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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What a wonderful start to the New Year! I have been presenting 50 year and 75 year pins and dedicating some of the cutest babies in Indiana. What memorable evenings and many precious memories shared.

We have been busy with "Fun Raisers" and also raising funds. We have had a Chili Dogs Contest, Super Soup Cook-off Challenge, Super Chili Dogs and Puppylious Pie Party and a Fur Ball. Good friends, good food and lots of good times. We did community projects as Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army, packages to our

Service Friends, helping with community holiday dinners for the homeless and needy, and Toys for Tots.

We have all kind of fun stuff planned for the rest of this spring.

February 2 - Knightsville Puppy Power Fund raiser (Service Dogs)

March 2 - Red, White, Blue Celebration Dinner and Dance, 6:00 pm. \$20.00 donation. Casual R/W/B Wear at Murat Shrine in Muncie. Contact Terry Ring for more information. (Project R/W/B)

March 16 - Donation Auction at Kokomo Shrine Club at 10:00 a.m. Accepting donations. Contact Linda Shepherd for more information. (Service Dogs)

March 23 - D #1 Puppy Power Dinner (Service Dogs)

April TBA - Bus to the Vera Bradley super sale in Ft Wayne, starting in Bloomington (World of Youth)

April TBA - Spring Fling (Masonic Home, Knight Templar, Royal Arch)

April 4-7 - Bus Trip heading to the Sunny South, Pigeon Forge – Gatlinburg (Service Dogs)

Details are available from your District Chairmen and District Deputies. Also, new Plush Puppies and Lambs for ESTRAL have arrived. I appreciate all your support on the charm program and all the events that your District Chairmen have planned.

Until I see you again,

Star Love and Puppy Hugs,
Diana

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HILLS



By the time this issue of Star-Lite reaches you Christmas will be over and the New Year will have begun. The hustle and bustle of Christmas is a favorite time of year for Cheryl, and I let her take over. My job is to put up the tree and then I go hide where it is safe. For Cheryl each bulb and trinket must be in its proper place. Cheryl and I do hope your Christmas was wonderful and you were able to enjoy family get-togethers for fun and fellowship and the blessings of the Christmas services at your place of worship. We sincerely hope that the New Year brings good health and great happiness to all our Eastern Star members over the state.

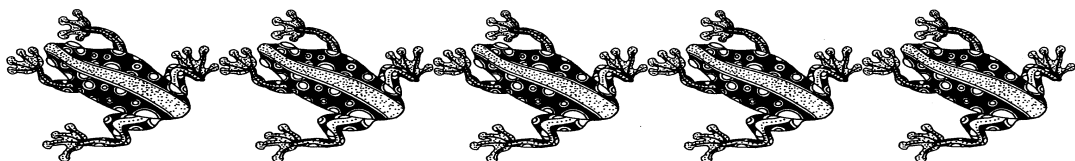
The "Journey of Love" Grand Family had its Christmas get-together at DePauw University. After a delicious dinner we all attended an outstanding concert by the DePauw music department. I want to personally thank DD#9 Linda Allee for arranging this outstanding evening.

It's hard to believe that we are on the downward slope of our year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Diana has worked tirelessly for the Order. Her many projects are all doing well and the Puppy Power has been a tremendous success. Please continue to support these many projects. Also, don't forget to renew or start your Star-Lite subscription.

As the winter season comes upon us stay warm and comfy and above all healthy. Use this as a time of reflection on the many blessing the Lord has bestowed upon us and upon the principles on which our order was established.

Leslie I. Simonton

Worthy Grand Patron



Spencerville Eastern Star DeKalb County Veterans Award

Many of Spencerville OES members are Veterans or our family members have served in or are current members of the US military service. We are dedicated in assisting the Veterans of our DeKalb County Community. Each year on Veterans Day, we have a Veterans Day Ceremony honoring our OES Veterans with a gift. This year we have elected to allow our Veterans to be the Gift Givers by creating the DeKalb County Veterans Award Program.

DeKalb County has 5,000 Veterans living among us. Our county offers many Veteran Programs. The Spencerville OES has chosen the following programs to select a recipient of our new Veterans Award Program. **The Honor Flight NEI** sends 2-5 DeKalb County Veterans on each flight to Washington, D.C. to reflect at their memorials for a free one-day visit occurring in April, May, September and October of each year. **The DAV /American Legion Program** offers transportation for

Disabled Veterans to the VA Hospital. **The Quiet Knight Program** of Auburn offers a Veterans Food Panty, a Warehouse for durable Medical Equipment for Veterans and also a Homeless Veterans Housing Program that assists with housing and with securing employment. **Wreaths Across America Program** that places a Wreath on our local Veterans Graves at Christmas time.

