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T.I.M.E. TRAVEL WITH THE W.G.M.

Here it is again, time for another article. May...What can I say, other than "April showers (or rather, April snow showers) bring May flowers." Well, we will certainly welcome those showers with temperatures above freezing and no snow. This has been one of those difficult years in trying to get inspections completed. So far, everything that has been postponed has been rescheduled.

I am amazed at the creativity and delightful addenda's that are being given to us. Every one of these have been so fun and relative to this "Showers of Blessings" year. The Worthy Grand Patron and I thank each one of you for your input and part in this activity.

I have certainly enjoyed the Inspections and want to thank each district for allowing their Deputy to come in and give the instructions of the Worthy Grand Matron. I know this is not an easy task. The majority of the items that she has shared with you are not new. Please re-view your CR&R and Ritual periodically, especially if you are an Officer. I know that I have to review; I forget a word, then a sentence, then a paragraph, and then finally the whole context is rearranged. Even the Worthy Grand Matron reviews, she is human as well!

Presenting the 50 and 75 Year Awards, Grand Representative Appointments and Baby Dedications are all Blessings, which I am happy to say that Brother Darrell and I were part of. We thank each one of you for allowing us the opportunity to partake in these events.

The Grand Star Points have stepped into their "Honor Mornings" and "Honor Nights" beautifully, from what I am hearing. Brother Darrell and I will not see them speak until they come to our districts. Please take the opportunity to go to these as you will see why Brother Darrell, Sister Becky, Brother Charles and I look to these ladies to represent the heroines of our Order. They are all very special to us and in your visit and talking with them, you will understand why we chose them to represent the heroines of our Order.

Grand Chapter is around the corner and I look forward to seeing each of you there. I am excited, as this is the 140th year of our Indiana Grand Chapter. We will vote using the electronic voting devices. This will be new and exciting. The afternoon will flow by quickly...Elections and other business will definitely be expedited.

If I have forgotten to give a thank you for anything, please forgive me, as sometimes I get sidetracked and it slips my mind. So, I am taking this opportunity to thank everyone for all their kindness, gifts, support, love and dedication to our Order. I have truly enjoyed this year and am quite sad that it is near its end. You have all been a Blessing to ME! I will see you soon.

God Bless and remember: We are all "Showered with Blessings."

Elizabeth Lashley, WGM



NEVER GIVE UP

Sisters and Brothers,

We are now heading into the home stretch! What a grand time we have had. The Official Visits have been many, but the fellowship has been greater. Our Grand Family has performed their duties in the manner they are supposed to and the Deputies have traveled well and made us proud to be associated with them. All in all it has gone well. The membership has a big decision and a hard one as each of the Grand Star Points are great people and represent not only themselves but the State with class and sincerity.

It has amazed Becky and me of the generosity of the members of our Order, not only with their donations, but the time they spend promoting what is good about Star. The virtues that are given by the Star Points are lived by our members. What more could the good Lord expect than our best effort.



Thank you all for your support of all the Projects. The Home, Riley Hospital and other funds know that Eastern Star cares. You should be proud and happy to be the biggest part of what is accomplished.

Finally, please continue through the remainder of this year and the coming years to promote the Order. We feel that it is worthy of our efforts. The world around us needs to know that good does exist and people do care. What better legacy can we leave? So don't ever give up. Work it to the end and we will grow stronger.

We look forward to the rest of the visits and then the last Inspection in the State. With your support we will finish in a Grand way as we all continue to serve

Together With Love

Darrell and Becky



KANGAROO KAPERS

From the Pouch of District #3



September – As the Receptions and Inspections continue across the state, the District Chapters hosted the Deputy for her official visits. The Masonic Home Festival was a great “party” as usual with good food, great programs and goodies on the booth tables. The Fall Luncheon of the Grand Representatives Association was held at the Masonic Home. Sister Sonda Schapson, Jr. PGM, met with her Grand Representatives to form their group.

October – The Deputy continued her visits. On the 4th, the Luncheon for the WGM was hosted by the Third District Past Deputy Association. That evening the first Inspection was held at the Corydon Masonic Temple. Old Capitol #467 had the Opening, LaBelle #419 had the Initiation and New Albany #340 had the closing. On the last Saturday, the Fall Meeting of the Third District Association was held at the Charlestown Masonic Temple,

hosted by Blazing Bright #597. Along with the regular business, the Association honored the Past Grands, the District Deputy, the Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, the Grand Rep-

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A DAY AT THE OES FAIR

July 27, 2013, was a day at the OES Fair in Rockville at the First United Methodist Church where Hedges Chapter hosted a reception honoring Sister Jill Rice, Associate Grand Conductress.

