

AUGUST 2023

Sisters and Brothers,

I am truly honored to serve our order as your Worthy Grand Matron. I am blessed to be sitting in the East with Worthy Grand Patron Harold Rowe. In our 150 years of service, Brother Harold is the first man to be installed as Worthy Grand Patron whose father, Fred Rowe, had also served as a Worthy Grand Patron. What a legacy!

We have begun our 150th year of service to our beautiful order. Officers have been installed in our chapters for a new year. Committees have been formed and are beginning their plans for raising money for our charities. Our Mountaineer Deputies are beginning their work, receptions for new Grand Officers have begun, and inspections will be starting soon. Harold and I look forward to presenting 25, 50, and 75-year membership pins to our members. I intend to enjoy seeing the faces of our members who will receive Grand Representative appointments.

We need your help in continuing to support our various charities. We have four service bars for your consideration. For a donation of \$5 each you can obtain four service bars or pins. You can attach the bar to your membership pin or just attach it to your dress or suit. Our joint WGM/WGP project is called "Supporting Our Future." Money raised from this project will be divided equally among the Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay. The youth groups have projects, and our financial support will help them achieve their goals, and in return we hope they will join Eastern Star when they become of age. They are our future. Our Masonic Home/Compass Park project is called "Sit Awhile". We hope to raise money to provide six benches for the residents to sit awhile and rest as they walk and make their way

home. There are benches along the fountain, but none anywhere else. There are three ways to help the service dog project. We have the 150th Year of Service bar, the bar for the Service Dog Project, and we have plush ponies to sell for \$15 each. Your district chairperson for the Service Dog Project will be selling those bars. Your District Deputy will be selling the other three bars. Committee members appointed in each district will be raising money for the charities we support in their own creative way. We hope you will support them in their efforts.

There are a couple of events that will benefit the Service Dog Project. On September 23rd the "You've Got a Friend" Walk-A-Thon will take place at the Central Park West Commons in Carmel, Indiana. The registration deadline is September 15, 2023. You may register at: www.indianaoes.org/documents or email servicedogs@indy.rr.com. The advance entry fee is \$35. There is a Family entry Fee (limit of 4) for \$125. Ranch Rodeo will be held on November 3rd, 2023, in Shipshewana, Indiana. The tickets are limited



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and cost \$35. If you are interested, please email servicedogs@indy.rr.com. Events at the rodeo include Bronco Riding, Cattle Branding, Team Trailering, Wild Cow Milking, Ghost Riding, Mutton Busting for Kids, and Pony Express.

Brother Harold Rowe, WGP, and I would like to thank our sisters, brothers, and friends, for supporting our joint project "Supporting Our Future" as we will be traveling in two buses to Branson, Missouri on November 13th. It is a sell out! The highlight of our trip will be seeing "The Story of Esther". I look forward to seeing the caverns by tram and shopping at the five and dime store. It will be exciting to see Branson again and the city lit up for Christmas!

Finally, you may renew your Star-Lite subscription from one of our Star-Lite Committee Appointments in your district. Star-Lite provides Harold and I an opportunity to share our travels and plans as well as events in your chapters and districts. Please continue to support Star-Lite.

Remember that we are an organization dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness. Everything you do matters!

Cindy Willyard, Worthy Grand Matron

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Sisters and Brothers,

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It is such a pleasure being able to write to you as Worthy Grand Patron. It is a very long journey to reach this point but as others have said, it goes faster and faster the further you go. We had a wonderful Grand Chapter Session in June. It was truly great to see Sister Angela and Brother Jim presiding in the East for the climax of their year. I think that this year's session went really smoothly and everyone enjoyed our new venue. The Horizon Center is a beautiful place and very accommodating. We look forward to working with them and the members of District 13 again next year. Thank you to all who contributed to this wonderful session.

