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This year is suddenly over
And I'd like to thank everyone
There were ups and downs and do-overs
But we sure had a lot of fun.

We had chili dogs, hot dogs
And wieners galore
With puppylicious pies
Who could ask for anything more?

We had burros and lambs
And prayer stones to hold
Just makes us remember
All the goodness that God beholds.

We had blankets for Cancer
And ribbons for trees
Let's pray they find a cure
To help all of these.

There were charms and bricks
And books of history
To help make our Masonic Home
A wonderful and safe place to be.

The Golden Roses and Golden Thorns
Are the backbone of our Star
They are what have gotten us
To be where we are.

We had auctions that were silent
And some that were very loud
But all your hard work
Has made me very proud.

At Multi-State Friend's Day
We had poodle skirts and food
With 50's and 60's Rock 'n Roll
That put us in a party mood.

We had friends from all over
We had bugle boys in skirts
There was plenty of laughter
With leather jackets and t-shirts.

Project Red, White and Blue
Sold bracelets and flags
Sent dozens of boxes and
Really can brag.

With all of their efforts
They did the very best
To even protect our K-9
With bulletproof vest.

Our luminaries will shine
During our Sunday morning prayer
Because silent heart disease
Is more than any of us can bear.

Well I know that I won't be seeing you
Now each and every day
But I know just where to find you
You are in my heart to stay.

Star Love and Puppy Hugs,

Diana L. Surfus, Worthy Grand Matron

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HILLS



The "Journey of Love" is just about ready to make its final stop at Grand Chapter very soon. The events that have taken place during this journey will be kept in my heart and thought about for many years to come. Not every man in our wonderful Order is given the opportunity to go on a journey such as this. My heart-felt thanks go to Sister Betty Swisher, PGM, and Brother H. Fred Smith, PGP, for this once in a lifetime opportunity. What they saw in me is still a question in my mind – I hope I have not disappointed them. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

I have been given the opportunity to travel to many Chapters and meet the amazing people that are members of our Order. Kindness and love were always there. It was a joy to talk with them as many had amazing and great stories to tell.

It was a great honor and pleasure to assist in awarding the 50 or 75-year pins to recognize and honor a members' many years of dedication to our Order. Many gave a brief history of their years in their respective chapters. I was also honored to present those receiving a Grand Representative appointment to the Worthy Grand Matron. When approached there was always a look of shock, amazement, and even sometimes tears as they were escorted to the Altar. It always had an effect on everyone present.

Growing up I helped my grandpa painting around the farm which I continued doing during the summers until just a few years ago. Many of the Lodges Cheryl and I traveled to were or had gone through restoration. Looking at the effort and beauty of the restorations took your breath away.

My Star Point daughters have done an excellent job with their presentations this year – I was very lucky to have them. Each one has unique talents and has been a tremendous asset to our wonderful Order.

The loss of some very special people in my OES life has been very sad for me, but what they have taught me – their strength and courage – will always be with me.

In closing, I want to thank all of my OES Sisters and Brothers for their love, kindness, respect and memories in this "Journey of Love."

LESLIE I. SIMONTON

WORTHY GRAND PATRON



IMH Improving Our Community

Community Activism Ideas

One of our residents' favorite activities during our annual neighborhood week is to find new ways to improve our community. While most of us volunteer in our free time at least a few times a month, we especially look forward to our Neighborhood Week when we all join forces to make a difference together.

I thought you may want to check out a few articles that I hope will inspire you to get active on behalf of their fellow man (and pets in need!). These offer some great ideas. I shared them recently in our neighborhood newsletter to get the juices flowing for our next neighborhood community improvement project. Just type the web address onto your web browser for more detailed information and ideas or ask someone else to do it for you if you don't have a computer.