Guests were greeted by Jill and husband Jon in the Fellowship Hall in front of a wood barn door and a split rail fence on which rested a Western saddle and ribbons. Fair exhibits decorated the tables. Pictures were taken by Paul Barnett and Kristie Batey.

Jill was escorted into the Sanctuary by Frank Norman, PGP. Pam Wrightsman, WM greeted all present. The Invocation was given by Naomi Mitchell, PGM. Jill was escorted to the altar by Mary Jo Norman, Conductress. Jill's granddaughters, Mallorie (13), Jillian (10) and Delaney (3), serenaded Jill with "Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch". The Paradise of Faith and Garden of Faith Grand Families provided the escort with Jill in cowboy boots and bling belt and Jon with in a horse's halter. They presented Jill with items one might find at the County Fair.

Star Point Mom, Sonda Schapson, Jr. PGM, and Star Point Pop, Cary Hetrick, Jr. PGP, gave the tribute and presented her with a Love Gift. Jill thanked everyone for coming and then introduced Elizabeth Lashley, WGM, and Darrel Arthur, WGP, who presented her a wooden plaque with a poem by Connie Hinnen Cook. After each introduction Jill shared facts about the Indiana State Fair. Those assisting Jill were: Rick Lassiter, PGO, Organist; Pam Wrightsman, WM; Frank Norman, PGP, WP; Mary Jo Norman, Conductress; and Ray North, Sound System.

Other introductions included: Dwight Singer, PGP, and Linda; Naomi Mitchell, PGM; Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM; LeVon Holmes, PGM; Cathie Randles, PGM and Grand Trustee, and Walt; Cindy Cohee, PGM; Frank Norman, PGP, and Mary Jo; Sherry Johnson, PGM; Henry Huff, PGP, and Linda; Sonda Schapson, Jr. PGM; and Cary Hetrick, Jr. PGP, and Michelle, GR of Louisiana in Indiana. Those attending from the Showers of Blessings Grand Family were: Becky Arthur, wife of WGP; Betty Swisher, AGM and Charles; Fred Smith, AGP; Barbara Terry, Grand Treasurer, PGM, and Jim; Tina Vredenburgh, GC, and George; Larry Frost, Grand Chaplain, and Nancy; Ron Mendenhall, Grand Marshal, and Karen; Barb Dutton, Grand Organist; Darlene Shepard, Grand Adah; Joanna Hornsby, Grand Ruth, and Jim; Jayne Peterson, Grand Esther; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha, and Cecil; Cynthia Skura, Grand Electa; Mary Jane Stevens, Grand Warder, and John; and Cecil Scott, Grand Sentinel, and Pat. There were 12 Rays of Sunshine and 6 Sun Catchers.

Jill's family members introduced were: husband Jon; son Scott, wife Robin and daughter, Delaney; and daughter Samantha and daughters Mallorie and Jillian. Friends introduced were Vicki Kremer and Mary Alice and Dale Barnes.

Jill thanked Hedges Chapter for all of their hard work in preparing for the reception and District 9 for all of their support. Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by Walt Randles.

The Benediction was given by Cathie Randles, PGM and Grand Trustee, and Table Grace by Frank Norman, PGP. A delicious meal prepared by members of Montezuma Chapter was enjoyed by all.



DARLENE SHEPARD, GRAND ADAH

Star Greetings to all. I am from Brazil Chapter #80 in District 8. Traveling throughout the State this year has given me the rare opportunity to meet many amazing people.

I was born and raised in Brazil, Indiana, the oldest of four children born to Carson & Marilyn Trout. My father was a Past Master of Brazil Lodge #264. Both my Mother and Father belonged to Brazil Chapter and my Mother is a Past Matron there. My father is now deceased but Mother travels with me a lot under the alias of "mamafish". Some time ago, I became my Chapters Secretary and still hold that office today.



After high school I married and had three children: Jacob, Samantha & Laura. I am blessed that my children and grandchildren live close. Jacob is married to Mandy and they have 2 children, Damon and Callie. Jacob is a private contractor and Mandy is a mail-gal. Samantha is married to Brady and they have 2 children, A.C. & Ellee. Samantha is a customer service representative for THSB Bank and Brady works for Acorn Distributors. Samantha is also a member of Brazil Chapter. Laura is currently employed at Alorica in Terre Haute. She is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel 121 where I have worked with our Jobs Daughters as an adult volunteer. I am the Business Manager for the Brazil Public Library and have been there 28 years. I have an Associate's

Degree in Computer Science from Ivy Tech College and am a member of the First Baptist Church in Brazil and currently their Treasurer.

