



Shinings from the WGM

Time does fly when you are having fun! I am having a wonderful time and I am enjoying the fellowship with my Eastern Star family and friends. The last Inspections have begun and each addendum is unique and special to me. Thank you for all the time and effort you have put into planning them. Our Daisy receptions have been a reflection of each of their individual personalities and a good time for the Grand Family.

We have three special anniversaries on the calendar and are looking forward to these celebrations. I believe we have saved some of the best for the last part of the year, our trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan. I am looking forward to all the activities that have been planned and spending more quality and fun time with my sisters and brothers. Preparations for the "Our Time to Shine" Grand Chapter Session are in full swing. I hope many of our members are planning to attend.

As I look back at the last months I would thank each of you for the warm welcomes I have received when I have been in your districts and chapters and for the love and generosity I have received throughout the year. At the beginning of the year I encouraged our members to put a little more time and effort into making our ritualistic work as impressive as it should be. Many of you have done that, because I have witnessed many beautiful Inspections this year. As I have read your minute books I have seen the involvement that some of our Chapters have in their communities. I thank you and commend you for your efforts. I also would encourage you continue to look for opportunities to be of service to others so we might show what is possible as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Thank you for the support of all our projects this year and for everything the committees have done to make them successful. Most of all, I thank you for joining with us this year to Let our Light Shine!
Cindy Skura, WGM

Greetings from the Sunny South

It is hard to believe this is the last article that I will write for the Star-Lite as Worthy Grand Patron. It has been an amazing experience, one that I will always cherish and never forget. I have enjoyed traveling with Sister Pat around Indiana and talking with the Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers. We enjoy watching each of you perform our beautiful ritual work and encourage you to enter the ritual competition at Grand Chapter this year.



Thank you for the hospitality, love, hugs and well wishes as Sister Pat and I came into your chapters, homes, hearts and for showing the same for our Grand Officers, Deputy's and Drivers as we travel about. Thank you to all our appointed Grand Representatives and those to come this year, you are deserving of this distinction and know you will represent our State well.

I would like to thank all the Veterans for their service to our country. I will cherish all the pictures I have taken of the Veterans throughout the State of Indiana sharing them in the Star-Lite Magazine for all the Sisters and Brothers see.

I'm looking forward to Grand Chapter. We have a lot of work to get done, but with the advice and support of our Past Grands it will run like a well-oiled machine. See you at Grand Chapter.
Star Love and Safe Travels
Cecil Scott, WGP



Georgia On My Mind

On a nice autumn day, our "Georgia Peach" Linda Williams, Grand Representative of Georgia, was honored at Remington Chapter. Guests were treated to peanut butter cookies and peach tea during the social time. The prelude was by Sandy Whitton, PD and Former Grand Representative.

The program was opened by Barbara Terry, WM and PGM. She asked that each of us have a moment of silence for our own Ron Mendenhall, Jr. Past Grand Patron, who very recently passed away. Sharon Tyler, Conductress and PD, escorted Linda through a line of Remington officers and Former Grand Representatives of D#17. Linda was dressed as a Georgia Peach and her husband Jerry was a peanut farmer.

Barbara Terry welcomed all and then asked Larry Frost, PGP, to give the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem was repeated by all.

Susie Alpha, PD, gave special music for entertainment. Tina Vredenburg, PGM, gave the tribute to Linda. Linda then had introductions of all present. Jim Terry, PP, gave the benediction, table grace and dinner instructions. We were served chili and peach pie which was delicious.



Sixth District Fall Meeting

On Saturday, October 14th, the Sixth District Association met at 10 o'clock at the Blue Bird Restaurant in Morristown for the annual Fall Session.

After all business was completed, the Installation of new officers was held with Karen Fenton, Association Past President, presiding as the Installing Officer and Peggy Hittle, Worthy Matron of Nineveh, the Installing Marshal.

There was some rivalry on the winning of the traveling plaque for the most members for a chapter present. Joyce Small, PGM and Worthy Matron of Ransford IMH, again claimed the plaque.

The lunch served was meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw and peach cobbler.



Back row: John Haines, Fairland, Second Vice President; Debbie Hamilton, Eden, President; Doris Bedell, Fairland, Treasurer; and Virginia Prairie, Union Village, First Vice President.

Front: Chris Hittle, Nineveh, Chaplain; and Phyllis Pruner, Eden, Secretary

Mildred Duzan Honored

Members of Solsberry Chapter #547 honored Mildred Duzan at their December Meeting. Mildred recently celebrated her 97th birthday. She joined Eastern Star in June of 1949 and has been Chaplain of our chapter for many years. She is an outstanding woman.



Looking to the Future at the Indiana Masonic Home

The Board of Directors of your Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park continues to plan for the future of our residents and are proud of several new facilities and programs either recently completed or in progress.

The Community Center, completed in 2015, provides a great environment for our residents with a fully staffed fitness center and pool that may be used for exercise classes and lap swimming. There is also casual dining in the Bistro as well as banquet space for up to 300. Eastern Star and Masonic related groups get a discounted rate for rental of the Community Center for events.

In August, the newly renovated Administration Building was opened. The entire interior of this 100-year old heart of the Indiana Masonic Home was completely remodeled and includes new dining room and lobby, several activity spaces for the residents, new library and renovation of Nettie Ransford Chapel. The Chapel will now be able to accommodate Chapter meetings and other functions in addition to regular religious services. There are even overnight hotel rooms for guest of residents to use on overnight visits.

A brand new Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is now under construction with completion set for late 2018. This new facility will replace the aging Health Center and provide state of the art care for those in need of this level of healthcare. We now also have in-house Home Health Care available to serve our community.

Our residents continue to enjoy a wide range of activities including local outings and entertainments and we have recently constructed a new shelter house on the circle being used for resident and other events.

Your Board of Directors consists of 18 Master Masons including the Grand Master of Masons and other Grand Lodge officers or members appointed by the Grand Master and one representative of Grand Chapter appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron. This dedicated group continues to assure that our current residents are being well served as well as planning for the long-term health of our institution.

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star have been stalwart supporters of the Indiana Masonic Home including financial support of the Worthy Grand Matron's annual project and the Board appreciates this and other ways in which you support our mission.

Please visit the campus in Franklin whenever you can – you are always welcome.

Jeff Saunders, PM

President, Board of Directors

4TH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION HOSTS VALENTINE TEA AT IMH

The 4th District Association hosted their 58th annual Valentine Tea in the Assisted Living Dining Room of the Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park on Sunday, February 11th.

