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T.I.M.E. TRAVEL WITH THE W.G.M.

Sisters and Brothers, we are on a roll! Many things have transpired since our last writing. Now it is March. Are you ready for the March winds? Rather, should I be asking Basketball fans, "Are you ready for March Madness to begin in Indiana?"

January was a lull month for this Worthy Grand Matron. I tried not to have much activity scheduled on the calendar as the weather is so unpredictable. We did try to have an inspection which was rescheduled from December; it got delayed until January and delayed once more for February. Just can't trust those Almanacs.

I want to congratulate those chapters who are actively having initiations. One thing that I want to stress is that our new members need a role model, someone whom they can go to for direction and to answer questions. Naming them a Big Sister or a Big Brother will be very instrumental in how they perceive our Eastern Star. It is very important to let them see what the Order of the Eastern Star is about from the moment they become a member. Another way to help them become acclimated to our Order is to be sure to present them the new member booklet. It is on Indiana Grand Chapter's website; go to the bar at the top of the page, click administration, scroll down to OES Membership Guidebook- click, and there it is.

We are now into the Receptions for our "Rays of Sunshine". I am looking forward to being at these, as this is where I feel you get to see the personalities of our deputy daughters. These ladies have worked very hard in your districts and I know each individual district is extremely proud of their gal.

The Grand Star Points are beginning their Grand Star Point Honor Nights and Mornings. Please try to attend. This will give you a chance to see and listen to them speak about themselves, their pin and how the heroine which they represent compares to their own life. These will aide you in making your selection when the voting process begins.

We will be going to Washington, D.C. April 3-7, 2014. I am looking forward to this adventure. It will be cherry blossom time and I have always wanted to go and smell the cherry blossoms. Plus, it will be a time to be with my Sisters and Brothers on a relaxed, non-formal journey. I know we will have a wonderful time! Possibly by the time we return, we will all know the words to: "Tie me Kangaroo Down Sport..."; maybe Brother Darrell will sing it solo!

The time has come that we begin working on Grand Chapter. This will be Indiana's 140th Grand Chapter Session and I want to celebrate this as a mile-stone. From the beginning, my focus has been to conduct myself in the manner in which Brother Rob Morris would be proud. My desire has been to provide the guidance and leadership like those that have gone before me. How wonderful it would be, to have hundreds at our inspections and special events. We can rebound and maybe someday this will happen.

Back to the Session; it is appropriately titled "Journey of a Lifetime". For me I can honestly say this has been a journey of a lifetime and I have greatly enjoyed it. Having been asked if I am ready for this to end, I have honestly stated "No, as this has been a most wonderful experience". You, the members, are the ones that make our Order so enjoyable. Your dedication, constant work and love are truly evident. Soon, the information will be available and you can get your reservations in. I look forward to seeing you there!

Until later...God Bless; and remember: "We are all Showered with Blessings".

It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible. ~ George Washington
Elizabeth Lashley, Worthy Grand Matron



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NEVER GIVE UP

Hello everyone,

To reflect on the month of January is my first chance to express how God has blessed our lives. First, we got to spend time at home with our family and then, the New Year. Becky, Joy Ellen Kuppler, Dawnee Small and I were privileged and honored to present Sister Donna House with her 50 year pin. What a joy she is and the courage and love that she has for Star is what we all should strive for. I know that she and Bob have touched all they have come into contact with, especially District 7. She is so special.

The time we have been able to spend at home has been good. I don't know about you, but I am ready to get back to it. We at Newberry #198 are still to initiate 3 new members; my son, sister and the granddaughter of our Worthy Matron. Like everyone else the weather has not worked and now one is back to school.



By now the Valentine Tea will have taken place and I hope you were able to join us and enjoy the day as the residents do. Your support is so important.

We are headed toward the end and yet, we have goals to reach. Now is the time to show our love for the Eastern Star. Continue to reach out to those potential members and let them know that we have great things to offer them. Never lose sight of the principals on which we are based. You will never find out if they are interested unless you ask.

The New Year will bring some good changes at Grand Chapter. We are going to have electronic voting for the first time. The Grand Lodge has offered their machine and help. We are thankful for the cooperation between them and the Eastern Star. We feel that it should allow us to do a better job. Now if I can explain it correctly.

I will leave you with this. Reach out to the inactive members and help them get reacquainted with you and the Star. DON'T EVER GIVE UP! It is worth all the effort that we can give.

