



Shinings from the WGM

What a wonderful beginning we are having to an exciting year in Eastern Star. I was privileged to have as my first official act a fifty-year presentation to Past Grand Matron Linda Cline and her husband Vaughn. This was truly an honor and will be a highlight of this year as I was one of Sister Linda's Bluebirds just a few short years ago. I look forward to many more memorable presentations this year.

As Worthy Grand Matron, what a pleasure to attend the sessions of our youth groups: Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. I got to see the Installation of one of my Griffith Chapter members, Sister Amanda Gilbert as Grand Bethel Honored Queen, attend an impressive banquet and Installation at Conclave and see my first Rainbow Initiation at Grand Assembly. I was honored to represent our Indiana Grand Chapter at the Grand Master's reception at the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral. What beautiful surroundings and a memorable event. I wish the Grand Master and his officers, along with the members of our youth groups, a most successful year.

We have had some fun events this summer and the fall finds us with work to do. Our founder Rob Morris put together beautiful lessons to be learned with instructions on how these lessons should be presented. I am asking that we all take a little more time and care, so our ritualistic work can be as impressive as Rob Morris intended it to be. Let's put a "shine" on our work!

Cindy Skura, WGM

Greetings from the Sunny South

Sisters and Brothers, it is hard to believe that summer is over and fall is around the corner, how time fly's when you are having fun. The month of July was busy traveling to the International Order of Job's Daughters Session and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls Session. With our reception behind us, we would like to thank everyone that came, and to those that could not make it, we know that you wanted to be there. Now do not forget that the Grand Officers Receptions and District Deputy's Receptions, Inspections and the Luncheons where the Grand Star Points will tell a little about themselves and their station that they represent, all this is coming up. Please attend if time allows and show your support for those serving our Grand Chapter. I look forward to start traveling to the Districts and Chapters renewing friendships and creating new ones along the way. I will leave you with this: Let your Light Shine.

Cecil Scott, WGP



WGP Cecil Scott and Pat

Multi-State Exchange Weekend 2017



The “Let’s Party in Wisconsin Dells” Multi-State Exchange, August 4th & 5th was held at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. We joined our Eastern Star sisters and brothers from Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canada to enjoy some fellowship and to help Wisconsin’s Worthy Grand Matron, Mary Barnett, raise money for the Children’s Miracle Network.

Some lucky members, including one of Indiana’s own Grand Star Point officers, arrived early and enjoyed the Kalahari’s indoor water park slides and pools. As these bathing beauties were returning to their rooms, the rest of the Indiana contingent arrived in the lobby. The ladies could have given Miss America contestants some competition, but sadly, we didn’t capture any pictures of these glamorous gals in their swimsuit finery, so Miss America can relax.

Friday evening everyone attended the Tommy Bartlett Water Show. We were all pleased to have our group acknowledged by the show emcee and we all applauded and hooped and hollered loudly. That audience saw that Eastern Star members know how to have fun. The show had us amazed with demonstrations of waterskiing skill, followed by a handsome young man and his Chihuahua doing balancing on poles, and acrobats performing daring feats of bravery. Other highlights of the evening included a request for veterans to stand and Mike Roach, husband of Susie Roach, PGM stood proudly; followed by a stirring rendition of “I’m Proud to be an American” synchronized with laser lights and water jets.

What would a trip to Wisconsin be without eating bratwurst, potato salad and cheese? We gathered at the Pirates Cove for a picnic on Saturday. The weather was perfect and everyone had a marvelous time mingling with our Eastern Star counterparts. It was fascinating to chat and explore the differences between Grand Chapters and also recognize that we are all one big Eastern Star family.

With the afternoon free, we took advantage of the amenities offered by the Wisconsin Dells. Some of us rode the ‘duck’ boats, others shopped, some played miniature golf or swam and few of us even took naps to prepare for the evening’s festivities.

