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Jesus first - Others between - Yourself last

Christmas has come and gone and 2021 is no more. Unlike last year, we were able to celebrate the holiday with family and friends; I hope you did too.

What a wonderful Eastern Star year 2021 was! We attended 18 District Deputy receptions, many inspections (which were well done), and had several baby dedications. We presented 50 and 75-year awards and also presented Grand Representative appointments to some of our very deserving members. Now the 2022 year is here.

I know that several Chapters are dark in January and February. I hope you have enjoyed a little "down" time during these months and are as excited as I am to get the New Year started. The first event on our calendar is the Valentine Tea sponsored by District 4 on February 13. This is a wonderful time spent visiting with our Sisters at the Masonic Home and enjoying homemade cookies with them. Please come join us if you are able. We always have a great time.

March is going to be a very busy month. There are several inspections scheduled as well as a reception for our final District Deputy and three of the Grand Star Points: Grand Adah, March 12; Grand Ruth, March19; and Grand Esther, March 26. Grand Martha's is April 2 and Grand Electa's is April 9. I am looking forward to each of these events and also to be able to present more 50 and 75-year awards as well as many Grand Representative appointments. I know that each State and District Chairperson as well as all of our members are hard at work raising money for each of our projects by taking donations, having dinners or planning other fundraising events. Thank you all for your dedication and efforts. Because of you I know that we will have a successful year. Thank you for your generosity.

So far, we have been blessed with good weather and good health. May God continue to bless us with both as we continue on our journey and keep us safe.

J-O-Y- fully yours,

Gleda Brooks, Worthy Grand Matron



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The bus will depart Royal Center Masonic Lodge Friday morning, May 13th, with additional stops at Southport Meijer and Seymour Masonic Lodge. We will stop for lunch while in Seymour. We will gather for dinner Friday evening at Buckhead Mountain Grill in Newport. Lunch and dinner are at your own expense.

Reservation must be made by April 10th, 2022

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Notes from **Rick**

Finally, the last step in my four step Membership Development Program (REST): When we have successfully Teach. completed the previous three steps and have a group of willing new members, it is a fairly safe assumption that they want to learn - so teach them, but teach them KINDLY! Teach them GENTLY and teach them with PURPOSE. Every one of you has a head full of Eastern Star information that it would be a shame to lose. We are, by nature, not a selfish organization, so take a new member under your wing and teach them.

Sisters, think back to the FIRST time you served as Conductress. Remember how you felt when the District Deputy told you that YOU would be the Conductress for the upcoming inspection. Did how to weave the labyrinth suddenly just come to you like a vision? My guess is that it probably didn't. There was some Sister who studied and studied the fine print in the ritual with you (before there were diagrams in the She held your arm while you ritual). walked and walked a million times through and around the Star Point chairs until it suddenly clicked in your mind and you had it forever. Be that Sister who helped you.

As we teach our new members, give them a reason for what we are doing. "Because we've always done it that way" isn't the reason to do anything. For example, let's look at the prayer circle. In an ideal world, we all arrive at the prayer circle simultaneously. However, we don't live in a perfect world. Generally, the Star



Points arrive in position first. What is symbolic about those five sisters being in position first? The lessons they teach and the virtues they represent are the foundation of our Order. Like everything else, nothing substantial can be built without a firm foundation. Why do we travel in groups of two and three into and out of the prayer circle? Of course, it looks pretty, but what is symbolic about moving in groups? The Associate Patron tells us the reason in his lecture when he says, "This is to teach you that within this Chapter you will find friends who are ready to stand beside you on your journey of life."

This is Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers; we are not alone. We don't have to wander through this world by ourselves. We don't have to weave the labyrinth of human life with no one beside us. We are not alone!

I hope you have benefited from my approach to membership development – REST – Recruit, Engage, Support and Teach. I hope your chapters grow and prosper.

I am looking forward to being back on the road and seeing you all again.

Keep a song in your heart!

Precious Memories Grand Family

The Precious Memories Grand Family (1994-1995) gathered on Sunday, November 7, 2021, for its annual Christmas dinner. Chalices with candles adorned with winter greenery and Christmas décor provided ambiance when lights were dimmed for dining. Those attending the get together at Muncie Masonic Hall shared a delicious buffet



prepared by three members of Muncie Chapter No. 104. All were delighted that Precious Memories "Mom" Virgia Hendrick was able to travel from Franklin to enjoy visiting with everyone. Although busy schedules prevented many from attending, those sharing this special time are pictured.