My articles are titled "Focus on Star" this year and along with the usual business that I need to share with you, I hope to use each article to give you some bit of information or trivia about our Beloved Order in each issue. The busy season has started and I hope that many of you will be able



to attend the receptions for our Grand Officers. These receptions always provide a wonderful opportunity to see old friends, meet new ones and just relax and have a good time in a social environment. We will also be having our Deputy receptions and Inspections. Please try to come out and support your District. Even if you are not participating in these events, you can still come and support your Deputy as well as the officers in your District. There will only be one Inspection in each District this year and we hope to move things along to make them interesting and educational. Attending Inspections is the best way to keep up on what is going on in our Order.

Now for the Focus on Star: I think a good place to start the year is to talk about membership. I know that this comes up constantly within the Masonic organizations and sometimes it gets a lot of lip service but few

results. A good place to start is a fact that I know, from speaking to some of our members, isn't universally known. A few years back, the General Grand Chapter changed the membership requirements to read: "any female relatives by birth, marriage or adoption" are eligible to join. Think about that for a second. That probably means that every woman on earth is eligible to join now. We're all related somehow. A member came up to me at Grand Chapter and said that someone she knew wanted to join whose grandmother belonged but not her grandfather. I told her that if her grandmother belonged, she must have been related to a Mason, meaning that the prospective candidate was also related. They just need to sit down and find out the name that was on her Grandmother's petition.

Many of us have thought in the past of someone that we would like to talk to about joining but didn't know if they had a way in. That's a thing of the past. Spend some time talking with that person, do a little leg work and maybe a little paperwork and you're sure to find a Mason somewhere in that family tree. Of course, when it comes to the men, all of our Brothers need to buckle down and work on our Brother Masons. It may require some persistence, but we need those Brothers in our Order. You all know plenty of guys who are great ritualists or maybe just someone you enjoy seeing and would like to see more. You need to convince them of how wonderful it is to be an Eastern Star. It's good for the order, and good for them. We need harmony between our two organizations for the mutual benefit of both Orders.

I look forward to seeing all of my Sisters and Brothers as I travel the state this year. It's always a great pleasure to renew old acquaintances and to make new ones as I travel this road. Trust in the Lord, in the values of our Order and the love of your Sisters and Brothers and you're sure to have a safe and exciting journey!



FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS 2023 - 2024

Motto

Remember that every action will cause a ripple into the lives of others. Will yours cause joy?

Aim

Create in those around us a love for each other and an awareness that they matter.

Watchwords

Faith, Mustard Seeds, Mountains, Butterflies

Emblems

Mountains

Symbols

Open Bible, Cross, mustard seed, mountains, and butterflies

Fun Symbols

Dogs, schoolhouse, daisies, basketball, trumpet, cameras, photography Dogs for the ICAN Service Dog Project Schoolhouse in honor of my teaching career New Castle is home to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Daisies for my Deputy Sisters from Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family Doves for Journey of Love Grand Family

Honor Groups

Members of New Castle #116 and District #12 Members of Lakeville #479 and District #20 25 and 50 year members Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, and our Masonic Brothers and all affiliated bodies

> Honor Stations Secretary, Treasurer and Organist

Colors

Violet, lavender, periwinkle, green, silver, and gold

Flowers

Violets, daisies, red roses

Our Scripture

Matthew 17:20 NIV

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "Move from here to there." and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Our Prayer

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase or faith!" (Luke 17:5)

Father, even the disciples that walked with Jesus needed to strengthen their faith. Jesus told them if their faith was only the size of a mustard seed, they could uproot trees and crumble mountains. Lord, I need more faith

like the disciples. Increase my faith and make me a mover of mountains. Grow my belief in You alone so that I would be strong in the Lord and ready to battle against the doubts planted by the enemy. Lord, increase my faith!