We have a long musical tradition in our family. My father, two brothers, my sister and I were in high school band. Clarinet was my first choice of instruments but changed to French horn and never looked at a clarinet again! I have played the horn for over forty years and am currently President of the Brazil Concert Band. We play Sunday evening concerts, June through August at 8 pm in our local park band shell and invite all to stop by. I also play with the Jackson Township Band. My children, Jacob and Laura, were in band and my grandsons are continuing the tradition. My other hobbies are gardening, cooking, scrap-booking, traveling, boating and love the ocean and the beach. I am really a 'dog' person but somehow ended up with 2 cats: Renfield, at home and, of course, the infamous Carnegie, the Library cat.

Several years ago I was honored to be appointed Grand Page by Naomi Mitchell, PGM, and late Ernie Keplan, PGP. Then just a few years ago I was surprised when Vivian Ashton, PGM, and Larry Mills, PGP, asked me to be District Deputy #8 and was very excited when Liz & Darrell asked me to be Grand Adah this year. This year has been filled with wonderful memories and friendships that I will always treasure.

Hoping to see many of you at Grand Chapter and in closing, remember when it rains on your parade, look up rather than down. Without rain there would be no rainbow.

Star love and hugs
Darlene Shepard

JOANNA HORNSBY, GRAND RUTH

It is with much love and loyalty to our beautiful Order that I, Joanna Hornsby, humbly serve as your Grand Ruth. I am a 40 year member of Brookville Chapter.

I was born in Breathitt County, Kentucky where we lived with my 3 older sisters and brother. When I was 5 years old my parents moved to Metamora, Indiana. That is where I grew up. I graduated from Brookville High School, was a 9 year member of 4-H and a member of nearly every club that permitted a female to join. I was a cheerleader from 6th grade through 12th and was elected Sweetheart Queen of my High School. As a member of FHA, I was elected to State office and elected Recorder of our National Organization.

I met Jim, my husband, in the spring and by fall we were married. There really is a thing as "Love at first sight". We have two children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

I became a volunteer in the multiple handicap class at our school. This was a wonderful experience as I learned the true meaning of the word "humble". I started a Cub Scout troop, a Brownie troop, a mini 4-H Club, Little League baseball organization for boys and girls and was a helper in the Girl Scouts. I operated a craft shop for 15 years after which I went back to school. I graduated from Artistic Beauty College and operated my beauty salon until 2001.

Jim and I are members of the Connersville Baptist Temple Church. We have a nursing home and homebound ministry where we provide song, Bible reading and stories.

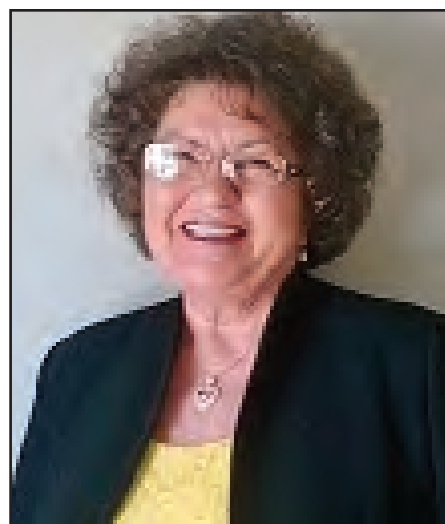
Our Eastern Star journey began in 1973. In 1974 I was appointed as Esther, then elected as Associate Conductress and 1978 I was Worthy Matron and Jim was Worthy Patron. We served for 2 years. I have been a Grand Chapter committee member throughout the years

In 2009 I served as Star Dreamer #5 for Pat Ensley and Greg Onken. In 2011 we were Grand Page and Grand Usher for Deby Thomas and Rob Maines. In 2012 we were approached by Elizabeth Lashley and Darrell Arthur and was asked to serve as their Grand Ruth for their Showers of Blessings Grand family.

Ruth is known as the Humble Gleaner, but she is one of our Great Heroines of the Bible. Ruth remained with her mother in law Naomi who wanted to return to Bethlehem. When they arrived they were destitute so Ruth became a gleaner in the fields of Boaz so she could provide for aged Naomi and herself.

I chose the shape of an Open Bible for my pin. It was my emblem each time I was Worthy Matron. Nearly everyone has a Bible, but if it is never opened then it is just a book.

I wish to thank my chapter, my District #5, my husband Jim and everyone who has been a part of my journey as Grand Ruth as it has truly been a blessing in my life.



Joanna Hornsby, Grand Ruth

JAYNE PETERSON, GRAND ESTHER

My name is Jayne Peterson and I am honored to serve as your Grand Esther for the Showers of Blessings Grand Family. Ray and I are members of the Helen Bonebrake Chapter in District #15.