How to Fit Volunteering into Your Packed Schedule

<https://lifehacker.com/how-to-fit-volunteering-into-your-packed-schedule-1695901749>

Student Activism: 4 Ways Your Child Can Help Feed the Hungry in Your Community

<https://thefoodoasis.com/student-activism-4-ways-your-child-can-help-feed-the-hungry-in-your-community/>

Helping Stray Pets

<https://www.animalbehaviorcollege.com/blog/helping-stray-pets/>

The Community Cat Survival Guide: How to Help Stray and Feral Cats

<http://www.pawculture.com/tips-advice/pet-parenting-how-tos/the-community-cat-survival-guide-how-to-help-stray-and-feral-cats/>

Here's how you can help children separated from their parents at the U.S. border

<https://www.burnabynow.com/news/here-s-how-you-can-help-children-separated-from-their-parents-at-the-u-s-border-1.23340669>

Want to Volunteer Virtually? Here's How

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/blog/2015/09/03/want-volunteer-virtually-here%E2%80%99s-how>

How to Create an LGBTQ-Friendly Neighborhood

<https://www.homeadvisor.com/r/how-to-create-an-lgbtq-friendly-neighborhood/>

10 Ways To Make Your Small Business A Force For Good - That Take 1 Hour Or Less To Implement

<https://medium.com/help-yourself/10-ways-to-make-your-small-business-a-force-for-good-that-take-1-hour-or-less-to-implement-d4d8090a879a>

I hope these encourage your community members to lend a hand however they can. No act is too small for a person, animal, or even an organization in need, and volunteering is such a meaningful way to make a difference.

David Dixon

100th Anniversary Celebration at Franklin

Indiana Eastern Star Grands, members, and friends gathered at the Franklin Masonic Lodge to celebrate the 100 years of history made by Franklin Chapter #439. The Chapter was decorated with metallic gray tablecloths in the dining room and centered with beautiful 100th centerpieces on the tables. Centerpieces for the dining room tables were prepared by Sheila Haag. They featured 100 signs in boxes of red roses and greenery. Bags of jelly beans were at each place. The chapter room had lighted tall glass vases in both the East and West.

Anna Burton was the presiding Worthy Matron and she began with the poem "Jelly Beans." Lexi Johnson was the Conductress for the day.

Attending this wonderful accomplishment were the following Past Grand Matrons: Barbara Terry and Jim; Lois Wagoner; Gloria Jonas, widow of Jerry Jonas; Joyce Small; Bonnie Allinder; and LeVon Holmes.

The present Grand Family was escorted across the East for Introduction. Attending were: Diana Surfus, Worthy Grand Matron; Jennifer Nicholson, Associate Grand Matron; Robert DeRolf, Associate Grand Patron and Melody; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Barbara Terry, Grand Treasurer; Gleda Brooks, Grand Conductress and Jerry; and Richard Lassiter, Grand Chaplain. Also attending was Louaine Sorg, Most Worthy Grand Matron Campfire Friend.

The Deputies present were: Sheri Fulkerson, #10; Margaret Dewey, #14; Cathy Scott, #15; and our own Virginia Prairie, #6. There were eleven Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, three Grand Representatives, one Worthy Matron, and thirteen Past Matrons and Patrons present.

The history of the Franklin Chapter was prepared and read by Barbara Heath, Secretary of Franklin Chapter. Music and entertainment was provided by Alice Myers, a member of Franklin Chapter. She sang songs from 1919 through 2019 playing some, singing some, and having everyone join in on some old favorite songs. She gave the history of these pieces.

Diana Surfus, WGM, spoke on the history and future of the Franklin Chapter.

She then had Sister Lexi Johnson, pictured at right, escorted to the altar where she was presented with an appointment of Grand Representative of Mississippi.

At the conclusion of the program, Joyce Small, PGM, gave the benediction followed by the table grace by Lonnie Small, WP at Franklin Chapter. All went to the dining room to enjoy a very delicious chicken on rice dinner.

Reported by Barbara Heath
Star-Lite Emeritus



“Celebration of the Stars” Mega Reception



More than 250 Eastern Star members, family and friends gathered in Franklin, Indiana, on Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2019, at the Compass Park Community Center Ballroom and Nettie Ransford Chapel to honor our 2018-2019 Grand Star Point Sisters of the Indiana Grand Chapter. During the social hours, in the hallway outside the ballroom, a table was beautifully decorated for each Grand Star Point so that everyone could sign guest books and drop off cards and gifts. These sisters, accompanied by their respective District Deputies, formed a receiving line near the baby grand player piano in the lobby. Salty snacks, lemonade and ice water were provided while guests enjoyed much fellowship prior to the program.