District Deputies

Mountaineers & Guides

Worthy Matrons Butterflies

Worthy Patrons Shutterbugs

Music

Opening Ode "Climb, Climb, UP Sunshine Mountain" composed by Isaac Watts

> Baby Dedication "A Blessing" composed by Fred Rowe, PGP

Closing Ode "It's Time to Say So Long" composed by Joe Hamilton

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TERRE HAUTE UPCOMING FASHION SHOW

Terre Haute Chapter 43 is having a Fashion Show and Light Luncheon on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Terre Haute Masonic Temple, 224 North 8th St., Terre Haute, IN 47807 to benefit the Order of the Eastern Star Cancer Project. Willow Gift and Home will be doing the fashion show. Tickets are \$20.00. Contact Cheryl Phillips at 812-699-5027 or ccrop15@gmail.com by August 23rd. We are also planning on having a silent auction to go along with this benefit.

NEW GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

The Tenth District had their last inspection by Worthy Grand Matron Angela Hensell and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Rogers, on February 24, 2023, at Fishers Chapter #446. The Flying Eagle flew overhead until the location of the new representative was spotted. Sister Sherri Fulkerson, who

holds the station of Esther in her chapter, was escorted to the altar by WGP Jim Rogers where she was presented as the new Grand Representative of New Mexico in Indiana by our WGM Angela Hensell. What a wonderful recognition for the hard work she puts into the Eastern Star. WOW was she surprised!



WGM Angela Hensell, Pam English, Sherry Fulkerson, Denise Broady, WGP Jim Rogers



50 YEAR PIN AWARDED

On April 17th, 2023, Ransford IMH Chapter #605 members, joined with family and friends, were honored to have Sister Joyce Small, PGM, receive her Eastern Star 50-Year pin. PGM Madonna Meyerrose conducted this very special ceremony. Sister Beth Rutledge, PM and Deputy Sister, escorted Sister Joyce to the altar. Sister Sue Midkiff, PM, assisted with the pinning of the Eastern Star 50-year pin. Sister Joyce was surprised with the attendance on this special occasion. Sister Anna Burton, Grand Secretary, provided a special cake and refreshments for all in the dining room afterwards.

"THE DWYER LEADERSHIP AWARD"



The Spencerville O.E.S. #386 is a faith based philanthropic organization that is dedicated to helping the children in our community and school district

receive an extended education beyond High School. We believe these children will become our Nation's next Leaders and Mentors. To honor two

50-year members of Spencerville Eastern Star that were outstanding Leaders in our District, State, and International Organization and, also, in our DeKalb Co. Community, we have created the "Dwyer Leadership Award" Scholarship in honor of Jim and Arden Dwyer of Spencerville, IN.

Dylan Lentz of Huntertown, IN. is our 5th recipient of this \$1,000.00 Scholarship. Dylan graduated from Carroll High School of Ft. Wayne with an Academic Honors Diploma. He is a Direct Admit to the Hamilton Lugar School at Indiana University of Bloomington to pursue a degree in International Studies. Dylan Lentz is the Grandson of Richard and Donna Lentz of the Spencerville OES Chapter.



IMAGE OF HOPE RANCH

Image of Hope Ranch in Auburn, IN, provides a sanctuary for individuals and families to enjoy and learn about animals and nature, therefore promoting the healing of broken lives and relationships. It is a sanctuary where healing, learning and acceptance happen for individuals with emotional, intellectual, developmental, and physical challenges. The Equine One on One program and the Nature Discovery Center are just a couple of programs offered at the Image of Hope Ranch.

The Spencerville Eastern Star Worthy Matron Project gives our current Worthy Matron a \$100.00 budget to promote our organization and assist in a worthy project. Our current Worthy Matron, Becky Hoover, has chosen the Image of Hope Ranch to receive a \$100 Donation to help assist the Nature Center and begin a Butterfly Sanctuary Program. To collect and observe and attract butterflies, a large aquarium, host plants for caterpillars, plants to attract adult butterflies and a monarch sanctuary seed package, along with several books to teach visitors in the Nature Center about butterflies were also included.