Together With Love, Darrell and Becky



FISHERS CHAPTER WELCOMES THE NEW YEAR

At our January stated meeting held on January 14th, Fishers Chapter #446 had a "baby shower" for the New Year. The picture shows the many items that our members brought and donated. We also had door prizes that four lucky members won. After the meeting, the items were then donated to the Come to Me Food Pantry at Fishers United Methodist Church. It was a fun way to welcome the New Year. We also welcomed a new member that night as we initiated Samantha Williams into our beautiful order.





RHAPSODY IN BLUE RECEPTION

Brazil Chapter #80 and District #8 welcomed all to the First Baptist Church of Brazil on September 14th, 2013, for the "Rhapsody in Blue" reception for Darlene Shepard, Grand Adah. Guests were greeted by the Job's Daughters Bethel 121. Pictures were taken against a white lattice backdrop draped with chiffon and blue and silver shooting stars. The dining room was beautifully decorated with blue hydrangea and candles with pale blue table cloths. A prelude of Big Band era music was beautifully played by Carl Hinshaw, PGO.

Darlene was escorted into the Sanctuary by Greg Justice, WP. Shirley Witt, WM, greeted all. Ruth Thompson, PGM, gave the Invocation.

Darlene was presented at the Altar by Karon Neiswinger, Past Deputy and member of Bowling Green Chapter. She was then escorted to the anteroom where she emerged dressed as a marching bandsman complete with jacket and hat, and was led through an escort of music notes, kazoos and various musical items. Darlene thanked all for their thoughtfulness and creativity. She told all that she loves Big Band era music and has continued to play in a band of one kind or another for over 45 years.

Vivian Ashton, PGM, and Larry Mills, PGP, who are Darlene's Deputy Mom & Pop, gave a tribute and love gifts from the Wings of Love Grand Family. Elizabeth Lashley, WGM, and Darrell Arthur, WGP, were introduced. They presented Darlene with a beautiful plaque with Adah's story and love gifts from the Grand Family and Deputies.

Other introductions included: 1 GGCCM; 3 PGM, 2 PGP and 5 Spouses; 11 members of the Showers of Blessings Grand Family and 8 Spouses; 17 'Rays of Sunshine' and 5 'Sun-catchers'.

Darlene's Wings of Love Grand family and eleven of her sissy 'Love Bugs' and 'Fireflies' stood and were recognized, as well as the "Auntie Deputies and Uncles" from the Freedom of Faith Grand Family. Also introduced was Darlene's family: mother, Marilyn Trout, (aka Mama Fish); son Jacob Shepard and wife Mandy; daughter Samantha Biddle and husband Brady; daughter Laura Shepard; grandchildren Damon, AC., Ellee, & Callie; Sister-in-Law Kathy Trout; and Aunt Bertha M. Trout.

The members of Brazil Chapter and D#8 stood to be recognized and were thanked for their support and help. She also thanked her son for being her photographer. She then introduced Norm Hanson, our fantastic entertainment. Norm is the band director at North Central High School and Jazz instructor at Rose Hulman Institute and a member of several other bands in the region. Norm entertained us by playing solo trombone and was accompanied by his pianist. He was fabulous as he played, and sang a little, several selections from Big Band era.

Darlene presented the Grand Star Points with scarves in their color and the Grand Sentinel with a Masonic tie. The reception came to a close with Darlene thanking all for coming and making this a wonderful day to remember. Howard Farrand, PGP, gave the benediction and Larry Mills, PGP, gave the table grace. Greg Justice gave the dinner instructions and all retired to a lovely meal.

SHOWERS OF SHEAVES RECEPTION

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013, Brookville Chapter #449 honored Joanna Hornsby, Grand Ruth, with her Showers of Sheaves Reception at Elmhurst Lodge in Connersville where Joanna and Jim are dual members.

Guests were welcomed by yellow flowers and bows along with sheaves of grain gathered from nearby fields. As guests registered, they were given yellow pot holders that Joanna made. The dining tables were adorned in yellow with sheaves of wheat and yellow lamps with flowers as shades. The guests enjoyed homemade appetizers in shades of yellow, candies, cookies and snacks with yellow punch, tea and juices.