The Spencerville OES DeKalb County Veterans Award Program has selected to award the *Quiet Knight Homeless Program* with a \$300.00 Award in Honor of Veterans Day, November 11, 2018. People pictured are (left to right) Ann Merritt, 50 year member and wife of a Veteran, Brian Lamm, Dekalb Co. Veteran's Administrator, Vic Timmeran, 50 year member and Veteran, Jim Dwyer, 50 year member, Veteran, WP, and Becky Hoover, WM.



Evelyn Moser Celebrates Milestone Birthday

On November 25th Sister Evelyn Moser, a 59-year member of the Order, gathered with family and friends to celebrate her 100th birthday. Evelyn resides in Celina, Ohio at the Gardens of Celina Assisted Living facility and is pictured here, complete with a tiara declaring her 100 years as a princess! Members of Fort Wayne Chapter #432 traveled to Celina to celebrate this accomplishment!

**INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER
 ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
 2019 Ritual Competition**

On Friday, June 7, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. at our Grand Chapter Session, we will once again hold our **Grand Chapter Ritual Competition**. You may compete in one category only. We will use a **current edition of the Ritual**. The categories are listed below. Please select the category that you wish to compete in and send your completed registration form to Susie Roach. You will receive confirmation of your registration and your appointed time and place before the Grand Chapter Session. **Registration deadline is May 25, 2019.**

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION CATEGORIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Star Points Initiation Lecture. Select which Star Point you would like to do. We will provide chair, pedestal, emblem and ribbon. You must adapt to setup. (You may, however, choose to bring your own emblem if you desire.) A judge will signal the beginning of the lecture by stating "I present this Sister..." There will be no Conductress or candidate participating.

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

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

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

EXCLUSIONS: Current Grand Officers and Past Grand Matrons/Patrons are excluded. Also, any contestant who won in 2018 may compete again, but MUST choose a different category.

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

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline: May 25, 2019

Name _____ Chapter _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 E-Mail _____

I am registering for (select one only):

- _____ Worthy Matron's two Initiatory lectures
- _____ Worthy Patron's Initiatory lecture
- _____ Associate Patron's long form Initiatory lecture
- _____ Conductress' Initiatory lecture at the door, at Star Points and to Worthy Patron
- _____ Associate Conductress' Preparation Room lecture
- _____ Chaplain's Prayers (Opening, Initiatory, Closing)
- _____ Star Point Initiatory lecture (which one? _____)
- _____ Worthy Matron's three parts in funeral service
- _____ Chaplain's two prayers in funeral service
- _____ Star Point tributes (all five) in funeral service

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

Phone: 812-636-9151 (home)
 812-257-1578 (cell)

Stitch & Chatter Committee Work Hard

The Stitch & Chatter Committee of Trinity Chapter #576 has been making greeting cards at Marge Rodemeyer's house for the Cheer Committee to send to those in need of cheer. At the November meeting they made Christmas cards to be sent to shut-ins and they had a fun time making them! Pictured are Sandy Gordon, Marjorie Rodemeyer, and Chairman, Hilda Caywood. (Hilda will be celebrating her 100th birthday in February!) The Committee also has made items for the Special Education Department at Mabel K. Holland Elementary in Fort Wayne.



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Rachel Ross Celebrates 103 Years



Rachel Ross of Greensburg and 59-year member of Lois Chapter, celebrated her 103rd birthday on November 29th, 2018. She married Lewis Ross in 1942 and they had one son, William (Dianna) Ross. Her Grandchildren are Kelli Ross, Angie (William) Gray and John Ross. She worked in the medical records at Decatur County Memorial Hospital for 22 years. An open house was held at her Crown Point residence November 24, 2018. Many members of her family and friends joined her to offer their best wishes with cards, flowers and gifts. Happy Birthday Rachel!