The weekend concluded with a sumptuous banquet. Each table was hosted by an Eastern Star sister who provided table favors representing their state. The delicious dinner of chicken, sausage stuffing and veggies was followed by yummy vanilla raspberry torte for dessert. Attendees at the banquet included: Susie Roach, PGM, and Mike; Elizabeth Lashley, PGM, and Grand Trustee; Diana Surfus, Associate Grand Matron; Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth; Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha; James Rogers, Grand Sentinel, and Alice; Connie Branigan, DD#5; B.J. Mitchell, DD#6; Susan Bradley, DD#11; Doug Dewey Grand Chapter Committee Member AV; Sandy Harris, Worthy Matron; Margaret Dewey; Barbara Fritz; Kenneth Fritz; Miriam Murphy; and Terry Prall.

The program included the announcement of the winners of the raffle and silent auction, Sister Elizabeth Lashley, PGM, was particularly generous and won several items. All the contributions, auction and raffle proceeds totaling almost \$1,500 went to the Children’s Miracle Network. The travelling award was announced and Indiana received 2nd place behind Illinois which had 57 members present. The entertainment was provided by Kaylin Randsma, a talented young lady who just recorded her first album in Nashville, TN.

Sister Diana Surfus, AGM, invited everyone to continue the fun next year, when Indiana hosts the Multi-State Friends Night. It will be an American Bandstand, O.E.S. Style held at the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin on August 11, 2018. See you there!



Franklin Honors Two

Franklin Chapter had two people to honor at their last meeting for the year.

Anna Burton was honored at her last meeting with a skit "Every Journey Tells a Story." Barbara Heath had written this long list of things (14 actually) that a traveler should remember and do. Anna this year will be the Grand Guardian of Indiana's Job's Daughters and travel around the state. She was given some sound advice on packing and things to take with her. Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary, gave Anna a parting gift of multiple things she might need.

At this meeting Lonnie Small, who helps out at Franklin in the office of Worthy Patron, was also honored. He was given an Honorary Certificate for helping us.

After the Closing all went to the dining room for refreshments.

Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Division 2 Chr.



Left: Anna Burton, retiring WM, presents Lonnie Small with an Honorary Membership certificate. Right: Sheila Haag, WM-elect, Jonny Beeler, Grand Secretary, and Anna Burton

Nineveh Initiates a Daughter

Nineveh Chapter held an initiation on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, for a family member. Erika Skaggs, the initiate, is the daughter of Peggy and Chris Hittle, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Nineveh Chapter. Before the meeting cake and ice cream were served in the dining room.

Reported by Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Division 2 Chr.



WM Peggy Hittle, Erika Skaggs, and WP Chris Hittle

Family Night

Greenwood Installs New Officers

June 20th was the 2017 Installations of Officers for the Greenwood Chapter. The decorations were four teapots on the steps to the East with a tiny toy dachshund.

The meeting was held before Installation with Mary Shafer, Outgoing WM, and Earl Shafer, Outgoing WP, in the East. Installation followed the Closing of the meeting.

Introduction of guests included: Joyce Small, PGM; B.J. Mitchell, Deputy of 6th District; Grand Chapter Committee appointments - Lexi Johnson, Operation SOS; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor, Division #2; Worthy Matrons-elect: Sandy Harris, Mooresville; and Sheila Haag, Franklin; and Lonnie Small, Worthy Patron-elect.

Also attending were: many Past Matrons and Past Patrons; three affiliated Masonic Officers - Sandra Heath, Worthy High Priestess of the Order of White Shrine, and George Hall and Phil Fowler of the Masonic Order; Grand Hope- Caroline Haag, Rainbow for Girls; Jane Sherrill, Mother Advisor, and Harry Cartwright, Chapter "Pop" of the Rainbow Assembly at Greenwood.

The Installing Officers were introduced as: B.J. Mitchell, Installing Matron; Patsy McKee, Installing Marshal; Lexi Johnson, Installing Chaplain; and Roberta Goins, Installing Organist.

After Denise Bain, a first-time Worthy Matron, had taken her vows of office, she was escorted through an escort of her fellow Matrons and Patrons to the East. Phil Fowler the new Worthy Patron also was escorted after he took his vows.

Following the ceremonies of Installation, all went to the dining room for light refreshments including cake.

Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor, Division 2



Denise Bain, WM, and Phil Fowler, WP

Veterans Honored at First Inspection

At the first inspection in the state Cecil Scott, WGP, recognized each veteran with a lapel flag pin that said Veteran at the bottom of the flag. The following were honored August 26th.