Sister Diana Surfus, Worthy Grand Matron, convened the program in

Ransford Chapel at 3:00 p.m. following a lovely piano prelude by Grand Organist Pro-tem, Sister Rebecca Roland. We were delighted to have several ICAN trainers and service dogs joining us for introduction and a brief update on the ICAN program. Everyone extended to them a very hearty welcome in appreciation of the work they do for others.

Brother Harold Rowe, Grand Sentinel, then introduced and welcomed into the Chapel each Grand Star Point.



Grand Adah, Sister Donna Scanlon, and husband Dave entered through an aisle formed by the Fields of Faith Grand Family and members of District 16. Truly a farmer's daughter, she enjoyed their pictures of goat kids and

“Celebration of the Stars” Mega Reception

farm implements.



The Dare to Dream Grand Family and members of District 1 happily escorted Grand Ruth, Sister Elaine Bebout, and husband Billy Joe into the chapel. Pin-wheels whirled while a sunny yellow-bedecked gardening gal and her handsome yellow-ten-gallon-hat cowboy journeyed east.



Grand Esther, Sister Kim Zook, and husband Keith were escorted by the Paradise of Faith Grand Family and members of District 15. These beach bunnies had fun with mermaid and moon doggy! Accompanying Grand Martha, Sister Cindy Willyard, and husband Richard were butterfly-masked and butterfly fluttering members of the Shining Lights of Faith Grand Family and District 12. She will personally enjoy their “butterfly effect” for many years to come.



Grand Electa, Sister Margaret Nugent, was escorted by Mama Betty Swisher and the S & S Bouquet of Love Grand Family and members of District 19. They formed for her an archway of honeybees, cardinals, and pictures of car parts—a nod to her employment at Auto Zone! Much love blossomed throughout the room upon the entrance of these special sisters.

Grand Chaplain, Brother Rick Lassiter, prayed the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Assisted by Grand Conductress, Sister Gleda Brooks, and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister

Angela Hensell, the Worthy Grand Matron performed the introductions of distinguished groups. Sister Diana then called upon each Grand Star Point to preside and offer her remarks. Each one was escorted to the stage by her Deputy Mom and Pop who made presentations. Then the Grand Star Point introduced her family and friends, offered biographical information and pin explanations, and expressed her appreciation to WGM Diana and Brother Les Simonton, Worthy Grand Patron, for her appointment in the Journey of Love Grand Family.

The Worthy Grand Patron brought the program to a lovely close with his benediction and table grace. Those having dinner reservations made their way behind the Grand Star Points and their families to the ballroom so they could partake of a delicious smothered chicken and roast beef buffet and more fraternal fellowship—a wonderful conclusion to a perfect Eastern Star afternoon of many cherished memories!

Connie Branigan, Jr. Past Deputy No. 5,
Secretary, Versailles 333



Golden Roses in D #13



The Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons of District 13 hosted the Golden Roses Luncheon on October 16, 2018 at the Muncie Lodge. Sister Diana Surfus, WGM presented Golden Rose pins to the 50 year and greater members who attended that day. Those present represented over 1000 years of service in our great order. Many of our "Golden Rose" ladies had served as officers and continue to do so. The luncheon consisted of homemade vegetable & cheddar broccoli soup, fresh from the oven yeast rolls, a variety of plentiful salads and delicious desserts all prepared by the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of our district. Good times were had by all who attended where they enjoyed catching up with each other.

District 19 Golden Roses Luncheon

On Thursday, April 25, 2019, 17 50 plus year members and 8 guests of District 19 gathered in the dining room of Hobart Chapter #314. Sister Cindy Skura, PGM and Vice President-Elect of the 19th District Association welcomed all. A delicious lunch prepared by Sister Nancy Minix and served by Sisters Dixie Skaggs, Ellen Askren, Karen Lyness, Amanda Reholc, and Amy Ogrentz was enjoyed by all.

Sister Cindy introduced Sister Diana Surfus, Worthy Grand Matron who thanked the 50 year members for coming and for their years of service. She presented each sister with a beautiful golden rose pin and a Masonic/OES pin to the only brother present, John LaBounty.

