



SUNSHINE AND SMILES NEWS

Sisters and Brothers,

Season's Greetings! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. We all have so much to be thankful for.

The Christmas season is upon us and we must all remember the reason for this beautiful season, the birth of the sweet baby Jesus. He is the greatest gift of all time. We are so blessed to be able to celebrate his birth.

One of the many wonderful things of the season is the joy and laughter in the hearts of our children. The fun and smiles and twinkling eyes add to the joy of the season.

As Denver and I have traveled the state we see all the generous sisters and brothers, who give and give for our projects and for others, working so hard for our Order. Kindness is so abundant at this time of the year and all through the year. Our members, year after year, are so amazing as they work for our Order.

It is our honor that we have given so many 50-year awards and some 75-year awards and have had babies dedicated to our beautiful order.

As we go forward into a New Year, please do make calls to others, offers rides to meetings, and please just continue to spread kindness and love throughout our Order. We must remember those less fortunate than we are. Many are struggling for their daily needs. Never stop helping those in need.

Mike and I will celebrate another Christmas with our beautiful family. We have added to them again this year with a new grandson-in-law, and we are going to be blessed with another new great-grandbaby in January, what Fun! We are so blessed.

Christmas celebrations sometimes are sad as we reflect on those no longer with us. But they are still with us. We talk and laugh about the great memories and fun times, thus keeping them with us always!

I wish for you a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Pray for our Order, others less fortunate, and for our country. These are trying times.

Enjoy each day! Life is a wonderful journey! May God bless each of you and have a great holiday.

Keep Smiling and Be Kind!

Star Love,
Karen Hazelman, Worthy Grand Matron

Greetings Sisters and Brothers!

Sister Karen and I have been busy traveling to Inspections, Luncheons and Receptions around our beautiful state. What a delight it is to see our Sisters and Brothers in other Districts. We have had so much joy with Baby Dedications, 50-year and 75-year awards and appointing Grand Representatives. It is also a joy to see the good work done at the Inspections and we have seen a lot of good work around the State.



Brother William Shoulder's Worthy Grand Chaplain's reception was held in Plainfield on August 23rd. It was well attended. Indiana is very proud of Brother William. He has represented Indiana in a very positive way. We want to say "Thank You, Bill" for all you have done for Indiana Grand Chapter.

Indiana hosted Multi-State on August 24th in Plainfield. It was very well attended with visitors from several states and Sao Paulo, Brazil. We have had feedback from other states complimenting Indiana on a fun Multi-State. I will say that the entertainment was well received by our visitors. Keith Zook and Tom Coath provided us with lots of laughs!!!

The Worthy Grand Matron and I traveled to Myrtle Beach to attend General Grand Chapter on October 24th through November 1st. We supported our "Grand Chaplain of the World" William Shoulders as he completed his duties. We know many of you who made the trip to support and help to ELECT Sister Susie Roach as Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress on the first ballot! How Wonderful!!

The Worthy Grand Matron/ Worthy Grand Patron bus trip to Washington, DC is May 5th through May 9th, 2025. Anyone interested in going on this trip should contact Brother Mike Roach. All the proceeds from this trip will be divided equally between Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, and DeMolay. There is also a riverboat cruise planned on Sunday after the last inspection in the state. The proceeds from this cruise will also be divided between the youth groups.



Denver Gray,
Worthy Grand Patron

We are getting into fall with shorter days and longer nights, cool weather, and frost on the pumpkins. We celebrated Thanksgiving and a bountiful harvest. Let us be thankful for all our blessings throughout the year. Let us be thankful for all that our Heavenly Father has provided especially family, friends, and good health.

As we enter the Christmas season let us remember the real reason for the season. JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON! Christmas is a very special time of the year with all the decorations, lights in the homes and businesses, children expecting Santa Claus, the excitement of shopping for our special people, but the birth of Jesus is truly the reason we should celebrate. Let's celebrate this year remembering the real reason!

I would like to wish our Dreams of Fun in the Sun Grand Family and all of our Sisters and Brothers a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a healthy and prosperous New Year!



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Destinations in the Sun Joint Reception

The "Destinations in the Sun" joint reception for the WGM, Karen Hazelman and WGP, Denver Gray was held July 27th, 2024, at the Vincennes Community Church. The church was decorated with Sunflowers and Golf clubs. Two hundred twenty plus people were in attendance from all over the state.

We enjoyed an addendum given with Karen and Denver's life stories. It was a fun presentation with many laughs. Songs were sung by Jan and Robert Surber and by Jodi Robinson, both were very lovely. Escorts were given for each and were fun also. Photos were taken with a beautiful backdrop of sunflowers, a sunny sky, and golf clubs surrounded with flowers.

A delicious meal was served. It was a very fun day. Thanks to all who made it possible.