I graduated from Rossville High School and received my Associates Degree in Accounting from International Business College. I have worked at TRW Commercial Steering for 25 years as a shipping/receiving and inventory coordinator.

I joined Rainbow in 1972 and served as Worthy Advisor as well as Grand Nature for Kathy O'Dell. I became a member at Beard Chapter when I turned 18 and when they closed, I affiliated with Helen Bonebrake. I have served as Worthy Matron twice, both times with Ray as my Worthy Patron. I had the opportunity serving as Grand Page for Shirley Moore and Larry Crowder. I also had the pleasure of serving as Shining Star #15 for Kathy Livings and Bill Shoulders. I was appointed Grand Representative of Australia by Pat Endsley and Greg Onken. I have also served on numerous Grand Chapter Committees during the previous years.

Esther was born to parents who were driven from their homeland into exile. She was raised by her uncle who taught her love, honesty, loyalty and responsibility to her family and friends. She held fast to those beliefs throughout her life and when the time came to face the king, she relied on those beliefs to persuade the king to save her people. My beliefs coincide with Esther's to the degree of doing what is necessary to help my family and friends as well as support them in all their endeavors.

Ray and I will have been married 32 years in July. We have 5 children and they all live close enough with the exception of James who is in the Air Force and stationed in England. They have blessed us with 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandsons. We don't get to spend as much time with them as we would like, but whatever time is involved – they get our full attention. As my parents would say “we spoil them rotten and then send them home!”

My pin is in the shape of an oval with the crown and scepter in the center, representing our heroine Queen Esther. Along the sides are the white lily and the stars in the colors of my Star Point Sisters, it also represents my ties to the Shining Stars of Friendship and Faith Grand Family. Along the bottom are the clasped hands representing both my membership in Rainbow as well as our greatest form of welcome to a Sister or Brother. At the top is the number 15 for my amazing District, with their love and support, I am truly blessed.



You have made this year wonderful. I have truly enjoyed coming into your Chapters and meeting each of you. Your hugs and smiles have been a great joy to me. You have enriched my life and I am thankful to have become a small part of your life.

Star blessings,
Jayne Peterson, Grand Esther

SHIRLEY MOORE, GRAND MARTHA

I, Sister Shirley Moore, was born in Greentown, Indiana, in a family of 13 children of which I am the youngest. Sadly missed are all 12 of my siblings and parents. At the age of 2 my family moved to Paragon, Indiana where I attended grade school and later graduated high school there.

My husband Cecil Moore, owner of Morz Plumbing, combined our families with my 2 daughters, Barbara and Sandra, and Cecil's 2 boys, Richard and Ronald. We have 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. We have been married a blissfully 53 years.

My occupation for 43 years was with RCA in Indianapolis. I finally retired from there in 1994 and have enjoyed my retirement ever since.

Cecil and I are members of the Eternal Life Baptist Church where I am the organist and Cecil is music director. My love of music keeps me busy as I spread the music notes to make people happy.

I willfully joined Mooresville Chapter #260 of Mooresville, Indiana in January, 1966. I have been Worthy Matron twice and have served as the organist for 32 years. I hold dual membership with Greenwood Chapter in Greenwood, Indiana and have served as their Adah and Associate Conductress. My fun time is also a member of Greenwood Brown Bag Kitchen Band. My service as Deputy of District 6 was in 2011-2012.

To my utmost surprise I was chosen to serve as Grand Martha for the 2013-2014 term for the Indiana Grand Chapter. Sister Elizabeth Lashley and Brother Darrell Arthur found that I would be the perfect Grand Martha because of my trustful faith in all that I do. Because of my devotion to our God, I thank HIM every day for the many blessings HE has bestowed upon me and my family. Cecil and I have travelled many roads this year to represent the Indiana Grand Chapter and to perform my duties with great humbleness and zeal. Martha is my favorite station as it represents the closeness to God and his promises.

My service with the Job's Daughters of Bethel #35, of which I am Past Guardian, was a very rewarding position beginning in the late 60's, serving as their music director and twice for Job's Daughters of Indiana as Grand Music Director.

My membership of Kappa Kappa Sigma Sorority (Past President) has also been rewarding for over 30 years. I am active in bowling on the "Handicappers" team, love my dogs and have a very hard time saying "no". I am also Past Grand Chief of Pythian Sisters.

I truly believe that Faith is the key to happiness, loving kindness and hope. I love Eastern Star because of the teachings of our Supreme Being. It is a foundation of which we can all build our "believing" inner strength to promote happiness and love and kindness to our sisters and brothers as God has intended.