Jenny Stauffer, Tersa Brown, Brittenay Petcoff, Zoey the horse, and WM Becky Hoover of Spencerville Eastern Star posed for the picture.



COOKING UP SOME FUN AND FELLOWSHIP IN DISTRICT #7!

Hymera Chapter supported the local Hymera Community Library with a sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast on May 6. This was held at the local firehouse to help raise funds to keep the local

library open for young and old alike. After the devastation from tornados forced many local residents from their homes, the Eastern Star members worked with the Hymera Masons serving a taco dinner the same afternoon to support the relief efforts. Hymera Chapter will continue these efforts by hosting a Pancake and sausage breakfast on June 3rd.



Eldon Seifert, Sheryle Burger, Carol Davis AGC





The Grand Chapter of Illinois Invites you to Multi-State Night In The Land of Lincoln The President Abraham Lincoln Museum 212 North 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois Saturday, August 19, 2023 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Doors will not open until 6:00 Cash Bar Dínner 6:45 Tour exhibits before and after dinner Reservations of \$50.00 by August 4, 2023 to: Grand Chapter of Illinois P.O. Box 317 Macon, IL 62544 217-764-3326 A block of rooms has been reserved at the President Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel 701 E. Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701 To make your reservation call and give code <u>ETS</u>

Other Hotels in Springfield within 15 minutes of Museum

Baymont Inn 5871 S. 6th St. Frontage Springfield, IL 217-529-6655

Candlewood Suites 2501 Sunrise Dr. Springfield, IL 217-522-5100 Crowne Plaza 3000 South Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, IL 217-529-7777

Northfield Inn and Suites 3280 Northfield Dr. Springfield, IL 217-523-7900

Wyndham Springfield City Centre 700 E. Adams Springfield, IL



State House Inn 101 E. Adams Springfield, IL 217-528-5100

FUN TIMES IN D#11



Fun times in District #11 began on April 1, 2023 with a visit from the Easter Bunny at the Millersville Breakfast with Friends and Family. Gladys Colon-Clark posed with the Easter Bunny along with Lilly, Sofia, Hector and Nicki Munoz.

On April 16th Millersville Chapter held a Mystery Dinner. We even had a few brave souls return from last year. The mystery is the menu that keeps you guessing. All the proceeds, \$320.00, went to Paws for Patriots. We were blessed to be visited by Anna and Parker, her Service Dog. Our Rainbow Girls helpers from

Assembly #50, earned \$134.00 towards their trip to Grand Assembly.

Then on May 6th we hosted ICAN and Paws for Patriots at breakfast once again. Wags & Waffles made by Sister Deby Thomas, PGM, help us to raise \$330.00 for Paws for Patriots.



Rainbow Girl Helpers at the Mystery Dinner



Breakfast crew with dogs Cody & Monkey

WGP SEND-OFF

On Saturday, May 20th, Eastern Star was alive around the state! While District 10 gave a super send- off for WGM Angela Hensell, District 3 was having their own send off for WGP Jim Rogers.

At Hanover Chapter's Friends Night they honored Brother Jim with an addendum and small gifts of food and positive words, so he would be prepared for his trip to Muncie and this grand session. Also, they honored sister Marsha Daugherty, District 3 Deputy, with a trip around Mother Goose land. There were many good laughs, excellent food and many friends to share the evening.



ROYAL CENTER INSTALLATION

Royal Center Chapter #375 had their open installation on Saturday, June 17th, at 5 p.m.

The East was decorated with a purple backdrop with butterflies and fairy lights. On the steps in front of the dais was a cross with candles on either side surrounded by roses and carnations. At the base was roses, lilies of the valley, and pansies. The West was decorated with a butterfly quilt in black, silver, white, and purple. At the base was the Worthy Matron's motto for the year: The Best Time For New Beginnings Is Now.

Retiring WM Leila Ferguson and WP Jim Brown and officers entered the chapter room. The gavel raps were explained followed by the pledge to the flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

Special guests introduced were: Markie Edwards, PGM; Martha Brown, PGM; and Roberta Ancil, Grand Esther.