Association President Jean Hoffman welcomed and thanked everyone and especially so many of the Residents for attending. She introduced Steve Treadway, Director of Food Services of the Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park. He thanked the Fourth District for once again hosting the Valentine Tea and reminded of us how special it is to do things for the residents.

Jean then introduced the Fourth District Association officers: Paula Kahrs, 1st Vice President; Steve Brown, 2nd Vice President; and Margaret Kroman, Secretary-Treasurer.

Sister Cindy Skura, WGM, was introduced and after bringing greetings from the Grand Family she introduced those in attendance: Cecil Scott, WGP; Robert DeRolf, Grand Chaplain, and Melody; Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth, and Brian; Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha; and James Rogers, Grand Sentinel, and Alice; Betty Shuster, DD#2; Terrie Barber, DD#4, and Jerry; Connie Branigan, DD#5; B.J. Mitchell, DD#6; and Susan Bradley, DD#11. Many of the Grand Family were unable to attend because of the snow up north and the predicted icy roads in the southern half of the state.

Paula Kahrs introduced Eric Jarboe who entertained the group with several selections on the hammered dulcimer. This was enjoyed by all.

The "Shining Lights of Faith" Grand Family then served cookies made by members of the 4th District Association to the residents along with the Masonic Home providing the punch.

Believing in the Jingle

On Saturday night, December 2, 2017, Newberry Chapter gave back to the community. They dared to dream of sprinkling showers of blessings in their town. OES, Newberry Masonic Lodge and the Fire Department combined their talents to show The Polar Express in the Chapter Room. From 4-6 pm, the Sisters and Brothers served up the town a hot chili dinner with homemade desserts everywhere. There was no charge for the event, just a free will offering. Half of the donations were given to support the local volunteer fire department. At the end of dinner, all the attendees were given creamy hot, hot, hot Hot Chocolate with marshmallows (you have to see the movie to understand Hot Chocolate). At 6 pm sharp, the train conductor blew his whistle and began punching the children's Golden Polar Express tickets commanding, "All aboard for the Polar Express!" The passengers entered the chapter room with their sleeping bags, pajamas and cookies. They also each had a special bell that only those that "Believe" could hear. Most adults could not hear the jingle of the bells, but by the end of the movie, *all* travelers possessed trust, faith, strength and the ability to hear the gentle jingles.



The Chapter floor had been rearranged from the familiar floor plan to accommodate half the area for the children to spread out on the floor and the other half for adults to be seated. The East was filled with a forest of dazzling Christmas trees. Star made arrangements for a Blue Ray disc player and projector to be set up in the center of the room and the movie was on the west wall with a sound bar system below it. Big screen TV's are no match for viewing this movie on a 10' wide wall. The train engineer started the projector and all the children were glued to the sight and vibration of the Polar Express train roaring into the room.



We were told by movie experts that a typical family movie should not last over an hour and half. The Polar Express ran for an hour and forty minutes and the children never took their eyes off the action. There was no talking, crying or whining, just total attention to the show. Even the Grinch behaved! What made the movie even more special, for this adult, was looking around the room and

seeing that the children had split the floor in half with all the boys lying down on one side and the girls lying down on the other side. Recalling childhood chants, "boys have cooties and girls are a pest", I had to chuckle!

It doesn't take a lot to bring a community to together; you just have to shine your light of faith and "Believe."

If you would like to try this in your chapter or a different movie, give us a call and we can help, No Charge.

Millie Cooley, landline 812- 876-3449

Top Photo: Back row of the 'Wanna Be' Believers: Joe Kancer (Conductor), Steve Cooley, (Engineer), Darrell Arthur, Becky Arthur, and Millie Cooley (Elves).

Front row of some of 'True' Believers; Bayden, Evan, Rocky, 2 visiting Believers, Aubree, Bryson, and Haylee.

Bottom Photo: Kim Pickett (Grinch), back to camera; Sue Pickett; Barbara Pickett; Bryson (a young Believer); Angel McDermott and James McDermott, both members of the local Newberry volunteer fire department.

Fishers Chapter Collects Donations for Food Pantry

At our January stated meeting held on January 9th, Fishers Chapter #446 had a “baby shower” for the New Year. The picture shows the large-size diapers and baby wipes that our members brought and donated. Total weight was 118 pounds!

After the meeting, the items were then donated to the Come to Me Food Pantry at Fishers United Methodist Church. We were asked to donate the larger-sized diapers (5-6) because they don’t get as many of those through donations. Linda Williams, the Food Pantry Director, said in her thank letter to the Chapter: “Your support is a blessing to our ministry and our patrons.” I think this is what Eastern Star is all about!

Edna Baker, Secretary



Solsberry Donates

At the December meeting, Solsberry #547 voted to donate to the work done by B. J. Yoho a.k.a. B. J. “Claus.”

“Claus”, a ninth grader at Eastern Greene Middle School, hosted his ninth annual toy drive to benefit young patients at IU Health Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis.

When B. J. first started the toy drive in 2009, he collected about 100 toys. I have not heard how many he collected this year. Every year, B. J. collects money for the drive and he and his mother, Blane Yoho, go shopping for toys with the collected



money. He also helps deliver the toys to the children at Riley.

August 22 is “B. J. Yoho Day” every year in Bloomfield, IN. This year two restaurants in Greene County donated up to 20 percent of customer purchases to B. J. and his fundraising activities.

B. J. was born with Spina Bifida and has faced around twenty surgeries so far in his life. He knows what it is like and what children are going through when they are faced with sickness.

<http://www.gcdailyworld.com/story/2436139.html> — This is a link to a newspaper article about B.J.

Photo: Norine Bunch delivering the check to B. J.

Silver Awards at LaFontaine Chapter #301

Two 25 Year members were recognized at LaFontaine’s Oct 16th meeting, Sister Andrea (Kumler) Benbow and Brother Terry Hiple. They were initiated together on Nov. 2, 1992. Andrea’s husband and children attended. She was presented her pin by Sister Mary Brane. Terry received his pin from wife Sister Regina Hiple. They each thanked the chapter for their pins and gave a few remarks about their OES experiences. The Worthy Matron closed the ceremony with a 25 Year Poem.

Do you remember, not so long ago
When you waited outside a closed door?
The Star beckoned to you then
As it did to the Wise Men of Yore.

Twenty-five years ago
You heard the lessons anew,
Because you are here tonight,
We know what they meant to you.

