



## Out on a Limb



Sisters and Brothers, our Inspections are well under way and I thank all of you for welcoming us into your districts. Thank you for allowing us to try something new with the ritual teams. There has been excellent work and I am proud of our members and all they have undertaken to make their ritual work shine. I know that there are many others in the state that are fantastic ritualists as well. Keep in mind, there are individual ritual categories in the Ritualistic Competition at Grand Chapter. Please consider taking part and allowing your talents to be recognized.

I realize that while trying something new, there are some bumps along the way. I appreciate your patience as we have worked through some of those. Often, we don't learn what works and what does not until we try it. This has been a learning experience and one that I hope will help us to take steps forward in making the chapters in Indiana stronger. Not one time have I entered a chapter that I haven't received kind words, smiles and hugs. You have been accepting, encouraging, and supportive. I've been so appreciative of the love you share. Eastern Star truly is a very special place filled with very special people.

Has anyone ever asked you what Eastern Star is all about? Have you ever found yourself in the position to have to explain what Eastern Star is? What do you tell them? Until recently, I have always talked about the connection we have to the Masonic Bodies. Lately, I've been looking at it differently. Instead, I've been focused on the people and what we share that is different from other organizations. I've been looking more at what people so desperately want in the organizations they join and to which they devote their time, energy and resources. I've been focusing on love, acceptance, service and connection.

*Love-I am surrounded by members that love me. They have celebrated with me when great things have*

*occurred and comforted me in times of sorrow and distress. They have extended a helpful hand in time of need and lifted me up.*

*Acceptance-In the Order of the Eastern Star I am accepted. I am surrounded by Sisters and Brothers, who look beyond my faults and see in me the good and positive qualities. They help me recognize them and give me the chance to use them in the best ways possible.*

*Service-The Order of the Eastern Star is so much about service to God and, in His name, to those around us. We have worked to train and maintain service dogs for children, veterans, and those in medical need. We have raised funds to help cure cancer, provide help to the American Heart Association, show appreciation and help for our Veterans and U.S. Service Personnel, provide college scholarships for youth and those going into ministry, and provide food, clothing and gifts for those in need. Through the years we have had a hand in helping in many other ways as well.*

*Connection-The connections I have with others who hold the same Godly principles gives me a continued sense of hope. Knowing that all over the state, and even the world, there are those with like beliefs reminds me of the good in the world and a bright future. We believe in the power of prayer, service to mankind, and most importantly, a strong faith. Together, these tie us not only to each other, but to the Masonic fraternity in our Masonic family.*

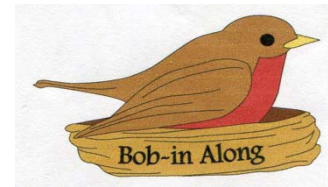
After focusing on these ideas, I realize how blessed I am to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. I think that pride shows. Usually, the response includes something about how great the group sounds or that the person didn't know any of that about the Order. Sometimes I get questions. Sometimes I leave knowing that a seed has been planted. In any case, I'll go out on a limb and say that the person I was conversing with has a better knowledge and an understanding of how special our organization truly is.

And on a side note, feel free to talk about the same the next time you're asked. You never know what the result may be.

Growing our Legacy,  
Jenny



# Just Bob-n-Along



As you receive this article, we are well into our second half of this wonderful year. Does not seem possible that time is pushing toward Grand Chapter 2020!

We have seen some great work in the Chapters at inspections. But I truly enjoy when there are actual candidates instead of proxies. It's nice to see the Grand Officers do the work, however, when the District 'Teams' do the work it seems even better. The new members will remember the Sisters and Brothers who performed their initiation as they travel in their Districts. This is a much more personal involvement.

Melody and I hope you and your families have made it through the winter months without much illness. The cold months seem to be the hardest on the very young and the.....not so young. Let us not forget our Sisters and Brothers who are in nursing homes or just home bound, and also, those who may have lost loved ones or special friends.

Well, it's almost Easter and I have some interesting findings related to Easter that I'd like to share. Easter or Resurrection Sunday is the oldest Christian holiday. It is the cornerstone of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, three days after he was crucified to save mankind from its sins. It forms the foundation of the Christian religion. Some say the word Easter took on pagan elements as the word comes from the German word 'Eostre', the goddess of spring for its pagan roots. Some legends described the goddess as having the head of a 'hare'. That explains where the rabbit came into play. There is nothing essentially evil about painting eggs and chocolate bunnies as long as we don't lose the focus of Christ, the true reason for the celebration of Easter. Wishing you a Happy Easter and Happy Spring!