Seated are Kem Hendrick, Virgia Hendrick, Verna (Virgia's sister). Standing are David London, Jonita London, Ann Merritt, Richard Beedle, Sara Boardman, Dede Beedle, Rebecca Roland

60 Years a DeMolay

When a young man joins DeMolay he takes the obligation of the Order. It is a spoken vow between him, his Brothers and God. There is no expiration or resignation from this vow or membership in the Order. Between the ages of 12 and 21, a DeMolay is called an "active DeMolay." Once a young man attains the age of 21, he is referred to as a "Senior DeMolay," but he is still a member of DeMolay.

Indiana DeMolay's State Master Councilor, Bryce Tekulve, and Past Grand Master of DeMolay International, Brother Greg Chiles (Grand Treasurer) were proud to present

60-year membership pins certificates to their fellow Brothers. Those being honored and pictured from left to right Chiles, Brother Greg are: Brother James Rogers (AGP), Brother Larry Mills (PGP), Richard Brother Lassiter (WGP), Brother Lonnie Small (PP) and Bryce Tekulve. А congratulations heartfelt to these Senior DeMolays on this milestone in their masonic journey!



50-YEAR AWARDS AT CLINTON

Prior to our meeting on October 14, 2021, Clinton Chapter #6 enjoyed a carry-in dinner in our dining room to honor our 50-year pin recipients. After dinner, we gathered in the Chapter Room. Sister Gleda Brooks, WGM, asked Brother Rick Lassiter, WGP, to escort the following 50year members to the altar: Sister Sharon M. Jones (our current WM), accompanied by her daughters: Sister Sharon Keck, accompanied by her sister; and Sister Louise Stowers, accompanied by her son. Each, wearing a lovely yellow rose corsage, were awarded their 50-year pin, asked to speak briefly, and escorted to the East where they were given Grand Other special guests in Honors. attendance were our own Sister Cathy Scott, Grand Martha, and our own Sister Camille Swisher, DD#15.

On November 4, 2021, Sister Mary Ann Carr was awarded her 50-year pin at her residence in Fishers, Indiana. Several persons were present for the presentation including: Sister Gleda Brooks, WGM; Brother Rick Lassiter, WGP; Sister Cathy Scott, Grand Martha; Sister Sharon Jones, WM of Clinton Chapter; Sister Nancy Harshbarger; Sister Janice Gill and husband Gordon; Sister Mary Ann's daughter, Susan Vanhoosen and granddaughter, Sophia Chaille. Sister Mary Ann delighted in the gathering and in receiving her 50-year pin.









\$\$\$ GRAND TREASURERS COMPARING NOTES \$\$\$

Pictured comparing notes at the Indiana Masonic Home Festival are: (1 to r) Greg Chiles, Grand Treasurer, Indiana Grand Chapter, OES; Lynn Shoulders, Supreme Treasurer, International Order Rainbow for Girls; and Kenneth Willis, PGM, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Indiana, F&AM.

PUPPY SHIRTS

Good day my friends! You now have the opportunity to have your very own puppy shirt. We are now selling beautiful shirts for our service dog and they are only \$20.00 for any size. Contact Tammy Sweezy at 317-372-8919 or tammysweezy@gmail.com. You can also ask your district person.

> Puppy love ♥ Tammy Sweezy Paw Prints of Love State Chairman





LEGO ICAN Event

The annual LEGO Show in support of "Paw Prints of Love" Indiana Service Dog Project was held in District 11 on Saturday, September 18th at the Sahara Grotto. Event co-chairs Tammy Sweezy, State Chairperson – Service Dog Project and Miriam Murphy, DD #11, are proud to report that the event raised over \$1,500. All funds go to support ICAN (Indiana Canine Assistance Network). Our success

was due, in part, because of our sponsor "It's a Block Party" LEGO Store. Our Eastern Star members and members of the public enjoyed the amazing LEGO displays created by the members of IndyLUG (Indianapolis LEGO Users Group). Creations included a recreation of the battle of the Alamo, Harry Potter's Diagon Alley, a city with a

Thanksgiving Parade and ships in a bottle on a bookcase made entirely out of LEGO. Sister Diana Surfus, PGM, brought some sweet treats and ice cream so that everyone could treat their tummies as well as their eyes. Brother Larry Frost, GGCCM Service Dog Project & PGP, and his wife Nancy acted as our special hosts for the event. We hope everyone will join us mid-September 2022 for our next LEGO ICAN Fundraiser event.



