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"By standing firm you will gain life". Luke 21:19

With inspections behind us, we are looking forward to Grand Chapter. By going to our web page at www.indianaoes.org, you can find information about this year's session. Remember, you do not need a login or password to access the web page.

I want to take this time to thank all the chapters for their cooperation, patience and understanding during their official visits. The love and support you have shown is deeply appreciated. I can't thank you enough for the beautiful songs at the Altar. I admire the talents of those who have been blessed with such fantastic voices and I am grateful for your willingness to share those talents. The cute addendums that the Districts created were thoughtful and fun. It shows that there are very gifted people in our Order. I was amazed at how many babies/ children that were dedicated this year. This gives me hope for the future of Eastern Star. It was such a pleasure to present the 50 year and 75 year awards. I am in awe of the history that was represented in the faces of these members. Listening to their stories reminded me why this is such a great organization.

Thank you for changing to the word "salute". As this terminology is in the Ritual, I look forward to General Grand Chapter in Texas where they had mentioned the amendments to their CR&R to reflect the changes to bring it in sync with the Ritual. The work in Indiana is something to be proud of. I know how easy it is to stay at home during inspections, but to those who took pride in presenting the work, who came out and tried their best, my hats off to you. And as we read in Colossians 3:23, "*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men*".

Deby Thomas, WGM



Deby Thomas Worthy Grand Matron



2011-2012



Rob Maines Worthy Grand Patron



Star-Lite HEARTBEATS from the Worthy Grand Patron

Well, Sisters and Brothers, spring has finally arrived. We had such a mild winter that it hardly seemed like much of a transition. The flowers are blooming, the sun is shining and we are enjoying the beauty that God has given us to celebrate. Grand Chapter is just around the corner and your Grand Officers are busily preparing to greet you at our Session in June. I look forward to seeing you there.

By the time you are reading this, it will be well past the 60 day mark outlined in Section 82 of the C.R.&R. concerning chapters that are considering consolidation. While I stand ready to assist in any way that I can, any chapters interested in starting the process for consolidation must wait until after Grand Chapter. Also, while we are on the subject, there still seems to be some confusion regarding the interpretation of Section 81. It states that any Chapter *considering* consolidation SHALL (just as it's typed in the C.R.&R.) contact the Worthy Grand Patron. I italicized the word "considering" to emphasize that consideration precedes action. It was within the last couple of years that the word "should" was replaced with the word "SHALL". It was the understanding at Grand Chapter at that time that this would clarify that contacting the Worthy Grand Patron was not optional for chapters considering consolidation. I say this, Sisters and Brothers, not to be critical, but in an effort to help those chapters better navigate the process and to lessen the conflicts and headaches that are caused for all parties when the C.R.&R. is not followed. Also, I hope to make the way a little less burdensome for those who follow behind me. A special thank you to those chapters who communicated with me in a timely manner and made my task much easier. Thank you.

This is my next to last article that I will be writing you, Sisters and Brothers. I thank you for your continued love, support and friendship. I thank you for your support of our projects and for all of the hard work that you continually do in your chapters. God bless.

Rob Maines, WGP



Tanner

We are raising funds for a Service Dog who will be assisting a young boy in Indiana. You can help by purchasing one of our Pink Poodles!!!

Freda Sommerville, Grand Adah

I am Freda Sommerville from LaBelle Chapter in District #3. I was born in Galena, IN. I am a member of the Greenville United Methodist church, serving as Organist and Treasurer.

I graduated from New Albany High School in 1955. I then went to work for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company as a Secretary/Bookkeeper and retired in June of 1999 with 44 years of service. In October 1955, I married Jim Sommerville. In April of 1957, we were blessed with twins, Kerry and Karen. Kerry passed away in September 2008 and Karen is married and living in Louisville, KY. She has given us two grandsons, Alex and Matthew. In September 1958, we were blessed with daughter Cheryl, who is married and living in Georgetown, IN.