Robert E. DeRolf, WGP

## Shining Lights of Faith Inspired by Yule Madrigal

Between Christmas 2019 and New Year's 2020, several members of the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family thoroughly enjoyed and were spiritually renewed by the 45<sup>th</sup> annual performance of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival. Pageant members of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Fort Wayne United Church of Christ include our very own Sisters E. Louise Misegades and Katherine Caldwell. E. Louise, one of three 45-year participants in the festival, is a talented costumer for the shows and also plays the Old Peasant Woman. Katherine is the Costume Coordinator and Assistant Stage Manager.



Pictured here after the performance are Connie Branigan; Cindy Skura, PGM, and husband Dave; Denise Wilson, D. D. 5; Susan and Tom Bradley; E. Louise as the Old Peasant Woman; Betty Davis and family; Katherine Caldwell; and Beth and Emilie Williamson.

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## Pam Butz, Grand Adah



I am Pam Butz from Middletown Chapter #110 in District 12. What an honor to be serving as your Grand Adah this year.

I was born to Robert and Sally Ruefenacht on February 3, 1947. I have a younger brother who died at the age of 15. Through my father's Masonic affiliation I joined Middletown Assembly #53 International Order of Rainbow for Girls. I truly believe the lessons I learned in Rainbow helped me in life and in my Eastern Star journey. At the age of 18, I joined Middletown Chapter. I am a 55 year member there and I'm proud to say we are a four generation family with my mother, myself, my daughter, and granddaughter as members of Eastern Star.

I have served my chapter as Adah, Ruth and Esther. My first time as Worthy Matron was as one of PGM Madonna Meyerrose's Happiness Roses. I have been Worthy Matron five times in my chapter. In 2015 I served as pretty penguin #12 in the Dare to Dream Grand Family. Then in 2019 I was asked to be Grand Adah in the Legacy of Hope Grand Family.

My family consists of three daughters, two sons, 15 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. My husband of 31 years, Lowell, was a member of Middletown Lodge #271 and Middletown Chapter #110. He traveled with me as Snowbuddy #12. Lowell passed away in 2017. I miss him dearly.

My goal this year as I travel around the state is to "Make A Difference" in someone's life. I thank you for making a difference in mine!

Pam Butz, Grand Adah

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### USED SHOE DRIVE HELPS INDIANA RAINBOW

Indiana Rainbow is partnering with Funds2Orgs.com to collect shoes. This helps in three ways:

It keeps the shoes out of landfills.

It aids people living in poverty to help themselves. In developing nations, there are few job opportunities. Selling merchandise is one of the crucial ways that people make a living for their families. The shoes we collect become inventory for micro-entrepreneurs to sell in their communities.

Our goal is to collect 2500 pairs of gently-used shoes before April 2020. A profit of \$0.40/lb will be made on the shoes collected. The funds raised from this shoe drive will be used to make repairs at the Rainbow Supreme Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma.

Please consider supporting Indiana Rainbow in this national project. We will be collecting any gently-used shoes that you have – men, women, or children – during the months of March and April 2020.

*For more information, please contact:*

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or

Lindsey Potts George, PGWA [lpotts217@gmail.com](mailto:lpotts217@gmail.com).



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## BJ Mitchell, Grand Ruth



Hello, I am BJ Mitchell from the Mooresville Chapter in D#6 holding plural membership with Plainfield Chapter in D#10.

I work at IU University Hospital in Indianapolis in the Diabetes Education Center as a Data Analyst Disease Management Coordinator. I have 3 sons, 1 daughter, 4 granddaughters and 2 grandsons with a new arrival due in October of 2020.

My Masonic heritage began in the early 1900's with my Great Aunt and Uncle in Scottsville, Kentucky. My dad joined the Masonic family in the mid 1960's and my mom and dad joined Eastern Star in the late 1960's. I am a Past Honored Queen and I joined Eastern Star in 1978.

I represent the yellow Ray of Ruth. Ruth's story is an example of unselfish love and devotion. Ruth, grieving for the loss of her husband, assumes the responsibility of her husband's mother. Ruth willingly leaves her family, friends and home to assist Naomi in her

wishes to return to the land of her people. Ruth finds herself in new surroundings and has to find means of support for herself and Naomi.

I can associate with Ruth's circumstances as my husband passed away in 2014. His sister was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer and with no children of her own to take care of her, I then became her caregiver. My new responsibilities did not require me to leave my residence or family like Ruth had to do, but I also had to look for means of support for myself, as I was not employed at the time of my husband's death. It was a privilege in many ways, as I am sure Ruth felt the same way, to care for our family member. It keeps the family bond close and we hold and cherish that part of our husband's lives through them as we knew they would have wanted us to take care of their loved ones. It was done with love, never expecting recognition or reward. Doing the right thing is the Eastern Star way. That is what our beautiful order teaches.

My pin is a yellow butterfly, yellow for the ray of Ruth. The sheaf in the upper right wing is the emblem of Ruth. The daisy in the upper left wing is for my Deputy Daisy Sisters from the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family with Momma Cindy Skura and Poppa Cecil Scott. The number 6 in the lower right wing is for D#6 and the number 10 in the lower left wing for D#10.