Shirley Moore, Grand Martha

CINDY SKURA, GRAND ELECTA

My name is Cindy Skura and I am a member of Griffith Chapter in District 19. My Eastern Star and Masonic history begins in Whiting, Indiana where my grandfather was a member of Whiting Lodge and a Past Patron of Whiting Chapter. My father is a Past Master of Whiting Lodge and he and my mother are Past Matron and Past Patron of Whiting Chapter.

I joined Job's Daughters at the age of twelve and served Whiting Bethel as Honored Queen in 1970. I joined Whiting Chapter shortly after my eighteenth birthday and became active in Eastern Star in my early twenties. The first station I held was Adah and then Secretary for a few years before I started up the line to serve as Worthy Matron for the first time in 1983/84 with my father as my Worthy Patron. The following year I was surprised with the appointment of Grand Representative of Pennsylvania by Sister Beverly Barton and the late Brother Lowell Carlisle. I went on to serve Whiting Chapter as Worthy Matron one more time before our Chapter closed in 1992. This is when I affiliated with Griffith Chapter. I did not become active in Griffith Chapter at that time because my children were reaching their teenage years and becoming active in sports, school and their church youth group.



My husband Dave and I have been married for forty years. We have three children and seven grandchildren. Our oldest son Matthew and his wife Amy live about thirty minutes from us in Crown Point and have four children, Abby, Avery, Dylan and Logan. Our younger son Jeremy and his wife Jen live in Zionsville and have three children, Ryan, Kate and Jack. Our daughter Lisa and her husband Tim also live in Crown Point and have just been married for eighteen months.

Dave has worked in the steel industry of northwest Indiana for over forty years. He currently works for Arcelor Mittal which is the largest steel producer in the world. I have worked in the banking field for twenty-three years. I worked for Bank One for ten years, starting as a teller, then taking a position in new accounts and then moved to the commercial loan department where I audited the loan files. I worked at Griffith Savings Bank as their Mortgage Loan Officer for twelve years. I am currently working for First Federal Savings and Loan in their mortgage loan department.

I have been an active member of Griffith Chapter for the past 10 years. I have served Griffith Chapter as Martha and Esther several times and as Worthy Matron twice. I have had the honor to serve as a Grand Page for Sister Cindy Cohee and Brother Frank Norman. Last year I had the joy and pleasure to serve as Beach Bunny #19 for Sister Sonda Schapson and Brother Cary Hetrick. This year has been an honor and blessing to serve the Indiana Grand Chapter as Grand Electa.

Cindy Skura, Grand Electa

DAWN WENDEL

Dawn Wendel is the new Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of the Indiana Masonic Home. Dawn began her tenure at IMH as Health Facility Administrator in June 2013 and was promoted in August. She is the first woman Health Facility Administrator and CEO of the IMH. Appropriately so, her office is the former living quarters of Nettie Ransford.

Personally, she is a native of Indianapolis currently living in Historic Irvington. "Our house is about 115 years old. There is always something being repaired or restored. In our neighborhood you don't ask who does your hair; we ask, 'who does your plumbing?'" Dawn has been married 30 years this March. Her husband Jeffrey is an accountant, member of Prather Lodge and Commander in the Navy Reserve. They have one grown married daughter who graduated from Kelly School of Business, Indiana University and a daughter who is a senior at Indiana University, Bloomington. She is a member of Irvington Chapter #364 OES, Amaranth, Daylight Court #31, P.E.O. Sisterhood, and serves on the Parish Finance Council at St. Theresa of Little Flower Church in Indianapolis.

Professionally, Dawn graduated from Warren Central High School and received her Bachelor's degree from Butler University. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She received a BS in Journalism. "I wanted to be the next Woodward and Bernstein. Instead, I worked in the government directly for then Mayor Bill Hudnut. I wrote press releases, Proclamations and worked with neighborhood groups. My last day there in the office was proclaimed 'Dawn Graves Day' in Indianapolis and I received a key to the city. I was getting married and moving to the Naval Air Station LeMoore, California."

While in California Dawn received her Masters of Arts degree from the University of San Francisco in Adult and Child Counseling; working with law enforcement and social service entities. Since her return back to Indianapolis, Dawn has worked in Long-Term Care and Assisted Living. Currently with over 23 years' experience in healthcare, she is licensed in Indiana as a Health Facility Administrator, Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker.

"It is an honor to serve the post at the Indiana Masonic Home. There is an aspect of tradition with the desire to continue to enhance programs, property and opportunities for our residents. Today's seniors are healthier, more active, still work and/or volunteer, demand and expect opportunities for choice. IMH and I are up to the task," says Dawn.