My Eastern Star journey began 50 years ago when we were initiated into Greenville Chapter. My first office was Organist. I served as WM in 1967-68. Then I served as Secretary for 32 years. In 2001, Greenville consolidated with LaBelle and I served as Adah. After two meetings, I was asked to help with the Secretary's duties and am now serving my eleventh year for LaBelle as Secretary. I also pro-tem as Organist when needed.

In 2006, I received a letter asking me to be DD#3 for Shirley Moore and Larry Crowder. With a lot of thought, prayer and consideration, I accepted. That was the best year of my Eastern Star journey for making friends and memories. In 2010, Frank Thomas approached with a video of Deby and Rob asking me to be a Star Point. Again after a lot of prayer, thought and consideration, I said yes and am serving as your Grand Adah.

My pin was designed by myself and grandson, Alex. The background is sky blue. Blue has several meanings; some are fidelity, truthfulness, obedience, intelligence and many more. All of these qualities Adah possessed. The musical note is reminiscent of my first office. The inkwell and quill are symbolic of Adah's willingness to fulfill her father's vow, just as it is the willingness of the Secretary to record the history of the Chapter.

The flag stands for the freedom I have to belong to this organization, the small part I have in the Freedom in Time Grand Family and, last but not least, for those who gave their lives that I might have this freedom. The angel is reminiscent of my year as Freedom Angel #3 in the Wings of Freedom and Faith Grand Family. The cross is a symbol of my Christian faith and my faith in God, for without that faith, I could do nothing.

In the triangle, we find the sword and veil united. At each point of the triangle is a star that represents my district. The sword and veil united reminds us to be faithful to the demands of right and duty. If we have the trustful faith in God that Adah had, and are obedient to His word, we too will reap the rewards promised by our Lord.

Freda Sommerville, Grand Adah

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Tina Vredenburgh, Grand Ruth

I am Tina Vredenburgh, holding dual membership with the Fern and Fountain chapters in District 16. I am very humbled to be serving you as Grand Ruth for Sister Deby Thomas and Brother Rob Maines. I was born on February 21st in Terre Haute, Indiana. I grew up in Rockville, Indiana graduating from Rockville High School in 1977. After graduation I worked at Columbia Records in Terre Haute as a Quality Control Inspector for 8 track and cassette tapes.

I met George Vredenburgh on January 1, 1981, and November 21, 1981 we were married. George is employed at Harrison Steel Cstg. Co. as the Sand Technician. I'm employed at Child Adult Resource Services as a Support Specialist working with mentally Challenged Adults on daily life skills. George and I have 2 sons, Aaron Joshua 27 and Anthony Kyle 23. We have 2 grandchildren, Carter Izaiah and Gracelyn Marie.

In 1983, George and I were initiated into Eastern Star and have served WM and WP 3 times. George is WP at Fern and is a Past Master at Kingman Lodge. My father is a 33-degree Mason, a Past Potentate and a PP of Riley Chapter. My step-mother is a PM and a Past Queen of Daughters of the Nile. I am a member of Nile as well. My father-in-law is a Past Master and my mother-inlaw is a PM. My step-sister Lynn and her husband Rick Brinson are members of Linton Chapter. In 1991 I was Grand Page, and 2010 I was District Deputy# 16 for Sister Kathy Livings and Brother Bill Shoulders.

My pin is the Sheath within the triangle which represents the Trinity. I believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Around the Sheath is the yellow ribbon that represents the courage of the men and women fighting for our Country's Freedom. At the bottom of the pin are the emblems I chose, the Penguin, which represents the men of the Order, without these men we would not have our beautiful Order, and the Butterfly represents the women fluttering around doing the work of the Order.

George and I belong to the First United Methodist Church in Attica and to an Emmaus Community who introduced us to Missionaries who go to Haiti. We are blessed to have been able to go to Haiti to help serve those people in need. In Ruth's lecture, she challenges us to serve our fellow man and to extend a helping hand to those in need. We don't have to go outside our Country to help those in need. Just look outside your back doors, your Churches and even your Chapters, and you'll find people in need. If we are obedient in our Christian Faith, our Lord will help us in our moments of need. Thank you all for your love and kindness that has been extended to George and me this year. May God bless each and every one of you always.

