



## *Following Our Dream*

Greetings all!! I just can't get over how fast these 5 years have flown by, and this year is going pretty quick as well. Everyone said, "your year would go fast", and I BELIEVE now how true their statements were. I am looking forward to serving our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star as Worthy Grand Matron with Brother Larry Frost, Worthy Grand Patron, along with Brother George and Sister Nancy at our side. This has been an awesome 5 years of traveling and getting to know each other as well as we have.

We have prayerfully put our Grand Family together and are so proud of all the decisions we have made and I personally want to thank you all for accepting the appointments in serving our beautiful Order.

Another Grand Session Order of the Eastern Star of Indiana has come and gone, and Betty's Grand Session went over without a hitch. Then our Installation was beautiful and I want to thank everyone for their part in making it a memorable one. The Get Acquainted Banquet is always a fun time and was happy to see all our Grand Officers/spouses, and Pretty Penguins and their Snow buddies/escorts/friends there to enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. How proud I am of all of them.

School of Instruction was the thing I feared the most. Because of the declining of our members in my district I was worried at how this would pan out, but I knew deep down in my heart that this would work out just fine and it did! We are a very small district and as all districts and chapters our memberships ages are getting older and



membership is declining, but we pulled it together and gotter done!! I am proud of our District 16 and all the chapters, members, family and friends involved with our School of Instruction. Whether you helped serve food, set up chapter, whatever needed done, thank you. And to the Grand

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Officers who had to do the work for the initiatory after just being installed into their new offices, I say congrats to all.

Then we had the overnighter and I'm so proud of how our Deputy Daughters have been bonding together. Now they are off with my instructions and are starting to get their responsibilities completed. The Grand Star Points have been bonding well together and I know you will love them as we do. Soon all the newly elected Grand Officers and Grand Star Points will be having their Receptions and hope you all will show your love and support to each one of them.

I would like to wish Sister Susie Roach good luck on her campaign for candidate for RWAGC. Please help support her in this journey and help bring her home as elected RWAGC. And if you can go to Pittsburgh as supporters get on that bus and wear your black and white!

I would like to remind you of some dates that will take place before the next issue:

- Aug 1 Associate Grand Conductress reception
- Aug 14-16 Multi-State Friends (Louisville, Kentucky)
- Aug 22 First Inspection in the State

We hope you can join us in these events as we share our Hoosier Hospitality everywhere we go.

As your Worthy Grand Matron I am humbled and will do my best to serve the State of Indiana as well as I can. I'm proud of every one of the members of this state who stepped up to the plate to help me make this year happen.

I will leave you with this: It is in identifying yourself with the hopes and DREAMS, fears and longings of others, that you may understand and help them.

Remember always: Love One Another, Dream Big, and Believe you can do all things through Christ who Strengthens You, Go in Peace.

Love and Believe,

*Tina Vredenburgh, WGM*





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

First and foremost, I would like to thank the delegates of the Indiana Grand Chapter for electing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Tina and I had a wonderful Installation. Many thanks go to District 16 and District 12 for making this a beautiful afternoon. The decorations were great and the escorts were fun. I would like to thank the New Castle Chapter and District 12 for their efforts and for attending our Installation. You were a beautiful sight to behold from the stage. I also want to thank New Castle Lodge for attending and showing your love and support for me. Many thanks also go to District 11 for their continued hard work to make sure our Grand Chapter sessions are successful each year. They spend many hours on several committees to accomplish this huge undertaking. I would like to personally thank John and Lena Walker for the many hours they spent working to make our visit to Indianapolis comfortable and enjoyable.

I would like to congratulate Sister Betty Swisher, Junior Past Grand Matron and Brother H. Fred Smith, Junior Past Grand Patron on a successful year. They led the State of Indiana with dignity and grace. Congratulations, too, on a wonderful Grand Chapter Session. Many hours of planning and thought went into making the Session a success.

School of Instruction is now behind us. The deputies have been instructed by Sister Tina and are ready to begin their Deputy Visits. Many thanks to all of you who attended our joint reception and helped make this a "Dream Come True".

We are preparing for the first Inspection in the State on August 22 at Mt. Moriah in Anderson, Indiana. Please make plans to join us. The Grand Officers will exemplify the initiatory work. If you have never been to Mt. Moriah, please come and see this breath-taking Lodge.