Lawrence Chapter had the pleasure of having Dawn speak about the Indiana Masonic Home at our Friends Night in February and it was a very informative talk. John and I had the privilege of talking to Dawn one on one at the Home and we discovered that we have some common friends in the Irvington neighborhood. It was very interesting to learn that Dawn's office is in the area of the Home where Nettie Ransford's apartment was located.

Lena Walker,
11th District Star-Lite Reporter



Lena Walker and Dawn Wendel

DOROTHY KONZELMAN 75 YEAR AWARD

It was a nice, but snowy day Saturday, February 8, 2014 when Sister Dorothy Konzelman, a member of Beulah Chapter #102, was presented her 75 year award at Greenwood Chapter #390 at 2:30 p.m.

Sister Jane Sherrill, Worthy Matron, welcomed everyone. She introduced Sister Elizabeth Lashley, Worthy Grand Matron, who conducted the ceremony. Sister Dorothy was presented at the Altar by Sister Shirley Moore, Grand Martha, to receive her pin. She was pinned by her daughter, Betty Gilliland. As Sister Dorothy lives in Greenwood, the Greenwood Chapter most graciously offered to do this ceremony for her and Beulah Chapter. We thank them for their kindness.

In attendance were family members, Eastern Star members, church friends and five from the Beulah Chapter. Refreshments and a social time were enjoyed in the dining room.



WGM Elizabeth Lashley, Betty Gilliland, and Dorothy Konzelman



MORGANTOWN'S MAGICAL FRIENDS' NIGHT

On Saturday, March 22nd, Morgantown Chapter held its Friends' Night at their Masonic Lodge. Prior to the evening's events, a light supper was enjoyed by all. Virginia Prairie, Worthy Matron, who will be a Grand Page this year, read a poem, "A Friend Is Like a Forest." When the friends were introduced, each was given a sack of magical goodies: deck of cards, matches, candy, etc.

Jeff Prairie, Worthy Patron, introduced John West, a friend and a magician from Columbus, Indiana. He presented a show of magical tricks with humorous stories. No one could see the "trick" when he had money counted out in one-dollar bills. And then he randomly gave out boxes to several in the audience which contained brightly patterned socks. At the end of the revealing of the socks in each box, Jeff and Virginia were holding a sock each which did not match, but the magician was wearing the mates of the two socks that they had. No one could figure out that "trick" either.

The evening was enjoyed by all who were present.



Jeff Prairie, John West and Virginia Prairie

HONOR FLIGHT

On September 7, 2013, I had the privilege of taking an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, along with sixty nine other World War II Veterans. We had all been appointed a guardian and mine was Lucy Parker from McCordsville, IN. Each guardian looked after their appointed veteran and made sure we were comfortable and at the right place at the right time. These are some of the highlights of our trip.

On Friday night we were served dinner at Stout Field Armory in Indianapolis to get acquainted and receive some instructions. We had breakfast Saturday morning at Indianapolis International Airport and then a special send-off by the Fire Department.

Upon our arrival at the airport in Washington, DC, we were met by a throng of people (approximately 1000) thanking us for our service and there was a Military Chorus singing military songs. Then we boarded buses to ride to the World War II Memorial where we were greeted by another throng of people and they gave us hugs. What a huge and wonderful memorial it is.

We spent some time at the memorial and then we boarded buses to take a guided bus tour of Washington, DC. We got to see the Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial and Vietnam Memorial. Our next stop was Arlington Cemetery where two veterans from our group laid a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We got to witness the changing of the guard while we were at Arlington Cemetery.

On our flight back to Indianapolis we received an envelope of mail from well-wishers of all ages, from 3rd graders to adults who had sons and daughters in the service. I received sixty pieces of mail. Upon arriving at Indianapolis Airport we were met by nearly 1500 people that were cheering us and thanking us for our service.

The people who planned and carried out this mission really deserve a lot of praise. My guardian, in particular, came to America with her parents at the age of 2 ½ years. Her life story would make for an interesting article.

Pictured are Lucy Parker, Honor Flight Guardian, Dale Ernest and good friend Dan Gates.

Dale and Dan are both Past Masters of Mystic Circle Lodge and Past Patrons of Lawrence Chapter Eastern Star.

Written by Dale Ernest, PP of Lawrence Eastern Star

Submitted by Lena Walker 11th District Star-Lite Reporter



INSPECTION IN DISTRICT 6

After the very cold, icy and snowy winter, it was very nice to be able to see our friends again. It was the Inspection and Official Visit of Nineveh, Ransford, and Flat Rock Chapters at Kresge Chapel at the Masonic Home on March 6th.