Much Star Love,

Tina Vredenburgh, Grand Ruth

Grand Ruth, Tina Vredenburgh



Holly Woods, Grand Esther

I'm enjoying many Moments of Freedom in Time serving as your Grand Esther. I am Holly Woods. My father's name was Hollis and nicknamed Holly. Being born in December, I was called Holly.

In high school I met Leonard "Bud" Woods. I was editor of the school paper and a member of the English, History, service and business clubs. I graduated as Salutatorian at Fort Wayne Central HS.

After graduation Bud and I married. Two weeks later he was drafted into the U.S. Army Signal Corps. I worked at Platka Export and Casad Engineering Depot during that time. When Bud returned, we started our family. Tim lives in Fort Wayne working as a trust/pension accountant. Barbara works for Arizona in Family Services and Child Protection and lives in Clarkdale, AZ. Jennifer is a second grade teacher in the Eastern Howard County school system in Greentown, IN. Barbara and I are believed to be the first mother/daughter to serve as deputies in the same grand family, the Footprints in Time Grand Family of Susie Roach and Dwayne Taylor. Jenny is currently Timekeeper #15.

I was initiated into Shiloh Chapter #141, Fort Wayne in 1968. Shiloh merged with Star of the East in 1999. My first office was Ruth. I have served as WM five times with various offices in between. I was appointed Grand Representative of North Carolina by Lois Wagner and Mike Rumsey.

I am a partner at Christ's Hope Ministries and Church in Fort Wayne and serve on the Welcome Committee and the Women's Ministry and Circle and volunteer at Dupont Hospital. I am a Majority Member and Member of Honor of Bethel #8, IOJD, past officer of Teti Sheri Temple Daughters of the Nile, serve my Chapter as Esther and belong to the Red Hat Society. I am also a Die Hard Cub Fan who doesn't care if they win or not.

I worked at Platka, Casad, Farnsworth Electronics, Magnavox, IT&T and I retired after nearly 25 years from the Spicer Off-Highway Axle Division.

God has been very good to me. I have a very loving family and almost 58 years of marriage when Bud passed away two years ago. He was a Past Master of Home Lodge and PP of Shiloh Chapter.

It's been fun traveling, meeting and greeting new and long-time friends. This year I've met a new friend – sort of. Her name is Esther. While studying her life and telling her story, she has almost come alive. She has shown me humility, loyalty and the importance of one person. The courageous actions and voice of this one person changed the course of history. God used her in a special way that is still celebrated. My pin is shaped like a puzzle piece. It reminds me that this honor was not all about me. I am a small piece of a large beautiful picture. Esther was a small piece of a large picture, too. Let us all remember the importance of our one piece by showing our loyalty and courage to each other and God.

Love and enough, Holly Woods, Grand Esther

Holly Woods, Grand Esther



Marilyn Bohrer, Grand Martha

I am a member of Southport Chapter in District 11, however, I was born in District 7. I graduated from Ellettsville High School in 1956. I attended Indiana University for two years then worked at the State Highway Department in Indianapolis. After a couple years, I went to the State House where I was Secretary to the Deputy Auditor of State for four years. I took a brief leave of absence from that position to work in the Journal Room of the Indiana House of Representatives during the 1963 session.

I met Paul Bohrer who was an engineer with WTTV in Indianapolis and later at WISH-TV until his retirement. We were married in 1961 and had two children. Our daughter Leslie lives in Scottsdale, AZ, with her daughter Sage (age 13), and her son Ashton (age 12). Our son Brian lives near Carmel, IN. His daughter Britany passed away at age 17 during her second bout with cancer, and Paul died in 2006.