Each Golden Rose or Golden Thorn, as Sister Diana calls them, introduced themselves and told how many years

they have been a member. Pictured are Sister Jeanne Wease - 64 years, Sister Shirley McKnight - 51 years, Shirley McCarty - 50 years, Sister Marcia LaBounty - 55 years, Sister Alice Jean Helmken - 52 years, Sister Janice Webster-Parker - 53 years, Sister Nina Salyer - 62 years, Sister Sally Rogers-Spencer - 58 years, Brother John LaBounty - 52 years, Sister Ina Chappel - 75+ years, Sister



Marion Crider - 65 years and Sister Muriel Berryman - 64 years. A combined total of 707 years of service. All are still active members of their chapters.

Sisters Jean, Marcia, Nina and Shirley McKnight gave a story about their Eastern Star life.

Sister Cindy thanked everyone for coming and closed with a story about a group of 15 year-old friends who met at a restaurant. They decided to meet every 10 years at the same restaurant each time for various reasons. When they met when they were 85 they said they picked that restaurant because they'd never been there.

50 Year Awards



On April 10, 2019, Franklin Chapter held a special 50-year ceremony for one of its members. Doris Perry is a former Worthy Matron of the Edinburgh Chapter that consolidated with Franklin in 1944. Joyce Small, Past Grand Matron, gave the ceremony and Lonnie Small, Worthy Patron, escorted Doris to the Altar and pinned her jewel on her.

Reported by Barbara Heath
Star-Lite Emeritus

Sister Shirley McCarty of LaPorte Chapter #408 was presented with her 50 year pin during the inspection with LaPorte Chapter #280 and Olive Chapter #396 on April 8, 2018. Brother Rick Lassiter, Grand Chaplain, escorted Sister Shirley to the altar where Sister Diana Surfus, WGM, presented her with the pin and a booklet of the 50 year presentation. Shirley's friend Betty pinned her. She gave a history of her Eastern Star life and said she was carrying the bible she held at the altar when she was initiated on May 5, 1969.



ORIGIN

The real origin of the Eastern Star will always be shrouded in mystery. The origin of the Eastern Star degrees in its initiatory form was from the mind of Dr. Rob Morris. In establishing the Eastern Star, he emphasized the high moral status of Masonry. He knew he could not change the ancient landmarks of Masonry, so he sought some method by which women could share with their Masonic brothers the same inspiration that "prompts man to noble deeds." While this idea was uppermost in his mind for years, it was not until 1850 that he fully developed the Eastern Star degrees in their present initiatory form.

In revising his work at that time, Dr. Morris no doubt had in his own mind thought out carefully the symbolism and significance of the floor plan and corps of officers, for there is much symbolism in all aspects of Eastern Star.

Taken from "The Story of Growth and Glory"

Hilda Caywood Celebrates 100 Years



At the April meeting, Trinity Chapter celebrated (finally) Hilda Caywood's 100th birthday.

Hilda has many teachers in her family. Her son, Mike, was the Principal at the school I worked at and his daughter (?) teaches kindergarten. Hilda went in and helped the class make apple pies last fall. What a neat memory for those kiddoes! And yes, she still drives during the day.

An open house at Brookside Church was held on February 23rd to celebrate Hilda Caywood's 100th birthday. Hilda is the Chairman of Trinity Chapter's Stitch & Chatter Committee and comes to Chapter meetings fairly often. Chapter planned on celebrating with her at our February meeting, but we were snowed out and hope to have a party at the next meeting. Hilda joins two other centenarians: Mary E. Bird and Maxine Durr! Phyllis Roop will join that elite group on May 26, 2019!

Maggie Dewey, DD#14



PGP Ron Stabler, Hilda, and Neva Jean Stabler celebrate her birth.