I chose the butterfly in memory of my mom; she loved butterflies. The butterfly has a beautiful journey, just like the story Ruth. It begins as a caterpillar, then a cocoon and then a beautiful butterfly. Ruth starts out a wife, but then comes the death of her husband and she transforms into Naomi's caregiver. Then the reward for Ruth's outstanding care and devotion was to become Boaz's wife.

Like Ruth, always stay humble and kind. Reward comes in many ways. Here on earth and in our heavenly home.

BJ Mitchell, Grand Ruth

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### HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR STAR-LITE?

You have received this issue, but will you get the next one? Check your expiration date on the back page to the left of your address. If it says your last issue is April 2020, then you need to renew now! Fill out the form on the next to the last page and include your check made out to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES and mail to Nancy Pratt, 3597 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, IN 46975.

**Thank you!** We couldn't continue without your support!

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## Tina Mullens, Grand Esther



I am Tina Mullens from Royal Center Chapter #375 in District #18. I am the only Daughter of Don & Becky Mullens. I have an older Brother Donnie & a younger Brother Craig. I live in rural Galveston & have lived in Cass County my whole life. Both of my Grandpa's were farmers & we all had horses and cattle. I was riding horses before I was walking. We baled hay in the summer & swam in my Uncle's pool after that to cool off. We didn't have a pool at home, but the boys & I would make good use of our giant water trough!

I am an active member of the Onward Christian Church, in Onward, IN. I have played the piano there since the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. I have also been in the choir, secretary & treasurer at different times. We are famous for our Chicken Noodle suppers since 1974.

I have been in the car business for 27 years. I started in collections for Hendrickson Motor Sales in their JD Byrider division. I was an F&I Manager for 4 years & for the past 10 years I have been an office Manager. I now work for Button Motors.

I am a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Eastern Star. I was initiated into Walton Chapter #184 three days after my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in March and was installed as Electa in April. I then started going thru the chairs. I have been WM 3 times. In 2007 Walton closed & we affiliated with Royal Center. I have been Conductress for years & this year I'm serving as Esther. I was a Grand Page for Lois Wagner & Mike Rumsey and was a special page to Grand Esther Diann Steinberger, who is my Mom's sister deputy. I was an Elegant Lass for Shirley Glessner & Beryl Harrison in 1997-98, and a Farmer's Daughter for Jill Rice & Ron Mendenhall in 2016-17. I was honored to receive a Grand Representative appointment of North Dakota from Deby Thomas & Rob Maines.

My pin represents my life. The double heart in the middle of the crown pays tribute to my Mom. She was a deputy in the Hearts in Touch Grand Family and served as Grand Esther in the Reflections of the Heart Grand family. The horse head represents my life with horses, my Carousel of Love Grand Family & My Fields of Faith Grand Family. The music notes represent my love of music. My Mom, brothers & I used to sing gospel music. God has definitely put a song in my heart.

I am very humbled to serve as your Grand Esther this year. It amazes me how God takes an ordinary person like Esther and does something extraordinary in their life. God is not mentioned in the book of Esther, but you can feel His presence throughout the entire book. Queen Esther had the weight of the entire Hebrew nation on her shoulders & what does she do? She fasts and prays for three days and then invites the King and Haman to a party. Queen Esther knew that God would protect her and her people from extermination. When we fall to our knees and allow God to work in our lives, we will stand tall against the trials of life.

May your unfailing love be with us Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:22

Tina Mullens, Grand Esther

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## Stompin' Cancer Challenge

Stomp! Stomp! Stomp! Keep on Stompin' for you never know, it just might be your donation that finds a cure! I would like thank everyone who has made a donation, but I have another challenge for you. Sometimes people say, "OOOO! A challenge!" I would like to challenge the members of Indiana to donate a penny a day to the Cancer Fund for this term. There are 366 days in 2020, so that would be \$3.66 per member that accepts the challenge. Are you up to it? For those that do not receive the Star-Lite please share this challenge, and also share it with your Chapters. Please help stomp out this disease! Send your funds to the Grand Secretary and mark it Cancer Fund. Thank you!

Romona Dunfee, State Chairman of the Cancer Fund

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## Karen Hazelman, Grand Martha



I am Karen Hazelman, Grand Martha, from the Washington Chapter in District 2. I was born in Knox County to J.R. and Melba Devine, on a farm with 2 brothers. We all worked on the farm doing many chores and learning valuable life lessons.

I married my high school sweetheart Mike and we have been married 51 years. We were blessed with two children, a son and a daughter, both very successful and we are so very proud of them. Those two each gave us 2 grandchildren, 1 grandson and 3 granddaughters. They give us joy and so much love. We are so very blessed.