After Leslie and Brian went to college, I went back into the work force. I worked with Manpower then was with Mobile Drilling Company, ending as an executive secretary. I was with the Newspaper in Education Department of the Indianapolis Star and News and later was a part-time bookkeeper.

I was initiated into Ellettsville Chapter in District 7 in 1957, and right away was Adah. I affiliated with Southport Chapter in District 11 in 1972 and was Adah again. I was Esther, Warder, all the line offices, Soloist for several years and Secretary for 15 years. I was Worthy Matron in 1983 as a Bluebird of Happiness and again in 2006 as a Beeliever. I became District Deputy #11 in 2009 in the Basket of Dreams Grand Family and am currently serving as Grand Martha.

My pin is in the shape of the leaf of the tulip poplar, the state tree of Indiana. The eleven stars represent my eleventh district. The broken column and praying hands are symbolic of Martha's story. The music note is a reminder of my love of music and the ladybug is there because that was my dad's pet name for me when I was little.

My parents were Ted and Glodina Lanam. I have an older sister and a younger brother. Daddy was Master of Ellettsville Lodge in 1948 and served several times as AP, WP and Sentinel of Ellettsville Chapter. Two of my uncles were Masons and all three of my aunts were PM's, including my aunt Bernice Hudson Baird who was WGM in 1950 with Morlan Higgins. Leslie is a member of Southport Chapter and is a Past Worthy Advisor of Southport Rainbow Girls. Brian was a member of DeMolay.

I have been a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Indianapolis since 1972 and have sung alto in the choir for about 35 years. I've been Treasurer of my Sunday school class for about the same length of time. I also play hand bells and am in my second term as co-Lay Leader of the church.

Marilyn Bohrer, Grand Martha

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Cheryl Simonton, Grand Electa

It has been a great honor and a privilege to serve as your Grand Electa this year. I thank Deby and Rob for having asked me to be one of their Star Point Daughters in the Moments of Freedom in Time Grand Family.

I was born in the tiny town of Milan, Indiana to Roy and Mildred Gribben. I am the youngest of four children and have one living sister.

I have always lived in the Lawrenceburg area and graduated from Lawrenceburg High School in 1963. I joined the Lawrenceburg Assembly O.R.G. when I was twelve. I am a past Worthy Advisor and have received the Grand Cross of Color.

When I was in the 7th grade I met my future husband who was a freshman. Les and I were married in October of 1967. We have two children and five beautiful grandchildren. Our daughter Erin (a personal banker for U.S. bank) and our son-in-law Jay Johnstone (a Lieutenant in the Cincinnati Police Department) have given us Jackson (13) and our beautiful Jayden (10). Our son Jeff (a purchasing agent for Utility Trailers) and daughter-in-law Tammy (a surgical nurse at Good Seminarian Hospital/Cincinnati) gave us Tyler (7), Hayley (5) and Trevor (2¹/₂).

I am a retiree of the Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Distillery in Lawrenceburg. Les is a retired teacher from Milan Junior-Senior High School after teaching 43 years. He now teaches at Ivy Tech Community College in Lawrenceburg. We are members of the First Baptist Church in Greendale.

Les was raised a Master Mason in 1968. In 1968, through his affiliation, I was initiated into the O.E.S. Les followed in 1969. I have been very active in O.E.S. I have been Worthy Matron three times along with Les and have had all stations except Secretary, Treasurer and Marshal. I was a Grand Page for Joyce Small and Robert Hoagland. I was given a Grand Representative Appointment of Connecticut by Vergie Hendricks and Mike Ridenour and was able to go to Connecticut and meet my counterpart. In December of 2007, I received a beautiful Christmas card with "the letter" inside asking me to be a District Deputy for Sherry Johnson and Henry Huff. I accepted and had a wonderful year. I became a sister to twenty other "Frogettes." It was the best year in Eastern Star for me. It was a very close family full of love and lots of fun. I travelled to places I did not know existed. I shall cherish that time forever.

