



Out on a Limb

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Have you felt lately like everything is backwards? With all that is happening around the country, it just seems like things are backwards. I recently heard someone say, "The biggest thing affected by COVID-

19 has been the 'normal' progression of things." While some can find disagreement with the statement, I will go out on a limb and say that all of us have been affected to some degree by this pandemic. Some have been affected significantly while others in little ways. It seems that the decisions we make on a daily basis carry a heavier weight than they have before. As a result, we are left with many questions. Some have simple solutions, others are solved with common sense, while some require creative thinking and patience.

Eastern Star, too, has been affected by COVID-19. Answers to questions that have never before been asked are harder to find. In this article, I hope to answer some of the most frequently asked questions. While I do not have space enough to answer every question, here are just a few:

Q: Our chapter chose not to meet in June. Our members do not feel comfortable meeting in July either. Will we be penalized for not meeting in July?

A: If your chapter chooses not to meet in July, record in your minutes that the meeting went by default due to apprehension regarding the spread of COVID-19. The meeting will go by default, however the reference to COVID-19 will be taken into consideration when reviewing the year.

Q: The officers of our chapter have chosen to hold station until 2021. Do we need to have an installation?

A: No. If no officers are changing, then installation is not necessary. However, if an officer does change, there would need to be an installation for that officer(s) only.

Q: Our chapter is dark in July and August. Will we be able to do election at the September (?) meeting, or is that too late? If so, how do we accomplish election?

A: Per the May directive, your chapter has until October 15 to complete election and installation.

Q: We have had a petition(s) that have not been acted on within the three-month guideline stated in the CR&R. What should we do?

A: As this is unusual circumstances, and with dispensation from the MWGM, the petition(s) still stands. Please be sure to stay in communication with the petitioner(s) and reassure him/her that as soon as we are able to do so, we look forward to welcoming them into the chapter.



Just Bob-n-Along

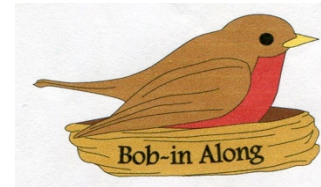
As our time apart continues, we have to reflect on the good times. Our Order has changed in some ways, but the basic principles are still the same. We need to work together to keep our membership and Chapters functioning well for the Good of the Order. If you have differences in your Chapter and are not happy with someone's work, talk to the person and see what can be done rather than causing discord in the Chapter. We need to 'play well together'.

I can hardly wait until things are back to normal and we can travel around the State once again. I understand the purpose of the masks, but that doesn't make me like them any more. I prefer to see the smiling faces, receive all those hugs I'm missing and, of course, the great food!

I need to give a 'shout out' to the PGP's in the different Districts who are helping me with my duties as WGP. I did not list their names, but they know who they are. THANK YOU, BROTHERS!

In closing, Melody and I hope you stay safe and healthy until we meet again. Keeping each other in thought and prayer.

Robert E DeRolf, WGP



Out on a Limb (cont.)

Q: Prior to the "stay at home" order, we were planning to initiate new members at our inspection. May we go ahead and initiate them now?

A: NO. Initiatory work cannot take place at this time. The Grand Master of Indiana is not allowing the lodges of Indiana to initiate as it presents many obstacles for social distancing. While Indiana OES is a separate entity from Indiana Grand Lodge, many of our chapters meet within the lodge walls. They are, in essence, the landlord and it is by their permission we meet in their facility. If it is against their rules to have initiation, then we must abide or run the risk of losing their support and our place to meet.

Q: Our minute books have not been reviewed as we did not have our inspection due to "stay at home" orders. Do you still want them?

A: YES. Please contact your District Deputy and make arrangements for them to

be collected for review.

Some of the biggest questions with regard to visits/inspections, receptions, and other outside activities are addressed in the July 15 letter that will be read in your chapter meeting or provided as needed by the Secretary or Worthy Matron of your chapter. You may also find it on the indianaoes.org website in the documents section.

We have heard it said that these are unprecedented times. I thank ALL of you who have flooded me with kind words, encouragement, and positive feedback. I realize that more questions are ahead. I will do my best to get answers as quickly as I am able and appreciate your patience. YOU are and will continue to be the heart of our Order and I celebrate what we can become when we set ourselves to not look backwards and start looking forwards.

Living a Legacy of Hope,
Jenny

District #7
Virtual
OES Service Dog Contest

*Contest is over but
you can still donate!*

Vote for your Favorite
By donating
A buck a bone



Columbian # 140

Service  Dog



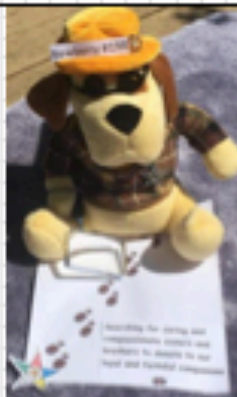
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Hymera #289

Service  Dog



Newberry #198

Service  Dog



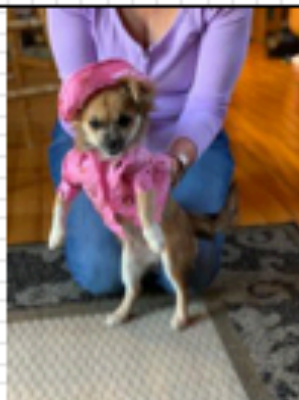
Solsberry #547

Service  Dog



Stanford #533

Service  Dog



Sullivan #188

Service  Dog



Solsberry #547


Service  Dog

Checks only, payable to:
Service Dog Project
Designate favorite dog
by Chapter Name and Number
in memo line on check

Send checks to: Mildred Cooley
4790 West Woodland Drive
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Who will track the votes

She will forward checks to
Frank Thomas, State Chair
"ApPaWse" Service Dog Project

 Dog with the most bones
wins!