D#15 Luncheon

District 15 honored Sister Diana Surfus with a luncheon on Tuesday, September 25th at Center Chapter. A delicious meal of Chicken casserole, pasta dish, applesauce, rolls, and pumpkin roll was enjoyed by all. Sister Jennifer Mansur, president of Past Deputies, welcomed everyone. We listened to our Grand Star Points speak. It was a delight to learn about each of these wonderful ladies and a little about their story. Sister Diana spoke and thanked everyone for the luncheon, gifts found at her place and the wonderful afternoon. The day was a wet one, but that did not put a damper on our day. Thanks to everyone who came and helped us honor Sister Diana.



Cathy Scott, DD#15.

District 10 Golden Roses Luncheon and Tea

The Worthy Matrons from District 10 hosted Sister Diana Surfus, Worthy Grand Matron, and the 50-year+ Members of OES on Friday, November 16, 2018, at the Whitestown Municipal Complex for a Golden Roses Luncheon and Tea. Diana enjoyed fellowship with the 50-year+ members of Eastern Star whom she has lovingly named her "Golden Roses". There were 22 award recipients and all were thrilled to be honored with a luncheon and pin. Women, aka "Roses", received a golden rose pin and the men, aka "Thorns", received a pin with both the Masonic and OES emblems. Each person who received a pin gave the number of years that they had been a member of Eastern Star and the total was over 1,100 years and was mind boggling.

The afternoon included a slide show that depicted some of the newsworthy events from 1968, some Glenn Miller Orchestra music and an opportunity to reunite with friends who hadn't been seen in a while. The attendees were treated to ham and cheese slider sandwiches, potato salad, devilled eggs, assorted fresh veggies and dip, fresh fruit skewers, assorted bite sized desserts and refreshing "friendship" tea. Each person attending received the recipe for the "friendship" tea as a table favor. All remarked that it was such a lovely time and the attention to detail was perfection. A big thank you to District 10 Worthy Matrons Beth Rutledge, Margot Wade, Evelyn Miller, Ann Kelley, Carolyn Janik, Sarah Cooke and Cindy Cohee, PGM, for all the time, hard work and attention you gave this event.



Becky Dunlap, Charlene Perkey, Wilma Hart and Lois McDaniel look on as Phyllis Stackhouse (75-year member) receives her 50-year award from Diana Surfus, WGM.



Diana Surfus, WGM, presenting an award to Colleen Parks while Shirley and Larry Abbott look on.



Madonna Meyerrose, PGM, showing her award to husband Allen Meyerrose.

A Minnesota Memory

Members and Friends of Fort Wayne Chapter #432, OES gathered on November 29, 2018 to honor Sister Joyce Maxwell, Grand Representative of Minnesota in Indiana.

A social time preceded the program where guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres of beef meatballs, prosciutto green onions, assorted grapes and mandarin oranges, turkey and roast beef pinwheels, mixed nuts, butter mints, orange punch and coffee while Sisters and Brothers visited the photo booth and fellowship with each other under the Mezzanine. Tables were decorated with Bundt pans filled with Wheaties boxes, Milky Ways and a state flag of Minnesota. The Bundt pan, Milky Way and Wheaties were all invented in Minnesota.



The Chapter room was decorated in keeping with the theme, items invented and produced in Minnesota such as the Jolly Green Giant, a stapler, Bisquick, a Tonka bulldozer and pop-up toaster. Marylou Blinn, Worthy Matron of Waynedale, Past Deputy, and former Grand Representative entertained with a piano prelude.

Worthy Matron Marcia Snow greeted the guests and invited Past Patron Steve Maxwell to give the Invocation. All joined in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and singing one verse of the National Anthem. She then instructed Conductress Millie Walker to present Joyce the altar where she was greeted and then escorted to the East.

Jill Rice, PGM, gave a detailed Tribute of Joyce's life. She remarked that Joyce received her letter from Minnesota before her official appointment by Jill—"not the way it's supposed to be done!" She presented Joyce with a clock in a wooden frame, a gift from her and the late PGP Ron Mendenhall.

The following were introduced and given a warm welcome: Jill Rice and Jon; Candy Little, former Grand Representative and wife of Kirk Little, Grand Sentinel; Maggie Dewey, DD #14 and Doug; Jackie Baker, Grand Representative of Alberta, Canada; Millie Walker, Former Grand Representative of Florida; Loretta Hauser Hicks, Former Grand Representative of Pennsylvania; Marylou Blinn, Former Grand Representative of Colorado; Bessie Allgood, Former Grand Representative of Kentucky; E. Louise Misegades, Former Grand Representative of California; and Romona Dunfee and Marcia Snow, both Former Grand Representatives of New Jersey.