District 3 Highlights



We have come to the end of 2021. It has been a good year with many fond memories. The new Chapter year started in June with the installation of Worthy Grand Matron Sister Gleda Brooks and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Richard Lassiter and the Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family.

District 3 was one of the first to have their District Deputy Reception and Inspection on August 28, 2021. The 3rd District honored their District Deputy Janice Hogan with a surprise theme of 'Indiana Bound' in recognition of the many places she has lived and traveled

to before settling in Indiana. The decorations included covered wagons and sunflowers.

The highlight of that afternoon was when the Award of Gold was presented to Fran Wilson and Bettye Craig by WGM Sister Gleda Brooks and WGP Brother Richard Lassiter. Fran was initiated May 28, 1971, into Blazing Bright Chapter in Charlestown and Bette was initiated June 23, 1971. Fran was pinned by her daughter Debbie Tackett and Bettye was pinned by her daughter Lindsey Howlett. We are proud of Fran for being active for fifty years and is now the Worthy Matron at Jeffersonville Chapter and the Secretary at Blazing Bright Chapter.

Jeffersonville Chapter opened the Inspection meeting, Bright Star Chapter did the introductions, the Grand Officers did the work with brand new Associate Conductress Jessica Brooks from La Belle Chapter filling in as Karen Hazelman, AGC, was not able to be there, and La Belle Chapter did the closing.

WGM Honored by District Thirteen Past Deputies

WGM Gleda Brooks was honored on a beautiful autumn Thursday in October with a luncheon hosted by the Past Deputies of District Thirteen. The event was held at Muncie Masonic Hall. The tables were very attractively decorated with fall leaves and gourds. Following table grace by PGM Debra Thomas, a delicious meal was served by Muncie Chapter No. 104.



Past Deputy Sherrell Bryant served as the mistress of

ceremonies. As each group was introduced, she gave tidbits about hummingbirds and lyrics from appropriate songs related to friends. We heard interesting stories from Grand Ruth Sandy Harris, Grand Esther Carol Davis, Grand Martha Cathy Scott, and Grand Electa Susan Bradley.

In lieu of table favors, a donation was given to the WGM's project "Dine and Glide." The afternoon concluded with PGM Shirley Glessner giving the benediction.

D#7 Final Inspection



Final inspection in District 7 was full of fun, awards and special guests. The evening of December 2nd began with our addendum for WGM Sister Gleda and WGP Brother Richard. They were decked out in holiday fun of reindeer antlers and jingle bell hats as well as other Christmas attire. Both were very good sports as we honored them that evening. Baby dedication followed of Clifton Jet Fox, grandson of Sheryl and Cliff Lentz. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron surprised us all and especially Allen Easterday of Stanford Chapter with a Grand Representative

appointment of Quebec in Indiana. Congratulations Allen.

The officers of Newberry #198 and Stanford #533 Chapters demonstrated their hard work and preparation for the event. Job well done!

Special guests that evening were from the Illinois Grand Chapter. It was so nice to have them in attendance for fellowship between the states. Attending were: WGM Margolita Rouse, WGP Steve Hermanson, Grand Adah Donna Coffey and escort Charles Coffey, Grand Esther Norma Croissant and escort Abby Croissant, and Grand Martha Bonnie Zavoral. Also pictured are: DD7 Tamara Shake, WGM Gleda Brooks, WGP Richard Lassiter, PGP Darrell Arthur, Abby Croissant, and Charles Coffeynnie Zavoral.



District #8 Cancer Walk Making a Difference, One Step at a Time

On Sunday, October 17, 2021, members representing the Chapters of District #8 and Sister Carol Davis, Grand Esther, from Hymera Chapter in District #7, joined together to walk for the fight against cancer.

In the fall of 2019 and 2020, Sister Carol Sloan led a group of members in participating in the Susan G. Komen walk against breast cancer. They raised a total of \$4,600 for the Eastern Star Team in those two years. This year, Sister Carol asked our Deputy, Sister



Christi Deal, if we could have the team walk on their own and raise money for the Eastern Star Cancer Fund in honor of the many Eastern Star members and their families who are fighting many kinds of cancer. Sister Christi presented the idea to the Worthy Matrons & Patrons of District #8, and they enthusiastically approved the idea.

