Russell	03/01/2025	
WASHINGTON	*Dana Shaffer	313	300 Walnut Street	Des Moines	10/15/2025	
WEST VIRGINIA	Allison Price	265	41713 Potato Farm Road	Laurens	01/01/2024	
WISCONSIN	Wayne McGinnis, PGP	91	2706 270 th Street	Greenfield	12/31/2023	
WYOMING	*Stephanee Fisher	89 & 547	618 Loomis Avenue	Des Moines	12/31/2024	

2022- 2023 PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS

Betty J. Briggs RWGS (Mrs. Bill)	Cedar #184	2403 Camelot Ave. NW, Cedar Rapids 52405
Caryl Lawyer (Mrs. David)	Unity #58, Mason City	1139 Highway 9 , Manly 50456-0022
Donna J. Hodge (Mrs. Dick)	Mantra #183	2115 1 st Avenue SE, Apr. #310, Cedar Rapids 52402
Carolyn Kropf (Mrs. Duane)	Diamond #37	113 N. Geronimo Trail, Canton, MO 63435
Shirley Peterson (Mrs. Larry)	Bellevue #359	60252 Highway 52, Sabula 52070-9315
Julie Pedersen (Mrs. Richard)	Buena Vista #309	5429 - 70th Avenue, Alta 51002-7400
Dorothy Masters (Mrs. Wayne)	Rose Croix #400	2525 Lakeport #8, Sioux City 51106
*JoAnn Runyan		
Betty J. Shoup (Mrs. Jack)	Coinette #273	1021 I Avenue, Reinbeck 50669-9650
Marcia Kucera (Mrs. Marvin)	Toledo #380	600 17th Street, Belle Plaine 52208
Becky Taylor (Mrs. William)	Amber Star #328	15493 Bobby Lane, Council Bluffs 51503-9257
Beverly Reinert	Winterset #294	P.O. Box 326, Earlham 50072-8606
*Mary Sue Van Ryswyk (Mrs. Robert)		
Connie Esbeck (Mrs. Glenn)	Exodus #313	1947 280th Street, Exira 50076-7621
Danille Essing (Mrs. Randy)	Jessamine #135	816 Rider Street, Iowa City 52246
Sara Ann Robinson (Mrs. Ray)	Good Will #537	1617 State Highway 2, Bedford 50833
JoAnn Bergeson	Newton #100	6461 W. 52nd Street North, Newton 50208
Diane Bargfrede (Mrs. Craig)	Ankeny New Hope #513	2414 N.W. Park Meadows Drive, Ankeny 50023-8770
Mary Jane Young (Mrs. Charles)	Davenport #178 & Clinton #65	2995 267th Street, DeWitt 52742
Paula S. Larsen	Mt. Ayr #356 & Ollie #548	2268 110th Avenue, Diagonal 50845-8851
Phyllis Moore (Mrs. Alan)	Emerson #121	700 E. Oak Street, Red Oak 51566
Cynde Lemley (Mrs. Robert)	New London #440	2471 Oasis Avenue, New London 52645
Nancy Ramthun (Mrs. Tim)	Tri Star #99, Eddyville & Knoxville	2492 Queens Avenue, Oskaloosa 52577-9145
Lynn Tague (Mark)	Heartland #305, Des Moines	536 28 th Street, West Des Moines, 50265
Nancy Kiehne	Coinette #273, Reinbeck	117 Ridge Street, Reinbeck 50669
Jane Greet	Coral Chapter, Sanborn	6136 435 th Street, Primghar 51245
Ellen Knupp	Malta #415, Cedar Rapids	204 Brush Avenue, Urbana 52345
Jean Koss (Robert)	Polk City #361	6532 NW 142nd Avenue, Polk City 50226
Polly Miller	Greenfield #91	2706 270 th Street, Greenfield 50849
Cheryl Payne (Russell)	Brighton #486, Wayland #494	3104 Coppock Road, Washington 52353
Vicki Wallner	Davenport #178	3357 W. Hayes Street, Davenport 528040