The gavel was handed to the Grand Installing Officer, Markie Edwards, PGM. She introduced those assisting her in the installation as Grand Marshal, Rita Nolan, Converse #334; Grand Chaplain, Mia Ellet, Converse #334; and Grand Organist, Rhonda Maggard, Swayzee #345.

The officers retired and preparations were made for installation.

Prior to being escorted to the East, Tina Mullens sang a "really cute little ditty" to newly installed Worthy Matron Leila Ferguson and newly installed Worthy Patron Jim Brown. The following officers were installed: Conductress, Tina Mullens; Associate Conductress, Lori Cobb; Adah, Cynthia Biggs; Ruth, Martha Brown, PGM; Esther, Becky Mullens; Martha, Linda Lytle; and Sentinel, Normand See.

The Grand Chapter Special Committee appointments for 2023-2024 in D#18 were announced as: WGM/WGP Project - Supporting our Future - Leila Ferguson, Royal Center; WGM/WGP IMH Project - Sit Awhile - Leila Ferguson, Royal Center; Service Dog Project - Jean Sneed, LaFontaine; Our World of Youth - Kaye Sorrell, LaFontaine; Cancer Fund - Tina Mullens, Royal Center; Star-Lite Editor - Nancy Pratt, Royal Center; Star-Lite Reporter - Rita Nolan, Converse;

ESTARL Fund - Leila Ferguson, Royal Center; and Heart Fund - Malissa Poor, Royal Center.



Associate Conductress Lori Cobb, WM Leila Ferguson, Sentinel Normand See

All of Royal Center's coin, birthday, and anniversary collections will be split amongst the Special Committees appointed to Royal Center. The first coin collection for this project was collected.

The dining room was decorated with small pots of roses, lilies of the valley, and pansies. In between these pots were iridescent globes with purple ribbons containing tea candles. Refreshments were sandwiches, chips, potato salad, and fudge. At the end of the table were ¹/₄ and ¹/₂ pound containers of fudge being sold to support the various Special Committee appointments at Royal Center.

A very successful start to the new Eastern Star year!!!!



DIAMOND AWARD CEREMONY

On April 19, 2023, with 24 members and guests present, Corinthian Chapter #456 held a celebration honoring Jeanne Bain for her 75 years of service in the Order of the Eastern Star. James Rogers, WGP, escorted Jeanne to the altar, where Angela Hensell, WGM, gave a beautiful ceremony of recognition for Jeanne's many years of faithful service to our Order. The booklet containing the ceremony was given to Jeanne. Her pin, honoring her 75 years, was given to her son, Lindsey, who pinned her. Jeanne introduced her son, Lindsey Bain, and daughter, Candi Stahly. She was then escorted by the WGP to the East where she was given Grand Honors.

After the ceremony Trish Manuel, PM, asked to approach the East where she presented the WGM and WGP, as well as their spouses, with honorary memberships to Corinthian Chapter #456, and a love gift.

Everyone was invited to the dining room for light refreshments and good fellowship.

EVENTFUL DAY IN D#18

The day of the Official Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in District 18 was a busy one.

The District 18 Association hosted a luncheon at the Honeywell Center in Wabash honoring Angela Hensell, Worthy Grand Matron, and the Grand Star Points. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all and the Grand Star Points gave their stories.

That evening, the Sparklers and Firecrackers, the Worthy Matrons and Patrons of District 18, with a little help from their friends, entertained with an addendum titled "The Top Ten Ways You Know Your Year Is Coming To An End", and presented the WGM and WGP each with a love gift. Following that, the Lady Liberties honored Roberta Ancil, District Deputy #18 with a roast.