Other guests included three Grand Chapter Committee members, four Past Matrons and Patrons, Ed Fodrea and his wife Christine, Officers in York Rite, and Joyce's family.

Joyce shared experiences of her trip to the Minnesota Grand Chapter and pointed out some of the differences between Minnesota's and Indiana's Grand Chapter Sessions.

DD Maggie Dewey, closed the meeting with the Benediction, ending another special evening in Fort Wayne Chapter. Pictured are Brayton Snow, WP; Joyce Maxwell, Grand Representative; Steve Maxwell, husband; and Marcia Snow, WM.

Changing Lives One Dog at a Time

Part 2 (Continued from December)

ICAN is a 501(C)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to train and place assistance dogs with individuals with disabilities and provide foundational life skills to inmates through their experience as trainers.

The Dogs

ICANs dogs in training come from these sources:

1. ICAN participates in a national breeding program with other accredited service dogs throughout the United States. Majority of the dogs are Cross Golden - Labrador Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers.
2. A limited number of dogs are donated by certified breeders and shelters.

Nationally about 50% to 60% of service dogs in training make it to become a service dog. Being part of a national breeding co-op, ICAN's success rate is around 62%. If the dogs are not going to make it, they may have the skills to become electronic scent dogs (scent detection for child pornography or sex trafficking). If not, they are released to applicants (through an application and home visit process) wishing to adopt a dog from their program. The dog's temperament and health play a big role in their success.

The Handlers

You can find many handlers' stories when you visit the website or read ICAN literature. At the recent visit to IWP Michelle shared her story. She was sentenced for 30 to 60 years in prison and has been in for five years. Prior to being incarcerated she said she was very selfish and self-centered.

Michelle said she realizes people have been hurt and impacted by her bad decisions.

Being in the ICAN program has taught her many things and skills – team building, putting her dog first and taking responsibility for herself and her dog, Sloan who is her first dog to train. She views the program as an opportunity to give back.

A constant theme that runs through most of the inmate's stories is that the handler has learned as much – if not more – than the dogs. They have become calmer, more caring and never believed how drastically a dog could change their life. Just like a service dog can change the life of a client receiving the dog,

dogs can positively alter the life of the handler / inmate.

Training

Inmates are carefully chosen to be part of the program. They apply and are interviewed just as they would for a position on the outside. Handler Rheann at IWP said the formal interview 'gives you experience' that will be helpful on re-entry into the community. She said the process says that ICAN values you as a person and that they have expectations that you are expected to meet.

A review process occurs every 90 days and is a feedback so the handler knows what to work on and how to improve.

How can you help?

Terrie and Jerry Barber, State Co-Chairman of the Service Dog Project, offer these suggestions:

Buy one or all of the four different stuffed dogs for sale (\$10 each). Stuffed pink poodles will also soon be available for sale (\$10 each). Buy a doggie charm (\$5 each). There are two different styles. *Make a donation of any amount and give to your district chairman. Make your check payable to: Indiana Grand Chapter OES.* See your district chairman to buy your puppy or a charm or make a donation anytime during the year.

You can find out more about ICAN by going to their website: <http://www.icandog.org>.

Look for more interesting information about ICAN in subsequent issues of Star-Lite Magazine.

By Rochelle A. Hargis



The Service Dog Project



Indiana is proud to have the commitment of our Tri-Line Officers to the Service Dog Project. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Diana Surfus, started us off with "Louie", the black lab. He is currently in training with ICAN here in Indianapolis. Our 21 District Service Dog Chairpersons are busy raising funds; so far we have had a Puppy and Pancake Breakfast, A Fur Ball and a Souper Saturday (in the making) which will include, Puppy Power Chili, Weiner Dogs on a bun and "Puppylicious" Pie.

As GGCCM on the Service Dog Committee, my plan is to take our mission to the public. It is my goal to be in each district across Indiana, bringing the message of our Order and the Service Dog Program to our communities. Starting in my own District 13, I set up a booth at a "Holiday Mart" where I handed out GGC pamphlets explaining the program. I also had a donation box with a few trinkets to help raise money. My next stop is District 8, 11 and 20, seeking out festival, craft fairs and the like. I have created a Facebook page where all the chapters can post their events for the Service Dog Project plus photos of dogs Indiana OES has previously sponsored along with Briley, my husband's service dog.