And so this tribute we bring to you,
Before us loyal members we see,
Members who are to us
“Fairest among thousands, altogether lovely”.

Happy Birthday Abe!

On February 2, 2018, New Castle Chapter #116 held an open Friends Night at the New Castle Lodge. Patty Pracht, WM, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Larry Frost, PGP, gave table grace and all enjoyed a great meal and desserts. After dinner, Happy Birthday was sung to Larry Frost and Abraham Lincoln. A red, white and blue birthday cake said, "Happy Birthday Larry and Abe".

After the meal the Pledge to the Flag of our country was given followed by the National Anthem. Introductions were made by Patty. She introduced: Larry Frost, PGP and Nancy; Bob DeRolf, Grand Chaplain, and Melody; Rick Lassiter, Grand Marshal; Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth; Cindy Willyard, DD#12 and Rick; and Patty's husband Bill. Introductions from the floor followed, including several from District 11 and District 13.

The fun started when Larry Frost read some interesting history about Abraham Lincoln. Larry is a history buff and especially on the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln. Larry's grandfather served in the First Kentucky Cavalry of the Union Army in the Civil War. The information from the story would be used in the games to follow.



A crossword puzzle was passed out and the answers came from Larry's story. An Abraham Lincoln search-a-word game was played followed

by trying to make as many words as possible from Abraham Lincoln. We were surprised to see how many words a few could make! We then played Lincoln Bingo using Abraham Lincoln pennies for markers. After bingo, baskets were passed to collect the pennies along with donations to be given to the Cancer Fund as so many in the New Castle Chapter have been touched by Cancer. Prizes were passed out to all the winners of the games.

Photo: WM Patty Pracht, President Abraham Lincoln, WP Larry Frost, PGP

Spencerville OES Hometown Hero

The Spencerville Eastern Star began "The Donut Kids Adopted Family Program" in 2010 and we have since adopted 14 local families. Our local elementary school nominates families for our program. Our lodge provides school clothing, book fees and supplies, winter coats, boots and hats. At Thanksgiving we provide a gift certificate for Thanksgiving lunch and also to fill their food pantry. To help celebrate Christmas, we provide warm clothing and several gifts for each child for under their Christmas tree.

We have adopted 3 families this year. One of our families this year includes a Military Mom! Sergeant Jeri Crise left for active duty January 3, 2018. She will be stationed in the Middle East and will be serving the USA until the fall of 2018. Sargent Crise left a husband and 3 children at home.

The Spencerville Eastern Star is inviting all our Indiana OES Chapters to join us in a Mother's Day Card Shower for Sargent Crise! Please help us show Sgt. Crise the power of Eastern Star Love. Send your cards to: Spencerville OES c/o Donna Lentz, 5648 CR 75A, St. Joe, IN 46785. Please have everyone sign your card and include a pic of your group! Spencerville OES will forward all cards to Sgt. Crise.

Honoring Glenna Pogue



The Nov 20th meeting of LaFontaine Chapter #301 was a Gathering of Friends and Honor Night for Sister Glenna Pogue, Grand Representative of New Jersey in Indiana. A delicious carry-in dinner featuring turkey and dressing was enjoyed by 40 members and visitors. The tables were decorated for Thanksgiving. Attending were Past Grand Matrons Beverley Barton and Tina Vredenburgh, Past Grand Patrons Robert Gillespie and Larry Frost, District Deputy #18 Judy Musgrave, and 11 present and past Grand Representatives.

The chapter room was decorated with quilts, several made by Sister Glenna, and elephants for her admiration and collecting of them. Following the meeting an Addenda was held. Sister Glenna was escorted East, welcomed by the Worthy Matron and presented with a love gift from the chapter. PGM Tina Vredenburgh read a tribute and she and PGP Larry Frost presented Glenna with a gift of a crystal globe. Past and Present Grand Representatives were escorted across the East where they introduced themselves and told about their appointments.

Glenna thanked everyone and gave remarks about her term. Following the addenda refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed in the dining room.



Top Photo – PGM Tina Vredenburgh & PGP Larry Frost presenting Glenna with her gift.

Bottom Photo – Former and Present Grand Representatives attending

Loyal Paints the Town

The first Thursday of each month Loyal Chapter #49 holds a Fellowship/Craft Night. It originally started as a Craft Night for an hour followed by gathering at a local restaurant for supper. For the past year it has become a chapter favorite to quarterly visit the local ceramic shop "Paint the Towne" and choose a ceramic piece to paint. So on Thursday, January 4th Loyal started off the New Year with a ceramic party.

We gathered for supper at Firehouse BBQ and Blues, a restaurant owned and operated by retired Richmond firefighters. We all ate too much, therefore blowing our New Year's resolutions! After the meal we walked across the street to the ceramic store. A snack of gingerbread cookies was provided at the shop by the Associate Matron.



Terry Hopkins, AP, was taught a new technique in ceramic painting. He picked a beer stein, which he was shown to cover with Barbasol shaving cream. He then drizzled the paint over the shaving cream. Carefully he washed off the shaving cream which left the paint in a swirl pattern on the stein. Once fired, the piece was beautiful. It was a learning experience for all.

Deborah Hopkins, AM

Geraldine Howard, Treasurer; Leah Hoffman, guest; Barbara Gadd, Brookville Chapter; her grandson Lucas Gadd eating a gingerbread cookie; her daughter Cierra Gadd; Carol Scott, WM; Terry Hopkins, AP

Masonic History of the Indiana Masonic Home Order of the Eastern Star Records

Submitted by Keith Maple, State Historian

This is Part 5 of some of the history of our Masonic Home in Eastern Star records. Part 1 was in the January 2017 issue, Part 2 was in the April 2017 issue, Part 3 was in the July 2017 issue, and Part 4 was in the October 2017 issue.

1960 – Project: The Associate Matron of each Chapter in the state of Indiana is to visit the Masonic Home at some time during the year, to give a report of this visit in her Chapter and to forward a copy of the report to the Worthy Grand Matron. Also continue voluntary contributions to the Home. Motion to raise assessment for Masonic Home was defeated.

1961 – Motion was made to raise Grand Chapter Assessment to \$1.30 (\$1.00 for Masonic Home and 30 cents for Grand Chapter). This motion to lay over for one year for enactment or rejection.

1962 – Project: 40 cents voluntary contribution by each member for support of Masonic Home. Motion presented last year to change Constitution and raise per capita dues from 60 cents to \$1.30 was adopted and became law.