There were many Grand Officers present including: Elizabeth Lashley, Worthy Grand Matron; Darrell Arthur, Worthy Grand Patron; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Jill Rice, Associate Grand Conductress; Larry Frost, Grand Chaplain; Darlene Shepherd, Grand Adah; Joanna Hornsby, Grand Ruth; Jane Peterson, Grand Esther; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha; Cynthia Skura, Grand Electa; Mary Jane Stevens, Grand Warder; and Beulah Jones, Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Joyce Small, PGM and Grand Trustee, and Gloria Jonas, Widow of PGP Jerry Jonas, were both introduced. Spouses present were: Lonnie Small, John Rice, Nancy Frost, Jim Hornsby, Cecil Moore, Dave Skura, and John Stevens. Four Deputies and their Kanga travelling companions were also present: Dawnee Small, DD#7; Barbara Langhammer, DD#10; Geraldine Howard, DD#12; and "our own" Lexi Johnson of District 6.

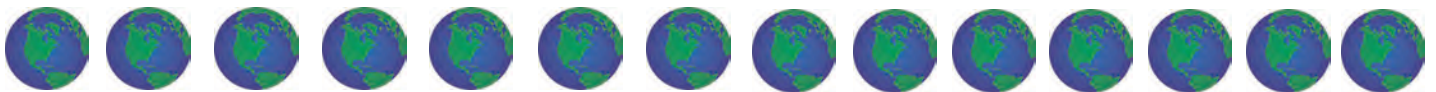
Two Grand Representatives were introduced: Linda Beeler, North Dakota; and Sue Midkiff, Alberta Province in Canada. Three Worthy Matrons: Virginia Prairie, Morgantown, Grand Page; Lula Mae Kuhn, Morristown; and Deby Hamilton, Eden; Two Worthy Patrons: Carlton Hinshaw, Ransford; and Carl Stotsenburg, Flat Rock. Patsy McKee, WM, and Ivan Lancaster, WP of Nineveh, were presiding.

Grand Chapter Committee Appointments were presented with Darrell's remarks: Barb Martin, WGM's Project Krazy Kangaroos; Lonnie Small, Membership; Barbara Heath, 6th District Star-Lite Reporter; Sue Midkiff, Cancer State Chair; Carol LillyBlade, Cancer; and Dick Midkiff, Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Nancy Baker, Grand Associate Conductress of Amaranth was also introduced.

At the beginning of the evening two were presented with their 50-year jewels: June Barnett of Flat Rock and Betty Goley of Nineveh.

Joyce Small, WM, and Carlton Hinshaw, WP, presided during the Initiatory and Michele Porta, WM, and Carl Stotsenburg, WP, were in charge of the closing. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Barbara Heath, Reporter



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representatives and the WMs and WPs. A Memorial for our District's members lost in the past year was also held.

November – In the state, the Grand Sentinel's Reception was held. The Third District members enjoyed Thanksgiving with their families and friends, and then on the 30th they traveled to Clark Lodge in Jeffersonville for the "Whoville" Friend's Day of Jeffersonville Chapter #327. Cindy-Lou (the Deputy) again softened the heart of the Grinch.

December – Inspections continue and the District Deputy Receptions begin. In the District, our Deputy and her Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The rest of the month was quiet in the District as all prepared for the season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We hope all had a wonderful Christmas season and wish all a Blessed and safe 2014.

Hopping on—

Louaine Sorg, Third District Star-Lite Reporter

Check your Calendars

WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

May 23 Grand Star Point Honor Night D#7
 May 30 Grand Star Point Honor Night D#2
 Jun 5 IN Grand Court, Order of Amaranth
 Jun 13-15 IN Grand Chapter, Marriott East
 Jun 14 All Member Banquet Honoring
 Fred Rowe, Worthy Grand Warder

RECEPTIONS

May 3 Betty Barton, DD#17
 May 10 Alexandra "Lexi" Johnson, DD#6
 Franklin Masonic Lodge
 May 17 Jennifer Mansur, DD#15
 May 17 Patricia Query, DD#16
 May 24 Judy Klemm, DD#14
 May 24 Jane Studebaker, DD#21

FRIEND'S NIGHTS

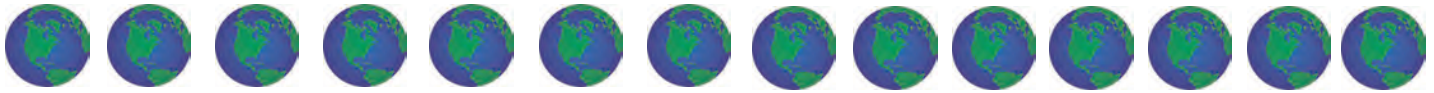
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LABELLE CRAFT SHOW 2013

The annual LaBelle Chapter Craft Show was held at the New Albany Masonic Temple on November 16th with 21 vendors displaying their crafts ranging from wooden bowls, hand-made soap, candles, jewelry, greeting cards, Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, tole painting and much more.