HISTORIC MOMENT

Cicero Chapter witnessed a historic moment on September 17, 2024. Sister Madonna Meyerrose, PGM and a seventy-three-year member, presented fifty-year pins to two of her children! The awards of gold were presented to Brother Dale Meyerrose and Sister Beth Rutledge in front of 35 members, visitors, and family.

The evening began with Hinkle Lodge #310 giving Brother Dale his fifty-year Lodge pin. The beautiful ceremony culminated with a presentation of a framed certificate and Brother Nathan Rutledge pinning his uncle, Brother Dale. The Masons retired to the lodge for their stated meeting.

The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron served a meal for those staying for the Star portion of the evening. Following dinner, Sister Madonna, assisted by Brother Larry Mills, PGP, and Brother Greg Chiles, Grand Treasurer, had the privilege of giving the 50-year ceremony to her kids. Sister Beth was pinned by her husband, Brother Mike Rutledge, and Brother Dale was pinned by his youngest sibling, Sister Dawn Chiles. Sister Beth introduced the family and gave a few special memories of her years in Eastern Star. Brother Dale thanked Brother Greg for coordinating with the Lodge and the Chapter to make this special evening possible during his travels from the east coast back to his home in Colorado.

It was truly a memorable event for all who attended. When asked if Sister Madonna would be making her usual pledge to meet around the altar in another twenty-five years for the next pinning, she grinned and said, "not likely!"





Susie Roach elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress

At the general assembly of the General Grand Chapter - Order of the Eastern Star, held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, our own Sister Susie Roach was elected RWAGC. She was supported by our grand jurisdiction of Grand Trustees, our local chapter members, and by a group of over 125 Indiana members in attendance. She was elected on the first ballot. At the introductions before the installation, Susie was escorted by her husband, Brother Mike, with Brother Carl Hinshaw, Indiana's Grand Marshal, presenting the Indiana flag. Our sister will be bringing General Grand Chapter "Back Home Again in Indiana!" in 2036, where it all started.

Congratulations and Best Wishes!!

Worthy Grand Chaplain Honor Night

The "Consider the World" Honor Night was held for **Brother William "Bill" Shoulders, Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron in Indiana**, on Friday, August 23rd at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield, Indiana. The room was decorated beautifully with black tie motif with over 200 guests in attendance.



During the Social Hour that was held from 5:30-7:00 P.M., Sister Darlene Small, Grand Organist, played beautiful music. Brother Carl Hinshaw, Grand Marshal, served as Master of Ceremonies. The program began at 7:00 P.M. with the Distinguished Guests being escorted into the dining room. Those escorted in were: Sister Karen Hazelman, Worthy Grand Matron and her husband Mike; Brother Denver Gray, Worthy Grand Patron and his wife Wanda; Sister Glenda Winchester, Most Worthy Grand Matron; Brother F. Lon Lowry, Most Worthy Grand Patron and his wife Barbara; Sister Billie Bradfield, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Sister Linn McNary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and Kam Molari; Barbara Ann Holmes, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and Russell Askland; Sister Jo L. Cullifer, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand

Trustees; Brother William Shoulders, Worthy Grand Chaplain and his wife Lynn; Sister Susan White, Worthy Grand Marshal; Sister Diane Bargfrede, Worthy Grand Adah and her husband Craig; Sister Bonnie Youngblood, Worthy Grand Esther and her husband John; Sister Kaye Rackley, Worthy Grand Martha; Sister Ivete Leite, Worthy Grand Electa; Sister Cindy Skura, GGCCM for Community Service and her husband Dave; Sister Elizabeth Lashley, GGCCM for ESTARL; Sister Betty Swisher, GGCCM, International Headquarters; Brother Larry Frost, GGCCM for Service Dogs and his wife Sister Nancy.

Following dinner, we were entertained by Sister Susie Alpha, Brother San Bailey, and Brother Carl Hinshaw. They entertained us with lovely music and songs. Brother Brian Hensell provided us with trivia about Brother Bill and closed with everyone singing, "He is the Chaplain of the World". Brother Bill gave remarks and thanked everyone for attending. Additional remarks were given by Sister Karen Hazelman, WGM, Brother Denver Gray, WGP, Sister Glenda Winchester, MWGM; and Brother F. Lon Lowry, MWGP.

We were blessed to have many guests visiting from other jurisdictions. Thank you for sharing in our Indiana Hospitality.



Multi-State Luau



Indiana Grand Chapter was proud to host the Luau-Indiana Style Multi-State 2024, on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at the Embassy Suites in Plainfield, Indiana. The room was filled with colorful decorations of balloon palm trees, pineapples, and guests in beautiful Luau attire. As each guest entered the room, they received a lei and greetings from our members.

Our guests included Sister Glenda Winchester, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother F. Lon Lowry, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and his wife Barbara, along with many other General Grand Chapter Officers and members from many states. States represented in addition to Indiana were South Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Illinois, Nevada, California, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Arizona, and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

During the evening, we were entertained with music and laughter by Keith Zook and Tom Coath and a Hula contest.