The hallway had small Bibles and Crosses beside a sheaf of wheat to reflect her pin and station. In the Chapter room a large sheaf and open Bible beside a Cross were on the dais. The prelude was by Connie Branigan, wife of Robert Branigan, PGP.

Joanna and Jim were escorted into the Chapter room by Ethel Noble, WM, and Roy Spurlock, WP. Ethel welcomed all. Sally Woodward, PGM, gave the Invocation.

Conductress Connie Nierste, escorted Joanna to the Altar where Connie Branigan sang a beautiful song about Ruth.

Joanna and Jim were then escorted through an aisle of the Basket of Dreams Grand Family, while Pam Wrightsman told events in Joanna's life. Joanna wore a yellow apron, yellow gloves and a large straw hat adorned with yellow flowers. Jim wore a Top hat and a carried a cane. The escort members presented Joanna with gifts and Jim gathered them in a yellow bag.

Joanna was presented a yellow gavel from WM Ethel and WP Roy. This gavel was used in 1957-58 by Edna Landreth.

Patricia Endsley, PGM, and Greg Onken, PGP, gave Joanna's tribute and presented her with a cross and love gifts from the Basket of Dreams Grand Family. Elizabeth Lashley, WGM, and Darrell Arthur, WGP, were introduced. They presented Joanna with a wooden plaque about Ruth and love gifts from the Showers of Blessings Grand Family.

Introductions included: 1 GCCM, 3 PGMs, 11 Grand Officers, 13 Deputies, numerous spouses, 39 Grand Chapter Committee appointments, 2 Grand Representatives and 29 WMs and WPs.

Joanna then introduced her family: son James H. Hornsby IV, his daughter Lauren and her son Reed, Emma, Joanna and Jim's daughter Jennifer Lewis and husband Kevin, their daughters Jasmine (photographer for the day), Brittany and Abbigale, cousin Patricia Combs and husband Joe, Aunt Mary Ann McConkey, friends Mike and Cathy Stevens and Joanna's husband Jim.

She thanked Brookville Chapter for all they did for her reception, the food and loving support. Special gifts were given to Joanna's Grand Star Point Sisters and the Grand Sentinel.

Entertainment was provided by Jodi Lemmon singing some of Joanna's favorite songs and was enjoyed by all. Jodi was thanked with a standing ovation. Joanna was then serenaded with a special love song by her husband.

Dianna Bullock, PGM, gave the Benediction, Table Grace was given by Darrell Arthur, WGP, and dinner instructions were provided by Roy Spurlock, WP. Guests were escorted to the dining room where a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. Many enjoyed fun, food and fellowship at the Afterglow party.



LIGHT, PURITY AND JOY RECEPTION

It was a warm sunshine filled day on September 28th at the Rossville United Presbyterian Church for the reception of Grand Esther, Jayne Peterson. The social hour started at 2:00 pm with light refreshments served by members of the Helen Bonebrake Chapter and photos being taken by Helen Herrell.

We enjoyed a musical prelude by Virginia McCabe, PGO, before the program. The invocation was given by Perrietta Appleton, PGM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Jayne Peterson, Grand Esther, was presented at the altar. She was sung to by Karen Lyness, a friend and member of the Grand Choir. The “5 O’clock Somewhere” escort by her Deputy Grand Family was greatly loved by Jayne. She was introduced then given a tribute by Kathy Livings, GGCCM for ESTARL and PGM, and Bill Shoulders, PGP. Afterwards, Jayne was given a gift of a handmade afghan along with a love gift from her Grand Family. Jayne introduced those assisting today as: Stacy Miller, WM; Dan Snodgrass, WP pro-tem; Judy Waldron, Conductress; and Virginia McCabe, PGO, Organist.

Jayne introduced Elizabeth Lashley, WGM, and Darrell Arthur, WGP. They presented her a beautiful plaque with the story of Esther inscribed on it and a love gift from the Showers of Blessings Grand Family.