I retired from working 43 years in the grain business. I was a grain merchandiser, buying and selling grain from the farmers. I did everything from accounting manager to truck and rail logistics and all the while buying corn, bean and wheat and hedging on the Chicago Board of trade. It was a very rewarding job working with the farmers. I served on the Vincennes University Agri-Business Advisory Council and the Knox County Farm Bureau Board for many years and worked with the Library Literacy Program for 25 years. Many years I attended the FFA National Convention participating in workshops for the National and State officers, another very rewarding experience.

I enjoy traveling, reading, cooking and love riding roller coasters and even zip lining and many other outdoor activities.

My Masonic background started with my dad who was a 33rd-degree Mason and served many years in Eastern Star and other bodies. He was the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the State of Indiana. Mom served many years in Eastern Star, with 25 plus years as secretary. Mike is also a Mason, soon to be a 50-year member.

I joined Eastern Star in 1970. I have held many offices in Eastern Star including Worth Matron 13 times and have loved it so much. I was District Deputy for Pat Ensley and again for Diana Surfus. I feel so very humbled to be serving as Grand Martha this year. I was much honored when Sister Jenny and Brother Robert asked me to be in their Grand Family.

I consider joining Eastern Star one of the best choices I have made in my life. This world would be a better world if everyone lived by the teachings of this great order.

Karen Hazelman, Grand Martha

## Tree of Life Project Receives Donation from Jackson Lodge

Amidst a Valentine's Day theme with hearts all around, our Worthy Grand Matron Jennifer Nicholson received a \$5,000 check for her Tree of Life Project from Jackson Masonic Lodge in Seymour. This gift greatly boosts the funds to purchase much needed AED units for the common areas of the Masonic Home at Compass Park. Our thanks to Jackson Lodge in District 4 for their generous donation.

Pictured with WGM Jenny is the Worshipful Master of Jackson Lodge, Jon Lanier at the Lodge's annual Sweetheart Banquet.

Margaret Kroman, PD  
District 4



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## Patricia Witt, Grand Electa



Greetings to all my Sisters and Brothers and to all members of our beautiful Order of Eastern Star! My name is Patricia Witt (I like being called Pat), I am the third child of Clarence and Louise Walls both of whom were part of the Masonic order. I had two brothers one of whom has passed, but still have my one brother left and he is 11 years my senior.

I am married to Roger Witt now for 57 years come this October, what a run. We have two children, a daughter Lisa and a son Toby. Both are very successful in their careers and we are exceptionally proud of both. Our daughter Lisa's son Cody and wife Minda has made us very proud by giving us a great grandson Dalton. We are members of the Laurel United Methodist Church.

My Eastern Star life began in 1979 by being initiated into the Laurel Conwell Chapter #392 where I held the stations of Ruth, Associate Conductress, Conductress and Worthy Matron. Unfortunately we closed and I joined the Andersonville Chapter #93, where I also held several stations including Worthy Matron and now the Secretary. So far during my Star life I was appointed a Grand Representative of Michigan in Indiana, District Deputy for my District #5, Grand Page and now the epitome as being appointed Grand Electa in the Legacy of Hope Grand Family.

It has been a very satisfying and interesting run so far. I have met so many members and have traveled to several chapter halls, which I had never been to before. There have been times I couldn't travel the way I wanted, but sometimes life can get in the way of our wishes and desires. The receptions and special events have been terrific and have enjoyed all. I especially enjoy being with my Grand Star Point sisters. They are fabulous. I will continue to hope that my Savior will guide me to represent my station of Grand Electa and hope the story of this heroine will reach each heart that hears it.

Our receptions begin with Grand Adah followed each Saturday thereafter until the last on April 4, 2020 at the Metamora Church of God, Metamora, Indiana. My theme will represent the beauty of the cherry blossom and the beauty of the colorful realm of butterflies. Sure would like to see many of you there! If you would like to attend on this special day, please RSVP to Connie Nierste, 1134 Waggoner Drive, Rushville, Indiana. You may make your check out to her along with your reservation by March 27, 2020. Cost of the meal is \$15.00. Social Hour begins at 2:00pm, followed by the program at 4:00pm, with the dinner to follow. Love to each of you!!

Patricia Witt, Grand Electa

(Editor: Due to receptions being rescheduled, Pat's reception will be held at a later date.)

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## Valentine's for Veterans from District 11

Sponsored by Freedom Fliers, volunteers from District 11 got together at Englewood Masonic Lodge to decorate boxes of Kleenex tissue for the veterans at the VA hospital in Indianapolis. With glue guns and glue bottles in hand, volunteers from several chapters and friends of friends donated an afternoon wrapping and decorating boxes with a variety of valentine décor. When finished we estimated to have decorated over 80 boxes of Kleenex tissues.

The bigger surprise was getting a letter from the Roudebush VA Medical Center thanking us for our endeavors and a receipt for a donation of \$100.00 to the Indiana Order of Eastern Star. Special thanks to those ladies who made this project a success and helped our Eastern Star shine a little brighter.