The next Multi-State will be hosted by Wisconsin Grand Chapter on August 16, 2025. Please plan to attend this event!



Tamara Shake, AGC Reception

On August 31st, District 7 and the members from Sullivan and Hymera Chapters welcomed guests to the reception honoring Sister Tamara Shake, Associate Grand Conductress at the Sullivan Fair Grounds. Tamara received guests in a fun and festive gold shimmering setting while Brother Doug Sloan captured the moments with photos. Some enjoyed having a fun photo taken with Tamara while wearing their 60's style sunglasses, flower headband or peace sign necklace. Those attending enjoyed snacks of the 60's.



Sister Carol Davis, AGM, welcomed everyone to the 60's themed "Love, Peace, and Flower Power" reception. The invocation was given by Sister Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM. Tamara was presented to the altar by Sister Martha Santus, Conductress. The Faith Moves Mountains and Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Families provided a memorable escort for Sister Tamara by dressing her in a 60's style vest with fringe, headband, and peace sign earrings and necklace. She took a lap around the room in her Hippie Van named FATAL, waving to all those lining the route who sung to the music and "smoked" their candy cigarettes. Tamara thanked the members for her wonderful escort, and to all for their support this year.

Tamara welcomed everyone and introduced Sister Karen Hazelman, WGM, and Brother Denver Gray, WGP, who presented her with a beautiful gift. Sister Cindy Willyard, Jr. PGM, gave Tamara's interesting tribute.

Tamara introduced her distinguished guests giving them a famous quote from the 60's. Introduced were: Sister Elizabeth Lashley, GGCCM and PGM and her husband Charlie; and Larry Frost, GGCCM and PGP and his wife Nancy; 10 PGM's and PGP's and 7 spouses; 12 "Dreams of Fun in the Sun" Grand officers and 5 spouses; and 14 District Deputies (Sunflowers) and 6 spouses (Gardeners). Many introductions were made from the floor. Tamara then had her family in attendance escorted across the East and introduced them.

Before closing Tamara had her Star Point Sisters and the Grand Sentinel escorted across the East. She announced to all that in lieu of favors at the door, she would be donating to projects that would be determined during the entertainment portion of the program. Tamara expressed her love and how blessed she felt to have each of the sisters and brother as part of her journey last year. She gave them a small token to remember the day, a Hippie print travel mug.

District 7's Deputy Lori Beth Kelley explained that today's entertainment would be a trivia game with questions from the 60's. Those in attendance divided into four teams and were a rainbow flowered pinwheel as their flag when ready to answer questions. Judges to determine who raised their pinwheel first to answer were: Karen Hazelman, WGM; Denver Gray, WGP; Joy Ellen Kupper, PGM; and Larry Frost, PGP. Sister Tamara (the MC) and cohort Sister Carol Davis (score keeper) appeared in their 60's attire of headband, dress, and gogo boots. After all the questions the winning team was announced, but the true winner of the day is that all teams had selected the WGM/WGP project "Supporting Our Youth", so all donation funds went to that project.

During the remarks several presentations were made. Brother Harold Rowe, Jr. PGP, gave the Benediction and the table grace. Brother Norman Santus, WP, gave dinner instructions. The dining room was decorated with colorful table runners, trolls, and vintage 60's candy sprinkled out at the tables. Napkins were the design of a 45-vinyl record. A few lava lamps were found to complete the theme. Remember the 60's was about Love, Peace, and Friendship. Let our Order exemplify these qualities.



Dual Reception in D#1

Golden Fleece Chapter #176 in District One hosted a beautiful "Sunflower" Reception for Sister Lynn Shoulders, Grand Warder, and Sister Jo Ellen Bingham, District Deputy #1. It was held on September 7, 2024, at the Princeton Presbyterian Church in Princeton. The day began with a Social Hour from 2-4 P.M. and the Program at 4:00 P.M.

Brother Bill Shoulders, WGC of GGC, gave the Invocation with the Pledge to the Flag and singing of the National Anthem following.

Sister Lynn Shoulders, Grand Warder, was presented at the Altar and escorted to the East. The escort was formed by members of the Journey of Love Grand Family and Rainbow Girls. She was a school teacher carrying books ordering "Little Billy Shoulders" to get to class!!

Sister Jo Ellen Bingham, Deputy of District #1 was presented at the Altar and escorted to the East through an aisle of Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons with other members of District 1. They presented her with flowers.

Those assisting with the program were Worthy Matron, Sister Pat Scott; Worthy Patron, Brother Cecil Scott, PGP; Conductress, Sister Juenell Owens, PM; Organist, Sister Darlene Small, Grand Organist; Photographer, Brian Hensell, P.P.