Introductions began with our General Grand Chapter Committee Member for ESTARL – Kathy Livings, PGM. The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons presented were: Barbara Terry, Grand Treasurer and Jim; Perrietta Appleton and Dean; Dwight Singer; Vivian Ashton; Bill Shoulders and Lynn; and Rob Maines. The Showers of Blessings Grand Family introduced were: Becky Arthur, wife of the WGP; Betty Swisher, AGM; H. Fred Smith, AGP, and Diane; Tina Vredenburgh, Grand Conductress, and George; Larry Frost, Grand Chaplain, and Nancy; Ron Mendenhall, Grand Marshal, and Karen; Barbara Dutton, Grand Organist; Darlene Shepard, Grand Adah; Joanna Hornsby, Grand Ruth, and Jim; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha, and Cecil; Cindy Skura, Grand Electa; Mary Jane Stevens, Grand Warder, and John; and Cecil Scott, Grand Sentinel, and Pat. District Deputies attending were; Mayme Lytle, DD#2; Janice Lemmon, DD#4, and Jerry; Lexi Johnson, DD#6, and David; Pat Smith, DD#9, and Joe; Barbara Langhammer, DD#10, and Mike; Geraldine Howard, DD#12; Judy Creviston, DD#13; Jennifer Mansur, DD#15, and John; Patricia Query, DD#16; Betty Barton, DD#17, and Lawrence; and Judy Musgrave, DD#18. Other guests were introduced from the floor.

The entertainment was the “Not Quite Ready for Prime Time Players”, consisting of D#15 members who performed their version of “Hee Haw” skits. The program was loved by all and apologies made, “just in case” someone was offended!

Jayne thanked everyone for coming and closed with the following: For those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those that don’t believe, no proof is possible.

The benediction was given by Dwight Singer, PGP, and table grace by Rob Maines, PGP. Dinner instructions were given by Dan Snodgrass. Everyone adjourned to the dining hall for a wonderful meal consisting of baked steak, loaded mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, salad, dinner rolls and dessert.



A FERN GROWS OF HOPE AND IMMORTALITY

On October 26, 2013, Mooresville Chapter #260, with assistance from members of Greenwood Chapter #390, had the pleasure of honoring Sister Shirley Moore, Grand Martha, of the Indiana Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Shirley was escorted to the altar by her favorite “leprechaun” Brother Cecil Moore, to the tune of “I’m Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover”. She was all decked out in green with a beautiful smile upon her face. Sister Shirley was then introduced to the guests by Lola Livingston, WM of Mooresville Chapter #260. A tribute was given by Momma Deby Thomas and Papa Rob Maines and it was all about “That Shirley Moore”.

Shirley was grateful that so many guests were there to share her special day. Shirley introduced her Sister Star Points and was given a special gift. Sister Shirley had a poem for each that was introduced. Her words were chosen carefully and her glow was truly genuine as she presented the poem.

The program included many heart felt thank yous. Shirley especially thanked her family; Cecil, Barbara and Sandy, and her chapters for supporting her in her many travels representing the Star Point Martha throughout the state of Indiana. She wanted everything so perfect, but you know we all make “flubs” once in while so, she just chuckled and let the “oops” happen.

Entertainment for the program was a Barbershop Quartet from the Indiana Harmony Brigade Chapter of Indianapolis and led by Donnie Brown of Mooresville. The barber shop singing was a refreshing lift for everyone there.

The Showers of Blessings Grand Family, guided by Momma Liz Lashley, WGM, and Papa Darrell Arthur, WGP, numerous District Deputies, many friends and family were in attendance to celebrate Sister Shirley’s special day. A dinner of bountiful food was served by Gray Brothers Cafeteria.

Many thank yous were given by Shirley for supporting her this year. She is very proud to have this honor bestowed upon her to represent our Indiana Grand Chapter.

The decorations of green were everywhere, dog bones, music notes and the broken column. Her theme was a combination of puppies, as Shirley truly loves her two dogs as they are like children; music notes to represent the talent that God gave Shirley; the green fern and broken column that represents the undying faith of Martha. The tables were also decorated with green and each person attending received a green apple and deck of cards. Each place was marked with a cut out of a dog house with their name on it.

Those that wanted to had their picture taken by Sister Doris Bedell with Shirley and her husband Cecil. There were many beautiful smiles to behold and the pictures will go in a memory album so Shirley can relive those beautiful memories once again.

May you all have the Faith and Trusts that Martha had and your burdens will be lifted. Prayer is the key to Heaven, but Faith unlocks the door.



Shirley Moore and Cecil with daughters Barbara and Sandra

ROSES ARE RED RECEPTION

Griffith Chapter #583 hosted a reception for Cindy Skura, Grand Electa. The weather was dreary but inside was warm and inviting.