Our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Jennifer Nicholson, is busy planning her year and commitment to The Service Dog Project. She will continue working with ICAN and hopes to double (if not triple) Indiana's Eastern Star efforts. I look forward in helping her achieve her goal.

Sister Gleda Brooks and Brother Richard Lassiter are excited to continue with the Service Dog Project. Brother Richard has reached out with plans in their 2020 - 2021 year. Thus rounding out our MWGM, Sister Marianne Shenefeld's, triennium.

Deby Thomas, PGM
Indiana's General Grand Chapter
"Service Dog" Committee Member



Journey of Love Fur Ball

District 4 hosted the state-wide Fundraiser for the ICAN Service Dog Project on November 17th at the Rolling Hills Shrine Club in North Vernon. Guests were welcomed by the warm smells of great food prepared by our Worthy Grand Matron and her team along the musical sounds of the songs of yesteryear emceed by DJ "Bumper". Everyone was asked to sign a paw print as they entered. The tables were decorated with pictures of ICAN service dogs and their friends and lanterns of black and white. Bouquets of black and white balloons with paw prints adorned the entrance and the stage along with posters and information about ICAN, the Indiana Canine Assistance Network. Keeping with the dog theme, a cup of "puppy chow" (peanut butter and cocoa puff cereals) was at each place setting. It would be surprising to find anyone who went home hungry from the great Buffet.



Gift Baskets of Puppy supplies, Breads, Jams, Penguins, 'Dog Rules' lap quilt, Boys toys, Girls toys, Kitchen Tools, Spa supplies, Specialty Liqueurs, One-of-a-kind Beers, Cookie Baking supplies, Spaghetti Dinner, Get Well supplies, Kitchen Utensils and small appliances, Amish foods and wines along with gift bags of paintings and cards and crafts made by the inmates at the prisons created much demand for the highest bidder. Also available for purchase were stuffed dogs, ICAN "vests" for the stuffed dogs, and homemade nutritious puppy treats.

Louie, our OES ICAN Service Dog in Training, and his puppy playmates shared kisses with anyone who wanted a kiss. Their Trainers assisted the dogs in "signing" calendars available for purchase with their paw prints. The DJ encouraged many onto the dance floor for "The Stroll", "Chicken Dance", and other fun activities. Even the Service Dogs provided some special dancing entertainment.

Through the generous bidding on the Silent Auction baskets and the ticket sales for the Fur Ball, over \$2000 was collected for this Signature Project; all this in the name of cheerful companionship and social enjoyment for a super FUNdraiser.

Margaret Kroman
District 4 Chair
OES Service Dog Project

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You have received this issue, but will you get the next one? Check your expiration date on the back page to the left of your address. Fill out the form on the next to the last page and include your check made out to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES and mail to:

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Thank you! We couldn't continue without your support of the printed issues.

WGM Luncheon in District 10



Diana Surfus, Worthy Grand Matron, was in District 10 on Friday, October 12, 2018, for a "Furry Friends and Fall Fashions" Luncheon. She was honored by around 40 women including: Madonna Meyerrose, Cindy Cohee and Sherry Johnson all PGMs from District 10; Gleda Brooks, Grand Conductress; Angela Hensell, Associate Grand Conductress; Donna Scanlon, Grand Adah; Kim Zook, Grand Esther; Cynthia Willyard, Grand Martha; Margaret Nugent, Grand Electa; and Sheri Fulkerson, District Deputy #10. They were all treated to a "fashion show" featuring several models from the District.

Fashions strutted on the catwalk included a "Bathing Suit", a "Ball Gown", a "Tie-Dyed Shirt and Hot Pants", a "Checked Dress", a "Pinstriped Suit", a "T-Shirt and Bell Bottoms", a "Spring Dress" and a "Cotton Dress". Models were: Joyce Blakey, Sheri Fulkerson, DD#10; Angela Hensell, AGC; Sandy Harris, Beth Rutledge, WM; Evelyn Miller, WM; Carolyn Janik, WM, and Lisa Perkey-Comstock.

A delicious meal of Chicken Salad Croissants, choice of Chicken Tortilla Soup or Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Fruit Cup and assorted Cheesecakes was the menu for the day. It was a lovely afternoon and everyone enjoyed getting together for food, fun and a few laughs.