* Died during the year

2021 – 2022 PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS - (Continued)

*Alvis Shaw (Esther)	Clarinda #214	P.O. Box 207, Sidney 51652-0207
Dallas Moores	Cedar Falls #78	509 Buddy Holly Place, Clear Lake 50428
Ronald L. Hovick (Virginia)	Ophir #267	315 South Dewey, Osceola 50213-1402
Larry Jones (Deb)	Buena Vista #309	2035 – 500th Street, Sioux Rapids 50585
John L. Mills (Janet)	Agatha #192	202 Benton, Council Bluffs 51503
Ronald L. Larsen (Nancy)	Cornelia #524	P.O. Box 59, Clearfield 50840-0049
Charles C. Jackson (Melba)	South Gate #547	P.O. Box 184, Carlisle 50047-0184
Ben Kain (Jeaneen)	Alta #138	134 Mallard Drive, Storm Lake 50588
Richard Wehde (Lois Jean)	Lamont #472	507 First Avenue West, Dyersville, IA 52040
Ray E. Rardin		
*Randall R. Essing (Danelle)		
*John Baker (Rilla)	Greenfield #91	2706 270th Street, Greenfield 50849-8140
Wayne McGinnis (Ruth)	Pleasant #378 & Runnells \$518	2501 E. Leach Avenue, Des Moines, 50320
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Jerry Jones (Susan)		
Phil Corwin (Ginny)		
*Russ Hibben	Council Bluffs #441	530 Elliott Street, Council Bluffs 51503
John Hauser (Claudia)	Davenport #178 & Clinton #65	2995 267th Street, DeWitt 52742
Charlie Young (Mary Jane)	Algona #68	1615 Elm Street, Algona 50511
Bruce Thomas	Amber Star #328, Carson	26 Park Street, P.O. Box 276, Treynor 51575
Kenny Wogomon (Heather)	Stockport #544 & Polk City #361	1212 W. Broadway, Polk City 50226
John Whitaker (Lorrie)	Knoxville #85	1210 E. Robinson Street, Knoxville 50138
Larry R. Niday (Nancy)		

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1878 July 30		Cedar Rapids	Organized			
1879 May 13	356	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. O. N. Williams	*George H. Jackson	*E.E. Savage	*J. Norwood Clark
1880 May 11	468	Council Bluffs	*Mrs. O. N. Williams	*George H. Jackson	*E.E. Savage	*J. Norwood Clark
1881 May 10	413	Charles City	*Mrs. Jennie Mathews	J. Norwood Clark	*D.H. Moore	*J.P. Irwin
1882 June 6	855	Des Moines	*Mrs. Jennie Mathews	*S.A. Callvert	*D.H. Moore	*J.P. Irwin
1883 May 2	1,192	Mt. Pleasant	*Mrs. Jennie Mathews	*T.T. Ercanbrack	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. R.B. Callvert
1884 June 10	1,556	Grinnell	*Mrs. Jennie Mathews	*T.T. Ercanbrack	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. H.A. Ercanbrack
1885 June 5	1,657	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Mary C. Agnew	*T.T. Ercanbrack	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. H.A. Ercanbrack
1886 June 3	1,786	Des Moines	*Mrs. Mary C. Agnew	*T.T. Ercanbrack	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. H.A. Ercanbrack
1887 June 7	1,882	Davenport	*Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack	*Sabert M. Casey	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Annie M. Miller
1888 Sept 11	2,309	Colfax	*Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack	*A. I. Jackson	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Annie M. Miller
1889 Sept 10	2,624	Marshalltown	*Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack	*A. I. Jackson	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Jennie A. Rule
1890 Sept 10	3,081	Colfax	*Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack	*A. I. Jackson	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Jennie A. Rule
1891 Sept 10	3,707	Clinton	*Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack	*George Barrette	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Jennie A. Rule
1892 Sept 14	4,414	Des Moines	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Frank M. Howard	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Jennie A. Rule
1893 Oct 4	5,517	Newton	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Horace S. Winslow	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Jennie A. Rule
1894 Oct 3	6,511	Keokuk	*Mrs. Sarah E. Woods	*Horace S. Winslow	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1895 Oct 23	7,510	Charles City	*Mrs. Sarah E. Woods	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1896 Oct 28	8,710	Clinton	*Mrs. Jennie A. Rule	*Eugene B. Dyke	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1897 Oct 27	10,051	Ottumwa	*Mrs. Della B. Meredith	*J.W. Geiger	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1898 Oct 26	11,024	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Della B. Meredith	*William H. Norris	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1899 Oct 25	12,297	Davenport	*Mrs. Mary B. Rathburn	*William H. Norris	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1900 Oct 24	13,087	Des Moines	*Mrs. Mary B. Rathburn	*A.J. Small	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1901 Oct 23	15,702	Sioux City	*Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer	*A.J. Small	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1902 Oct 22	17,467	Oskaloosa	*Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer	*W.H. Wray	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1903 Oct 28	19,683	Iowa City	*Mrs. P. Jane Webber	*J.C.W. Cox	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1904 Oct 26	21,610	Waterloo	*Mrs. Fanny M. Sever	*A.L. Lindner	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1905 Oct 25	23,047	Davenport	*Mrs. Fanny M. Sever	*P.J. Martin	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1906 Oct 24	23,367	Mason City	*Mrs. Allena D. Ward	*P.J. Martin	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1907 Oct 23	25,712	Burlington	*Mrs. Allena D. Ward	*H.W. Hughes	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1908 Oct 23	27,270	Des Moines	*Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart	*Bruce Moore	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1909 Oct 27	28,700	Sioux City	*Mrs. Bessie Bills	*O.C. Meredith	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1910 Oct 26	30,410	Boone	*Mrs. Maggie Wiley	*E.M. Willard	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1911 Oct 25	32,471	Dubuque	*Mrs. Emma Beckman	*D.W. Clements	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton

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1912 Oct 23	34, 141	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Josephine Hobson	*J. L. Rose	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1913 Oct 22	36, 000	Council Bluffs	*Mrs. Alta M. Sullivan	*W. H. Killpack	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ella Houghton
1914 Oct 28	38, 097	Waterloo	*Mrs. Luella M. Crooks	*W. F. Berry	*Mrs. Maria Jackson	*Mrs. Ida Webster
1915 Oct 27	40, 625	Des Moines	*Mrs. Cecelia Small	*Charles S. Kennedy	*Mrs. Clare E. Hughes	*Mrs. Ida Webster
1916 Oct 25	42, 970	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Maud M. Keyser	*James A. Henderson	*Mrs. Clare E. Hughes	*Mrs. Ida Webster
1917 Oct 24	45, 546	Iowa City	*Mrs. Fannie B. Hammill	*James L. Records	*Mrs. Clare E. Hughes	*Mrs. Ida Webster
1918 Dec 4	47, 846	Davenport	*Miss Anna Stilwell	*George H. Irwin	*Mrs. Clare E. Hughes	*Mrs. Ida Webster
1919 Oct 28	50, 261	Des Moines	*Mrs. Anna M. Orris	*B. Shimck	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Ida Webster
1920 Oct 26	54, 828	Des Moines	*Mrs. Lucy B. Bullock	*Charles Sutherland	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Esther Kennedy
1921 Oct 25	61, 878	Sioux City	*Mrs. Etta B. Carpenter	*H. L. Mc Grew	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Esther Kennedy
1922 Oct 24	67, 491	Des Moines	*Mrs. Edna Zerwekh	*George Hamilton	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Esther Kennedy
1923 Oct 23	71, 305	Waterloo	*Mrs. Grace B. Sprecher	*John Hammill	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Esther Kennedy
1924 Oct 28	74, 202	Sioux City	*Mrs. Myrtle Wiley Carlton	*Earl F. Mayer	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Esther Kennedy
1925 Oct 27	76, 834	Davenport	*Mrs. Elizabeth Kammann	*John Burianek	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Esther Kennedy
1926 Oct 26	77, 966	Waterloo	*Mrs. Jessie Wheeler	*Roscoe E. Zerwekh	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1927 Oct 25	79, 043	Des Moines	*Mrs. Frances Dahl	*Theodore Hawkinson	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1928 Oct 23	79, 860	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Harriet Mc Master	*Foster G. Iddings	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1929 Nov 12	79, 940	Des Moines	*Mrs. Ethel Seidler	*Frank B. Hallagan	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1930 Oct 28	80, 265	Sioux City	*Mrs. Sarah Bachman	*T. I. Wheeler	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1931 Oct 27	79, 901	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Nellie Olander	*Roy F. Short	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1932 Oct 25	78, 309	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Edna Duncan	*George E. Ward	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1933 Oct 24	74, 080	Des Moines	*Mrs. Anna Blaylock	*Leo C. Percival	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1934 Oct 23	70, 176	Des Moines	*Mrs. Maud Bowers	*Paul N. Clark	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1935 Oct 22	67, 770	Des Moines	*Mrs. Gertrude May	*Robert Grapengeter	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1936 Oct 27	66, 452	Davenport	*Mrs. Ada May Davis	*John F. Blaylock	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1937 Oct 26	64, 335	Des Moines	*Mrs. Myrtle W. Cook	*Carl W. Bachman	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1938 Oct 25	65, 076	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Rowena Johnson	*O. J. Kirkeleg	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1939 Oct 24	64, 935	Des Moines	*Mrs. Bessie Mc Murray	*Lester Jay	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1940 Oct 22	69, 903	Sioux City	*Mrs. Mozelle Russell	*Nathan L. Hicks	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1941 Oct 28	65, 461	Des Moines	*Mrs. Laura M. Lenz	*Charles A. Bowman	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1942 Oct 29	64, 846	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Daisy Ray	*Harry W. Dunker	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1943 Oct 28	65, 842	Des Moines	*Mrs. Pearl May Fluegel	*Clarence I. Spencer	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1944 Oct 26	67, 425	Des Moines	*Mrs. Elsie L. Evans	*Claude V. Mc Broom	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1945 Oct 25	70, 417	Des Moines	*Mrs. Lillian Ritter	*Hugh J. Tamisiea	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston

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1946 Oct 24	73,654	Des Moines	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*W. Russell Hayes	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1947 Oct 28	75,546	Sioux City	*Mrs. Mildred Harrington	*Clifford Young	*Mrs. Adah G. Thompson	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1948 Oct 28	79,433	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Betty Fraser	*Ray Mc Murray	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1949 Oct 25	81,868	Des Moines	*Mrs. Lucille H. Johnson	*Clyde E. Jones	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mary H.S. Johnston
1950 Nov 7	83,952	Des Moines	*Mrs. Velda Felton	*Henry W. Greeve	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1951 Oct 23	85,771	Sioux City	*Mrs. Dorothy Harris	*Henry E. Meyers	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1952 Oct 28	86,754	Des Moines	*Mrs. Hazel Cox Adamson	*Robert W. Hughes	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1953 Oct 27	87,636	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Esther Barber	*Lloyd O. Burtness	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1954 Oct 26	88,194	Des Moines	*Mrs. Nell Bonnell	*Edward G. Squire	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1955 Oct 25	88,535	Sioux City	*Mrs. Bernice Sundberg Lilly	*Dwight Mc Cracken	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1956 Oct 23	88,467	Des Moines	*Mrs. Helen Bowers	*Alvin Flint	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Bessie G. Strawn
1957 Oct 22	88,282	Sioux City	*Mrs. Isabelle Walensky	*Herman Beck	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1958 Oct 28	87,962	Des Moines	*Mrs. Viola Drape Sweet	*Frank L. Fellows	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1959 Oct 27	87,318	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. June Watson	*Howard Lyon	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1960 Nov 2	85,935	Des Moines	*Mrs. Norma Long	*R. Edward Dunlap	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1961 Oct 25	84,295	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Eva Lu Murrison	*Edward J. Yelick	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1962 Oct 24	82,903	Sioux City	*Mrs. Lois Hanke	*Harry Cowden	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1963 Oct 31	81,473	Des Moines	*Mrs. Helen Kline	*Wendell Teachout	*Mrs. Gladys Haycock	*Mrs. Mable Steele
1964 Oct 27	79,616	Davenport	*Mrs. Luella Brammer	*Howard T. Miller	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1965 Oct 26	78,348	Des Moines	*Mrs. Alice Young	*Henry Winger	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1966 Oct 25	76,984	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Virginia M. Jones	*Don Shoning	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1967 Oct 24	75,037	Des Moines	*Mrs. Josephine Walter	*Dean W. Hess	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1968 Oct 22	72,784	Davenport	*Mrs. Leona Dosland	*Charles W. Antes	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1969 Oct 28	71,021	Des Moines	*Mrs. Ruth Carlson	*Robert Kitchell	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1970 Oct 27	69,467	Des Moines	*Mrs. Eileen Y. Minnich	*Leo Maurer	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1971 Oct 26	67,613	Cedar Rapids	*Mrs. Lurene Walter	*George Clapsaddle	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1972 Oct 31	65,888	Des Moines	*Mrs. Peggy Hauswirth	*H. Victor Stead	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1973 Oct 25	63,925	Sioux City	*Mrs. Grace Countryman	*John Vasey	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1974 Oct 24	61,908	Des Moines	*Mrs. Leona P. Paschal	*L. Doyle Champion	*Miss Kathryn Anderson	*Miss Clara Brown
1975 Oct 28	60,239	Davenport	*Mrs. Dorothy Messinger	*F. Gilbert Mote	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Miss Clara Brown
1976 Oct 26	58,676	Waterloo	*Mrs. Lucille Gremmels	*John E. Thompson	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Miss Clara Brown
1977 Oct 25	57,322	Des Moines	*Mrs. Beth Friday	*Dean E. Ellis	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Mrs. Grace Hansen
1978 Oct 24	55,710	Des Moines	*Mrs. Vera Mae Baker	*Karl Aschenbrenner	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Mrs. Grace Hansen
1979 Nov 1	53,811	Davenport	Mrs. Elsie Miller	*Frank Rosenboom	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Mrs. Grace Hansen