Cindy greeted guests in front of a gateway with two large red roses on each side. The guests were served punch, fruit, and salad sliders during the Social Hour. The tables were decorated in silver with clear vases and red roses.

Vera Gardina played the prelude. Margaret Nugent, WM, welcomed all. Sonda Schapson, PGM, gave the Invocation.

Jessica Jennings, Conductress, presented Cindy at the altar. She was welcomed by the WM who then sang "The Rose". Cindy was dressed in a gardening hat and gloves while carrying the deputy mascot, a large flamingo, for an escort through the aisle of members of her Paradise of Faith Grand Family holding red roses.

Cindy welcomed everyone and dedicated the day to her mother and father, Mildred and Charles Spanburg. Cindy introduced WM Margaret Nugent and WP Raleigh "Skip" Sell and those assisting as Jessica Jennings, Conductress and Vera Gardina, Organist. JPGM Sonda Schapson presented a tribute to Cindy. Sonda presented her with a gift from herself, Butch, Cary, and Michelle. JPGP Cary Hedrick presented love gifts from the Paradise of Faith Grand Family, Deputy Sisters and spouses.

WGM Elizabeth Lashley spoke and presented Cindy a love gift from her, Charlie, Darrell, and Becky. WGP Darrell Arthur presented love gifts from the Grand Family, Deputies and spouses.

Cindy introduced her family: her brothers (in order as her mother would have done - #1, #2, #3) and their families, Cindy's children and their families, and her husband Dave. The following were introduced and greeted with "A saying that mom would have said": 1 GGCCM, 3 PGMs, 3 PGPs, 10 Grand Family members, 11 Deputies, numerous spouses, 3 Illinois Grand Chapter guests, 10 Grand Chapter Committee members, 1 Grand Representative, 10 WMs, 2 WPs, 14 PMs, 6 PPs, 1 PG Organist, 6 Officers of Youth groups, 6 members of Masonic/Affiliated bodies, and 3 – 50 year members. Martha Truman was introduced as the only other member of Griffith Chapter to be a Grand Star Point, also Grand Electa, forty years ago.

She thanked Griffith Chapter for the wonderful reception and support, and District#19 for being so helpful this year. Cindy read a mini-program for her Grand Star Point Sisters and Grand Sentinel entitled "10 Things You Need to Be a Grand Star Point". Each one was then presented with a gift from Cindy.

Brandon Norcutt, State Junior Councilor of Indiana DeMolay, escorted Cindy west of the Altar and requested all DeMolay to escort their mothers to the altar. Brandon presented the DeMolay Flower Talk. Cindy presented 2 red rose bouquets to her deputy and fraternal moms and Brandon presented Cindy a bouquet of white in honor of her late mother. Each DeMolay presented their mother with a red rose.

Margaret Nugent, WM, thanked everyone for coming. Larry Deutscher, PGP, gave the Benediction and Cary Hetrick, PGP, gave the table grace. Raleigh "Skip" Sell, WP, gave the dining room instructions and guests were escorted downstairs for dinner. Everyone enjoyed renewing friendships and meeting new friends at the afterglow following dinner.



HEARTS IN TOUCH, TOGETHER AGAIN

On November 23, 2013, Brother Harold Myers, PGP, celebrated his 94th birthday. An earlier date for a birthday party was planned by those who served as District Deputies in his "Hearts In Touch" Grand Family, which left his birthday weekend to celebrate with his family.

Brother Harold resides at Tanglewood Trace in Mishawaka. We all met in his room giving hugs and kisses. What a nice surprise for Brother Harold when the last of our group walked in and there was Sister Patsie Hinds Hargraves, our group's Worthy Grand Matron. Brother Harold was so very pleased and surprised as we all were. This left us all teary eyed.

The Market Place Room had been decorated so special for this occasion. Sister Diann Stienbarger had purchased a beautiful cake surrounded by special cupcakes. After singing and blowing out the candles, the cake was served with Neapolitan ice cream and Brother Harold's favorite, Butter Pecan.

Those attending were: Sister Barbara Deaton of D#7 and our President; Sister Marcia Stumm of D#10, Vice President and Brother Skipper; Sister Sharon Beck of D#6 and our Secretary-Treasurer; Sister Lynn Murphy of D#3; Sister Jan Huguenard of D#14; Sister Diann Stienbarger of D#21; and our mom, Sister Patsie Hinds Hargraves, PGM.