Electa, who is not mentioned in the Bible, but is told of by St. John, was a woman of compassion, generous in all things, had love for all people, but suffered beyond our comprehension. Her last words were words of forgiveness for those who had persecuted her. Let us never forget – "Love One Another."

I want to thank you for your hugs, smiles, words of welcome and encouragement. It has been awesome. With Love and Hugs,

Cheryl Simonton, Grand Electa

Cheryl Simonton, Grand Electa



District Deputy #13 Reception

It was a beautiful sunny day December 3rd, 2011 at Rehobeth Church in the Farmland area. The stained glass windows were the backdrop for everyone's pictures. The dining room was decorated with pink Christmas trees and glass bricks with pink Christmas trees hand painted on them.

The fun time was given by the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons in the district. Charlie was in a long black wig and Allie Mae wore a cape to represent a hair dresser. It was very funny. The deputies had a fun party including a tea set and cookies and cakes. There were a lot of Sisters to enjoy the tea party.

Allie Mae's tribute was given by Brother Bob Surber, PGP, from District #13. The theme for her special day was "Time" to represent this year, "Moments of Freedom in Time", to honor Worthy Grand Matron Deby Thomas and Worthy Grand Patron Rob Maines.

Allie Mae dedicated special songs, sung by Sister Helen Herrell, Worthy Matron from District #15, to each group that she introduced. This was the entertainment for the event.

She played a game about "TIME" with the rest of the members and guests as she introduced them. No one guessed the answer even with a clock right in front of everyone.

Allie Mae thanked everyone who attended and those who helped with the reception and came to spend a few hours with her. She was so pleased with the events of the day. Everything was perfect.

Charlie and Allie Mae Huber, DD#13



SIGNING THE BIBLE

The Bible is our Holy Book, and on our altar it rests, Without its presence in our midst, our Order could not be blessed. Each Matron and Patron signs this book, as proof of their Christian faith, And thru the years the ink grows dim, faith will not be erased. Some of you here may not understand why we deem this an honor grand, To sign our name in this Holy Book with a firm but trembling hand. We took our obligation to serve our Chapter well, And know we'll not be forgotten, for 'ere our names will tell. The Worthy Matrons and Patrons of years long since gone by, Helped mold the pattern we follow, and how hard we'll try, To make our year the perfect year so the record can attest, We signed this book with love in our hearts and a prayer to do our best. So as we kneel to sign our name, Our Father watches, not far, We know that He in His infinite grace will guide our Eastern Star. (provided by PGM Joyce Small and husband Lonnie)

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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR INDIANA MEMBERS ONLY

Please register one individual per form (form may be duplicated)

Pre-Registration Postmark Deadline is May 15, 2012 – FIRM Please do not register until you are sure of your status (delegate/non delegate) This will save you from having to switch at Grand Chapter

Name:
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Pre-Registration is \$10.00 per person. Please make check payable to: Indiana Grand Chapter, O.E.S. (Do not send cash)
Please check all that apply:
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 Non-voting Member from Indiana(make sure before you register) Send Registration Form and Payment by May 16, 2012 to: Chris Rowe 68061 Riddles Lake Drive Lakeville, IN 46536-9700 For questions call 574-784-8948 or e-mail ckrowe@mchsi.com

Polar Express Reception

On December 10th, a cold but sunny day, Center Chapter #108 and District #15 was honored to host a reception for Jenny Nicholson, DD#15 at Chapel Hill Christian Church in Kokomo.

Jenny's theme was "The Polar Express". She greeted her many guests in front of a backdrop from the Polar Express painted by Ashley Cole, the newest member of Center. Pictures were taken by Helen Herrell, WM, of Kokomo Chapter after which guests were served hot chocolate and snickerdoodles, Jenny's favorite cookie. This area was decorated with Christmas presents and snowflakes. Sharon Trobaugh, Organist, entertained everyone before the program with Christmas music.

Elaine Vandercook, WM, welcomed everyone with a poem about "Believing." The Invocation was given by Dwight Singer, PGP and Chaplain.