There was a local author, Teddi Robinson, displaying, selling and signing her books. Everyone was having a great time showing their talents and ideas. The highlight of the event was the beautiful music presented by Ron Hattabaugh, husband of Sister Carol Hattabaugh who is a member of our LaBelle Chapter.

The ladies of LaBelle served eight different kinds of soup along with desserts of pies, cakes, cookies, etc., all donated by the chapter members.

A big Thank You to all those who provided soup, dessert or helped in any way to make this event a success. It takes all members pulling together to put this on. We also give a big Thank You to the gentlemen who set up and took down tables and all the other help they gave us.

This is an annual event happens the 3rd Saturday in November, which in 2014 will be our 10th year. Booth spaces are rented. If you are interested in participating in 2014, please contact Freda Sommerville. Hope to see you in 2014.

Submitted by Virginia Quick, Chapter Reporter



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DISTRICT #7 INSPECTION

November 25, 2013, Sullivan Chapter #188, Hymera Chapter #289 and Columbian Chapter #140 met at the Sullivan Masonic Lodge for the 2nd Inspection in D#7. Seventy-nine people enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the three chapters.

Sister Elizabeth Lashley, WGM, assisted by Brother Darrell Arthur, WGP, presented 4 Awards of Gold. The recipients were Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, and Sister Virginia McKinley, both from Sullivan Chapter, and Brother Robert House and Sister Donna House Weir (brother and sister) from Hymera Chapter. The WGM did a beautiful job with the presentation. Sister Joy Ellen was pinned by her son with many of her family present to share this special day with her. Brother Robert was pinned by his daughter, Sister Donna was pinned by her son and Brother Darrell Arthur, WGP, pinned Sister Virginia. Each spoke about their Eastern Star life. Some teared up and could not say much more than "Thank You". Grand Honors were extended to them.

The Sullivan officers took their stations for the Opening. The WGM and WGP were presented at the Altar. Sister Lynn Padgett sang a beautiful song to them after which they were escorted to the East and given Grand Honors. The Elective Grand Officers, Appointed Grand Officers and District Deputies were introduced and given a hearty welcome. All others were introduced and also given a hearty welcome.

The Hymera officers took their stations and the Initiatory work was conducted under the direction of WP Forrest Lynch of Columbian Chapter. The Columbian officers assumed their stations for the closing.

The WGM gave her remarks and gave instructions from the Ritual for the Associate Matron's position. The WGP recognized the Grand Chapter Committee members and thanked them for working so very hard for their various committees. He challenged all to work hard to bring in new members to keep Eastern Star strong for years to come.

Sister Joy Ellen presented the WGM and WGP and their spouses with honorary memberships from the chapters.

It was a lovely night and the chapter room was full. It reminded us of how it used to be when extra rows of chairs had to be set up to accommodate the large crowd.

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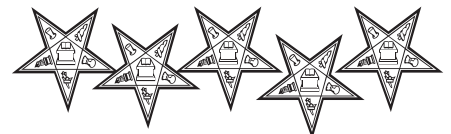
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In Honor of
District 2 for their devotion
to our beautiful order
Elizabeth Lashley, WGM

None



PFEIFFER 75 YEAR AWARD

What a wonderful evening Warsaw Chapter representatives had presenting the 75 year Diamond Award to Isobel Pfeiffer in her home. Jr. Past Grand Matron Sonda Schapson made the presentation with a lot of emotion and feeling. Isobel Pfeiffer joined Warsaw Chapter #88 in 1939. Although she has not been an active member due to a very busy life, she has always held the Order of the Eastern Star close to her heart. She graciously welcomed Sonda Schapson, Jr. PGM, Cheryl Brunjes, Worthy Matron, Mary Beth Alvey, Jr. Past Grand Warder, and Mary Jane Schmitt, District Deputy, into her home for the presentation. She was joined by her sister Evelyn Marsh and her niece. After the presentation, she entertained us with a few stories of her life. It was a very enjoyable evening.



*Front – Isobel Pfeiffer
Back – Cheryl Brunjes, Mary Beth Alvey, Mary Jane Schmitt, Evelyn Marsh and Sonda Schapson*

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