Donations came from our Chapters, OES members, and families who donated in honor or remembrance of those who have battled cancer. Together we raised a total of **\$3,186**, which was sent to the Grand Secretary's Office. Busy schedules kept many unable to join the walk, but they gave generously to support those of us who did.



Muncie Chapter Assists Veterans

This year Muncie Chapter's Christmas service project was providing a variety of \$10.00 gift cards for distribution by the local Veterans services office. Affixed to each card was a label indicating the card was a gift from Muncie Chapter O.E.S. Our chapter Secretary, Bonita Ramirez, an Air Force veteran, made arrangements for this project. Our members' willingness to support this endeavor was appreciated.

FORT WAYNE CHAPTER HONORS STEVEN MAXWELL

October 24th found members and friends in Fort Wayne Chapter #432 honor assembled to Grand Representative of Connecticut in Steven Maxwell, Indiana, with а Connecticut Coastline Reception. Steve received guests during the Social Hour and posed for pictures in front of a royal blue backdrop sporting the Connecticut state flag, surrounded by white fences and two ficus trees.

Guests proceeded to the Chapter room where Joe Hyde, Organist, was entertaining with a beautiful musical prelude. Tammy Young, Deputy, gave the Invocation after which Worthy Patron protem Joe DeJarnett introduced WGP Richard Lassiter. Worthy Matron Margaret Smith introduced PGM Diana Surfus and the Deputy, Tammy Young.

Steve was presented at the altar by Assoc. Conductress protem Julianne Hyde, JPM, and escorted to the East. Following the state song of Connecticut, "Yankee Doodle Dandy," Steve was dressed in an Uncle Sam outfit complete with striped pants, blue cutaway



waistcoat, and striped top hat. The entire room sang "Yankee Doodle Dandy" amid his escort of current and former Grand Representatives holding photos about Connecticut, including favorite cookie, state insect, tree, bird, Yale University, a lighthouse, a nuclear submarine, Coast Guard Academy, Cotton Candy, and of course, a Yankee Doodle. WP protem Joseph DeJarnett introduced Steve in the East and all greeted him with a

hearty welcome. PGM Diana Surfus then entertained all by asking Steve pointed questions about himself, in the absence of a specific tribute (lost in communication). We



learned Steve collects antique items such as tractors, sewing machines, and washing machines—among other antique things. Steve introduced the various special groups, including his family: mother, Gloria Sprowl; mother-inlaw, Ruth Schaefer; and brother-in-law, Jerry Schwartz. Steve shared interesting facts about Connecticut and explained he was unable to attend their Grand Chapter Session due to COVID-19 restrictions, but hopes to visit when restrictions have been dropped.

OES Ambassador, Former Grand Representative, and Past Deputy E. Louise Misegades, a former Past Matron of Fort Wayne Chapter was invited to the East where she explained the history of the Chapter's Indiana State Flag. After her appointment as Grand Representative of California in Indiana in 1998, she donated the flag, which had flown over the capital building and attached various colored ribbons with the names of the states for which Chapter members had received Grand Representative appointments as well as their names, dates, and the Worthy Grand Matrons who made the appointments. She expressed pleasure to see that this tradition was still being followed today.

WGP Richard Lassiter gave a moving Benediction followed by the table blessing by Chaplain, Stephan Poiry. WP protem Joe DeJarnett directed the flow of guests to the ballroom where all enjoyed a delicious meal of chicken 'n noodles, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, combination salad, rolls with butter, and peach cobbler (a Connecticut favorite). The banquet tables were adorned with miniature Connecticut flags and Connecticut-shaped cutouts in royal blue with silverware wrapped in royal blue linen napkins. Thus ended a memorable day in Fort Wayne Chapter.



A Mason's Mason

As everyone knows, there are several fraternal organizations within Masonry for men to join. Fort Wayne Chapter #432, OES is privileged to have one such man. He is a presiding Worthy Patron, a Grand Representative, a Grand Chapter Ambassador, and an Officer for 20 years, including: Warder, Chaplain, Associate Patron, and eight years as Worthy Patron! This Mason is Brother Steven Maxwell.