Linda Buchanan, District 11 Chairperson - Freedom Fliers

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## “The Gift” For All of Us

District Ten hosted a wonderful dinner/theater event at Mt. Moriah just prior to Christmas. “The Gift” was a fundraiser for the Harmony Rings Steering Committee of Rick Lassiter, AGP, and Angela Hensell, Grand Conductress. Many took advantage of the childhood memory in the lobby. Guests had the opportunity to sit on Santa’s lap, give him a wish list and have their picture taken. Beautifully wrapped Christmas boxes adorned the banquet tables. The highlight of the room was a Christmas tree covered in hats, gloves and scarves. Guests brought them for donation to local charities. We collected 75 pairs of gloves, 47 hats, 3 pairs of earmuffs, 38 scarves and 4 pairs of socks. What a tremendous expression of love!



After a delicious meal, all adjourned to the lodge room. The concert was a real blessing for those that witnessed it. Rick Lassiter and Carlton Hinshaw were fabulous! Their outfits took on a personality of their own! This talented duo entertained us with a variety of holiday tunes. If you have not heard “Christmas Is No Time To Diet” or “The Twelve Days After Christmas” you should YouTube them. It will be worth your time! The second part of the program was the Christmas Story from the Book of Luke. The narrator, Greg Chiles, read the scriptures and the assembly joined in singing appropriate carols between readings. The climax of the program was the entrance of Mary (Angela Hensell), Joseph (Brian Hensell) and “The Gift,” baby Jesus! They entered the stable to “Mary Did You Know?” Once there, Rick Lassiter sang “O Holy Night.” “Silent Night” was the benediction sung by all present who stood and held a candle. Guests departed into the night through luminaries lighting their path.

Thank you to Mt. Moriah Lodge and John Purdy for allowing us to use their facility. Thanks also to Larry Mills for building an outstanding stable and the Harmony Rings Steering Committee for their hard work to make this event a success.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The third in our Concert Series will be June 6<sup>th</sup>. “Sing Across America” will be a sendoff for Brother Rick Lassiter prior to his installation as Worthy Grand Patron.



## Lego Display

Come and see an amazing display of Lego bricks. Bring the children to do some hands on with the children’s area. We will have charms, hats, jackets and fans for sale.

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Noon to 5:00 p.m.

At Sahara Grotto

7620 Madison Ave.

Indianapolis, IN 46227

Donation of \$2.00 per person

All proceeds will go toward ICAN and our Service Dog project.



# Country Christmas

Montezuma Eastern Star building was the scene of the "Country Christmas" reception honoring Sister Barbara Pefley, District Deputy #9, on December 9, 2019. Crullers were served for the social hour. The dining room was decorated with greenery and cardinals. The Chapter room was decorated with snowmen.



Bob Branigan. Legacy of Hope Grand Family introduced were: Melody DeRolf, wife of WGP; Barbara Terry, Grand Treasurer and PGM and Jim; Pam Butz, Grand Adah; BJ Mitchell, Grand Ruth; Tina Mullens, Grand Esther; Karen

Hazelman, Grand Martha; and Ruth Sherrow, Grand Warder. District Deputies attending were: Janice Brock, DD#4 and Jim; Denise Wilson, DD#5; Nina Sayer, DD#6; Carol Davis, DD#7; Carol Sloan, DD#8 and Doug; Debra Stout, DD#11 and Bill; Patty Pracht, DD#12 and Bill; Rebecca Coath, DD#15; Bert Ancil, DD#18; Nancy Minix, DD#19; Judy Hartman, DD#20; and Barb Oster, DD#21. Each group introduced was given a snowman quote.

Prelude music was provided by Judy White, Barbara's aunt. Mary Ann Jones, WM, welcomed everyone. The invocation was given by Cathie Randles, PGM.

Barbara had her family escorted and introduced and thanked them for always being there. She also recognized the Grand Lamplighter Grand Family, when she was deputy 42 years ago.

Barbara was presented at the altar by Conductress Starr Smetana, PD. Lyn Lees, Barbara's daughter honored her with the song "The Gift". Barbara was then escorted through a line of Matrons and Patrons, Montezuma Chapter members and others from District #9, dressing her as a snowman and presenting her with gifts as she made her way to the East.

Entertainment was provided by Tim Edwards of Kokomo who accompanied Lyn Lees in several Christmas songs. The benediction was given by Jill Rice, PGM, and table grace was given by Frank Norman, PGP. Norm Jack, WP, gave the dinner instructions. Everyone enjoyed a spaghetti dinner with Barb's homemade spaghetti sauce recipe.

Naomi Mitchell, PGM, read a tribute about Barbara's life. Barbara then introduced her officers of the day. She then introduced Momma Jennifer Nicholson, WGM, and Poppa Robert DeRolf, WGP, who in turn presented her with a gift from them and Melody and then one from her deputy sisters.