Jenny was presented at the Altar where she was sung to by Kim Shelton, the Director of Music at the Church. She was escorted from the sanctuary and clothed in a robe and house slippers. Her grandson, wearing an elf cap, escorted her through an aisle of WM's and WP's of the District, Jenny's Sunshines and Moonbeams, holding arches covered with garland and Christmas lights. They were led by Train Conductor Dwight Singer, yelling "All Aboard" and checking her ticket, given to her by her escort, to board the train. Linda Singer read the program as Jenny was being escorted East. A tribute was read by Perrietta Appleton, PGM.

Jenny introduced those in attendance starting with Deby Thomas, WGM, and Rob Maines, WGP, who presented her with a gift from them and a love gift from the Grand Family.

After each group was presented, a clip from the movie, "The Polar Express" was shown on large screens in the East. After the District Deputies were introduced they left and came back in wearing beach attire and presented Jenny with things she could use at the beach. Jenny went on with introductions from the crowd.

Before introducing her family, Kim Shelton sang, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas". Jenny also had candles sitting in the East representing her husband, father, grandparents and two special friends who were watching from Heaven above. A song of "Thanks" was sung by Kim Shelton. Jenny recognized her Chapter, her Sunshines and Moonbeams, District #15 and other groups she is part of.

Jenny closed with a quote from the movie; "One thing about trains, it doesn't matter where they're going, what matters is deciding to get on". A bell was given to each person and Jenny reminded everyone of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior whose birth brought Christmas to being.

The WM presented Jenny with a bell and a gift from the officers.

The Benediction was given by Rob Maines, WGP, the dinner prayer by Frank Thomas, spouse of the WGM, and dismissal instructions by the WP of Center.

The Afterglow party was in the Worship Center of the church that was decorated with snowflakes hanging from the ceiling and the tables decorated with the theme of the day.

It was a beautiful day for a beautiful lady representing District #15.

Deby Thomas, WGM Jenny Nicholson, DD#15 Frank Thomas



Ladies Appreciation Dinner

On February 18, 2012, a Ladies Appreciation Dinner was held at the Englewood Masonic Lodge in District #11. The Masons hold this dinner every year, but this year they outdid themselves. Each lady was escorted into the dining room, given a long stemmed rose and seated by a member of the DeMolay who were also the waiters for the evening. The room was illuminated by candlelight and large candelabras in all four corners. There was a glass vase at each ladies place to hold her rose.

There was fresh fruit and a chocolate fountain for our enjoyment along with our choice of drinks. The meal consisted of seven courses. First - Shrimp Cocktail; second - Tomato Basil Soup; third -Garden Salad; fourth - Sherbet to cleanse our palate; fifth - Fettuccini Alfredo; sixth - Filet, Au Gratin Potatoes and Asparagus; and the final course being a warm brownie under vanilla ice cream topped with hot fudge, whipped cream and a cherry. There was even Sparkling Cider for toasting the occasion.

Soft music played in the background and a raised dance floor with spot lights graced the center of the floor for dancing. What a grand evening! Thank you Blue Lodge Brothers and our young men of DeMolay for making us feel like 'Queens of the Evening'!!! Submitted by, Melody DeRolf, Worthy Matron, Englewood Chapter #483



Dance & Romance Thanks

THANK YOU to everyone who made the Big Band "DANCE & ROMANCE" evening a success. Thank you's to: District #2 T.I.M.E. Travelers for hosting; Sister Ruth Howard, for accepting event committee chairperson; District #2 for decorating and providing the social hour table; Sister Rose Tennant for the door prizes/ along with various donations from businesses; Sister Becky Arthur & District #7 Darrell's Caddies for catering and preparing the meal; the Rainbow girls/mothers for serving the tables; Brother Paul Barnett (D#1) for the photography; and finally the Mike Lucas Band for providing the music. If anyone has been overlooked, please forgive me as I know it takes group effort to make an event such as this a success. We not only had O.E.S. Members from all over the state, but we had individuals that are considering becoming members into our beautiful Order. This event displayed our fraternal love and fellowship for each other. We thank you for making our evening wonderful. In Star Love,