Steve is the presiding Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana and because of his effort and dedication, has received several service awards. In the fall of 2020, Steve was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in Silver, "which is a General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International award bestowed on a triennium basis for each Royal Arch Region and four "at-large" recipients for

continuous service, comprehensive initiative, and faithful dedication to the improvement of Royal Arch Masonry that reflects the highest traditions of the ancient and noble craft."

In 2019, Steve earned the Ritual Jewel from General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. "This prestigious honor is provided by the General Grand Chapter RAMI to Companions who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in their ritualistic endeavors, as determined eligible by an established scoring system. Requirements are based on a cumulative point system in presentation of various roles within the Capitular Degrees. The Companion must perform the qualifying part from memory on at least two occasions for actual candidates. Performances must also be witnessed and attested by one of the following qualifying Companions: 1) Current holder of GGC Ritualistic Jewel; 2) a Past or Current GC Custodian of the Work; 3) a Past or Current Grand High Priest of a constituent Grand Chapter; or 4) Chairman of a Ritualistic Work Committee of the qualifying Companion's Grand Chapter. Performance includes accurate word memorization as well as vocal tone, inflection, and articulation; and includes correct floor work, gestures, and dramatic use of tools and props appropriate to the part."

He has also received the rank of Knight York Grand Cross of Honour (KYGCH) and was awarded a Quadrant to apply to his jewel for being elected to preside over one of the four Grand Bodies of York Masonry. He is currently serving a second year as Grand High Priest.

In August of 2022, Steve will receive the Order of the Purple Cross of York, the highest honor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America – conferred upon those members of the College who have distinguished themselves by their service to humanity or to the Rite. He is also a Member Knight York Cross of Honor and is in his seventh year of an 11-year line to become the Eminent Prior.

We applaud Steve's work not only in York Rite Masonry, but also as a Past Master (2) in his Blue Lodge; Scottish Rite; Shriners International; and Eastern Star. Anyone who has heard his lectures in the East, West, or at the altar will attest to his proficiency. Congratulations Steve!

Eventful Day in D#18

An eventful day in District 18 started with a Fantasy Reception honoring District Deputy #18 Leila Ferguson on November 20, 2021. Refreshments were offered to the attendees before pictures were taken in front a fantasy garden backdrop. Fairies, gnomes, butterflies, and hummingbirds were seen in the dining room and chapter room.

WM Martha Brown, PGM, welcomed everyone. PGM Markie Edwards gave the invocation. Conductress Tina Mullens presented Leila at the altar. She was then escorted into the room by her WM & WP group, Fergy's Fairies and Gnomes, and members of District 18, fluttering butterflies along her way.

Leila welcomed all. She introduced WGM Gleda Brooks and WGP Richard Lassiter. Gleda gave Leila a tribute and a gift from her, Jerry and WGP Richard.

WGP Richard then presented a love gift from the Grand Family and her Deputy Sisters. Escorted and introduced were: 2 PGMs; 24 Grand Officers and spouses; and 15 District Deputies and spouses/escorts who were wearing Clef Note glasses. Introduced from their seats were 10 Grand Chapter Committee members, 6 WM & WP, 10 PM, PP, Grand Representatives, and Former Grand Representatives, and 1 member from a Masonic Body. All were welcomed with a Friends & Family saying. Due to work and health issues only Leila's sister, Lori Helton, was there.

Leila thanked everyone who came and who helped prepare for the day. She announced that the next day would be an open house for PGM Markie and Ted Edwards' 60th Anniversary.

Entertainment was several songs sung by Tina Mullens. WM Martha presented Leila with love gifts from the chapter and district and Jean Sneed gave her a love gift from her WM & WP group. WGP Richard gave the benediction. AP Don Mullens gave the table grace with dinner instructions given by WP Jim Brown. All retired to the dining room for a delicious meal.



That afternoon an addenda was given to the WGM & WGP. The WGM then presented a 75-Year Award to Patsy Evans (left) who was pinned by her daughter. She spoke of

many memories of her Eastern Star years. Then a 50-Year Award was presented to Sue Sailors (right) who was pinned by her husband Dan. She spoke of her many

memories, too. The WGM then instructed the WGP to escort the new Grand Representative to the Altar, but he couldn't find her! He walked around the room, but didn't see her as



she was seated in an officer chair with her back to him. He was finally told where she was and presented Kaye Sorrell with a Grand Representative appointment to Connecticut. She was very surprised and pleased to receive this appointment.