Escorted and introduced were PGM's and PGP's and spouses: Naomi Mitchell, Cathie Randles and Walt, Jill Rice, Frank Norman and Mary Jo, and Connie Branigan, widow of

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**Sunday, May 17, 2020**  
**Meal 1:00pm (EST)**  
**followed by fun, games, prizes and**  
**entertainment (inc Grand Star Points)**  
**At "The Lashley's"**

*"casual" attire*

#1 District 2 Fun day for all the OSS districts in Indiana. RSVP: Elizabeth Lashley, PG, M  
 lashleyet@hotmail.com, 2498 S 500 E  
 Montezuma, IN 47558, or 812-496-3904

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Registration Deadline: May 25, 2020**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for (select one only):

\_\_\_\_\_ Worthy Matron's two Initiatory lectures

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\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Patron's long form Initiatory lecture

\_\_\_\_\_ Conductress' Initiatory lecture at the door, at Star Points and to Worthy Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Conductress' Preparation Room lecture

\_\_\_\_\_ Chaplain's Prayers (Opening, Initiatory, Closing)

\_\_\_\_\_ Star Point Initiatory lecture (which one? \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ Worthy Matron's three parts in funeral service

\_\_\_\_\_ Chaplain's two prayers in funeral service

\_\_\_\_\_ Star Point tributes (all five) in funeral service

**Mail to: Susie Roach, PGM**  
**Chairperson of Ritual Competition Committee**  
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**Odon, IN 47562**

Phone: 812-257-1578 (cell)



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# INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR 2020 Ritual Competition

On Friday, June 12, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at our Grand Chapter Session, we will once again hold our **Grand Chapter Ritual Competition**. You may compete in one category only. We will use a **current edition of the Ritual**. The categories are listed below. Please select the category that you wish to compete in and send your completed registration form to Susie Roach. You will receive confirmation of your registration and your appointed time and place before the Grand Chapter Session. **Registration deadline is May 25, 2020.**

## INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION CATEGORIES

**Chaplain's Prayers:** This will include all of the following prayers: The Opening prayer on page 42, the Initiation prayer which begins on page 79 and the Closing prayer on page 46.

**Associate Conductress' Lecture** in the Preparation Room. This includes the part which begins on page 50 of the Ritual.

**Conductress' Initiation Lectures.** This will include the lecture inside the door beginning on page 53 of the Ritual, the small lectures at each Star Point on pages 60, 64, 67, 70, and 73 and the presentation to the Worthy Patron on page 76 of the Ritual.

**Worthy Matron's Initiation Lectures.** This includes the two lectures which begin on pages 56 and 77 of the Ritual.

**Associate Patron's long form Initiation Lecture.** This will be the entire lecture which begins on page 86 and concludes on page 90 with instruction to the Conductress.

**Worthy Patron's Lecture.** This part begins on page 80 of the Ritual and concludes on page 86 with instruction to the Conductress. We will have a signet to view and a Conductress assisting.

**Star Points Initiation Lecture.** Select which Star Point you would like to do. We will provide chair, pedestal, emblem and ribbon. You must adapt to setup. (You may, however, choose to bring your own emblem if you desire.) There will be a Conductress who will signal the beginning of the lecture by stating "I present this Sister..."

**Worthy Matron's Funeral Ceremony.** Includes three parts to be given by the Worthy Matron beginning on pages 153, 156 and 159.

**Chaplain's Prayers in the Funeral Ceremony.** This includes the two prayers in the ceremony (pages 154-155 and 159-160).

**Star Point tributes in the Funeral Ceremony.** This includes ALL five tributes given by the Star Points on pages 157-159.

**EXCLUSIONS:** Current Grand Officers and Past Grand Matrons/Patrons are excluded. District Deputies are encouraged to participate. Also, any contestant who won in 2019 may compete again, but MUST choose a different category.

**NOTE:** Each competitor **must bring a copyright 2009 or newer edition of the Ritual**. This will be given to the judge who will mark lightly with a pencil any mistakes. The Ritual will then be returned to the contestant.

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## Clinton Honors Dottie Pilley

Prior to the stated meeting of Clinton Chapter #6 held on November 14, 2019, a carry-in dinner was enjoyed by friends and family. Following the meeting we held an honor night for Sister Dottie Pilley, Grand Representative of British Columbia and the Yukon in Indiana.



The chapter room was decorated with flags of British Columbia and the Yukon, a banner in the West, a wool plaid blanket on the altar and a stuffed moose. Sister Dottie was escorted to the West by a Canadian

Mounty (aka Sister Janice Gill). Brother Mike Flowers played his guitar and sang "When It's Springtime in the Rockies". Sister Dottie was escorted to the East through arches of red maple leaves held by current and former Grand Representatives of District 15.