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1980 Oct 30	51,833	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Betty J. Briggs	Alvis E. Shaw	*Mrs. Naomi Jenkins	*Mrs. Grace Hansen
1981 Oct 29	50,085	Des Moines	Mrs. Ruth Marks	*Orrie Jones	Mrs. Betty Briggs, PGM	*Mrs. Grace Hansen
1982 Oct 28	47,968	Des Moines	*Mrs. E. June Peterson	*Frank B. Evans	Mrs. Betty Briggs, PGM	*Mrs. Grace Hansen
1983 Oct 30	46,276	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Caryl Lawyer	*A. Clarke Miller	Mrs. Betty Briggs, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1984 Oct 24	44,609	Sioux City	*Mrs. Bonnie Martin	*Martin V. Evenson	Mrs. Betty Briggs, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1985 Nov 9	42,765	Sioux City	*Mrs. Laurene Gemberling	Dallas D. Moores	Mrs. Betty Briggs, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1986 Nov 1	38,751	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge	Ronald Hovick	Mrs. Betty Briggs, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1987 Oct 28	37,279	Des Moines	*Mrs. Margaret Batschelet	*James Archer	Mrs. Betty Briggs, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1988 Oct 28	35,423	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Carolyn Kropf	*Carl Mumme	Mrs. Betty Briggs, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1989 Oct 2	33,954	Dubuque	Mrs. Shirley Peterson	*Wilbur Benrott	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1990 Oct 26	32,535	Des Moines	*Mrs. Twila Seley	*Ross Gould	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1991 Oct 25	30,922	Sioux City	Mrs. Julie Pedersen	Darwin E. Will	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1992 Oct 30	29,462	Sioux City	Mrs. Dorothy Masters	*Bill Freiks	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1993 Oct 29	28,152	Des Moines	Miss JoAnn Runyan	Gerald Hammers	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	*Mrs. Darlene Prouditt
1994 Oct 21	26,743	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Betty J. Shoup	*Donald Crowe	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
1995 Oct 27	25,600	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Marcia Kucera	*Ford C. Thompson	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
1996 Oct 25	24,125	Des Moines	*Mrs. Darlene Shepherd	Larry D. Jones	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
1997 Oct 24	23,045	Dubuque	Mrs. Frankie Little	*Dale Robinson	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
1998 Oct 29	21,699	Sioux City	*Mrs. Laurene Gemberling	John Mills	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
1999 Oct 28	20,482	Council Bluffs	Mrs. Becky Taylor	Ronald L. Larsen	Mrs. Donna J. Hodge, PGM	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2000 Oct 19	19,243	Altoona	Mrs. Beverly J. Reinert	Charles C. Jackson	Mrs. Carolyn L. Anderson	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2001 Oct 20	18,281	Altoona	Mrs. Mary Sue Van Ryswyk	Ben Kain	Mrs. Carolyn L. Anderson	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2002 Oct 25	17,204	Altoona	Mrs. Connie S. Esbeck	*Kenneth D. Eshelman	Mrs. Carolyn L. Anderson	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2003 Oct 24	16,152	Altoona	Mrs. Danelle R. Essing	Richard A. Wehde	Mrs. Carolyn L. Anderson	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2004 Oct 29	15,256	Altoona	Mrs. Sara Ann Robinson	Ray E. Rardin	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2005 Oct 28	14,267	Des Moines	Mrs. JoAnn Bergeson	Randall Essing	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2006 Oct 19	13,318	Altoona	Mrs. Diane R. Bargfrede	*Russell D. Altes	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2007 Oct 25	12,461	Altoona	*Mrs. Connie Coulter	Ed Meade	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2008 Oct 23	11,613	Des Moines	Mrs. Mary Jane Young	John Baker	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Miss Janelle Hammarstedt
2009 Oct 22	10,695	Coralville	Miss Paula S. Larsen	Wayne McGinnis	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Connie Chase
2010 Oct 28	9,934	Altoona	Mrs. Phyllis A. Moore	*Gary Smith	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Connie Chase
2011 Oct 27	9,170	Altoona	*Mrs. Joanne Scroggie	Edwin Hascall	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Connie Chase
2012 Oct 18	8,532	Altoona	*Mrs. Karen Hyde	Dennis DeJode	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Connie Chase
2013 Oct 24	7,900	Altoona	Mrs. Cynde Lemley	Carl Yoder	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Connie Chase