1963 – Instead of a boutonniere, many Chapters gave the WGP money which he gave to the Masonic Home for new buffets in the dining room.

1966 – Project: New bedroom furniture for boys and girls cottages at the Masonic Home.

1967 – Project: To lend a helping hand to the Indiana Grand Lodge in its “Ten for Ten” program to be called the “Golden Link Fund” – 40% of gifts to add new additions to the Home Hospital, 40% for operation of Hospital, 20% to go to Masonic Home Foundation for its endowment fund.

1969 – Project: To refurbish the library at Masonic Home and ESTARL.

1970 – Project: New elevator for administrative building at Masonic Home. WGM asked each member of the order to donate at least one book of S & H Green Stamps or Top Value Stamps which will be cashed. Checks will be accepted, too.

1971 – Project: New portable X-ray machine for the Masonic Home and Hospital and ESTARL.

This is the last of the information received for the History of the Masonic Home. We hope you have enjoyed reading some of the interesting comments and thank Keith Maple for all his work in researching and gathering the information so we all could enjoy it. Compiling the history was a great undertaking and it is greatly appreciated. If you would like a copy of the entire report you can contact the Editor, Nancy Pratt (address on next to last page of this issue).

Ask Others to Join Eastern Star

Isn't it amazing how each year passes so quickly? That is how it is with Eastern Star and the beautiful lessons that come to each one of us. We think that because we believe in these lessons that all will be good. As it was during Paul's days it is the same for each one of us. We know that he faced tremendous obstacles in bringing the lessons that Christ taught. He knew that it was his duty as well as his calling to let everyone that he came into contact with how their lives could be blessed and made better.

So it is with each member of our organization. We present the stories that shaped our Christian lives and do so willingly, in hopes that lives will be blessed and made better. It is our duty to help each other and bring glory to God thru our efforts and beliefs. So get going and let others that you have failed to ask to join be given the opportunity to be a part of such a great organization. It is not perfect, but it does represent the good news that Christ brought to us.

I have not received any ideas from the membership on how they think we can continue to improve, not only our membership, but the Star itself. Take time today to let me know and we will pass it on to others in an effort to survive and improve. Thank you for all your efforts and may we all be blessed.

Darrell Arthur, State Membership Committee

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2017 Christmas care packages received!



..I handed them all out. Everyone was so happy. The cards in the boxes by the kids were the best! I can't tell you how much everyone liked everything!!!



Troops happy to receive our care packages!

Home made cards from school children and stockings with candy are hung on display.




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Turkey Feather Hunt

Crystal Chapter #165 hosted a Friend's Night with approximately 50 in attendance. The entertainment was a scavenger hunt. The #1 prize was a Turkey feather. Pictured is the winning team as they listen to how the Barton's caught this feather from their wild herd of turkeys. The feather was a keepsake of when the herd flew over the house. One caught his tail and the feather went down the drain spout. The team gave them back their keepsake.



Lawrence Barton, Betty Barton, Mindy Hollingsworth, Susie Alpha, Jim Terry, Karen Mendenhall, Anita Williams

Julie Perkins, Grand Adah



I was born in South Bend, Indiana to Donald and Patricia Bohm and enjoyed a wonderful childhood with parents who gave me a loving Christian foundation. They have both passed away, yet I think of them every day.

We moved to Winamac when I was in elementary school. I was a cheerleader in high school but spent most of my time racing go-karts and then formula K cars around the United States. I joined Rainbow when I was an awkward tomboy of 12 and served as Worthy Adviser as a sophomore. In 1980 I was initiated into Tippecanoe Chapter Order of the Eastern Star on my father's masonic membership and have served as Worthy Matron three times. In 2012 I was asked to serve as District Deputy for the Paradise of Faith Family under Sonda Schapson and Cary Hetrick. It was one of the best experiences of my life. This is where I gained 20 Beach Bunny sisters. I was affectionately known as the Wild Child, but I can assure you, the other Bunnies were just as ornery as I. They were just quieter about it.

In 1983 Greg Perkins tagged along as I took my dog for a walk. We were married six months later and celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary in December. Greg and I have two sons and a daughter, each of whom have blessed us with a granddaughter.

I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and my Masters in Special Education from Ball State University. This is my 20th year as a teacher. I teach at Winamac Community High School as a special education teacher. My students mean the world to me.

The story of Adah used to puzzle me until I realized it was a courageous story of surrender. Jesus said, "Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple." We all face trials of many kinds. Some of them are results of our own decisions, but some of our trials are the result of decisions made by other people, as Adah faced. I place my fidelity in God, knowing it is his right to reign over me and his will is best. Surrender is a difficult, painful, scary thing. We don't know what lies ahead or what sacrifices we will have to make, but it has been said that the will of God is exactly what we would chose if we knew what God knows. Therefore, like Adah, I unconditionally surrender to his will. When Adah held the ends of her veil in her hands and looked upward, I believe she was looking to God, surrendering with trust and fidelity. I, too, want to look into the eyes of Christ who gave everything for me.

It has been a pleasure meeting new OES friends as I traveled the state, and I thank you for your kindness. Remember: "God isn't looking for impressive people; He wants willing ones who will bow the knee in humble submission." (Charles Stanley)
Julie Perkins, Grand Adah

Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth

I am humbled to be given this opportunity to serve our beautiful order and share my story with each of you. On May 24, 1969, I was born the youngest of three children to the late Larry and Barbara Myers. Being raised in a Masonic family, I followed my mother's footsteps by becoming a Rainbow Girl. As a Rainbow girl, I served as Worthy Advisor multiple terms, as well as four years as a Grand Officer, reaching the age of majority as GWAA. I've remained active for 37 years by serving as a Mother Advisor, a Grand Dean, as well as Lebanon's Advisory Board member and the secretary of the Grand Executive Committee.

Before graduating from Western Boone HS, I joined several clubs, served as our class secretary and participated in volleyball, basketball and tennis. After graduating, I managed a movie store and worked as a bank teller before becoming a Purdue Boilermaker where I met the love of my life, Brian. When Brian proposed to me, I gladly accepted on the condition that he become a Mason and we have been married for 26 years.

After earning my Bachelor or Science degree in education, I taught 2nd and 4th grade before finding my niche as a science teacher at Lebanon Middle School. Before traveling with this beautiful order, I coached and officiated



volleyball and ran a small business as a professional photographer.

Brian and I were blessed with three daughters, Breonna, Jordan, and Brooke, whom each served as GWA and even one as DeMolay's State Sweetheart. Calvin, Jake, and Coty are our sons, hand selected by our daughters. In November, our first grandchild, Hadleigh, was born.