The inspection began with Royal Center officers opening Chapter, Grand Officers performing the work, and Converse officers closing Chapter. The WGM spoke of her project, Dine and Glide. She introduced the Grand Star Points who arrived across the East wearing "Turkey" glasses. The WGP spoke of his project, K9 for Kids. Honorary memberships were given to WGM Gleda and Jerry, and WGP Richard. All in all, it was a good day in District 18!



Hymera's Community Service

Hymera Chapter #289 Worthy Matron's Special Project was donating to the Sullivan

County Department of Children's Services. As a Casa volunteer, the Worthy Matron will present these donations of new clothing and supplies to the Department that will go toward foster families to aid in outfitting those children new to the program. Pictured are Hymera's Worthy Matron Lynn Padgett and Martha and Norman Santus.

Another of Hymera Chapter's community service projects includes Reading Fun with the local school children. Martha Santus, PM, dressed in Halloween costume reading "Room on the Broom" to Farmersburg Grades 1 and 3.

Hymera Chapter also collected toys to help support Friendship Assembly #44 Toys for Tots Program. Pictured is Amber Kennedy, Worthy Advisor of Friendship Assembly with Hymera Chapter's donations.





What Do These Words Have in Common?

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Find the words in the puzzle.

The extra letters spell out the answer to the title of this puzzle.

BE MINE	IRELAND	PUNXSUTAWNEY
BLARNEY STONE	IRISH	RAINBOW
CANDY	LAMB	RED
CLOVERS	LEPRECHAUN	ROMANCE
CUPID	LINCOLN	ROSE
EQUINOX	LION	SHADOW
FLOWERS	LOVE	SHAMROCK
GOBBLERS KNOB	LUCKY CHARMS	SPRING
GREEN	MARCH MADNESS	ST PATRICKS DAY
GROUNDHOG	PINK	VALENTINE
HEART	POT OF GOLD	WASHINGTON
HUGS AND KISSES	PRESIDENTS	



Spare Change

The DeKalb Co. Humane Shelter of Northern Indiana is seeking to build a new animal shelter building. They are asking organizations like the Spencerville Eastern Star to help collect money to complete this project.

We are collecting spare change at our yearly fundraiser, "The Spencerville Eastern Star Donut Trailer at the DeKalb Co. Fair" to assist them with this effort. We will match up to \$500 of the amount our wonderful clients have contributed to this great cause!

Spencerville O.E.S. was truly amazed that in our 2nd year for this clients program, our donated \$1,258.75. With our Matching Contribution of \$500.00, we were able to give the DeKalb Co. Humane Shelter \$1,758.75. Pictured are: Spencerville OES Members Becky Hoover, WM, and Ann Merritt, AM, in the Donut Trailer. Also pictured are Spencerville OES Member Terri Fair Rosenbury, Chairman, presenting our check to Kelly Collins at the DeKalb Co. Humane Shelter.







DeKalb County Veteran's Award

Many of Spencerville OES members are Veteran's or are family members who 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 Veteran's Day, we have a Veteran's Day Ceremony honoring our OES Veteran's with a gift. We have elected to allow our Veteran's to be the Gift Givers by creating the DeKalb County Veteran's Award Program.

DeKalb County has 3,000 Veteran's living among us. Our county offers many Veteran's Program's. The Spencerville OES has chosen the following Programs to select a recipient of our new Veteran's Award Program. The Honor Flight NEI sends 2-5 DeKalb County Veteran's on each flight to Washington, DC to reflect at their memorials for a free oneday visit occurring in April, May, Sept., Oct of each year. The DAV /American Legion



Program offers transportation for Disabled Veteran's to the VA Hospital. **The Quiet Knight Program** of Auburn offers a Veteran's Food Panty, a Warehouse for durable Medical Equipment for Veteran's and also a Homeless Veteran's Housing and a Veteran's Financial Assistance Program that assists with housing and with securing employment. **Wreaths Across America Program** that places a Wreath on our Veteran's Grave at the Indiana National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana for our Veteran's at Christmas time.

The Spencerville OES DeKalb County Veteran's Award Program has selected to award the *Quiet Knight Veteran's Program* with a \$500.00 Award in Honor of our Veteran's and Veteran's Day Nov. 11, 2021. Pictured are: Jim Dwyer, Veteran and Spencerville OES 50-year Member; Ronda Fogle, Spencerville OES Member; and Chris Lamm, Quiet Knight Treasurer. This is our 4th year supporting this program.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR STAR-LITE?