The Opening Officers assumed their stations for the Baby Dedication. Daisy Doyle, daughter of Sister Meghan and Bryce Doyle, was dedicated to the principals of our Order. Her grandparents, Sister Lori and Brother Mike Brane, her great-grandparents, Sister Mary and Brother Claude Brane, both her great-great grandmothers, Sister Mary Stuber and Sister Susanna Brane, and her great-great-great grandmother, Sister Laura Parker were all members of LaFontaine Chapter.

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EVENTFUL DAY IN D#18 (con't)

Sister Lois Brewer was presented at the altar and awarded her 75 Year Diamond Jewel pinned by her daughter Laurali Brewer. She thanked the Grand Chapter for the award and shared memories. She was escorted East and extended grand honors and hearty congratulations.

Sisters Shirley Steele and Marie Proffitt and Brother James Proffitt were presented at the altar where they received their 50 Year Gold Jewels. Sheila was pinned by JoDee Dale, Marie by Sue Rose and Jim by Roberta Ancil. They all thanked the Grand Chapter for their awards and shared memories. They were escorted East, given grand honors and hearty congratulations.

The newest flying eagle, Barb Sommers, was presented at the altar where the Worthy Grand Matron appointed her Grand Representative of Rhode Island in Indiana.

During the inspection Tori Scuarski was initiated into Converse Chapter with the Grand Star Points giving the initiatory work. Following the closing, Grab-N-Go refreshments were available. All in all, it was a very eventful day in District #18 for many people.



Grandmother Lori Brane, Uncle Zach Brane, Bryce Doyle, Meghan Doyle and Daisy Doyle



WGM Angela Hensell, Granddaughter Savannah Crouch, Daughter Laurali Brewer, Lois Brewer, and WGP James Rogers.



James Proffitt, Sue Rose, Marie Proffitt, Shirley Steele, JoDee Dale, WGP James Rogers



WGM Angela Hensell, Barb Sommers, WGP James Rogers

"NEWBIES" FLY AWAY AT WAYNEDALE CHAPTER



Twenty-nine guests assembled to help Grand Page Jennifer Pelter and Grand Usher Garrett D. Smith fly away to Grand Chapter. Despite being a Worthy Matron eleven times at four different Chapters, this year is Jennifer's inaugural appearance as a Grand Page at the Indiana Grand Chapter. Likewise, Garrett was a Worthy Patron in Fort Wayne Chapter in 2005 and is making his inaugural appearance as a Grand Usher. Congratulations to both of these worthy recipients!

WP Steven Maxwell offered table grace and then attendees enjoyed refreshments provided by members of Waynedale and Fort Wayne Chapters. After

refreshments, Worthy Matron Julianne Hyde served as emcee for the festivities and presented the honorees with clothing protectors—gifts from Fort Wayne Chapter—befitting the color of their anticipated gown/tuxedo with a large OES emblem adorning the front. District 14 President Margaret Smith presented love gifts to each from the District along with good wishes for a productive Grand Chapter Session.

Members then gifted both Jennifer and Garrett with an array of helpful items as well as some funny items that might or might not be useful in Muncie! Both were delighted to receive not only cash, but also peanut butter candy bars, chocolate kisses, and many other treats. The final entertainment included sharing testimonials from those who had previously served as either a Grand Page or a Grand Usher, offering advice as well as funny stories of things that had happened to them. All the advice will be especially beneficial to both Jennifer and Garrett as they prepare their minds for the UNKNOWN!

Special guests in attendance were Sister Katherine Caldwell, Deputy of District 14 and her escort and mother, E. Louise Misegades.



Jennifer Pelter, Grand Page; WM Julianne Hyde; Garrett D. Smith, Grand Usher



OES Clothing Protectors

Kentucky Derby Friends

North Vernon Chapter held their Friends Night at the Shrine Club on May 5th with a Kentucky Derby theme. Name tags were the names of horses that had won the Kentucky Derby. The decorations included a photo op scene of two horses. The theme was carried out in some of the dishes prepared for the dinner.