Sister Karen Hazelman, WGM, and Brother Denver Gray, WGP, were introduced with the rest of the introductions following. Brother Bill Shoulders, Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter and PGP in Indiana; Sister Elizabeth Lashley, GGCCM for ESTARL and PGM in Indiana, and husband Brother Charles; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Brother Howard Farrand and wife



Sister Carla; Sister Susie Roach and husband Brother Mike; Sister Cindy Cohee; Sister Linda Huff, widow of PGP Brother Henry Huff; Brother Cary Hetrick, and his wife Sister Michelle; Sister Tina Vredenburg, and her husband Brother George; Sister Diana Surfus; Sister Angela Hensell, Supreme Deputy in Indiana International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and her husband Brother Brian, Aide to the Worthy Grand Chaplain and Grand Representative of Texas in Indiana. There were 16 Grand Officers and spouses and 8 District Deputies and spouses introduced. Serenity Slaven, GWA of IORG, and several of her Rainbow Grand Officers were in attendance and introduced.

The entertainment for the afternoon was Sister Andrea Bailey Williams, PM & PGWA of IORG, and her daughter Addie and Brother Stan Bailey, Grand Representative of New Jersey in Indiana. They sang several beautiful songs.

Brother Cecil Scott, PGP, gave the Benediction and Table Grace and then followed with dinner instructions. A delicious dinner was served by Sister Diana Surfus, PGM, and her crew!!



Spencerville's OES Oldest Member Celebrates 103 Years of Smiles

Many shared smiles plus birthday wishes were extended to Sister Faralee Baidinger for her 103rd birthday. Sister Faralee started the Spencerville OES Donut Stand at the DeKalb Co. Fair in 1949, 75 years ago. Sister Faralee and Sister Diann Stienbarger, PGM, shared some past memories as they are both Past Deputies of District 21 and members of Spencerville Chapter #386.

DD#4 ROBBIE ANDERSON RECEPTION

It was a festive afternoon for a Sunset Dinner Cruise Reception to honor Robbie Anderson, District Deputy #4. A total of 84 passengers registered for the Cruise on the USS Robbie Anderson of the OES Sunset Cruise Line. Leaving from Pier Jackson Masonic Lodge in Seymour, at Embarkation the passengers received their Boarding Passes. Passport pictures with celebrities Robbie and Marvin "Chig" Anderson were taken by the ship's photographer, Brother George Vredenburg. Passengers then enjoyed a Bon Voyage Party with snacks and punch in the Dining Lounge.

The passengers were then invited to a Shore Excursion in the Chapter Room where they were greeted by music provided by Sister Judi Brown. Janice Brock, presiding Worthy Matron, welcomed the Passengers with a clever take on "Love Boat," followed by the Invocation by Past Grand Matron, Loretta Riehl. Sister Robbie was presented at the altar by Conductress Margaret Kroman. Sister Jodi Robinson serenaded the guest of honor with her beautiful voice. Sister Robbie and Brother Chig attired as Lovey and Thurston Howell of Gilligan's Island era were escorted to the East through a cruise themed Line.

Deputy Robbie introduced the Worthy Grand Matron, Karen Hazelman, and Worthy Grand Patron, Denver Gray, who read Robbie's Tribute and presented her with a gift. Sister Robbie introduced the General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Elizabeth Lashley and her husband Charlie, with Sister Eliz being seated in the East. Eight (8) Past Grand Matrons and Patrons were escorted across the East and introduced with Sister Loretta Riehl and Sister Patsy Hargraves, both Past Grand Matrons from



the Seymour Chapter, then seated in the East. Mike Hazelman, husband of the Worthy Grand Matron and Wanda Gray, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron, along with the Dreams of Fun in the Sun Grand Family and their spouses were escorted across the East and Introduced followed by the District Deputies and their spouses from Districts 2, 3, 5, 11, 12, and 13. Introducing themselves from the

floor were one (1) Grand Representative, three (3) Worthy Matrons and Patrons, fifteen (15) Past Matrons and Patrons and two (2) Youth Group representatives. Also recognized were members of the Seymour and Washington Chapters and Districts #2 and #4, home Chapters and Districts of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Deputy Robbie introduced her husband, Chig, her daughter Jennifer, and her adopted family of Denny, Jill, Emma, Drew, and Jack Gray. Worthy Matron Janice presented a Love Gift to Robbie from her home Chapter, Seymour #134. Entertainment was provided by Jodi Robinson and included a fun version with a play on words of "Blowin' In The Wind" where we found out why Tim McGraw wasn't there to sing "Always Be Humble and Kind" to our Robbie at the Altar.

After the Passengers received the Benediction and Table Grace by Denver Gray, WGP, they were escorted to the Ship's Dining Room for the delicious Captain's Sunset Dinner catered by Diana Surfus, PGM, and her Crew. The Captain's Dining Room was beautifully decorated in black and white with rose filled goblets and tea lights placed on mirrors as centerpieces. In lieu of table favors the Anderson's donated to the Worthy Grand Matron/Worthy Grand Patron Project, "Curtains for Nettie".