A humorous play written by Patsy Flowers was then presented. The play was titled "Dudley Do-Right to the Rescue". The following characters were part of the play: Snidley Whiplash, Ledina Bowen; Dudley Do-Right, Janice Gill; Nell, Stacy Miller; Horse, Richard Scott; and Train, Cathy Scott. Patsy Flowers was the narrator.

The play took place in the northern

region of Canada...British Columbia and the Yukon. The evil Snidley Whiplash carried away Nell, the maiden in distress. Snidley and Nell encountered Horse, railroad tracks and an approaching Train. In the end, Dudley Do-Right and Horse came to Nell's rescue. Nell escaped!

Cindy Skura, PGM, read a special tribute to Dottie. This was followed by remarks from Dottie who introduced her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and



Jeffrey Messinger, as well as special friends Rick and Carol Goul. Remarks were received by the following: our own Jennifer Nicholson, WGM; our own Betty Swisher, Grand Trustee and PGM; our own Ruth Sherrow, Grand Warder; and our own Rebecca Coath, DD#15.

The evening's coin collection will go toward District 15's Service Dog project. Betty Swisher, PGM, led us in the benediction. We all joined hands around the altar and repeated the Mizpah Benediction. An evening of fun and fellowship was had by all.



## *Louie Delivers Valentine Surprises*

Louie, the Indiana OES service dog in training, delivered loads of puppy love for ICAN's 2020 Valentine deliveries.

'Surprise' best describes how the Valentine recipients felt when they came to the lobby of their business or school to receive their special box of goodies. Louie was accompanied on his deliveries by WGP Robert DeRolf, his wife Melody and Rochelle A. Hargis.

"What's going on?" exclaimed Jessica Tooley when Bob and Melody presented her with her gift. Bob explained that Louie's training is sponsored by Indiana OES. He explained that ICAN (Indiana Canine Assistance Network) works with inmates, called handlers, at the men's prison in Pendleton and the women's prison on the west side of Indianapolis, to train the puppies. Bob stated that it's a win-win situation.

When Tricia McGuire received her valentine gift sent by her husband she exclaimed "Best Valentine gift ever!!!" She then had time to spend giving and receiving lots of hugs and puppy love with Louie.

Although Bob and Melody are self-proclaimed 'cat people' Melody said that both of them have immensely enjoyed supporting this project and seeing Louie interact with the people. "Dog instinctively seem to know what each person needs" she added.

By: Rochelle A. Hargis



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## Versailles Chapter 333 Honors Sisters

On February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Versailles Masonic Lodge dining room, Sisters Connie Branigan and Marilyn Gausman hosted a birthday celebration in honor of Sister Norma Roberts' 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Eighteen Eastern Star members enjoyed the carry in lunch and birthday cake. Sister Norma was showered with cards, and everyone happily regaled the group with stories about and memories of Norma's antics over the years. Surprise guests that day for Norma were Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, Norma's Deputy Mom, and Sister Martha Santus, Norma's Deputy Sister No. 7. All of us were overjoyed to make Sister Norma's birthday wish come true.

On February 19<sup>th</sup> at Ripley Crossing in Milan, Indiana, family and friends gathered to honor Sister Marie Gault for her seventy-five years of Eastern Star membership. On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron Gleda Brooks conducted this presentation. Sister Marie faithfully served Electa Chapter as Martha for many years and was an active member of the Daughters of Rebekah as well. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Sister Marie will celebrate her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. We wish her many happy returns!



## Spencerville Eastern Starlets



In our wee little town live the grandchildren of many Spencerville Eastern Star Members. We are proud of many things

such as the size of our town (population 890), the Spencerville Covered Bridge, and most of all our families.

As adults, we want our children to learn to **give and love one another, and have compassion for those less fortunate**. We teach our little ones to help us at our lodge and how to make donuts at fair time. We feel that it is important to teach them how to be a generous philanthropist. So, this year, our little Starlets presented our annual donation check to the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department at the Community Christmas Party. The most exciting moment of the party came

when Santa arrived on top of the Fire Truck! Our children waited in line and sat on Santa's lap and had very serious conversations with Santa and then played many Reindeer Games.

At the conclusion of our party the children put tickets won at these games in the Fire Fighter Boots to have a chance to win many prizes. We explained that not everyone would win a prize here today. One of our Starlets did not win any of these prizes. Next to him sat his fellow Starlet who had won 2 prizes. Upon seeing his friend had not received a toy, this Starlet promptly shared 1 of his new games with his friend! **Our teachings and gifts may come to us in small packages and in the places least expected!** *Over the Holidays, please give and share, because your rewards will be priceless and everlasting!*



## *District 6 Inspection*

The second Inspection for District 6 was held at Greenwood Lodge on Monday, February 24th. The opening ceremony was performed by Franklin Chapter, the closing was by the Fairland Chapter, and the Inspection was carried out by the Ritual Dream Team of District 6.