Sister Tina and I are ready to begin our Official Visits. We look forward to meeting the Eastern Star members across Indiana. Please encourage your members to bring their young ones to be dedicated to the principles of Eastern Star at an Official Visit. We are also looking forward to meeting our newest 50-year members and presenting their pins. This is a special night on a momentous occasion. Please invite your 50-year members to attend and make them feel special with flowers or a dinner in their honor.

As you probably know by now, our Special Project this year is called "Dine and Recline". We are raising money to refurbish the small dining room just off the main dining room at the Administration building and the Indiana Masonic Home. This room may be used by residents to celebrate special occasions with their families and friends or by small Eastern Star groups for dinners or meetings. The second part of the project is to purchase power recliner chairs for residents who need them. When my mother was living in an assisted living facility, I purchased a power chair for her. She loved the chair because in a regular recliner, she wasn't strong enough to raise and lower it without the power feature. We want our residents to be comfortable and make their lives as easy as possible. Please contribute to this special project. Sister Terrie Barber, State Chairman will have more information and some fund raising ideas to share with the members very soon. As always, we know the kindness and generosity of the members of Eastern Star will continue and make every project a success.

In closing I would like to quote Abraham Lincoln: "I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing so until the end."



*Larry Frost, WGP*

## Christmas Comes To Mooresville



On April 1, 2015, it was Christmas at Mooresville for Friends' Night. The Chapter room was decorated with poinsettias, reindeer, candles and white Christmas roses.

Santa Claus greeted everyone on arrival at the Mooresville Masonic Lodge door. He gave each a voucher – a small bag of candy to pin on. Worthy Matron Lou Morning was wearing gold elf shoes for the occasion.

Guests introduced were: Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron and Lonnie; Larry Frost, Associate Grand Patron and Nancy; Lexi Johnson, Grand Adah and David, Worthy Patron at Franklin; Diana Surfus, Grand Electa; Sandy Harris, District Deputy #6; four Grand

Chapter Appointments: Carolyn Janik, Assisting Recorder; Sandra Heath, Sixth District Choir Director, Doris Bedell, Historian of Grand Chapter, and Barbara Heath, 6th District Star-Lite Reporter; Sue Midkiff, Grand Representative of Alberta, Canada and co-Chairman for Membership; twelve Past Matrons and Past Patrons; and Patrick Briney, a very distinguished Mason.

The unnecessary business was postponed since this was a stated meeting and Friends' Night. Gifts were given as each guest was introduced. Many comments were made about the "snow" outside so a Survival Kit was given to each invited friend in case we got into too much snow on the way home.

Many wishes of "Merry Christmas" and hope for a Happy New Year were extended. Also there were wishes that January and February wouldn't have too much snow.



Above: Santa came to Mooresville on April Fool's Day while WM Lou Morning (right) wears a miniature Santa hat.



## Judy & Rita Honored

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Converse Masonic Temple, Judy Shrock, Grand Representative of Maine and Rita Nolan, Grand Representative of Iowa were honored with a reception. The East was decorated with red tulips, yellow daffodils, ceramic pigs, field corn and a red toy combine.

Those attending included: Bob Gillespie, PGP, and wife Ines; Sherry Johnson, PGM and Former Grand Representative; Cary Hetrick, PGP, and his wife Michelle, Recording Secretary of the Indiana Grand Representatives Association; Jill Rice, Grand Conductress, and husband Jon; Ron Mendenhall, Grand Chaplain, and wife Karen; Mary Jane Schmitt, Estarl Committee; Judy Musgrave, D#18 Star-Lite Reporter; Kay Purdy, Grand Representative of Quebec; Evelyn Miller, Former Grand Representative; Cathy Sherman, Former Grand Representative; Roberta Ancil, WM of LaFontaine and Former Grand Representative; and Phyllis Poe, Past Grand Ruth, and husband Earl. There were 37 people in attendance.

Barb Sommers, WM of Converse Chapter, presided. Susan Rossman, Converse Secretary, escorted Sister Judy and Sister Rita to the East. Sister Judy stated that toothpicks are manufactured in Maine. Sister Rita visited the Theme Park Theater session and commented on a Down-syndrome project. Entertainment by Judy and Rita included various historical questions. Chocolate candy kisses were given to everyone attending.

Following the reception, everyone adjourned to the dining room for Angel food cake and strawberries, tea and coffee. The dining room tables were decorated with glass bowls filled with colored grass, baby chicks and plastic Easter eggs and butterflies.