Cecil Scott – Army; Irv Lewis - Marines; Tom Ring - Marines; Larry Frost, PGP – Army; Fred Smith, PGP – Army; Lonnie Small - Navy; Jerry Lemmon - Army; Cindy Essig - Air Force; Steve Kroeger - Air Force; Bill Herron – Army; Lawrence Barton - Army; Billy Joe BeBout - Army; Robert Jones - Army; Patricia Shepard – Army; Debbie Hash - Army; Dick Gaff – Army; Rick Stroud - Army; Ron Mendenhall, PGP - Army; John Auld – Navy; and Jon Rice - Army.

Ransford IMH Installs Officers

On Sunday afternoon, June 25th Ransford IMH Chapter held installation of officers at the Kresge Chapel of the Indiana Masonic Home. The Opening ceremonies were conducted by the retiring Worthy Matron, Emily Lacey.

Introductions included: Joyce Small, PGM; Robert Surber, Grand Trustee and PGP; Angie Hensell, Grand Ruth; Sheri Auld, Grand Esther; Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha; and Cheryl Pritt, Grand Electa. B.J. Mitchell, Deputy #6; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor Division 2; Debby Hamilton, Masonic Home Project; Carlton Hinshaw, Grand Representative of United Grand Chapter of Australia; Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons - Peggy and Chris Hittle, Robert Esarey, Ed Brown, Louaine Sorg, Denise Bain, and Sandy Harris; 13 Past Matrons and Patrons; Masonic and Other Affiliated Bodies - Sandra Heath, Worthy High Priestess of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; Jeff Prairie, Worshipful Master; and Nancy Baker, Jr Past Royal Matron of Amaranth.

Nine Rays of Hope formed the escorts for both the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron. Following their installation, the Star Points were escorted to the East for a ceremony on Light. Each Star Point was given a lantern in her station's color.

Following the Closing all went to the hallway for refreshments of specialty breads, lemonade and tea.

Barbara Heath, Reporter

Photo: Joyce and Lonnie Small, WM and WP for Ransford IMH.



Cruising with District 20

On Sunday, August 20th, the members of District 20 took a cruise down the St. Joseph River. The trip was organized by the District Social Committee as a "just for fun" event. Around 40



members boarded the Elkhart River Queen, a historic paddle boat built in the 1940's, for an afternoon of leisure. The beautiful weather made for smooth sailing as they gazed at the beautiful houses that line the river banks and socialized over the murmur of waterfowl that greeted the Queen as she floated down the river. The afternoon was made even better with a "snack potluck" served down below, prepared by the District. As they tied up to the dock, all members were still accounted for and everyone agreed that the trip was well worth repeating.

Eden First 2017 Installation

Eden Masonic Lodge was the scene of Sixth District's first installation of officers on the afternoon of Saturday, June 17th. Debbie Hamilton, outgoing Matron, presided over the opening ceremonies.



Guests present were: Lois Wagoner, PGM; Joyce Small, PGM; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor for Division 2; Mary Ann Toll, Grand Representative of Connecticut; Denise Bain, Worthy Matron-elect, Greenwood; several Past Matrons and Past Patrons; and Sandra Heath, Worthy High Priestess of Order of White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Officers for the Installation were: Debbie Hamilton, Eden, Installing Matron; Lois Wagoner, Fortville, Installing Marshal; Mary Ann Toll, Morristown, Installing Chaplain; and Carlton Hinshaw, Morristown, Installing Organist.

Phyllis Pruner, Worthy Matron-elect, was escorted to the altar for installation, and after receiving her vows she was escorted to the East through an escort of several Worthy Matrons. Irv Lewis, Worthy Patron-elect, was also escorted to the East by the Worthy Matrons.

Following the Installation all went to the dining room for refreshments of barbecued beef, potato salad, chips, veggie sticks and cookies.

Reported by Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor, Division 2



Top: Phyllis Pruner, WM; Right: Irv Lewis, WP

Franklin Initiates Another Third Generation

On Wednesday, July 12, Franklin Chapter initiated another third generation from the Moore Family - Alexander Levi Moore, the second third generation of the Moore Family. Alexandra Lexi Moore Johnson, Sister of Levi was initiated April 2005.