Just before the Opening, the Worthy Grand Patron, Robert DeRolf was sent out to find a "rare kind of bird." The WGP presented the "rare bird" at the altar; it was Robert Esarey, Worthy Patron of Fairland. He was presented the appointment of Grand Representative of North Dakota. During the opening, Jennifer Nicholson,

WGM, was presented at the altar with Robert DeRolf, WGP. Other Grand Officers introduced were: Gleda Brooks, Associate Grand Matron; Richard Lassiter, Associate Grand Patron; Peggi Barassi, Grand Organist; BJ Mitchell, Grand Ruth; Tina Mullens, Grand Esther; Karen Hazelman, Grand Martha; Denver Gray, Grand Sentinel.

District Deputies were Carol Davis, #7; Carol Sloan, #8; Barbara Pefley, #9, Debra Stout, #11, and our own Nina Sayer, #6. Eight Grand Chapter Committee Appointments were introduced.

**District 6 Dream Team members:** W.M. Jane Sherrill, Greenwood; W.P. Bob Esarey, Fairland; A.M. Jamie Yeadon, Eminence; A.P. Ed Brown, Ransford IMH; Secretary, Patty Knox, Union Village; Treasurer, Linda Beeler, Franklin; Conductress, Brenda Catania, Mooresville; Assoc. Conductress, Barbara Martin, Greenwood; Chaplain, Lonnie Small, Fairland; Marshal, Betty Lou Hoover, Eden; Organist, Martha Duke, Nineveh; Adah, Mary Fox, Greenwood; Ruth, Rosie Seay, Eden; Esther, Virginia Prairie, Union Village; Martha, Sandra Heath, Franklin; Electa, Sandra Thomas, Naamah; Warder, Carolyn McDonald, Fairland; and Sentinel, Gary Nicholson, Naamah.

Barbara Heath, Starlight Emeritus

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The recent directive from Governor Holcomb has brought many questions regarding scheduled Eastern Star events. Of course, we want to follow any directives set forth by authorities, and more importantly want to do what is in the best interest of our members. Your health and safety are primary importance as is your right to decide what is in your best interest and that of your loved ones. After consulting the WGP and talking with those involved in upcoming events, we will do the following:

Grand Ruth's Reception WILL TAKE PLACE as planned. Sister BJ's chapter wants to continue and are prepared to do so. We will leave the decision of attending to you. On Saturday, we will then gather more information and make decisions regarding the remainder of the receptions as quickly as we can. We will then disseminate the information through this page as well as other means established by districts.

Inspections, at this point, will take place as usual unless the district involved has discussed it with the Deputy and the Deputy has contacted me to make alternate arrangements. We will again be posting an update to notify members of changes. If you are uncertain, please contact your District Deputy.

We will continue to follow any new decisions and directives of those in leadership of our government and the Department of Health. Things change rapidly. Many decisions will need to be

made on a situational basis. We appreciate your patience and hope that you will join with us in prayer for the health and safety of Sisters and Brothers and their families and that these and other health issues are resolved quickly.

Points to keep in mind as we continue:

- EVERYONE is encouraged to make the best possible decision for themselves regarding their health. and the health of their loved ones. IF you should decide that attending an event is not in your best interest or that of your family due to current health situations, we understand and respect your decision not to attend.
- Hugging is an OES tradition, HOWEVER, at this time it is a better idea to greet everyone with a smile and suggest that we save and give extra hugs after the current health threat is past.
- Holding hands for prayer and odes when not required in our work should be avoided.
- Calling trees should be utilized if they are in place for chapters. Sister Deputies and Grand Officers upon receiving information of a change could then call WMs of the chapters in the district who then could inform their members.
- Chapters with events that include food may choose to alter their plans to light refreshments that are prepackaged and can be held for another time if an event should be postponed or cancelled.

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Knightsville Chapter #238  
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Lois McKinney, Organist  
Steven Cooley, Secretary



#### *Devoted to*

Knightsville Chapter #238  
Esther Metz, Star Point Martha  
Rebecca Proffitt, Conductress



### **2 Stars**

#### *In Loving Memory of Janet Sweet*

A good Friend to all  
And missed by everyone  
Beverly, Dawnee & Lori Beth



#### *In Honor of the*

#### *Grand Secretary Office*

Thank you for all the hard work that you do in keeping our Grand Chapter running smoothly by keeping the Chapters informed and up to date.

Elizabeth Lashley, Grand Trustee & PGM



#### *In Loving Memory of*

Our Dear Sister Jo Risk. She never met a stranger. She will be missed by everyone. Rest in Peace Jo! Love, your Sisters & Brothers of Acton Chapter #173



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Janet Sweet

S&S Bouquet of Love Grand Family

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