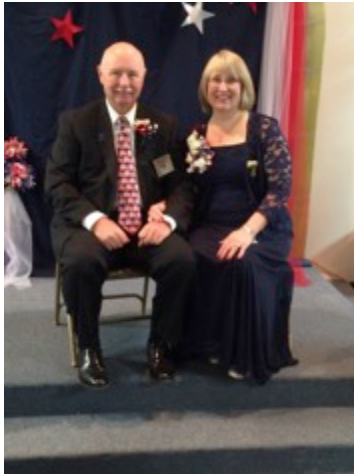
## 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Lowell and Marilyn Karns of Ivy Chapter #69 celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at the Wabash Honeywell Center with an open house hosted by their three children. A miniature wedding cake was topped with the original topper from their 1955 wedding cake.

Servers were OES Sisters Vi Miller, Janice Miller and Sue Purvis. Assisting as the "go-fer" was OES Brother Ed Purvis. Over 125 friends and relatives were in attendance.

*Happy Anniversary from all Eastern Star!*

## Reception for Sandy Harris



Mooreville Chapter welcomed guests on Saturday morning, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Mooreville Masonic Lodge. This was a Red, White and Blue reception for Sandy Harris, District Deputy #6.

Flags and red, white and blue flowers decorated the chapter room. Photos were taken in the back of the chapter room in front of a red, white and blue backdrop with stars.

Fred Smith, Worthy Grand Patron, presented Katy Ford at the altar. Katy was appointed the newest Grand Representative by Betty Swisher, Worthy Grand Matron. It was to the State of Mississippi until January 1, 2017. Katy is from Greenwood Chapter in District 6.

Lou Morning, Worthy Matron of Mooreville Chapter, presided with Monte Janik, Worthy Patron. Invocation was by Lois Wagoner, Past Grand Matron.

Sandy Harris, Honey Bee #6, was presented at the altar by B.J. Mitchell, Conductress, for introduction. Her granddaughters sang a patriotic song to her. For her escort Sandy was dressed as a patriotic bee wearing a flag-like garment over her dress with bee wings on the back. She was escorted by her husband Roger through a double line of flag-waving members of the Sixth District. Her tribute was read by Betty Swisher, W.G.M.

Guests introduced were: Betty Swisher, WGM, and H. Fred Smith, WGP. The following Past Grand Matrons were introduced: Madonna Meyerrose and Alan; Lois Wagoner; Lonnie Small, Spouse of Joyce Small, Grand Trustee; and Sherry Johnson.

The S and S Bouquet of Love Grand Family was escorted across the East for introduction: Charlie Swisher and Diane Smith, the spouses of our WGM and WGP; Barbara Terry, Grand

Treasurer and Jim; Jill Rice, Grand Conductress and Jon; Cindy Skura, Associate Grand Conductress; Ron Mendenhall, Grand Chaplain and Karen; Cecil Scott, Grand Marshal and Pat; Sharon Trobaugh, Grand Organist and Dave; Lexi Johnson, Grand Adah and David; Pat Miller, Grand Ruth and Cass; Sherrell Bryant, Grand Esther; Deb Cramer, Grand Martha; Diana Surfus, Grand Electa; Arlene Mohler, Grand Warder; Juanita Cox, DD#1; Janet Sweet, DD#2; Tammy Bedell, DD#3 and Ben; Wanda Gray, DD#4 and Denver; Gleda Brooks, DD#5 and Jerry; Sue Hays, DD#7; Tiffany Ingles, DD#10; Patricia Crask, DD#11 and Mitch; Margaret Smith, DD#14 and escort Garrett; Stacy Miller, DD#15; Barbara Tate, DD#16; Ardeth Criswell, DD#17; Patsy Kuhn, DD#20 and John; and Sheri Auld, DD#21 and John.

There were numerous others who were introduced, but this would be just too many to list individually here. The Sister Deputies presented an entertainment by telling all about New York City - where someday Sandy would like to visit. Sandy was given a green Liberty crown to wear and each Deputy had a crown also—many in different colors. At the end the Deputies did a Rockette imitation by forming a line and doing a little dance routine.

Following the Benediction by Madonna Meyerrose, PGM, all went to the dining room for a lunch provided by Mooreville Chapter.

Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Reporter #6





## General Grand Chapter



The 48<sup>th</sup> Triennium Session of General Grand Chapter will be held from October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 6, 2015, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Indiana has much to be excited about at this Triennium session as we support our candidate for Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Susie Roach, PGM, (pictured). There will be a "Meet the Candidate" Reception on Sunday afternoon, November 1, 2015, in the Convention Center.