In attendance were the following family members: Richard A. Moore and Mary, grandfather; Doris Winton, Grandmother; Richard L. and Kathy Moore, parents; and Lexi and David Johnson. Many family members as well as friends were taking part in the initiation including Joyce Small, PGM, and BJ Mitchell, DD#6.

Reported by Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Reporter. Photo: Sheila Haag, WM; Levi Moore, initiate; and David Johnson, WP



Grand Worthy Advisor Initiated into OES



On July 29th at Solsberry Chapter #547, Sierra Rose Marie Kirkley, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Indiana, was initiated into the Order of Eastern Star. For the ceremony, her sister Angela Slaven, Grand Helper and Pledge Mother of Rainbow Girls, walked with her. Lynn Shoulders, wife of Past Grand Patron, served as Conductress. Her sister Crystal Hodge, Past Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls, served as Associate Conductress. Her sister Melinda Minks, Mother Advisor and Grand Helper of Rainbow Girls, served as Electa. Her mother, Jeanie Kirkley is Worthy Matron of Solsberry.

During her grade school days, Sierra was very active in Rainbow Girls. To honor her, attending the ceremony were William Shoulders, Past Grand Patron; Jennifer Nicholson, Grand Conductress; Debbie Bryant, Grand Organist; Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha; Barbara Stoner, Worthy Grand Patron's Project; Steve Cooley, District 1 Star-Lite Chr.; Lexi Johnson, State Chair for Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project; and Janice Gastineau, Grand Representative of Rhode Island in Indiana. Also attending were Mike Stoner, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Indiana Grand Council of Cryptic Masons; Rick Brinson, Scottish Rite; Lynn Brinson, District Deputy, Rainbow Girls; and Anna Bruhy, Past Grand Immortality, Rainbow Girls. Submitted by Marilyn Saum, Secretary



Top: Lyn Shoulders, Sierra Kirkley, William

Shoulders Right: Melinda Minks, Crystal Hodge Jeanie Kirkley, Sierra Kirkley, Angela Slaven

WM Project For IMH Memory Care Unit

The Indiana Masonic Home Memory Care Unit was the recipient of the Junior Past Matron Project from Seymour Chapter #134, Order of the Eastern Star. Meeting with Mike Spencer, CEO of the Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park and Chris Fields, Administrator, were Seymour Chapter members Robbie Anderson, Jr. Past Matron, and her husband, Marvin; Rick Smith, Jr. Past Patron, and his wife, Sue; Wanda and Denver Gray; and Margaret and Stephen Kroman, Past Matrons and Patrons; and Loretta Riehl, OES Representative on the Masonic Home Board and Past Grand Matron of the Indiana Grand Chapter.

With a new Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center currently under construction, it was of utmost importance for the Project to include the purchase of items which could be used immediately and still be capable of moving to the new facility when it is completed in November 2018. From a list submitted by the medical staff of the Memory Care Unit, Past Matron Robbie chose 3 different items that can be used now and after the move. (continued on p. 8)

WM Project For IMH Memory Care Unit (continued from page 7)

Knowing we all are or one day will be personally touched by family members with Memory Care needs, this was a Project close to the heart of the Junior Past Matron who recently lost her father and mother-in-law. She says you lose them twice - once when they first do not recognize who you are and again when they pass. Submitted by Margaret Kroman



Rick Smith, Jr. Past Patron; Robbie Anderson, Jr. Past Matron; Mike Spencer, CEO Compass Park; and Chris Fields, Administrator.

Franklin Installs 2017 Officers

On Wednesday, June 28th Franklin Chapter held installation for the 2017-2018 Officers. Opening ceremonies were under the direction of Anna Burton, Retiring Worthy Matron. There was a large crowd including many youth from Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, and DeMolay and their leaders.

Guests present were: Joyce Small, PGM and Worthy Matron; Appointive Grand Officers - Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth and Debbie Bryant, Grand Organist; District Deputy #6, B.J. Mitchell; Grand Chapter Committee Appointments - Patricia Shepherd, Masonic Home Project; Cindy Essig, SOS Project; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor Division 2; Lexi Johnson, SOS Project; Linda Beeler, WGM's Bus Trip; Denise Bain, Worthy Matron of Greenwood; Officers of Affiliated Masonic Bodies - Sandra Heath, Worthy High Priestess of White Shrine of Jerusalem; Youth Groups - Rich Moore, Chapter Dad for DeMolay; Lynn Shoulders, Rainbow and Bryan Hensell, Rainbow; Donnie Robinette, Knights Templar; Jane Sherrill, Mother Advisor of Greenwood Assembly; and nine youth leaders of Rainbow, Jobs daughters and DeMolay.