Submitted by Sheri Fulkerson, DD#10

I Love Lucy

District 10 was certainly hopping on Saturday, November 3, 2018, with a Fall Social Production of "I Love Lucy". Many attendees dressed as their favorite "Lucy" cast member or guest star. All were treated to a delicious spaghetti and meatballs dinner along with salad, garlic bread and dessert. Yum!

Emmy's were handed out and the overall winner of the costume contest was Pam Pizzato and runner up was Carolyn Janik.



Dressed up for some "I Love Lucy" fun are: Pam Pizzato, Malinda Waters, Donald Waters, Sheri Fulkerson, DD#10, Carolyn Janik, Pam Mills and Dawn Chiles.



Rick Lassiter, Grand Chaplain (aka Ricky Riccardo), Madonna Meyerrose, PGM (aka Ethel Mertz), Larry Mills, PGP (aka Fred Mertz) and Edna Baker (aka Lucy Riccardo)

Dynamic Duo Concert



the First Christian Church in Noblesville, and District 10 again outdid themselves.

Not only were we treated to a stellar performance, but we feasted on a delicious “duet” meal of chicken casserole and BBQ pork, potatoes and green beans, veggie salad and lettuce salad, and for dessert we had chocolate cake and carrot cake. We were wowed by amazing decorations all centered around other Dynamic Duos like Peanut Butter and Jelly, Barbie and Ken, Mason and Star... you get the picture.

The stars certainly were out that evening when 11 Past Grand Officers were in attendance. We were all treated to a Prelude that was performed posthumously via a 1994 cassette recording of a patriotic recital by Victoria Hope, Past Grand Organist.

A great time was had by all, and another concert may be in the offing. Stay tuned to this same Bat Channel for future updates.



Cicero Chapter's Friends Day

On Sunday, September 30, 2018, District 10 gathered at Red Bridge Park in Cicero to enter into uncharted territory as Cupcake Wars was unleashed. Prior to the battle there was an amazing musical program brought to us by Abigail Overdorf. She is still in high school but you would never have known it by her stage presence and vocal range.

Onto the battle, the rules of engagement were explained by Moderator and Cicero WM, Beth Rutledge. Each team explained the “theme” of their cupcakes and how the decorations fit with the theme. Then the crowd was released to sample the goods. The overall winner was . . .

Wait for it . . . all of us who attended!!

Thanks Cicero Chapter for a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship.



Knightsville Is Not Dark

Knightsville Chapter #238 is dark in July, but we keep the light on. See if you agree.

Lois McKinney organized a booth at the Clay County Fair in July. Armed with smiles to beat the heat, Knightsville welcomed Fair visitors with frozen pops, homemade cookies, Chapter ink pens, animal crackers and, of course, flyers about OES and membership.

The Chapter purchased a child size electric jeep, which was awarded to an Army Reservist with 2 young children of perfect ages for that car.

October 17th, Knightsville Chapter celebrated Howard Farrand, PGP, and his daughter, Mary Stephenson's 25-year awards. PGM LeVon Holms and PGM Larry Mills did the honors with Pamela Mills offering a song at the Altar. PGM Ruth Thompson assisted from the East. Carla Farrand supported her husband and daughter in spite of a severe injury.

On Friday night, October 26th, Knightsville Chapter hosted a Spooky Spaghetti Mystery Theater for the community. WP Timothy K. Poff and his TIKI TORCH THEATER PLAYERS wrote and performed with audience participation. A meal of Spooky Spaghetti with Macabre Meat Sauce, Spine Chilling Sides, Garlic Bread, (to ward off evil spirits) Delightful Devilish Deserts and appropriate Brews to drinks were devoured. This was a fun fundraiser open to the public.

The 5th Tuesday in July at Centennial Lodge, Worshipful Master of Centennial Lodge James Stout challenged the WM of Knightsville, the WM of Brazil, and the Job's Daughters Advisor to join in a Food Fight. Each organization collected can goods for the Clay County Food Bank. At 5th Tuesday meal in October, each organization's donations were weighed. The group's leader with the least amount collected had to take a Pie in the face.