Much information concerning General Grand Chapter has been sent to the chapters concerning housing, bus/travel arrangements, and other activities. Check with your chapter secretaries for details or check the General Grand Chapter website at: [easternstar.org](http://easternstar.org)

*It would be great to have a large contingency from our jurisdiction to support Sister Susie!*



## Birthday-Send-off for District 6

June 6<sup>th</sup> was the 29<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lexi Moore Johnson, and it was also the Send-off for Grand Adah. The scene was Franklin Masonic Lodge and there were seventy-five friends and family present. Eastern Stars have food, fun and fellowship with friends, and it certainly was at this event.

The welcome was extended by Jonny Beeler, Worthy Matron of Franklin Chapter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung. Then we sang "Happy Birthday" to Lexi.

There was so much food that everyone ate their favorites and tried some new foods as well. Later in the afternoon Lexi reviewed her past two years of travel in the State of Indiana. She gave some thoughts on the events that had occurred during that time. Several others spoke on those events as well.

The Past Deputies of 2013-14 had a skit entitled "Happy Tears To You" in which they gave personality traits for each of the letters about Lexi and some about David. They used blue balloons and stick letters. Darrell Arthur, Past Grand Patron, was also with this group of noisy Joy-makers. Also in attendance at this event were five toy kangaroos left from the year of travel of this group of Deputies.

Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Reporter #6





## Sixth District Annual Picnic

On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, forty of the Sixth District gathered at the large shelter house at the Indiana Masonic Home. The temperature was 61 degrees with a misty wind. Even though it was quite chilly, most enjoyed the food and fellowship of the day.

We did have one mishap when Kathy Moore slipped on a spot of mud and fell. She injured her ankle and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

This was the second annual picnic. Deby Hamilton had begun the activity last year and we want to keep it going.

Top photo: Sue Chelly, WM-elect, and Nancy Baker, retiring Matron at Ransford, preparing hamburgers with buns. Bottom photo: Rich Moore and his son-in-law cooking hamburgers and brats. They were keeping warmer than the rest of us!

Barbara Heath – Star-Lite Reporter #6



## Journey Award Monument

Barbara Wagler, 90 years of age and an OES member of Converse Chapter #334, reaches for her name on the Journey Award Monument at the Indianapolis Eli Lilly Corporate Center. This monument honors people who have managed their diabetes with insulin for 75 years or more. Standing next to her is Kevin Cammack, U.S. brand director for insulins for Lilly diabetes.

Judy Musgrave, D#18 Star-Lite Reporter





# Check your



## WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- Aug 14-15** Multi-State Friends' Night  
Louisville, KY
- Aug 22** 1<sup>st</sup> Inspection, Mt. Moriah, D#13,  
G.O.E.
- Aug 22** Grand Master's Reception
- Sept 5** Grand Organist Reception
- Sept 12** Indiana Masonic Home Festival
- Sept 19** Grand Adah Reception
- Sept 26** Grand Ruth Reception
- Sept 27** Grand Representative  
Fall Luncheon

## INSPECTIONS - Unless otherwise noted

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm  
Award of Gold 7:20 pm  
Inspection 7:30 pm

- Aug 22** D#13 at Mt. Moriah, GOE
- Aug 27** D#21
- Sept 2** D#10
- Sept 4** D#9
- Sept 10** D#11
- Sept 14** D#6
- Sept 16** D#7
- Sept 21** D#8 Luncheon
- Sept 24** D#20 Luncheon
- Sept 29** D#3 Luncheon

## RECEPTIONS

- August 1** **AGC Reception**  
New Community Center @  
IMH – Franklin, IN  
Social Hour 2:00 pm  
Program 4:00 pm  
Dinner to follow
- Sept 5** **Grand Organist Reception**
- Sept 19** **Grand Adah Reception**  
Central Christian Church  
Seymour, IN  
Social Hour 2:00 pm  
Program 4:00 pm  
Dinner to follow
- Sept 26** **Grand Ruth Reception**  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Madison, IN  
Social Hour 2:00 pm  
Program 4:00 pm  
Dinner to follow
- Oct 3** **Grand Esther Reception**  
Taylor High School  
Kokomo, IN  
Social Hour 2:00 pm  
Program 4:00 pm  
Dinner to follow

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