I joined in December 1987 so I'm a 30-year member of Lebanon Chapter, OES, where I serve as Associate Conductress. I also belong to Whitestown Chapter, where I serve as Ruth.

In 2014 Sister Tina Vredenburg and Brother Larry Frost asked me to be their DD#10. In 2016 Brian and I were invited to meet with Sister Cindy, Brother Cecil, and Sister Pat at Masonic Home Day. We were shocked when we read the letter asking me to serve as their yellow ray this year.

Ruth's devotion to God, duty and our fellow man was achieved through her loyalty, love and faith. Her lessons of devotion and loyalty are weaved within my life journey. There's my conviction to be obedient to God, as well as my determination to be devoted to my husband and family. Like Ruth believed it to be her duty to assist Naomi even when in sorrow, I believed it to be my duty to look beyond my pain in the loss of my parents to help my children deal with their heartache. I, too, looked to God for strength, which led me to my incredibly loving mother-in-law.

Let's remember this, "Being humble means recognizing that we are not on Earth to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others."

Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth

Sheri Auld, Grand Esther



Hello, Sisters and Brothers. Serving as your Grand Esther this year has been my greatest distinction, as it has been my first time ever serving in the station of Esther. I have been honored and humbled to portray this heroine and her life of LOYALTY for our beautiful Order. Thank you Sister Cindy and Brother Cecil for having the faith in me to be a part of the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family.

My husband John and I were married in 1974 and have a blended family of 6 daughters, who have blessed our lives with 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We are semi-retired and enjoy spending time with our families and camping. I am a former Rainbow Girl and Mother Advisor of Albion Assembly #118.

My heritage in Eastern Star started in June 1981 at Prentiss Chapter in District 21. My first appointment was Martha, serving thru the years in various other offices, with the privilege of being Worthy Matron 10 times. In 1990, I was Grand Page for the late Sister Edythe Gordon and late Brother Murl Frazier. Sister Doris Howard appointed me as Grand Representative of Mississippi in 1996. I have been blessed to serve as District Deputy twice – as Wandering Star #21 in 1992/1993 in the S&H Stargazer Grand Family for Sister Joyce Small and Brother Robert Hoagland and in 2014/2015 as Honey Bee #21 for Sister Betty Swisher and Brother Fred Smith in the S&S Bouquet of Love Grand Family.

My pin is a triangle representing our Past, Present and Future. The center is Esther's Crown and Scepter, symbol of Royalty and Power. At the top are 3 white lilies in memory of my Mother, Grandmother and Mother-in-Law, all past members of Prentiss Chapter. They taught me love for our Order and Loyalty to our Sisters and Brothers.

Esther's heritage was also of great importance to her. Having lost her parents at a very young age, she was raised by her Uncle Mordechai. He raised her to know what was important in life – loyalty to her family, loyalty to her people and loyalty to her God. When she was chosen Queen above all others, she proved her loyalty and love to the King. Esther's loyalty was the gift she gave to her people when she was willing to sacrifice her life to preserve their lives and the heritage of the Jewish people.

Each of our heroines give us a lesson of loyalty: Adah to her Father, Ruth to the aged Naomi, Esther to her captive race, Martha to her brother Lazarus and Electa to her Christian Faith. Day by day we are called upon to be LOYAL to ourselves, LOYAL to our friends, LOYAL to our Country and LOYAL to our God. It is because of our LOYALTY to Eastern Star that we are working together to save the Heritage of our beautiful Order. In a quote from Helen Keller – "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much".

Sheri Auld, Grand Esther

Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha

I was born in Greensburg, Indiana to Sarah and Dyar Reed. I have two brothers. In high school I participated in many organizations, including band, choir and Rainbow Girls. My senior year I petitioned to join Eastern Star.

I attended Ball State University where I majored in FACS teaching and minored in music. After I graduated from Ball State I worked at many different jobs, including substitute teaching. I got a job at Rost Jewelers in Indianapolis. When I visited a friend in Kokomo, we attended an intercity volleyball game. At the game there was a guy that my friend and I made fun of. He had matching sweat bands, socks, shorts and shirt. He was wearing knee pads and diving at the floor. He rotated out, sat down by me and introduced himself. Three short years later John and I were married. John works at Aptiv. He is an Electrical Engineer and currently a Computer Systems Architect. Recently John was appointed Pastor of Hillisburg United Methodist Church.



After John and I were married I transferred my Star membership to Center Chapter. A short time after I transferred I was elected to start though the line. Two weeks before my installation as Worthy Matron in 1990-91, I was informed I was expecting. While I was in the East, I had our son Michael, our chapter celebrated our 100th Anniversary, and 2 weeks before the end of my term our chapter was struck by lightening and burnt to the ground. For some reason, it was 14 years before my chapter elected me to start through the line again.

In August 1993, I was Martha and was expecting our 2nd child. Our Inspection was on August 12th and I was in labor during the inspection. Our daughter Laura was born just before midnight on Friday the 13th. John now shares his birthday with her.

In 2012 I received a letter from Deby Thomas asking me to be the Ray of Sunshine #15 in The Showers of Blessings Grand Family for Eliz Lashley and Darrell Arthur. In 2016, I was given the opportunity to be Grand Page for Tina Verdenburgh and Larry Frost.

Cindy Skura called and asked me to meet with her, Cecil, and Pat to discuss Our World of Youth. Cindy passed an envelope with a card in it asking me to be Martha. After I read it, I asked if I might speak to John and pray about it. I e-mailed Cindy the next day and told her I would like to be a part of her Grand family.

Martha wanted to make people that visited her home to feel welcome. She prepared food and cleaned the home for her guests. She did not know Jesus the 1st time he came to visit her. She wanted to make sure that he felt welcome. I hope that if you visit my chapter that I can make you feel as welcome in my chapter as Martha made her guests feel.

Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha

Cheryl Pritt, Grand Electa



I am from New Burlington Chapter in District 13 and Junior Past Deputy. I have been an active member of the Eastern Star for over 23 years and have held several offices. My Eastern Star life started the day I was born as my parents were installed as WM and WP of Parker Chapter No. 329 just before that.

I was initiated into Parker Chapter and graduated from Monroe Central High School in 1994. In 4 years I rose to serving as WM and graduated from Ball State University with a Paralegal/Political Science Degree. Parker's membership had declined and consolidated with Farmland. Mom and I attended Farmland until we moved to Winchester where we affiliated. That same year, I served as Esther and assisted in initiating a young man who would become my husband. Ed likes to say he met his wife at the 3rd point of the star.