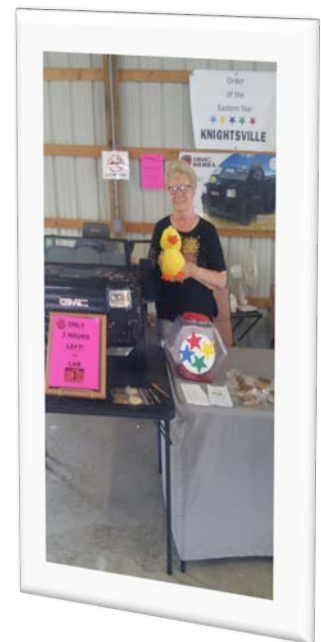
The Job's Daughters collected the most, followed by Knightsville, then Brazil, and finishing in 4th place was Centennial Lodge. A total of 607 pounds of donations were collected and presented to the Director of the Clay County Food Bank that night. Happily, his truck was big enough to transport the goods.



As agreed prior to the end of the challenge and shown in the photo, Worshipful Master of Centennial Lodge, James Stout graciously received a pie in the face from WM Millie Cooley. Working & playing to accomplish a fine feat. Thank you, James, for being such a good sport!

Knightsville's upcoming events: December 15, 2018 – Polar Express; February 2, 2019- Souper Service Dog program with lunch; and April 20, 2019 – Breakfast with Bunnies.

We are inspired when we read about other Chapter's activities and we hope others experience the same when they see Knightsville keeps the light on, even when we are dark.



Muncie Christmas Project

On December 4, 2018, Muncie Chapter No. 104 held their Stated Meeting. Everyone wore their merriest of holiday garb.

Our Worthy Matron Sherrell Bryant and Worthy Patron Max Nottingham had selected The Children's Clothing Center of Delaware County as our 2018 Christmas outreach project. This charity was established in 1982 by a group of church ladies. It was incorporated in 1983 and opened in the IOOF Building located in downtown Muncie. In 1985, it was moved into a basement furnace room at Wilson Middle School. In 1994, it relocated to the Trinity Community Services Building on East Charles Street.

The Children's Clothing Center is a free source of clothing for pre-school and K-12 school children in need. It serves the students in Delaware County Schools.

Every School year the Center starts out each child with seven pair of underwear and two T-shirts. It may not seem like much, but to each child it is everything.

Over time, businesses in Muncie gave grants to the group to help supply the clothing. However, those are a thing of the past. So we felt this is in need of our support.

We collected the following: 25 T-Shirts, 106 Girl's Undies, 10 Boy's Briefs, 4 pair of Gloves, 6 pair of Boy's Socks, 2 pair of Girl's Sneakers and \$15.00.

After the meeting we snacked on chocolate cupcakes and peppermint ice cream furnished by Phyllis and Max Nottingham. I overheard Max say he cranked and cranked that ice cream for hours!

Karen Ingles, PM



Columbia City News

Columbia City Chapter #65 in Columbia City has been collecting pet supplies for the Whitley County Humane Society. The Humane Society can use food for dogs, cats and hamsters; as well as kitty litter and toys for cats and dogs. Collections will continue in January.

At the First Inspection in District #14, two of their members received their awards of gold: Tom Boardman received his 50 year pin and Viola Ramp received her 75 year pin!

They have some fun events planned. December 15th was their Christmas Friends Day with a program and dinner. In January they will be honoring the stations of Adah, Esther and Martha. In February they will have Men's Night and the men of the Chapter will be the entertainment.

Happenings at LaFontaine

Faced with the choice to close or consolidate when the LaFontaine Masonic Lodge had to merge with Wabash, the chapter went on a search for a place that would be suitable and economically feasible so that we could continue on our own.

Mary and Claude Brane contacted Jon McDonald and asked about the use of the funeral home. Jon and son Logan were very generous in allowing us to move into their facility and we now meet at the McDonald's Funeral Home. Our July meeting was the final meeting in the Masonic Temple. The remainder of the week members sorted, bought and donated what we could not take to our new location.

Terry Hipple made new lightweight pedestals and an altar with kneeling pads since we have to completely tear down and put away everything each meeting. Regina Hipple donated cloths for the pedestals, Jean Sneed and Glenna Pogue fashioned an altar cloth and Roberta Ancil donated shelving and a storage cabinet for our emblems. Our cabinets with historical items from both our Chapter and Somerset Chapter are now on display at the Troyer Library in LaFontaine. Special thanks to the Brane family for moving all the heavy items to the new location.

In August we met for the first time in our new location and it worked well. We are very thankful that we were able to continue as LaFontaine Chapter.