Installing Officers for the evening were: Jane Sherrill, Installing Matron; Lynn Shoulders, Installing Marshal; Angela Hensell, Installing Chaplain; Debbie Bryant, Installing Organist; and Dawn Winston (daughter of the newly installed Worthy Matron), Installing Soloist.

At the conclusion of the vows, Sheila Haag was presented a colorful bouquet of roses and escorted to the east through a long line of an Honor Guard of the Youth Groups: DeMolay, Job's and Rainbow. Two of the Worthy Matron's children, Brandon and Caroline, were a part of this group. Sheila was presented with a bag and then they filled the bag with things she might need on her travels this year.

This year the theme will be the Youth as we have so many youth leaders in our chapter. Cake, pretzel salad, cupcakes, and punch were served following the installation.

BJ Mitchell and Sheila Haag



Bennington Installation



On Saturday, July 1st Bennington Chapter located in Vevay and District 5 was the scene of Open Installation of Officers. Lighthouses and angel wings were decorating the East and West. Opening ceremonies were directed by Ann Stenger, Retiring Worthy Matron and Glenn Crandell, Retiring Worthy Patron.

Introductions include: Connie Branigan, District Deputy #5; Jennifer Sparks, Cancer Fund District Chairman; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor Division 2; Connie Nierste, Worthy Matron; six Past Matrons and Patrons; and Heads of Affiliated Masonic Bodies - Sandra Heath, Worthy High Priestess, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Installing Officers were: Installing Matron - Connie Nierste; Installing Marshal - Connie Branigan; Installing Chaplain - Gayle Angle; and Installing Organist - Carol Ann Sublet.

Clarabell Crandell is retiring as Secretary this year. She has been the Secretary of Bennington Chapter for 38 years. Believe it or not - Bennington's Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron are father and daughter, Roy Leap and Alyssa Lay, who is a first-timer. Also the Conductress and Associate Conductress are mother and daughter, Julie Leap and Nicole Leap. And retiring Secretary Clarabell Crandell and retiring Worthy Patron Glenn Crandell are mother and son.

After the closing all went to the dining room for light refreshments of Roll-ups, salads, desserts, cookies and punch.

Reporter: Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor Division 2

Top: Alysa Lay, WM, and Roy Leap, WP
Right: Retiring Secretary Clarabell Crandell



Ransford Presents Two Twenty-Five Pins

At the July Stated meeting of Ransford IMH Chapter two twenty-five year pins were presented. Joyce Small, Past Grand Matron and Worthy Matron presided over the stated meeting. She asked Sue Midkiff, Past Deputy and Past Grand Star Point to escort Nancy Baker to the altar for the ceremony. Dee, her husband, was not present.

Later in the meeting a School of Instruction was held for the Opening and Closing. This was done to help the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of District Six who had come along with B.J. Mitchell, Deputy of District 6. There were several present for this activity.

The Initiation part of the Instruction will be done at a later meeting.

Reporter Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Div. II Chairman



Photo: Nancy Baker with acting Conductress, Sue Midkiff.

A Day with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

WGM Cindy Skura and
Dave



WGM & WGP and spouses
with PGP Darrell Arthur &
Becky and PGM Elizabeth
Lashley

WGM & WGP
and spouses with
the Grand Star
Points



Escorts and Adendum



WGP Escort



WGM Escort



Addendum presented by Gene and Jean Wease remembering the hours spent by the steering committee selling corn with the Job's Daughters.

Nineveh's Installation

It was the Fourth of July and all waited for the fireworks. No! It was the Installation of Officers at Nineveh Chapter. On July 4th the Installation of Officers was held beginning at 6:00 PM.