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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	Altoona	Mrs. Lynn Tague	Phil Corwin	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Beverly Smith
2016 Oct. 20	6,308	Altoona	Mrs. Nancy Kiehne	Russ Hibben	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Beverly Smith
2017 Oct. 19	5,887	Altoona	Mrs. Jane Green	John Hauser	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Beverly Smith
2018 Oct. 18	5,480	Cedar Rapids	Ms. Ellen Knupp	Charlie Young	Mrs. Nancy L. Niday	Mrs. Beverly Smith
2019 Oct. 24	5,053	West Des Moines	Mrs. Jean Koss	Bruce Thomas	Mrs. Nancy J. Ramthun, PGM	*Mrs. Beverly Smith Mrs. Connie Chase Acting Gr. Treas.
2020 CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19						
2021 Oct. 8	4,611	West Des Moines	Mrs. Polly Miller	Kenny Wogomon	Mrs. Nancy J. Ramthun, PGM	Mr. Kent Strawn
2022 Oct. 21	4,230	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Polly Miller	Kenny Wogomon	Mrs. Nancy J. Ramthun, PGM	Mr. Kent Strawn
2023 Oct. 19	3,943	Cedar Rapids	Mrs. Cheryl Payne	John Whitaker	Mrs. Nancy J. Ramthun, PGM	Mr. Kent Strawn
			Mrs. Vicki Wallner	Larry Niday	Mrs. Nancy J. Ramthun, PGM	Mr. Kent Strawn

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