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Aloha from the Worthy Grand Matron



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for this incredible journey. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as your Worthy Grand Matron. I've met so many wonderful people that I now call friends, and would not have had this opportunity had it not been for Eastern Star. I love you all and always will. I love our Order and always will.

My messages have always come from the heart and I'm going to leave you with one more that I feel is very important. Our Order is very patriotic and this is one of the things that I love about it. Every time we pray we include those who have fought in the past to keep our nation free and those who are currently serving both abroad and at home. How proud I am to be an American!!! But something happened at the last inspection in New Castle (D12) that made me look a little deeper in my heart. Brother Ned Cline sang "Back Home Again in Indiana" to Brother Cary and me as we stood at the altar. It reminded me of how proud I am to be a Hoosier.

I'm proud of my Indiana roots. This is a wonderful place to live and rear children. There are still family values and neighborly love. We are taught to love one another, and I see it where ever help is needed. Look at Henryville. I know our sisters and brothers were there to help in their time of need as well as Nappanee and countless other communities. We make sure our ill and grieving are fed both in body and spirit. We celebrate the good times and hold each other in bad times. God gave us fertile farm land, hills full of beauty and wild life, rivers and lakes to fish and swim, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, how lucky we are! So, the next time I see the snow fly, the rain falling, or the wind blowing strong, I will still be proud to live in Indiana.

God bless you all, God bless America, and God bless Indiana.

Love and peace,

Sonda





Sisters and Brothers, I can't believe it's time for me to write my last article as Worthy Grand Patron. It seems like only yesterday that I was sitting down to write my first article in May last year.

I want to start out by saying what an honor it has been to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron this past year. Sister Sonda and I have enjoyed traveling the state and attending the several chapters to be involved in the inspections and receptions as the year went on. We have logged a lot of miles and have seen several towns that I didn't even know were in Indiana.

I want to congratulate the Grand Officers on the great work you have done this year. As I said in my first article, I think we have the best corps of Grand Officers. They have really stepped up and done their work well. I want to thank them for traveling so well this year. It seemed like everywhere we went, there were at least five or six of them at every inspection. They also traveled well to all of the receptions for the Grand Officers, and the District Deputies as well. I know that the people being honored at the receptions really appreciated it.



To the District Deputies, wow, you all have done a great job of traveling and representing Sister Sonda in your respective districts, conveying her instructions. I am proud to call all twenty-one of you my daughter. As you know, Michelle and I didn't have any daughters and I know I speak for her in saying we would be proud to have every one of you as our daughters.

Sisters and Brothers, as I said in my first article, my main goal was to not disappoint anyone. I have tried to do the best that I could in performing my duties as Worthy Grand Patron and I hope I haven't let the ones down that asked me to do this. We have also done the second thing that I wanted to do, and that was to have fun when we weren't doing the work. I know I have and I hope the Grand Family has, too.

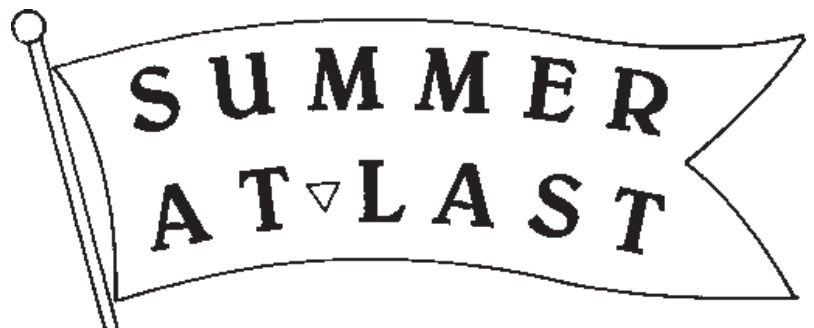
We have seen a lot of good work around the state and I hope that it will continue on through the years. I know that there are a few chapters that are struggling to find officers, just know that you aren't alone. It is great to see the different chapters in the districts that are helping each other out, whether it is by being dual members or by sitting in for other chapters, just to help out at inspections or when the different chapters need someone to fill a chair for an initiation.

As I write this, we are in the home stretch of finishing off our inspections and the last of the deputy receptions are winding down. Then before we know it, Grand Chapter will be upon us.

I hope to see a lot of members at Grand Chapter. That will help to end this great year for Sister Sonda and me.

Safe travels, and hope to see everyone at Grand Chapter in June.

Cary Hetrick, WGP



GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMUNITY SERVICE

What a GREAT organization Eastern Star is!!! I am sure by now the chapters here in Indiana have received the letter I sent out explaining the Most Worthy Grand Matron's vision for the Community Service Committee. My previous article (March/April issue) showcased Sister Sonda and Brother Cary's "Wings of Hope" project and I know how proud they are of the Sisters and Brothers for their overwhelming support. My own Pendleton chapter has been back serving breakfast to those in need several more times since that article with a renewed sense of community.