When Ed and I married I instantly became a mother to 2 beautiful girls. Our oldest was married a year ago and our family of 4 became 5. We moved to Anderson to be involved in our girl's lives and took a hiatus from Star.

Once our girls grew, I realized that I was missing something - Eastern Star. We became members of the newly formed New Burlington Chapter. I attended a reception and was introduced to Jill Rice. She asked if I would serve the Fields of Faith Grand Family as Farmer's

Daughter No. 13. I accepted. In November of last year I received a call from Momma Cindy who asked if I would represent Electa. I eagerly accepted.

My life outside of Eastern Star consists of 3 main purposes. 1. My God. Without Him the rest of my life would have no meaning nor purpose. 2. My Family, which consists of my husband, our 2 daughters, a son-in-law, Ed's parents and sister and my aunt. 3. My career. I worked as a Paralegal for 14 years, and a Searcher and Examiner for 5 years. Now with God's grace, Ed and I are the Owners of New Hope Title in Indianapolis, which is a Title Insurance Company.

Electa, we are told, had learned a great commandment taught by Jesus to His Disciples. I have learned that Electa, or the Elect Lady referred to in 2 John, is every single Christian woman. She is the Grandmother serving in the Nursery, the young lady teaching in junior church, the Choir member and every female member of the congregation. Electa is the common man's heroine. I am humbled to be representing this great lady. Not every woman can be a queen, a General's daughter, be obedient and provide for their parent, or most importantly meet Jesus face to face, but we can all be elect ladies. We can all accept people for who they really are and not what they perceive to be and give of ourselves to assist those in need.

Remember this - A smile is the only accessory you need to change someone's day.
Cheryl Pritt, Grand Electa

Welcome to the Rogers Peach and Apple Orchard

November 11th turned out to be a sunny day as about 150 Eastern Star folks traveled to Madison to attend a reception for Brother Jim Rogers, Grand Sentinel. 'Welcome to the Rogers Peach and Apple Orchard.' was the sign greeting guests coming through the doors of the North Madison Christian Church. There they were heartened by peach candy slices, fresh apple cider and apple slices for dipping in caramel or peanut butter and honey. Cindy Essig photographed Jim and Alice with their guests behind a 'Rogers Orchard' fence framed by Christmas Trees.

The tables in the fellowship hall were decorated with Buchanan Tartan placemats and half peck peach baskets filled with apples. 1950's samples of the Rogers Apiary honey jar labels also graced the tables.

Guests were welcomed by PM Phyllis Searcy and PP Jack Mundt of Hanover Chapter. PM Marsha Daugherty served as Conductress and PM Linda Firth entertained us at the keyboard. The invocation was given by PGM Vivian Ashton.

We had the pleasure of watching as our WGM Cindy Skura presented Bill Sorg's appointment as Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Indiana.

Jim was presented at the altar, then taken out of the room, dressed in bib overalls, and escorted through the lines of the Dare to Dream Grand Family and Showers of Blessing Grand family. After the escort, Jim introduced WGM Cindy Skura and WGP Cecil Scott with a welcome to Madison, District 3, and the hills of Jefferson County.

PGM Tina Vredenburgh gave Jim's tribute. Jim managed retail stores for the F.W. Woolworth Company in Kentucky, Ohio and Illinois. In 1971 he became a teacher at the Southeastern Career Center in Versailles. He retired as Principal in 2011.

Sixteen Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were escorted and introduced, including our own Lavonna Risk and Vivian Ashton. The Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family and District Deputies were escorted and introduced. The Showers of Blessings Grand and the Dare to Dream Grand Families were asked to stand and given a hearty welcome. Jim then welcomed Goober Catering, the Rogers and Kuhlenschmidt families, across the East and introduced them. Jim's 'Big Sisters', our lovely star points, were presented in the East. He observed that they had traveled, worked, shopped, bonded and played so wonderfully well together that they fit together like pickles in a jar.

The date being Veteran's Day, Jim recognized our veterans by listing the many members of his own family who had served honorably in our armed services. (Continued on page 14)



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Jim had one further introduction, a poet named Robert Service. Jim then regaled us with his memorizations of "The Cremation of Sam McGee" and "The Shooting of Dangerous Dan McGrew."

The benediction was given by PGP Darryl Arthur and table grace by PGM Elisabeth Lashley. We retired to a tasty meal prepared by the Culinary Arts Students of the Southeastern Career Center and served by Goober Catering.

The Great Military Challenge

After the initiation of Sierra Kirkley at Solsberry Chapter #547 on 29 July, 2017, during introductions, Jeannie Kirkley, a U.S. Marine, challenged Mike Stoner, U.S. Navy, to do pushups after the meeting. Mike did 2 pushups and Jeannie did 3 pushups - in her formal. The Marines won!

Jim Dwyer Honor Flight

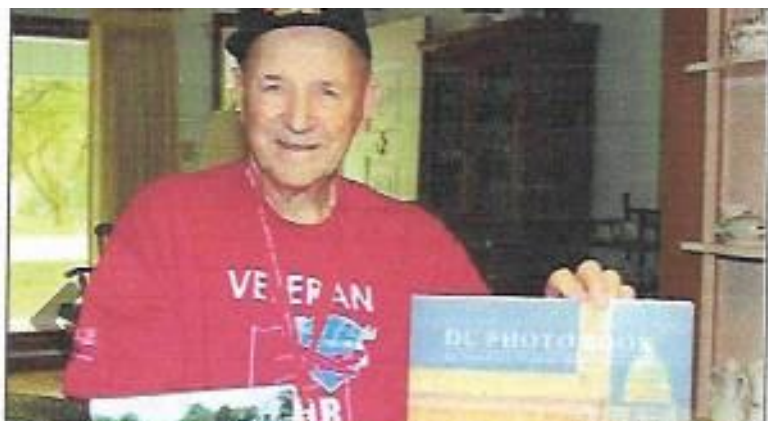
The Spencerville Chapter is very proud to report that our Worthy Patron of 20 years and 50 Year member Jim Dwyer, traveled to Washington, D.C. on the Honor Flight in April 2017. Jim, 85, was escorted by his son John Dwyer as his guardian on the 23rd flight conducted by the Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana.

Jim served in the U.S. Army infantry during the Korean War. He was a Sergeant First Class as a platoon sergeant. He was stationed mostly in North Korea, north of Seoul, South Korea for his 18-month tour of duty.