At the close of the day, Brother Harold recited a prayer poem from memory. Such a great memory for a 94 year old! An OES member, Sister Judy Luck, had read it to him and he wanted to share it.

Thank you Lord for this new day
And for the privilege to pray.
I praise your Name and ask your favor,
Seeking strength that I not waiver
From this day's duties that I face,
Lord grant me your loving grace.
And Lord it is my earnest plea
That I may walk so close to Thee,
That those upon my path today
Will find no hurt in what I say.
Help me cast out all sin
That has a way of creeping in,
And help me live so close to You
That none are hurt by what I do.



*Seated – Harold Myers, PGP and Patsie Hargraves, PGM
Standing – Jan Huguenard, Marcia Stumm, Diann Stienbarger, Barbara Deaton, Lynn Murphy, Sharon Beck*



Skip Stumm and Harold Myers



Barbara Deaton, Patsie Hargraves, Lynn Murphy

CHRISTMAS IN NEW MEXICO



The Midnight Clear" in her honor.

An escort of current and former Grand Representatives waved yellow New Mexico state flags while forming a double line. Guests for the evening were introduced: Sonda Schapson, Jr. Past Grand Matron and Cary Hetrick, Jr. Past Grand Patron. Sonda read the tribute to Mary at this time and presented her with a gift from these officers.

Introduced across the East were: Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha, and Cecil; Beulah Jones, Grand Secretary Emeritus; and Lexi Johnson, D.D.#6. Also attending were three Grand Chapter Committee Appointments - Doris Bedell, W.G.M.'s Indiana Masonic Home Project; Barbara Heath, District #6 Reporter for Star Lite; and Roberta Lamson, District #11 World of Youth; also six Grand Representatives and two spouses including Sandra Heath, District of Columbia and Phyllis Pruner, Utah - both of District #6. There were also five Former Grand Representatives and 8 Past Matrons and Past Patrons and Harry Cartwright was the only Youth Group representative present.

Mary closed her honor night with a description of some of her adventures in New Mexico after a very long drive. After dismissal, all enjoyed some snacks in the dining room.



Wednesday night, December 4th was the honor night for Mary Shaffer, Grand Representative of New Mexico at Greenwood Lodge. New Mexico is the "Land of Enchantment." The Chapter Room was decorated with Christmas poinsettias. Jane Sherrill, Worthy Matron, presided for the opening ceremonies and Mike Sherill, Worthy Patron, escorted Mary to her seat.

Carolyn Russell, Conductress, escorted Mary to the altar for introduction. She was greeted by the Brown Bag Kitchen Band with "It Came Upon



*At right: Jane Sherrill, Earl Shaffer,
Mary Shaffer and Mike Sherrill*

CENTER CHAPTER INITIATES AT THE HOME

On Sunday, December 22nd, Center Chapter held an initiation under Dispensation, at Kresge Chapel at the Indiana Masonic Home. Hubert "Bert" Powell, adopted resident from the Home was the candidate. Rebecca Coath, Worthy Matron, and Tom Coath, Worthy Patron, conducted the Initiation. Ron Warner was the proxy candidate.

There were five persons who pro-temmed stations from Ransford IMH Chapter.

Guests introduced were: Joyce Small, Past Grand Matron, Grand Trustee and Worthy Matron of Ransford IMH Chapter; Jennifer Mansur, District Deputy #15; five Grand Chapter Committee appointments and numerous Past Matrons and Past Patrons. Greg Peterson, spouse of Grand Esther was also present.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Barbara Heath, D#6 Star Lite Reporter



Rebecca Coath, Bert Powell, and Tom Coath



FISHERS CHAPTER VISITS JOHN RAY

Last February Fishers Chapter #446 "adopted" John Ray, who is a resident in the Medical Center of the Indiana Masonic Home. John is a member of Clark Lodge #40 and has been a resident since 2007.

His birthday is November 27th, and last year he turned 94. On December 15th, five of our members went down to visit John to celebrate his birthday and Christmas.

John has such a good attitude and he kept us entertained with his stories. We had birthday cake and he opened Christmas gifts from the members of the Chapter.

The picture was taken in his room. Those in the picture are (left to right) Joyce Shinault (Worthy Matron), Edna Baker (Secretary), John, Linda Kraatz (Martha), and Sheri Fulkerson (Associate Conductress). Dennis Shinault, Joyce's husband, took the picture.