I am inspired to write this article because of a letter I received from Sister Sarah Reed, Secretary of the Lois Chapter #147. She wanted me to know that the members of Lois Chapter #147 sent in a monetary donation to the "Kids Closet" in their community. This organization provides clothing for school children who are in need. But they did not stop there; Lois Chapter also helped the West Clark School Corporation's "Tornado Relief" by aiding those children whose lives have been affected by that deadly tornado. Greensburg's children also benefit by having Lois Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in their community. At Christmas the Sisters and Brothers support the Daily News Cheer fund. This fund provides those children in need an opportunity to receive Christmas presents. Kudos to the Lois Chapter and their caring hearts for helping the children of their community.

Sisters and Brothers, despair is all around us, the need is great, just look around in your own communities and ask yourselves what can your chapter do to help? The Lord has provided us a great opportunity to "Let Our Star Shine", go out and be that beacon of light.....

Deby Thomas, GGCCM & PGM



...Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.

Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.

--Steve Jobs



Ina Browning and Karen Jones-Gimian stand at the altar to receive their gold awards at Franklin Chapter.

FRANKLIN PRESENTS GOLD AWARDS

Franklin Chapter had four recipients ready for their gold awards. Two of the ladies were unable to attend: Audrey Spicer has surgery recently and could not attend and Judith Allseitz lives in Kentucky.

Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary, presided over the ceremonies with John Haynes, Worthy Patron assisting. Ina Browning, Franklin and Karen Jones-Gimian from Virginia received their jewels while surrounded by family members. Michael Browning pinned his mother's jewel and Katherine Jones pinned her daughter while two sisters, a niece and her father were standing with her at the altar.

Following the ceremony, refreshments of cake and punch were served in the dining room.



PEANUTS





WHAT A DAY FOR THE RALEIGH SELL FAMILY

December 1, 2012 was a very special day for the Sell family. Not only was it Raleigh (Skip) Sell's birthday, but his father, Raleigh W. (Windy) Sell, Sr. received his 50 year pin.

Raleigh Sr. is quite the devoted Mason. Not only did he join the Mason's and Eastern Star, but he paid for several members of his family to join also, including Raleigh (Skip) Sell, Judy Sell, his granddaughter Deanna, great-granddaughter Amber-Marie and three other members of their family.

Michael, pictured with everyone, is not yet a member of Eastern Star. He just joined the Mason's but I am sure once he gets his feet wet, it will be the next step to follow in this family legacy. What a proud day it was to have Sister Shirley Moore, PGM, present him with his 50 year award. He was surrounded by family and friends as he achieved this honor.

Pictured from left to right are (back row) Deanna, Judy Sell, Amber-Marie, Michael and Raleigh "Skip" Sell. Front row, Raleigh "Windy" Sell.

The other picture shows Sister Shirley Moore, PGM, Deanna, Michael, Amber-Marie and Skip on the back row with Raleigh again in the front row. What a treat to have 4 generations there for this very special and memorable day.



FRANKLIN CELEBRATES THE LUCKY SEVEN

On March 13th, the stated meeting of Franklin Chapter began with a pitch-in supper to celebrate the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Franklin and the former Edinburgh Chapter.

During the Good of the Order, seven of our members were honored. None of the Past Patrons were present. The first year of service of each of these ladies was: Beulah Jones, 1956; Barbara Heath, 1967 at Switzerland in Vevay; Sandra Heath, 1978 at Switzerland; Marjorie Crews, 1982; Jonny Beeler, 1998; Linda Beeler, 2007; and Alexandra Johnson, 2009. Two of these ladies have served as Worthy Matron numerous times; Barbara Heath eight times in three different chapters; and Sandra Heath six times, also in three different chapters.

Even though they were already sweet, a gift of two large candy bars was given to each Past Matron.



Left to Right – Sandra Heath, A.C.; Beulah Jones, Treasurer; Lexi Johnson; Marjorie Crews; Barbara Heath, Secretary; Jonny Beeler, Conductress; and Linda Beeler, our Worthy Matron.

CELEBRATION OF SPRING

March 2nd may have been a cold day, but the Community Building at the Monroe County Fair Grounds looked like Spring. It was the “Celebration of Spring” reception for Sheryl Lentz, District Deputy #7 (aka Beach Bunny #7) of Stanford Chapter #533.