The Honor Flight left the Indiana National Guard Base at 6 a.m. with a Veterans Motorcycle Group Flag Salute and the airplane passed under a large American Flag suspended from 2 Fire Trucks. The plane flew to Reagan International Airport in Washington D.C., where the group boarded four buses and received a police escort to the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the guard ceremony, and the Air Force Memorial.

The veterans were treated to two meals during the day. Upon returning to the plane, every veteran was treated to "Mail Call". Jim received letters and cards from family, friends, Concord Masonic Lodge and Church Members. The group of veterans returned to Ft. Wayne International Airport at 8:30 p.m. The group included 85 veterans who served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Jim stated that it was a very nice day. "I feel very honored to have gone on this trip. It's something I'll always remember". Spencerville, OES is very proud to have made a donation to the Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana in honor of our veterans.



"NETTIE RANSFORD DAY"

It was a glorious fall afternoon on November 5, 2017 as several made their way to the Compass Park at the Masonic Home to once again celebrate the Life and Legacy of Sister Nettie. As the Kresge Chapel was not available, it turned out to be a blessing as the program celebration was held in the bright and beautiful newly refurbished Nettie Ransford Chapel, which was the project of the Jr. Past Grand Matron.

Sister Linda Buchanan of Englewood Chapter and President of the District 11 Worthy Matron's group, extended a warm welcome to all. She introduced special guests: Brother Rodney Mann, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana and a member of Eastern Star; Mike Spencer, Administrator and CEO of Compass Park; Sister Loretta Riehl, Past Grand Matron and OES Representative on the Masonic Home Board; Sister Cindy Skura, Worthy Grand Matron; and Brother Cecil Scott, Worthy Grand Patron. Mr. Spencer welcomed all to the Masonic Home and thanked the Eastern Star for their generous projects over the years. Bro. Rodney Mann spoke on behalf of all Blue Lodge Members and thanked the Eastern Star for all their good works.

Sister Cindy introduced her Grand Family and said how much she appreciated all members for their continued good work. Sister Cindy found in some archives she was reading, a portion of a speech given at Grand Chapter by the Grand Master in 1916. It reads as follows-
Grand Chapter of Indiana, April 26 and 27, 1916:

Portion of the address of the Grand Master Charles P. Benedict

"Women are determined and enthusiastic. It was the Order of the Eastern Star that first started the movement for a Masonic Home. It had been proposed in the Grand Lodge of Masons and failed. But when your messenger knocked at the door of the Grand Lodge and presented your demand, we acceded to the proposition. Not only that, but under the splendid leadership of your Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, you laid on the altar of Masonry the splendid sum of \$32,500.00.

I commend you for this splendid accomplishment. I commend, more than all, the spirit with which this donation was made. This Home at Franklin will be a Home in reality mostly because of the assistance and helpfulness of the Eastern Star.

No matter how beautiful you may build the structure, in marble and decorate in gold, it would not be a home without the tender and sympathetic touch of women. Your name, The Eastern Star Hospital, appears over the entrance of the hospital building. You have been busy during the winter months raising funds to furnish it as well as many rooms of the main building.

All praise to the Order of Eastern Star, and your Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ransford, is entitled to the greatest praise shared by all the members of your noble order. Your dreams have come true and from it all we shall soon possess one of the finest Masonic Homes. Let us be truly thankful for all these glorious women."

This was a touching reading by the Worthy Grand Matron and made everyone stop and think how Sister Nettie could accomplish this in 1916. We all feel this is the reason we have continued this rich tradition all these years. Sister Mary Davis of Oakland Chapter then read a rendition of the life history of a Sister Nettie.

Sister Jill Rice, Jr. Past Grand Matron, was in attendance, in a wheelchair, as she recently had knee replacement. Mr. Mike Spencer presented her with a plaque to commemorate her special project-"The fixer upper of the Chapel."

The traditional offering was taken by the Marion County Patrons, the Grand Choir performed and the celebration closed with all retiring for refreshments.

Linda Buchanan, Worthy Matron - Englewood Chapter.

Spring in February

February 10, 2018, was a cloudy, foggy morning for the Reception of Cindy Willyard, District Deputy of District 12. When guests entered the New Castle Masonic Lodge, they were greeted with a beautiful spring morning of flowers and butterflies. Social hour consisted of coffee, orange juice, donuts and warm monkey bread to the delight of those attending.

Cindy was escorted to her seat by Larry Frost, PGP and WP of New Castle chapter. Rick Willyard was escorted by Patty Pracht, WM. Patty called the meeting to order and welcomed guests with a Spring poem. Ned Cline, Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Cindy was then presented at the altar by Nancy Frost, Conductress. She was escorted to the East by way of the preparation room. When Cindy entered the chapter room, she had large beautiful butterfly wings and a butterfly mask. Rick followed close behind wearing a chauffeur's hat with the Eastern Star and the number 12 in the center. He carried a steering wheel as Cindy's "Driver". The WMs and WPs formed her escort holding flowers and butterflies and sang a song to the tune of "Bicycle Built for Two". They also presented her with a love gift.

The WM introduced Cindy and she was given a hearty welcome. Cindy Skura, WGM, read her tribute. Cindy introduced her WM and WP of New Castle and WGM Cindy Skura and WGP Cecil Scott.

Cindy introduced those who were assisting as Nancy Frost, Conductress; Cheryl Wilson, Organist; Ned Cline, Chaplain; James Willyard, Photographer; and her registrars Linda Maple and Brenda Snyder.

She then introduced Tina Vredenburgh, PGM and George. Each group was read a "T-Shirt" quote – or funny sayings found on T-shirts. They each brought a chuckle from the crowd. Attending were 9 Grand Officers and 7 spouses and 10 Deputies and 3 "Drivers". After introductions from the floor, Cindy introduced her family and friends as: Mike and Bobbie Hess, good friends; Kit Crane, her brother and his wife Stacey; James Willyard, her son; and Rick Willyard, her husband and best friend.

Cindy then thanked her New Castle Chapter for their hard work and support they have given her. She thanked District 12 and the Past Deputies of District 12 for the support and assistance they have given to her.

For her entertainment, Cindy read a story based on "The Butterfly Effect". The point of the story was that the Butterfly Effect is when opportunities arise in our own lives that may influence generations to come. It is important to remember everything we do matters, not just for ourselves and our families, but for our own communities and perhaps all of humanity.