Our Chapter Projects for the year are to collect non-perishable food items for the local Food Bank in October, donate wreaths to be placed at the Marion National Cemetery through Wreaths Across America in December, donate items to Animal Shelters in Wabash and Grant Counties in April and donate items to residents of Rolling Meadows Nursing Home in June.

We invite you to come and visit anytime. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month, except January and February when we are dark. The address is 104 W. Main St., LaFontaine, Indiana.

District 14 Delivers

Waynedale Chapter #600 visited 3 local firehouses recently and delivered goodies and good wishes. On December 10th, Don and Loretta Hicks delivered a Carload of food to the Waynedale United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Leo Chapter #278 delivered a carload of food to the Leo United Methodist Church in time for their Thanksgiving basket project. In December they initiated a new member!



Churubusco Holds Inspection



The first Official Visit in District #14 was held at Churubusco Chapter #136 on November 8th. The lovely evening began with the Baby Dedication of young Liam Cornwell. Liam's Grandmother and Great Grandmother are members of Churubusco Chapter.



Then, WGM Diana Surfus, with the assistance of Bob DeRolf, presented the Award of Gold to Tom Boardman.



Finally, WGM Diana presented a 75 Year Award to Viola Ramp - and Sister Viola stayed for the meeting! Both are members of Columbia City Chapter #65.

The Grand Officers exemplified the Opening and the work, and the Churubusco Officers, under the direction of Worthy Matron Shirley Crispen and Worthy Patron Jerry Ransom, did the Escort and Closing. Matrons and Patrons of the District escorted WGM Diana to the East with Cheerios and potato chips and lots of love.

Submitted by Maggie Dewey
Photos by Doug Dewey

District 4 News

We had our second Inspection in our district with the WGM. The Inspection was held at Hayden with Columbus Chapter participating. Instead of having the initiation part, the Worthy Grand Matron gave an instructional talk. The Worthy Grand Matron was escorted to the East by Santa Claus.



Check your



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Feb 10 Valentine Tea at IMH
Apr 20 100th Anniversary Franklin D#6
Apr 27 Grand Star Point Mega Reception

GOLDEN ROSES LUNCHEONS

Feb 8 D#12
Feb 27 D#20
Mar 20 D#3
Apr 25 D#19

INSPECTIONS

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm,
 Award of Gold 7:20 pm
 Inspection 7:30 pm
 Unless otherwise noted

Feb 4 D#3 at Jeffersonville w/ Bright Star & Scottsburg
Feb 5 D#4
Feb 7 D#6 at Mooresville w/ Eminence
Feb 12 D#20
Feb 13 D#21
Feb 15 D#15 at Center w/ Russiaville & Kokomo
Feb 18 D#11 at Keystone w/ Acton & Oakland
Feb 20 D#13 at Daleville w/ New Burlington
Feb 21 D#16 at West Lebanon w/ Fountain
HONOR DEPUTY
Feb 22 D#10 at Whitestown w/ Lebanon
Feb 25 D#17 at Crystal
HONOR DEPUTY
Feb 26 D#19 at Griffith w/ Lake & Hobart
Feb 28 D#14 at Waynedale w/ Fort Wayne & Leo
Mar 4 D#15 at Clinton
HONOR DEPUTY
Mar 13 D#11 at Millersville w/ Lawrence & Golden Rule
HONOR DEPUTY
Mar 14 D#8 at Brazil w/ Knightstown
Mar 15 D#7
Mar 21 D#12 at New Castle w/ Martha Poe
HONOR DEPUTY
Mar 22 D#13 at Muncie w/ Farmland
HONOR DEPUTY
Mar 25 D#1 at Golden Fleece w/ Lynnville
HONOR DEPUTY
Mar 26 D#2 at Vincennes Chapter – Washington
HONOR DEPUTY
Mar 27 D#3 at Blazing Bright

HONOR DEPUTY
Apr 1 D#6 at Ransford IMH
Apr 2 D#9
Apr 8 D#19 at LaPorte w/ Olive
HONOR DEPUTY
Apr 9 D# 21
Apr 12 D#10 at Fishers w/ Cicero
HONOR DEPUTY

RECEPTIONS - HONOR NIGHTS

Apr 27 Grand Star Point
 Mega Reception

WGM LUNCHEONS

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Mar 18 D#1
Mar 19 D#2
Mar 28 D#5
Apr 10 D#13
Apr 11 D#17

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