Sheryl and Clifford greeted guests on a glider in front of a white washed fence decorated with colorful flowers. With the help of green astro turf, it looked as though grass was growing under the glider and around the flowers. The stage was decorated with wood fencing, flowers, ivy, white lights, metal birds and a plaque welcoming spring. The Altar was covered with a crocheted cloth belonging to her Grandmother. Homemade cookies, mints and Chex mix were served. Photographer was Pauline Dudley and Rhea Dawn Gadberry, provided the music.

Sheryl and Cliff's Grandson Drake Lee Fox was dedicated into our Order by WGM Sonda Schapson and WGP Cary Hetrick. Assisting were Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, Tracy Benedict, WM, Sue Hays, Conductress, and Terri Crouch, AC.

Tracy Benedict, WM, welcomed everyone. Joy Ellen Kuppler, PGM, gave the invocation. All recited the pledge to the flag and sang the National Anthem. Sheryl was escorted to the altar by Sue Hays, Conductress and Tim Crouch sang “The River”. District #7 WMs and WPs (Sheryl's Songbirds) provided the escort of Clifford and Sheryl with Sheryl wearing a red “bird cape” with feathers made by Janet Freeman; each presented items representing birds, roosters and spring décor.

Following the tribute by Deputy Mom, Rhea Dawn Gadberry, Sheryl introduced WGM Sonda Schapson and WGP Cary Hetrick who presented her a beautiful glass trinket box. Sheryl presented each of them a love gift for their special projects.

Others introduced included 2 PGM, 2 PGP, 12 Grand Officers and 12 District Deputies and numerous spouses. The Beach Bunnies and Moon Doggies read Scriptures and told of how it applies to life and things around us. They gave her bunny ears and small gifts that went along with camping.

Sheryl's family was escorted and introduced. Her son Michael and daughter Mandy, grandsons Takoma and Drake; Michael's girlfriend Lindsay and her daughter Kasmira; Sheryl's sister WM Tracy Benedict; Clifford's sister Lori Ridge and her husband Scott; Nephews Bobby and Josh Evoy; Clifford's brother Ken Lentz and his girlfriend Sonya; 3 special friends: Roberta Clendening, her husband Bill and their grandson Logan, Pam Jordan and Debbie Harlow. Last but not least husband Clifford, whom she thanked for all his love and support. She then thanked Stanford Chapter for all their hard work and District #7 for their love and support.

After Sheryl's closing remarks the Bloomington Job's Daughters Bethel #22 performed the Living Cross. Robert Hoagland gave the Benediction and Darrell Arthur offered table grace. Danny Gadberry, WP, read the line-up for dinner. A delicious meal of roasted pork, cheese potatoes, green beans, corn, salad, dinner roll, white and chocolate cake was prepared and served by the members of Stanford Chapter.



SPECIAL THANK YOUS TO:

The "Paradise of Faith" Grand Family and Deputies for all your travels and the great job you have done this year. Good luck to each of you in all your future endeavors.

The Grand Secretary and her staff at the OES office. We appreciate all the hard work each of you do to keep our records for Indiana Grand Chapter current.

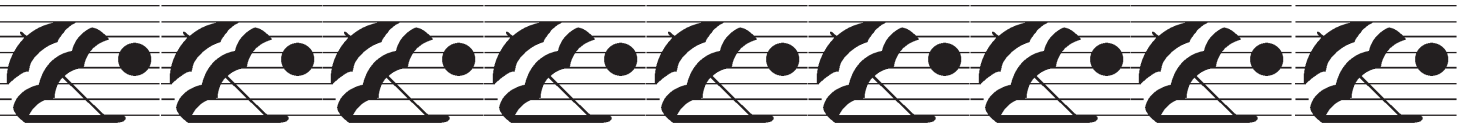
The General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members - We are so honored that you said yes to represent Indiana Grand Chapter internationally. We wish you much success in your term and safe travels.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for all you do to keep Indiana Grand Chapter successful.

To all the Grand Chapter Committee appointments. Each of you have been instrumental in our fundraising efforts, our everyday business, and the Grand Chapter session itself running smoothly. Thank you for saying yes when asked.

To the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the subordinate Chapters - thank you for all you do to help your Chapters. It is a big job and you are appreciated more than you know.

To our wonderful Indiana OES members - thank you for taking an active role in your Chapters and for all you do for Indiana Grand Chapter.

***THANK YOU***

We would like to thank each and every one of our Sisters and Brothers who sent flowers, cards and for your visits during the time of my step-mother Carolyn Ives passing. We truly appreciate all of the thoughts and prayers that you all expressed to my family, my father and to my sister Lynn Brinson and her family. Mom will be missed by all and was truly our Rock, but we know she is watching over us all every day. Again thank you all for all your STAR LOVE.

Tina Vredenburgh family

Lynn Brinson Family

Dan Ives Family

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Started by Joy Ellen Kuppler
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