The benediction was given by Pam Butz, Middletown WM. Larry Frost gave a table blessing and instructions for the dining room. All enjoyed a lunch of homemade soups, chicken salad croissants, fruit salad, angle food cake and beverages.

front - Rick and Cindy Willyard, DD#12

back - Patty Pracht, WM, and Larry Frost, PGP and WP



Inspection News from Englewood

Three chapters came together on Friday, November 10th for the official visit from our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Beech Grove, Englewood and Southport joined together and presented a theme in honor of our veterans. We had a very nice crowd and the first-time Matron and Patron presented the initiatory which included the scriptures. All of the officers should be commended for a wonderful evening. Linda Buchanan, WM, Englewood #483

Making Strides to End Breast Cancer Walk

Indiana Eastern Star members were given the honor to participate in the “Making Strides To End Breast Cancer” walk held in Indianapolis on October 21, 2017. The walk was held at Victory Field and began before daybreak.

As State Cancer Committee Chairman for 2016-2017, I was contacted by Beverly Stafford of the American Cancer Society, Indianapolis Office. I met Beverly when she was at our 2017 Grand Chapter session to accept our donation check for 2016-2017. She called to offer us the opportunity to be a sponsor of the walk because of our continued support of the Cancer Society. I discussed this with our new Worthy Grand Matron, Cindy Skura, and we were both excited to accept the invitation.

I searched for volunteers to help and it was not difficult to find those willing to help. Most of them purchased special “Cancer Stinks” t-shirts that Deby Thomas, PGM, designed with the Eastern Star emblem on the shoulder. Those who were cancer survivors were given a special ribbon to wear also made by Deby Thomas.

We arrived at Victory Field before sun-up on that crisp October morning. Also arriving were about 4000 walkers dressed in cheerful costumes. In fact, there was one faithful husband supporting his wife by donning a pink wig and pink tutu. Everyone was happy, excited and ready for the festivities. All cancer survivors were presented on the field at daybreak and took a victory lap around the bases as others cheered them on.

Shortly after, the walk was started with a BANG! As soon as the crowd cleared, our OES volunteers began setting up tables at the finish line just outside Victory Field. We carried water, apples, snack bars and other items to the tables to be given to the walkers as they returned to Victory Field. Only about 40 short minutes later, the walkers began to return. As the first of the walkers began to approach the stadium, we all gathered and began to cheer and welcome them back. Even though I had to wipe a tear away, it was an experience that I will never forget. We were there about an hour as walkers came back in both large and small groups.

There were signs posted with the OES logo and showing Eastern Star as the Finish Line Sponsor.

Those who volunteered for this awesome event were: Cindy Skura, Nancy Frost, Larry Frost, Tommie Hunt, Debra Stout, Marilyn Bohrer, Rick Willyard, Cindy Willyard, Patty Pracht, Melody DeRolf, Pam Butz, Deb Highmiller, Gloria Kirkpatrick, June Roth, Linda Buchanon, Donita Davis, Debbie Hamilton, Sheryl Lentz, Tina Vredenburgh, George Vredenburgh, Stacy Baker, Gladys Colon-Clark, Mary Ann Reynolds, Chris Carney-Click, Janice Hogan, Eunice Low, Angie Harris, Lexi Johnson, Marilyn Theiss, Susan Bradley, Angela Hensell, Brian Hensell, Bill Stout, Randy Snyder, Kathy Moore and Jennifer Mansur. We also had Rebecca Reason, Laura Reason, Karissa Dowd and Cathy Dowd from the Muncie Job’s Daughters Bethel.

I would like to thank all those who volunteered for this amazing event and I pray that we are once again given this opportunity.

Nancy Frost



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Apr 5 Last Inspection D#1Gr. Star Points Honored
Apr 12 Last Inspection D#19Gr. Star Points Honored
Apr 21 125th Anniversary Seymour Chapter D#4 - DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Apr 28 Last Inspection in State D#11 Prospect, GOEx
May 5 125th Anniversary Russiaville Chapter D#15
May 19 100th Anniversary Fort Wayne Chapter D#14
May WGM Bus Trip to Frankenmuth, MI
Jun 7-10 Grand Chapter, Marriott East

INSPECTIONS

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm, Award of Gold 7:20 pm

Inspection 7:30 pm Unless otherwise noted

Apr 4 D#4

Apr 5 D#1 Luncheon

Apr 11 D#21

Apr 12 D#19 Luncheon

Apr 18 D#5 at Versailles w/Rising Sun & Bennington

Apr 19 D#12

Apr 24 D#9

Apr 28 D#11 at Prospect GOEx



RECEPTIONS

Apr 7 Elizabeth Fuller, DD#20

Apr 14 Sharon Hutchison, DD#16

Apr 14 Tina Terry, DD#17

FRIENDS NIGHTS

Apr 5 D#5 Rising Sun 6:00 pm

Apr 7 D#5 Bennington 5:00 pm

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First Responders Honored

On September 29, 2017, New Castle Chapter # 116 along with New Castle Lodge #91 F&AM hosted a dinner honoring the First Responders in New Castle including the Police, Sheriff's department, Fire Departments and EMT's.

The Lodge furnished all the food and the Eastern Star prepared the dinner for the evening including chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls and assorted pies and cakes.

The evening was started with Rick Willyard, Worshipful Master, welcoming all those present. Sister Patty Pracht, Worthy Matron, and Brother Larry Frost, Worthy Patron, also spoke and thanked all those brave individuals who keep us safe. Mike Hess, Chaplain of New Castle Lodge #91, offered a prayer of thanks and table blessing. Mayor Greg York thanked the Lodge and Eastern Star for hosting the dinner. Also present was the Chief of Police and Henry County Sheriff.

We served at least 40 first responders at the Lodge and the Masons delivered dinners to the several fire stations and dispatchers who could not attend. We hope this will be an annual event.

Photo: Larry Frost, Patty Pracht, Greg York and Rick Willyard



Hilda Harmon is 100!

On November 14, 2017, Hilda Harmon celebrated her 100th birthday. Hilda is a member of Franklin Chapter in District 6. She is a 50-year plus member of Eastern Star.

In early November the officers and members of Franklin Chapter began sending Hilda birthday cards as a surprise. She received a total of 104 cards. Some were from 10 other states, as well as Indiana.

Hilda lives in Hawaii with her daughter. On November 14th she celebrated her birthday with two parties. One was with friends and the second was with her family.

Hilda has been a member of the Franklin Chapter of Eastern star for 69 years. Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Chairman, Div. 2

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