Elizabeth Lashley, Grand Conductress Darrell Arthur, Grand Chaplain

On February 11, 2012, the T.I.M.E. Travelers (D# 2 Steering Committee for Eliz Lashley, Grand Conductress) hosted a night of "Dance & Romance" at the Greene County 4-H Community Building. Big Band dance music was provided by the "Mike Lucas Band" from Bloomington, IN. The evening was a night of entertainment, eating, dance and fellowship, not only for OES members, but also for those outside of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The 6:00 p.m. social hour began the evening with a table of hors d'oeuvres provided by members of District #2, along with a punch fountain. A delicious meal of herb-roasted chicken & Swiss steak was catered by Sister Becky Arthur, wife of Darrell Arthur, Grand Chaplain. Darrell's Caddies (District #7 Steering Committee) assisted with the meal, along with Rainbow girl mothers serving the tables.

After the meal the band began playing "Big Band" music which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Several danced the night away while others visited. Sister Ruth Howard, chairperson for event planning, had several door prizes that were presented throughout the evening. The "Big Band" music brought back many memories to several and we had quite a number of folks showing their moves on the dance floor. As a result of the dance, we did receive petitions from individuals that saw the love, camaraderie and fellowship that we, as Eastern Star members, have.



Check your Calendars WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

May 11 Grand Star Point Honor Night D#15 May 18 Grand Star Point Honor Night D#13 Jun 8-10 Grand Chapter, Marriott East

RECEPTIONS

- May 5 Stacy Baker, DD#12
- May 5 Patricia Witt, DD#5
- May 12 Janet Harmon, DD#8
- May 12 Starr Ann Smetana, DD#9 First United Methodist Church 128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN Social Hour 3:30pm, Program 4:30pm, Afterglow 5:30pm RSVP by May 1st to Sharon Scott, Sec.

FRIEND'S NIGHTS

May 5 D#18LaFontaine9:00 amMay 23 D#11Millersville

GRAND STAR POINT HONOR NIGHTS

May 1 D#17	Remington
May 4 D#16	Норе
May 7 D#6	Eden
May 9 D#10	Cicero
May 11 D#15	Center
May 15 D#11	Corinthian
May 17 D#12	Loyal
May 18 D#13	Pendleton
May 22 D#5	Brookville
May 24 D#18	Wabash
May 29 D#4	North Vernon

Please be aware that on occasion a date and/or location will be changed and it will be too late to make the correction in the magazine. Thank you for your understanding. Congratulations to our new Grand Representative!!!

> Sandy Heath District of Columbia



Dress up your Pink Poodle and bring it to Grand Chapter 2012



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SOMETHING TO DO

Find the LAST names in the puzzle. The numbers represent the district they are from. The extra letters spell out the title to this puzzle.

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17 Carol BEECHER
14 Mary Lou BLINN
10 Carolyn BLUBAUGH
5 Mary BRANHAM
1 Linda BUCK
19 Patricia CLAY
21 Rojeanne COOPER
7 Carol DAVIS
13 Sue EVANS
19 Irene FAGYAS
2 Carolyn FERGUSON
20 Elizabeth GARGIS
7 Janice GASTINEAU

11 Alfred GATES
12 Debbie GOODE
9 James GREEN
6 Jo Ann HACKER
13 Megan HALL
3 Tonya HALL
8 Judy HARBAUGH
6 Sandy HARRIS
17 Janet HARTWICK
16 Charlene HOLLEY
2 Ruth HOWARD
12 Cheryl LANDRETH
4 Jennie LUTES
1 Mayme LYTLE

20 Arlene MOHLER
9 Mary Jane MONNETT
5 Linda MOORE
3 Wilma MUNDEN
11 Carolyn NOOTE
10 Charlene PERKEY
8 Betty POFF
18 Eileen SKLAR
15 Arlene TATUM
4 Sue Ann VANDAGRIFF
15 Elaine VANDERCOOK
18 Sandra WEAVER
21 Susan WEICHT
16 Dorothea WELLHEUSER

February Means "It's Time for Mardi Gras"

Southport Chapter in District #11 entertained approximately 65 people on Wednesday evening, February 29, 2012 for a delightful evening at Mardi Gras. The dining room was decorated in beautiful 'Mardi Gras' colors of Purple - representing Justice, Green - representing Faith and Gold - representing Power.