Since this picture was taken, John Ray passed away in the Masonic Home. Fishers Chapter sends our sympathies to his family.





THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

On Thursday, November 14, 2013, Clinton Chapter #6 in Frankfort filled with members and guests dressed in their favorite sports team colors for their Friends Night. A delicious meal with tailgate fare was enjoyed before the meeting.

Introductions included announcing favorite teams. Each member introduced their invited friends and presented them with a gift. Special guests included Jennifer Mansur, DD #15 and special guests WM Rebecca Coath and WP Tom Coath of Center Chapter #108.

After the close of chapter, a cheer session was held complete with running through a banner. The group then broke into four groups to play a sports quotations matching game. Several sang their favorite team fight songs.

A rousing night of fun was had by all.



Our Grand Conductress and her spouse attending the Halloween meeting at Hope Chapter #5.



Georgebird



Tinabird

NINEVEH'S FRIENDS NIGHT

"Guess Who Is Coming To Our Friends Night" was the theme for the Nineveh Chapter Friends Night on Tuesday, December 3rd at the Nineveh Lodge. Patsy McKee, Worthy Matron, and Ivan Lancaster, Worthy Patron, greeted their guests before the meeting for dinner. There were over fifty who came to enjoy the bountiful dinner which was served in the dining room on beautifully decorated tables. Centerpieces were watering cans dressed for Christmas.

Afterwards, a short meeting was held. Guests introduced were: Joyce Small, Grand Trustee and Bonnie Allinder, both Past Grand Matrons; Beulah Jones, Grand Secretary Emeritus; Jan Lemmon, D.D.#4; our own Lexi Johnson, D.D.#6; Grand Chapter Committee Appointments: Barb Martin - Karing Kangaroos and Barbara Heath - 6th District Star Lite Reporter; Sandra Heath, Grand Representative of the District of Columbia; four Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons; several Past Matrons and Past Patrons; and Nancy Baker, Associate Grand Conductress of Ama- ranth.

There were three different entertainments: the first was a visit from Santa Claus who gave every one present a notepad and took requests for the big day; Second: Rob Morris in costume made a visit and explained the symbols of the five star points, as these ladies helped him by showing the emblems and he also explained other parts of his life; and finally Dr. John Gilliland and his wife Nancy sang Christmas carols. Special reindeer treats were given to Patsy's Kids—the Worthy Matrons and Patrons who served when she was deputy in 2010-11.

To close this very festive meeting, all sang Eastern Star words to the tune of "Do Lord."



Santa made a special early season visit to his "children" in Nineveh



Ivan Lancaster as Rob Morris, the Master of Building Eastern Star was an "expected guest"

Check your Calendars

WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Mar 19 Last Inspection D#7
Mar 27 Last Inspection D#2
Apr 3-7 Bus Trip To Washington, DC
Apr 19 D#7 Association Meeting
May 23 Grand Star Point Honor Night D#7
May 30 Grand Star Point Honor Night D#2

INSPECTIONS

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm, Award of Gold 7:20 pm
Inspection 7:30 pm Unless otherwise noted
Mar 3 D#12 Luncheon
Mar 5 D#1
Mar 6 D#6 at Ransford IMH w/ Flat Rock & Nineveh
Mar 12 D#9
Mar 17 D#20
Mar 19 D#7
Mar 20 D#8
Mar 24 D#3
Mar 25 D#1
Mar 27 D#2 Luncheon
Mar 31 D#11
Apr 9 D#19
Apr 11 D#6 at Franklin w/ Morgantown
Apr 15 D#9
Apr 16 D#18 at Converse w/ Royal Center
Apr 17 D#21
Apr 22 D#10 at Cicero w/ Pittsboro & Plainfield
Apr 23 D#13
Apr 26 D#11 GOEx

RECEPTIONS

Mar 1 Barbara Langhammer, DD#10
Mar 1 Victoria Phillips, DD#11
Mar 8 Jan Lemmon, DD#4
at Columbus
Social 9:00am, Program 10:30 am
Lunch to follow
Mar 8 Barbara Banta, DD#5
Mar 15 Alice Rogers, DD#3
Mar 15 Dana Kroeger, DD#1
Mar 22 Geraldine Howard, DD#12
Mar 22 Judy Creviston, DD#13
Morris Chapel United Methodist Church
Marion, IN
2:30pm Social, 4:00pm Program
Dinner to follow
Mar 29 Norma Couldry, DD#8
Mar 29 Pat Smith, DD#9