An enjoyable Cruise was had by all.

Brian Hensell's Backyard BBQ Reception



At 9:00 o'clock on the morning of October 13, 2024, the doors of the Witham Pavilion on the Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds were opened and members of Whitestown Chapter and District #10, plus others, entered to setup for the reception. By lunch time the interior had been transformed into a TEXAS style setting for a back yard Bar-B-Q.

Guests began to arrive shortly after 2 P.M. Once they registered, their picture could be taken with the honoree and his wife, Angela. While greeting other guests, you were given a "How-d partner" welcome at the snack bar where you could enjoy trail mix and a drink of water, while listening to music provided by Brother Carl Hinshaw, Grand Marshal, and Sister

Carolyn Blubaugh, Past Grand Organist.

Around four o'clock Sister Pam Cohee, WM, called this group of westerners to order. The invocation was given by Sister Madonna Meyerrose, PGM.

Following the Pledge to our American flag, the singing of the National Anthem and pledge to the Christian Flag, Sister Cindy Cohee, PGM, escorted Brother Brian to the podium, through an escort line of Whitestown Chapter members, current and former Grand Representatives. Brian's partner carried a bouquet of "Yellow Roses" and being the "good guy" wore a white western hat. After a warm welcome, Sister Angela Hensell, PGM, read the tribute.

Brother Brian began the introductions with Sister Karen Hazelman, Worthy Grand Matron, followed by Brother Bill Shoulders, Worthy Grand Chaplain of GGC; Sisters Cynthia Skura, PGM; Betty Swisher, PGM; and Bro. Larry Frost, PGP; all General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

The following Past Grand Matrons and Patrons were introduced: Sister Madonna Meyerrose; Brother Bob Surber; Sister Susie Roach; Brother Larry Mills; Sister Cindy Cohee; Sister Tina Vredenburgh; Sister Diana Surfus; Sister Jennifer Nicholson-Maggart; Brother Rick Lassiter; Sister Angela Hensell; and Brother Jim Rogers.

Members of the "Dreams of Fun in the Sun" Grand family were: Brother Tom Ring, AGP; Brother Greg Chiles, Grand Treasurer; Sister Barb Pefley, Grand Conductress; Brother Keith Zook, Grand Chaplain; Brother Carl Hinshaw, Grand Marshal; Sister Dori Cooper, Grand Esther; and Sister Lynn Shoulders, Grand Warder. Sister Linda Gasper, DD#11 was also introduced.

Introductions were then given from the floor. Brother Brian introduced his family, thanked PGM Angela Hensell and PGP Jim Rogers for his appointment. He acknowledged all those who assisted him and Whitestown Chapter.

The benediction was given by Cindy Cohee, PGM, and table grace by Brother Bill Shoulders, WGC & PGP. Dinner instructions were given by Brother Doug Tudor, WP. All enjoyed the back yard Bar-B-Q complete with TEXAS sheet cake. All you 'all safe journey home 'ya hear.

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

Chrisney Honors 2 Grand Representatives

On Saturday, September 27, 2024, Chrisney Chapter #357 held an open house reception honoring Andrea Boling, Grand Representative of Delaware in Indiana and Stan Bailey, Grand Representative of New Jersey in Indiana at Baker Chapel United Methodist Church in Boonville. The theme of both states was carried out in the food and the decorations.



Coney dogs and saltwater taffy were served representing New Jersey and peach cobbler represented Delaware.

Each guest got to take home an apple cinnamon donut, which originated in Delaware. Both state flags were on display along with posters depicting what each state is known for. The tables were decorated with US flags and flags of each state.

There were lots of guests including Jr. PGM Cindy Willyard, who appointed Andrea to her office, along with Jr. PGP Harold Rowe. Stan was appointed by PGM Angela Hensell and PGP Jim Rogers.

Indiana State Police Master Trooper James Bailey Scholarship

On March 3, 2023, while performing traffic control duties on I-69 in DeKalb County, Master Trooper Bailey was notified of a vehicle traveling in his direction involving Ft. Wayne Police Dept. The fleeing vehicle struck Master Trooper Bailey causing his death. Master Trooper Bailey was a very dedicated police officer, father, husband, and friend to many people of DeKalb County.



In 2022, Master Trooper Bailey participated in our "Donut Stacking Contest at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair".

This contest pairs children with a police officer to stack Donuts. All prizes from this contest are given to 18 DeKalb County Schools libraries and the "Shop with a Cop" programs. \$11,100. was awarded in 2024. Spencerville celebrated 75 years of making donuts at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair.

The Spencerville Eastern Star has started a 529 Scholarship to honor

Master Trooper James Bailey. The "Spencerville Eastern Star Donut Trailer" presented 2 "Donut Make You Happy" \$500 scholarships at the 2024 Donut Stacking Contest.