As the crowd gathered, beads and masks and coins were handed out and popcorn was available with appropriately colored balloons adorning the tables. Worthy Matron, Lori Compton, P.M., and Worthy Patron Joe T. Holmes, P. P., welcomed all in attendance. Introductions were made and found attending were Bonnie Allinder, PGM, Beryl Harrison, PGP, & Rovena and LeVon Holmes, PGM and Chairman of the Grand Trustees, and Joe T. District Eleven's own Lena Walker and John was also in attendance.

Honored guests for the evening were from nearby Prospect Chapter. Their Worthy Matron, Teresa Bell, along with eleven officers and members of Prospect Chapter were introduced and welcomed.

Following a history by the Worthy Patron of how Mardi Gras came to be, questions were asked of each group – some in Purple masks, some in Green masks and some in Gold. Those answering collected previously handed out coins. Winners were the three collecting the most coins for their correct answers. Proper New Orleans Jazz played in the background during the evening.

As the 'partying' came to an end, sandwiches, chips, soft drinks and the traditional King Cake was served. Doug Sausville, of Beech Grove Chapter, found the baby! This was the perfect end of another beautiful evening at Southport Chapter.

Submitted by: LeVon Holmes, PGM Chairman of the Grand Trustees

Southport Jesters

Worthy Matron Lori Compton and Worthy Patron Joe T. Holmes





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will be installed as

Grand Master of DeMolay International

Saturday, June 23, 2012 2:00 P.M. EST Gault House Louisville, KY

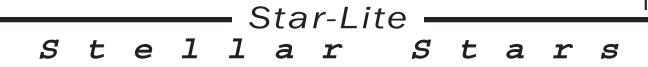
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Rochester's Donation

At their last meeting in December, Rochester Chapter #70 voted to make a donation to their local food bank. A check for \$1,000.00 was presented to Don Abbott of the Fulton County United Ministries food pantry. The money will be used to help those that need food assistance in the county. Attending the presentation were Thelma Rudd, Charlie Fear, Nancy Pratt, Marjory Phillips and Mary Barnett.



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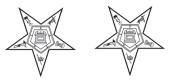


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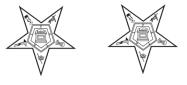
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In Honor of Robert Morris Officers 2011-12 & Installing Officers at Installation from Juanita Cox, WM

> In Honor of Sister Kristie Batey District Deputy # 1 from members of Lynnville Chapter #542

In Loving Memory of Louise Kramer, PM and Marvin Kramer, PP from Officers & Members of Ft. Branch Chapter #455



In loving memory of Kevin Carrington, P.P., Waveland Chapter#539. Sadly missed in D#9, Marilyn's Beams of Light

In Memory of Vivian Klein From Loving Husband Tom Klein, Fairland Chapter #359



In Honor of Barbara Terry, PGM From her Pages & Ushers "The Believers" on their 35th Anniversary

In Honor of District #6 Past Presidents, 2nd VP's, our PGM's, Grand Secretary, DD, Grand Chapter Committee Appointments, Grand Representatives & our Grand Secretary Emeritus From Sandie Thomas, 1st VP, D6 Association 2010 – 2011

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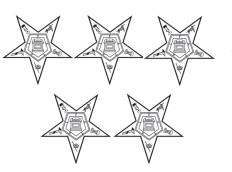
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We are lonely..... Please add to our four stars In Loving Memory of Martha Gregory, Warder Mooresville Chapter #260 Mooresville, IN



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