After eating, there was Kentucky Derby trivia, word search, and word scramble. Then the activities were a little more active with horseshoes, dice horse races, and hay bale (shredded wheat cereal) races. Tina Yeager stacked the most sugar cubes. Janice Brock's grandson Jagger won most of the stick horse races. It was a fun evening for the young and the young at heart.

Then on May 19th the Fourth District honored the American Dream Session Grand Page Robbie Anderson and Grand Usher Marvin Anderson with a lighthearted program about what their duties at Grand Chapter will be like. Refreshments followed in the dining room.



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In Loving Memory of Joan Franklin, PD#7, 1960 Lee Ann Wise, PD#7, 1971 Opal Sluder, PD#7. 1977 Who are missed by The Past Deputies of District #7

To my wounded warrior SSG Hector L. Munoz-Colon & his beautiful family, wife Nikki, daughters Lily & Sofia. Thank you for being my family. Love Gladys Colon-Clark

3 Stars

In Memory of Mary B. Davis Beloved wife of Bill Davis Born April 11, 1934 Passed away November 4, 2021 Past Deputy of District 11 1999-2000 Past Matron many times of Daylight and Oakland Chapters Former Grand Representative Greatly missed by members of Oakland Chapter #159

In Honor of our most recent 50 Year Members Judith Adkins, PM & Elizabeth Ritchie From the members of Corinthian Chapter #456

4 Stars

In Honor of our most recent 75 Year Member Jeanne Bain, PM From the members of Corinthian Chapter #456

<u>5 Stars</u>

In Recognition of Lebanon Chapter #23 Past Matrons & Past Patrons

In Loving Memory of Jim Terry Always a Gentleman Our Love, Barb, Tim and Tina

In Honor of the 40th Anniversary of the "BLUEBIRDS OF HAPPINESS GRAND FAMILY" Established on April 27, 1983, by Linda Cline, P.G.M. & Jay Shull, P.G.P. ("Momma Bluebird" & "Poppa Jay") Also honoring the "Traveling Bluebirds" and their "Birdwatchers" With much love from "Momma", Vaughn, & Dottie

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- Aug. 5Grand Warder Reception
- Aug. 121st Inspection in State
- Aug. 19 Grand Organist Reception
- Aug. 19 Multi-State, Illinois
- Aug. 26Grand Sentinel Reception
- Sep. 9 DD#12 Reception
- Sep. 9 Lego Event Service Dog Project
- Sep. 10 IMH Masonic Home Festival
- Sep. 16 AGC Reception
- Sep. 23 Walk-A-Thon Carmel, IN
- Sep. 30 DD#20 Reception
- Oct. 7 Lakeville Centennial Celebration
- Oct. 20 District 20 Meeting
- Oct. 25 District 12 Meeting

RECEPTIONS

Aug. 5 D#12 Grand Warder Charles Merrell Spiceland Friends Church 401 W. Main St., Spiceland, IN 47385 Social 2:00, Program 4:00, Dinner to follow \$20.00 Remittance with RSVP Checks made to: New Castle OES #116 RSVP by July 26 to: Patty Pracht 1227 Gunnison Dr., Greenfield, IN 46140 317-457-5859

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Inspections - Baby Dedication 7:00 p.m. Award of Gold 7:10 p.m., Inspection 7:20 p.m.

- Aug. 12 1st Inspection in State, Connersville Lunch noon, Baby dedication 1:10 Award of Gold 1:20, Inspection 1:30
 Aug. 22 D#14 Luncheon/Inspection
- Aug. 23 D#21 Luncheon/Inspection
- Aug. 28 D#21 Luncheon/Inspection
- Aug. 29 D#7 Luncheon/Inspection
- Sep. 5 D#18 Luncheon/Inspection
- Sep. 12 D#18 Luncheon/Inspection
- Sep. 13 D#3 Luncheon/Inspection
- Sep. 26 D#6 Luncheon/Inspection
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- Oct. 23 D#19 Luncheon/Inspection



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