Pictured left to right: Butler Police Dept. Officer Cory Rowe, Auburn City Police Officer Aaron Quick, DeKalb County Sheriff Dept Officer Zachary Kerley, Scholarship Winners, Reagann VanNatta- 1st grader at Waterloo Elementary School, Miss DeKalb Co. Macy Kashmer, Asher Baker 1st. grader at Riverdale Elementary School, INDIANA DNR Officer Gannery Htoo, Garrett Police Officer Joshua Hicks, Indiana State Police Trooper Jeff Goehring.

Luncheon and Inspection in D#18

District #18, Past Grand Officers and Past Deputies Association hosted the WGM Luncheon on August 7, 2024 at Converse. Tables were decorated with sunflower vines. At the head table was a sunflower bear and a golf ball penholder with a golf club pen. The luncheon of pulled pork with various salads, a sunflower charcuterie board and desserts was a lovely start of the day. The afternoon was spent visiting the various shops downtown in Converse, as well as eating ice cream.

The evening inspection included a summertime addendum in which the WGM and WGP were dressed for the beach. The WGM, Karen Hazelman and WGP, Denver Gray, presented 50-year awards to Sister Linda Whinery (LaFontaine Chapter #301), Brother Milford Wagler (Converse Chapter #334), Sister Linda Torpy and Brother Tom Torpy (both of Ivy Chapter #69). The Inspection ensued which included a live candidate. The coin collection was given to the WGM and WGP's project. After the evenings program, everyone gathered in the dining room for a collection of sweet and savory snacks for their trips back to their respective homes. Wishes for safe travels was extended to all.



Busy Summer for District #18

After the June Grand Chapter, District #18 was full steam ahead. They started off with the following Installations for 2024 – 2025.

Converse Chapter #334 installed officers on June 10th during a regular meeting. Officers for the year are Worthy Matron, Judy Shrock, DD #18; Worthy Patron, Gary Sherritze; Associate Matron, Barbara Sommers; Associate Patron, Xen Prickett, Jr; Secretary, Corey Sommers; Treasurer, Milford Wagler; Conductress, Rita Nolan; Associate Conductress, Mia Ellet; Chaplain, Kim Wagler Ziner; Marshal, Eldo Xen Prickett; Warder, Tori Sucharski; and Sentinel, Bobbie Terry. For Converse, this is the Year of Growing Chapter. After the meeting, refreshments were served during social time.



Brown, PGM; Esther, Becky Mullens; Martha, Linda Lytle; Warder, Judith Poor; Sentinel; Jenna Kingery. The East was decorated with butterflies (for transformation), a cross (for strength) and candles (to light our path). The West was decorated with a butterfly quilt and the Chapter motto "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Ivy Chapter #69 conducted installation on Saturday, June 29th at the Deming Lodge in North Manchester. Installing Officers were: Installing Officer, Sue Purvis; Installing Chaplain, Jerry Hartman; Installing Organist, Judy Hartman; and Installing Marshal, Leila Ferguson. Officers installed were Worthy Matron, Linda Torphy; Worthy Patron, Tom Torpy; Associate Patron, Robert Sklar; Treasurer, Steve Trump; Secretary, Eileen Sklar. The East was decorated with the open bible, cross, dogs and seashells. Each star point chair had a dog with a crochet cape the color of that point.



Grand Conductress; Installing Marshal - Carol Davis, Associate Grand Matron; Installing Chaplain - Rebecca Coath; and Installing Organist - Judy Hartman. The East was decorated with the Worthy Matron's favorite things - Bird of Paradise (previous home state of Florida), a German Shepard, daisy, and a sewing basket. After the installation there was a social time with delicious brownies and ice cream.

Royal Center #375 had their installation on Saturday, June 22nd.

After dinner, the installation ensued. Installation was performed by: Installing Officer, Susie Alpha, Grand Electa, Crystal #165; Installing Marshal, Roberta Ancil, LaFontaine #301; Installing Chaplain, Jean Sneed, LaFontaine #301; and Installing Organist, Rhonda Maggard, Swayzee #345. Officers for the year are: Worthy Matron, Leila Ferguson; Worthy Patron, Jim Brown; Associate Matron, MacKenzie Ledley; Associate Patron, Normand See; Secretary, Nancy Pratt; Treasurer, Sharon Campbell; Conductress, Tina Mullens; Associate Conductress, Lori Cobb; Chaplain, Kim Russell; Marshal, Malissa Poor; Adah, Cynthia Biggs; Ruth, Martha