Winner will be posted at Grand Chapter Session 



Spencerville Presents Dwyer Leadership Scholarship

Spencerville O.E.S. is very excited to announce the winner of our 2nd annual \$500.00 Dwyer Leadership Scholarship to 2020 Eastside graduate and salutatorian Ziyara Hulbert. Miss Hulbert, 18, is the daughter of Zach and Jan Hulbert. She will attend Alma College in Michigan, pursuing a degree in pre-physical therapy.

Due to the circumstances of the COVID-19, Hulbert's grandmother Shirley Shull, Spencerville O.E.S. member, presented this gift at a private family celebration.

Note from the Director

With the Stay-at-Home orders by the Governor and the closing of Lodge buildings by the Grand Master, there have not been many activities to share with our brothers and sisters. After much thought and consideration, it was decided that Star-Lite would continue but would be published on-line only until meetings and other activities may once again be held. Subscribers will have their current subscriptions extended for the number of issues that are not printed. We thank you for your understanding in these most unusual circumstances in our world.

Thoughts of peace, love, and safety to all!

Amy

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



District 13 Inspection

In District No. 13, March did come in like a lion.

We had our District No. 13 Inspection by the Worthy Grand Matron, Jennifer Nicholson accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron, Robert DeRolf. It was a full house at the Muncie Masonic Hall on March 4, 2020. The Chapters involved were Muncie No. 104 and Halfway No. 230.

We started off with an addendum, which was written by our own Past Grand Matron Deby Thomas. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, "Phyllis' Phlakes", of the district offered gifts illustrating the legacies of each of the star point heroines.

Next came our baby dedications. Two little boys were dedicated by the Worthy Grand Matron. One was the grandson of Donna and Chuck Revolt, members of Muncie Chapter. The other was the great grandson of Pam Peters, a member of Swayzee Chapter.

The initiatory work was given by the District No. 13 Ritual Team.

Worthy Matron – Mindy Ballinger
 Assoc. Matron – Alicia Corn
 Secretary – Joy Borders
 Conductress – Bonita Foltz
 Chaplain – Clata Bratton
 Organist – Rhonda Maggard
 Ruth – Elizabeth Porter
 Martha – Karen Ingles
 Warder – Cheryl Teague

Worthy Patron – Paul Teague
 Assoc. Patron – Chester Cross
 Treasurer – Becky Cleveland
 Assoc. Conductress – Linda Cavanaugh
 Marshal – Sara Ballinger
 Adah – Kim Frederick
 Esther – Tiffany Ingles
 Electa – Ann Spotts
 Sentinel – Frank Thomas



Everyone did a fantastic job and our Deputy Mom Phyllis was very proud. Refreshments were enjoyed by all after the meeting.



Cates

50 -Year Award

WGM Jennifer Nicholson and WGP Robert DeRolf presented 50 Year Awards to Dale and Annie Cates of Fountain Chapter #204.

What Do These Names Have in Common?

N E T H G I R B G N I Z A L B J S E S
 O L R U S S I A V I L L E C E O K Y E
 T L N O T G N I H S A W O F M N G E Y
 G I E N I A T N O F A L F E I V R S M
 N V W N O N A B E L U E L G E W E D O
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 H E Y L O E S N D V N H E S A A T F W
 D L E M I N O L I N A B A A D P I F S
 A G P V E N O L E U W W T E I O N I E
 L N Y H R G L B T E L B O N A R I T P
 E E T N H E V E N I N A M E N T R H O
 L A T S Y R C D N A L K A O T E T S H

Find the words in the puzzle. Extra letters spell the answer to the title of the puzzle.

ASHLEY	GOLDEN FLEECE	LOIS	RUSSIAVILLE
ATHENS	GREENTOWN	LOYAL	SEYMOUR
BENNINGTON	GRIFFITH	MOORESVILLE	SWAYZEE
BIRDSEYE	HOPE	NEW CASTLE	TERRE HAUTE
BLAZING BRIGHT	IVY	NEWBERRY	TRINITY
COLUMBIA CITY	JEFFERSONVILLE	NINEVEH	VERSAILLES
CRYSTAL	KNIGHTSVILLE	NOBLE	WARSAW
DALEVILLE	LAFONTAINE	OAKLAND	WASHINGTON
ELLETTSVILLE	LAKEVILLE	RADIANT	WEST LEBANON
ENGLEWOOD	LAPORTE	REMINGTON	
EVANSVILLE	LEBANON	ROACHDALE	

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Please consider honoring or remembering those special Eastern Star people in your family, chapter or district with a Stellar Star for everyone to see and know that they are special to you.

1 Star

Honor Stations

Knightsville Chapter #238
Carla Farrand, Treasurer
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



3 Stars

*In Loving Memory of
PGP Mike Rumsey
Who is missed by
Sisters & Brothers of
Lois Chapter #147*

5 Stars

*In Loving Memory of
PGP Robert Branigan (1947-2016)
Connie Branigan
Wings of Faith Grand Family
(2003-2004)*

*Starlighter Grand Family
Edythe Gordon & Murl Frazier
Celebrating 30 Years
1989 – 2019*

*In Loving Memory
Charlie Swisher
Betty Poff, Mitch Crask
Becky Shroyer, Janet Sweet
S&S Bouquet of Love Grand Family*

*In Loving Memory of
Past Grand Patron
Ron Mendenhall (1943-2017)
Past Grand Sentinel
James Thomas (1960-2017)
Fields of Faith Grand Family
(2016-2017)*

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