Apr 12 Judy Musgrave, DD#18
Converse Masonic Hall
9:00 am Social Hour, 10:30 Program
Lunch to follow
RSVP by April 5 to: Susan Rossman
Apr 12 Mary Jane Schmitt, DD#20
May 3 Betty Barton, DD#17
May 10 Alexandra "Lexi" Johnson, DD#6
Franklin Masonic Lodge
May 17 Jennifer Mansur, DD#15
May 17 Patricia Query, DD#16
May 24 Judy Klemm, DD#14
May 24 Jane Studebaker, DD#21

FRIEND'S NIGHTS

Mar 7 D#4 Seymour
Mar 12 D#6 Franklin
Mar 20 D#4 at Hartsville w/ Lois
Mar 22 D#6 Morgantown
Mar 25 D#4 North Vernon
Mar 26 D#6 Mooresville
Mar 28 D#4 Hayden
Apr 8 D#18 Ivy
Apr 29 D#6 Greenwood

GRAND STAR POINT HONOR NIGHT

Mar 7 D#3
Mar 14 D#4 Salem
Mar 21 D#11
Mar 28 D#10 Pittsboro
Apr 2 D#14
Apr 10 D#20
Apr 24 D#21
Apr 28 D#1
Apr 30 D#15
May 1 D#12
May 3 D#17
May 6 D#18 Converse
May 8 D#8
May 9 D#5
May 10 D#6
May 15 D#16
May 16 D#9
May 21 D#13
May 23 D#7
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INSPECTION AT MOORESVILLE

It was only six days until Christmas and all was very busy in District Six. It was Inspection time again! This was the third Inspection in the district. The Mooresville, Eminence and Union Village Chapters were gathered together to do the work for the Worthy Grand Matron and guests for the evening.

The evening began with a baby dedication for Eminence Chapter. Edwin Brewer, son of Adam and Lisa Brewer and Jordan Brewer, son of Eric and Alexis Brewer were both grandsons of Sister Darla Brewer and great-grandsons of Sister Gloria Stierwalt. They were dedicated to the principles of our Order.

Two Grand Representatives were also appointed: Linda Beeler, Franklin, was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota and Sue Midkiff, Ransford IMH, was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta Province in Canada.

Distinguished guests were: Elizabeth Lashley, Worthy Grand Matron; Darrell Arthur, Worthy Grand Patron; Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary; Larry Frost, Grand Chaplain; Joanna Hornsby, Grand Ruth; Jayne Peterson, Grand Esther; Shirley Moore, Grand Martha; and Beulah Jones, Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Three District Deputies were introduced: Jan Lemmon, DD#4; Geraldine Howard, DD#12; and our own Lexi Johnson, DD#6. Spouses of the Showers of Blessings Grand Family introduced were: Becky Arthur, wife of W.G.P.; and Nancy Frost, Wife of Grand Chaplain. Also present was Gloria Jonas, Widow of PGP Jerry Jonas.

A Merry Christmas to All and to all a Good Night!

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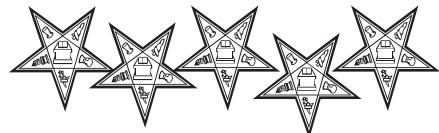
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Grand Family
For safe travels 2013-2014
Momma Eliz & Poppa Darrell

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In Honor of
District 2 for their devotion
to our beautiful order
Elizabeth Lashley, WGM

None



BLOOMFIELD'S FRIEND'S NIGHT

On November 8, 2013, many Eastern Star members traveled to Bloomfield Chapter #538 for their Friend's Night. Everyone enjoyed John "Rollo" Rollison's famous chili with all the fixings. Worthy Grand Patron Darrell Arthur and his wife Becky were in attendance, and anytime they are present, we always have a great time.

Bingo was the game of choice. Many nice gifts and some not so nice gifts were wrapped, but everyone had a wonderful time. This reporter went home with a 50 pound dog food bag filled with empty boxes and newspapers. Wrapped in the bottom was a picture frame about the size of a 50 cent piece. It wasn't the gift but the friendship and fun I had that made the night so special. We in District #7 look forward each year to, Bloomfield's Friend's Night as they always make you feel at home and so welcome.

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