Installation of LaFontaine

Chapter #301 was held July 1st. Officers for the year are: Worthy Matron, Wendy Black; Worthy Patron, Jim Weaver; Associate Matron, Kaye Sorrell; Associate Patron, Robert Musgrave; Secretary, Roberta Ancil; Treasurer, Beth Johnson; Conductress, Regina Hiple; Associate Conductress, Linda Harris; Chaplain, Judy Musgrave; Marshal, Sue Rose; Ruth, Janet Weaver; Esther, Andrea Schlemmer; Martha, JoDee Dale; Electa, Jean Sneed; Warder, Darlene Turner; Sentinel, Lori Brane. The Installing Officers were: Installing Matron - Barb Pefley,

District 18 Fall Meeting

District #18 had their fall meeting hosted by Ivy Chapter #69 on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Cynthia Biggs, Royal Center #375, Grand Chapter Committee Appointee for the Service Dog Project, had a table of diamond point pictures, 3D printed items, ICAN hats, bags and other items for sale. The food table was decorated with scarecrows, pumpkins and fall foliage. At each place setting was a cup filled with nice items from Rosemary Trump, Ivy Chapter. Lunch of sandwiches, potatoes salad, pie and drinks was served by Vi Miller and Cindy Ross of Ivy Chapter.



After a short social time, the meeting started with the opening song of "You Are My Sunshine," pledge to the Flag and a poem given by the District #18 President, Tina Mullens, Royal Center. The following special introductions were made: District Deputy #18, Judy Shrock, Converse who was escorted to the East; Grand Chapter

Committee Appointments: Roberta Ancil, LaFontaine, WGM/WGP Project Curtains for Nettie; Linda Harris, LaFontaine, WGM/WGP Project Supporting our Youth; Cynthia Biggs, Royal Center, Service Dog Project; Rita Nolan, Converse, Cancer Fund; Jean Sneed, LaFontaine, Heart Fund; Rosemary Trump, Ivy, Our World of Youth; Nancy Pratt, Royal Center, Star-Lite Editor; Leila Ferguson, Royal Center, Star-Lite Reporter; and Tina Mullens, Royal Center, Open House After Informal Opening. All other introductions were made.

Attendance numbers from each chapter was collected with LaFontaine Chapter winning the traveling Bible. Business included a few changes to the By-Laws. The meeting was closed with a poem, prayer and singing Amazing Grace. A lovely afternoon of friendship and socialization!!!!



Converse Booth for ICAN

On October 5, 2024, members of Converse Chapter #334 in District #18, were early risers for the Converse Fall Festive. At 7 a.m. Sisters Judy Shrock, Rita Nolan, Mia Ellet, Joanie Achor and Kim Ziner started their day making cinnamon rolls in support of the Converse Masonic Lodge's fund raising. After that the ladies set up a booth next to their Brother Masons giving dog themed sugar cookies for donations which would go toward the ICAN project; and offering information about Eastern Star, the programs that the Eastern Star supports, and petitions. They received a visit from ICAN dog, Roan. He was a hit with everyone. With the visit from Roan and yummy sugar cookies, the chapter was able to raise \$180!!!! Also, this district reporter found out the Sister Judy Shrock, Converse Chapter #334 was appointed Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Indiana at the October 2, 2024, inspection at Muncie. Way to go!!! Hooray for Judy and District #18!!!



Judy Shrock
Grand Representative
of New Hampshire
in Indiana



ICAN Project – Labs for Liberty





Senior Buddies Program

The Spencerville Eastern Star is dedicated to helping the elderly in our community's nursing homes. A program has been initiated to assist 3 Nursing homes within DeKalb County. We aim to purchase items for these facilities that their budgets may not cover. We will consider items for assistance: Items for their Activity Center, Library Items such as Large Print Books, Watercolor Paint Books, Gardening Items for their Outdoor Courtyard Area, Clothing, and Personal Care. We have budgeted \$1,500.00 per year to assist the following nursing homes: The Laurels of Butler Nursing Home in Butler; Betz's Nursing Home (ASCCARE) in Auburn; and Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.



Our Spencerville OES Chairman Marilyn Myers, pictured with Laurel's Administrator Emily Nelson, has awarded the following items: to The Laurels Nursing Home Outdoor Garden - an Outdoor Picnic Table to visit with family members. They also received 2 outdoor patio benches and Shepard's hooks/plants placed in the Memory Care outdoor living space so that the residents could have a calming space to enjoy with each other; to Betz's Nursing Home Cottage Green Space - shepherd hooks, bird feeders, and bird feed for the shaded outside garden. The Memory Care Outdoor Space Garden Club received flowers, vegetable plants, and garden soil for their raised planting beds; and to Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home - Keurig coffee makers for the Boulevard Memory Care Unit and the Rehab Unit so that residents can enjoy a fresh cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate with friends and family. Miller's purchased 5 wireless headsets for the residents to enjoy listening to their favorite music or games without disturbing other residents. These will greatly benefit the Boulevard residents who sometimes need calming music when they become anxious.

Our mission is to enrich the lives of our elderly citizens living within our community, by helping fill the gap between nursing home reimbursement and personal care needs and items that provide personal enjoyment for the residents living within these facilities.