Hilda and Maggie Dewey, DD #14



Mary Bird and Hilda

Tammy's Travels

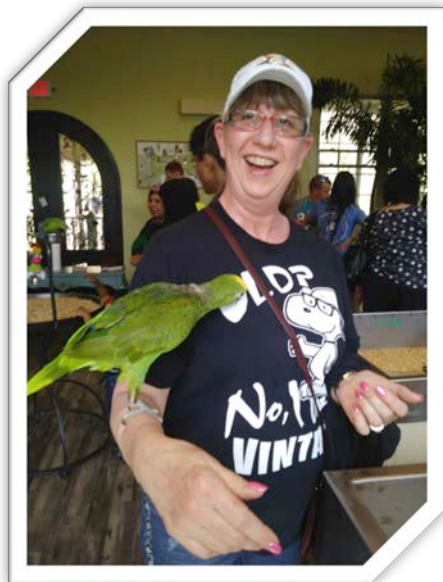
We have been busy here in District 11. We had an honor night the 13th of March for myself, had the privilege to awarding 2 seventy-five year awards and had a breakfast with Puppies. We are having lots of fun.

My district did a great job with my honor night. I have to give special thanks to Cindy Essig as she coordinated this event. We had our special introductions in the chapter room then went to the dining room for great food and fun with the wild things. The Matrons and Patrons and my Chapter danced to Lion King music with Brad dressed as a big game hunter and I was dressed up as a cat.

The 75-year members are Helen Lucas from Millersville and Lois Brown from Lawrence, both are great ladies. Helen gave Millersville a bank that Nettie Ransford used to collect pennies to help the Masons get the Masonic Home built. We now have bank #3 to cherish.

Puppy Hugs

Tammy Sweezy, DD#11



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Knightsville Goes to the Dogs

Saturday afternoon, February 2, 2019, Knightsville Chapter #238, OES, sponsored a Clay County community event for support of the WGM's Service Dog Project. Special guests for the day were: WGM Diana Surfus; GGCCM Deby Thomas and her husband Frank with Briley, Frank's service dog; ICAN Representatives and two service dogs (one trained and one learning fast); Gabby Knauer and Gabby's service dog, Muffin; and Julie Shuman, District 8 Chair for the Service Dog Project. The event was well attended by members of OES in and out of District #8, including PGM Ruth Thompson, PGP Howard Farrand, PGP William Shoulders, and PGM Jill Rice and their spouses.

The Service Dog message from the various speeches was well received with lots of substantive questions from the attendees to the ICAN representatives and to other speakers. PGP Bill Shoulders organized a "ruff and rowdy" auction for items that were donated by some of the members from District #8 and visitors.

The menu included: Puppy Power Chili, Weiner Dogs on a Bun, and "Puppylicious" Pies with "Doggielicious" Homemade Ice Cream.

After having a "Dog Gone Good Time" and with the support of **all** of those that attended, Knightsville Chapter collected over \$1,125.00 that day for the WGM Service Dog Project. So far this year, District 8 has raised over \$2,000 for that project and year is not finished.



Official Visit at Waynedale

The second Official Visit in District #14 was held on February 28th at Waynedale Chapter #600 with Leo #278 doing the Opening, Waynedale doing the Initiatory, and Fort Wayne #432 doing the closing. The evening began with the presentation of 50 year Awards of Gold to Geneva Brown, the Assoc. Cond. of Leo, and Lynn Elliott, a member of Waynedale. Bob Bier, accompanied by Sandy Gordon, sang one of their famous (infamous?) songs to Diana and Les as they were escorted to the East. The Officers were given the choice to either do the initiatory or hear Diana's instructional talk and they chose to do the 'work' and they **all** did an excellent job! A delicious salad bar rounded out the evening.

Star Love,
Maggie Dewey, DD#14



Gary Hill, WP-Waynedale;
Diana Surfus, WGM; Maggie
Dewey, DD#14; Marcia Snow,
WM-Fort Wayne \$432; Cheryl
Simonton; Brayton Snow, WP-
Fort Wayne; Les Simonton,
WGP; Ron Stabler, PGP, and
Neva Jean Stabler

WGP Les Simonton, Geneva
Brown, Lynn Elliott, WGM
Diana Surfus



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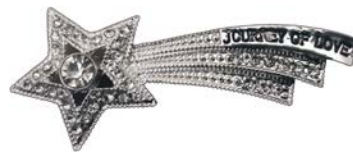
June 7-9 Grand Chapter, Wyndham Indianapolis. West

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2 Stars
 In Memory of
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 Sister of Jean Hoffman, DD #4
 Fields of Faith Grand Family

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