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. If it says your last issue is February 2022, then you need to renew now! Fill out the form on the next to the last page and include your check made out to <u>Indiana Grand Chapter, OES</u> and mail to Nancy Pratt, 3597 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, IN 46975.

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

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:

Nancy Pratt 3597 N. Old U.S. 31 Rochester, IN 46975

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.



2 Stars

In Memory of *Wilma Sausville* Passed away June 15, 2021 Beloved wife of Doug Sausville Beech Grove Chapter #465 By Mary & Bill Davis Oakland Chapter #159

In Loving Memory of Janice Gastineau, PD#7, 1967 Jewelldean Haseman, PD#7, 1998 Diana Brookshire, PD#7, 2000 Who are missed by The Past Deputies of District #7

In Honor of Judith Adkins, PM for her many years of service as Secretary of the chapter And Jeanne Bain, PM for her many years of blessing our chapter with beautiful music From Corinthian Chapter #456 3 Stars

In Honor of *Marion Bradbury* Grand Representative of Manitoba, Canada in Indiana From Corinthian Chapter #456

5 Stars

In Loving Memory of *Richard "Dick" Midkiff, PP* Ransford Chapter #605 Sue Midkiff

In Memory of *Dwight V. Singer, PGP* In Honor of his sister *Peggy Duncan,* 75-Year Member From Linda Singer and Family



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Feb 13Valentine Tea- CancelledMar 2125th Anniv. Greentown D#15

INSPECTIONS/LUNCHEONS

<u>Weeknight Inspections</u> - Baby Dedication 7:00 pm Award of Gold 7:10 pm, Inspection 7:20 pm <u>Saturday Inspections</u> – Baby Dedication 2:00 pm Award of Gold 2:10 pm, Inspection 2:20 pm

Luncheon/Inspection Feb 25 D#9 Mar 3 D#6 Inspection Mar 5 D#4 DD#4 Reception/Inspection Mar 8 D#20 Inspection Mar 11 D#2 Luncheon/Inspection Mar 14 D#19 Luncheon / Inspection Mar 18 D#10 Luncheon/Inspection Mar 22 D#11 Inspection Mar 25 D#8 Luncheon/Inspection Mar 28 D#14 Luncheon / Inspection Mar 31 D#3 Luncheon / Inspection Apr 5 D#1 Inspection Apr 22 D#12 Luncheon/Inspection

RECEPTIONS

Remittance must accompany reservation, unless staying for reception only. 2:00 Social, 4:00 Program Dinner to follow all Star Point receptions \$15.00

Mar 12 D#1 Lori Barnett, Grand Adah

Bethel United Church of Christ 3029 N. Green River Rd. Evansville, IN 2:00 Social (CDT), 4:00 Program Checks to Evansville Chapter #555 RSVP by February 28 to: Sue Layman, WM 1051 S. Kelsey Ave. Evansville, IN 47714 Ph 812-449-8856 Psqsue2010@gmail.com

Mar 19 D#6 Sandy Harris, Grand Ruth

Eternal Life Baptist Church 8554 E. Hendricks Co. Rd. Mooresville, IN 46158 Checks to Mooresville OES #260 RSVP by March 12 to: Dori Cooper, 7486 Welch Circle Avon, IN 46123 PH 317-409-1433

Mar 26 D#7 Carol Davis, Grand Esther

Sullivan Civic Center 344 N. Main St. Sullivan, IN 47882 RSVP by March 16 to: Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM 4520 W. St. Rd. 48, Shelburn, IN 47879 Jek90pgm@frontier.com

Apr 2 D#15 Cathy Scott, Grand Martha

Frankfort Masonic Temple 201 S. Main St., Frankfort, IN 2:00 Social, 4:00 Program RSVP by March 23 to: Nancy Harshbarger 2041 Meadowbrook Dr. Frankfort, IN 46041 Ph-765-659-3085 jnharshbarger6186@sbcglobal.net

Apr 9 D#11 Susan Bradley, Grand Electa

Prospect Masonic Lodge 2901 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46225 RSVP to: Tom Bradley, Treasurer 8327 Trotter Rd. Camby, IN 46113 PH 317-797-1157 tbradley60@sbcglobal.net

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