Classroom Supplies Program

To help our local teachers begin a successful start in the school year, the Spencerville Eastern Star Chapter has budgeted \$1000 to partner with Riverdale Elementary School in St. Joe, IN and two preschools in DeKalb Eastern School System. We supply each of the 19 classroom teachers with an Amazon Gift Card to assist in purchasing items needed for the school year. This is our 14th. year supporting this program. To date, we have provided Classroom Supplies for 277 Classrooms!

Pictured are Becky Yoder, Riverdale 6th grade teacher; Ronda Fogle, Spencerville Eastern Star member; and Emily Davis, Riverdale 6th grade teacher.



Stellar Stars

Stellar Stars is a great way to honor or remember an individual or a group for a full year. The costs of Stellar Stars are: \$10 - \$24 for 1 Star; \$25 - \$49 for 2 Stars; \$50 - \$74 for 3 Stars; \$75 - \$99 for 4 Stars; and \$100 and up for 5 Stars.

These will run for 1 year after we receive the request. The short information you want printed about the individual or group can be mailed along with a check payable to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES with the notation: Stellar Stars, to:

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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

2 Stars

45 Years!

Grand Caroler Grand Family
Anne Eastham, WGM
Harry E. Jackson, WGP

In Loving Memory of
Harold Crider 1925 – 2017
P.P. Griffith #583
Great Ritual Work
With Love, Judi Crider, P.D.

3 Stars

I have three amazing children, Jennette I.
Munoz-Colon, Hector L. Munoz-Colon, Danny
R. Colon-Clark. I thank God every day for these
three blessings.
Gladys Colon-Clark

4 Stars

In Loving memory
of my wonderful mother,
Martha Jocelyn Strader,
65-Year member
Secretary emeritus, Past District Deputy #11
Past Grand Martha
Love you forever.
Your daughter, Barbara Lanouette

5 Stars

In Loving Memory of
Debra Bryant
Past Deputy of District 1
Past Grand Organist
Bill & Lynn Shoulders

In Loving Memory of friends lost in 2023
Bonnie Allinder, PGM, Englewood Chapter
Patricia Burns, PSWHP, Nineveh Chapter
Debbie Schmidt, PM, Englewood Chapter
Debbie Hooten, PN, Oakland Chapter
Well done good and faithful servants.
Rochelle A. Hargis

In Memory of
Marguerite DeVore, PM
From the members of
Corinthian Chapter #456

In Loving Memory of
Joyce L. Small, PGM
50 Year member and charter member of
Ransford IMH Chapter #605
You are greatly missed.
With much love,
From all Ransford IMH members

In Memory of
Sister Virgia Hendrick, PGM
D#13 Past Deputies Association



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

- Dec 15** Grand Family Christmas Party
Feb 9 Valentine Tea at Masonic Home
Feb 22 Whitestown 125th Anniversary AM
Feb 22 Mooresville 125th Anniversary PM

INSPECTIONS / LUNCHEONS

- Inspections - Baby Dedication 7:00 pm
 Award of Gold 7:10 pm, Inspection 7:20 pm
Nov 19 D#7 Luncheon/Inspection
Dec 5 D#10 Luncheon at Fishers
 Inspection at Radiant
 w/ Fishers & Cicero

FRIEND'S DAY/NIGHT

- Dec 20 D#1** Evansville 6:30 pm CENTRAL
 TIME
Jan 14 D#10 Fishers 7:00 pm
Feb 8 D#1 Lynnville 2:00 pm

RECEPTIONS

- Dec 7** DD#14 Julianne Hyde
Dec 14 DD#6 Jamie Yeadon
Dec 14 DD#7 Lori Beth Kelley
Feb 8 **Grand Organist Darlene Small**
 Community Church of
 Vincennes
 1548 S. Hart Street Rd,
 Vincennes

Social 2:00, Program 4:00
 Dinner to follow \$15
 Payment to accompany RSVP

RSVP by Feb. 1st to:
 Elizabeth Lashley, PGM,
 2498 S. 500 E,
 Montgomery, IN 47558
 812-486-3904
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- Feb 15** DD#8 Candi Hamilton
Feb 15 DD#9 Sandy Grogan-Sills



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Sisters Karen Hazelman, WGM, and Elizabeth Lashley, GGCCM-ESTARL & PGM, took a donation of baby items that was collected from Washington Chapter #210 to the First Choice Solutions in Washington, IN.

Sister Elizabeth brought before the Chapter a flyer/letter she had received from First Choice Solutions requesting baby items and clothing 18m-2T. Upon hearing this, the chapter was excited to make a donation for the babies. A letter was included explaining the Order of the Eastern Star, noted Sister Nettie Ransford, as well as the tri-fold of "What is Eastern Star". The director was very appreciative of the donation.



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