Outgoing Matron and Patron Peggy and Chris Hittle, opened the meeting with the Introductions - Past Grand Matron Joyce Small; Grand Chapter Committee Appointments - Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor Division 2; Debbie Hamilton, Shining Lights of Faith-Masonic Home Project; Carlton Hinshaw, Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Australia; Worthy Matron Sandy Harris of Mooresville; twelve Past Matrons and Past Patrons; Officers of Affiliated Masonic Orders- Sandra Heath, Worthy High Priestess of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem; Chris Hittle, Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge at Nineveh; and Lonnie Small, spouse of the PGM and Chairman of the Out of State Bus Trip.

Installing Officers were Debbie Hamilton, Installing Matron; Sandy Harris, Installing Marshal; David Hogue, Installing Chaplain; and Carlton Hinshaw, Installing Organist.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons present formed an escort for each of the newly installed officers. Refreshments included sandwiches, salads and a beautiful cake decorated for the Fourth with red and blue stripes and an Eastern Star emblem.

Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Advisor Division 2



First Time WM at Upland

Upland Chapter #411 held an open Installation on July 8, 2017. Our first time Worthy Matron, Billie Stuttle, was installed and Sister Janice Surber sang a patriotic medley to her. She was then escorted through an escort line which consisted of flags, lanterns and tea pots. At the end of the escort line she was met by her husband, Lincoln, who escorted her to the East. She was given Grand Honors.

The Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Associate Patron, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress were installed. The five star points were installed then escorted to the East where each were presented with a lantern which had a candle in their color inside, along with a lantern program. The Warder and Sentinel were then installed. Everyone retired to the dining room for refreshments.



Front – Jerry Deeter, WP, and Billie Stuttle, WM
Row 1 – Karen Deeter, Treasurer; Linda Harrison, Adah; Pat VanNatter, Ruth; Janene Southwick, Martha; Carolyn Dillie, Electa; Mindy Ballinger, DD#13 and Associate Matron; Robert Kendall, Associate Patron; Joyce Kendall, Conductress; Doran Kendall, Sentinel
Row 2 – Ed Harrison, Chaplain; Sandy Stitt, Esther; Marcie Kendall, Associate Conductress; Maxie Dillie, Warder
Row 3 – Kay Cullum, Installing Chaplain; Rhonda Maggard, Installing Organist; Janice Surber, Installing Matron; Shirley Glessner, PGM, Installing Marshal; Robert Surber, Grand Trustee, PGP, Installing Patron

Multiple Awards at Royal Center

At our regular stated meeting on July 12th, Royal Center Chapter presented several awards to very deserving members. Before the meeting light refreshments were served to all the guests who attended to witness this special occasion.

PGM Martha Brown presided and presented Martha Leach with her 75 year award. Her son, Larry Leach pinned her. After her presentation, Nellie Scott was presented with her 50 year award. She was pinned by her daughter Melanie Rensberger. Then our WM Cynthia Biggs presided and our AP Jim Brown was presented at the altar by his wife, PGM Martha Brown, where she pinned his 25 year award on his lapel. All the honored guests spoke of many happy years in Eastern Star. We congratulated them all. It was a special time for everyone who attended that evening.



Left: Larry Leach and mother Martha Leach receiving her 75 year award
 Middle: Melanie Rensberger and mother Nellie Scott receiving her 50 year award
 Right: Jim Brown receiving his 25 year award with Martha Brown, PGM

Friendly Folks on the Star Trail

My Construction Manager occupation has taken Millie and me across most of the United States. When we got to a town of some size, we tried to find a Lodge and OES meeting to attend. We have yet to find one that did not put the welcome mat out for us. Oak Grove, Louisiana was no exception, except that Oak Grove, population 2,300, is more than an hour from any town that you might consider large enough to have an OES Chapter. Wrong.

I had just finished working a 10 hour shift and had driven back more than 30 miles to the only hotel in Oak Grove. Millie got in the car and we decided to locate a Lodge before eating dinner at the only local ice cream/burger shack in town. It took every bit of 10 minutes to drive down every street in town and easily found the Lodge.

There were lots of cars parked around the building and a few people walking in. We decided to walk up to the door, inquire about when their next meeting was to take place, and ask if we might visit. To our surprise, OES members were just sitting down to eat and the Worthy Patron insisted that we eat with them. He would not take no for an answer. Both Millie and I were in our jeans and felt extremely uncomfortable joining them for a meal. The meal was delicious and Southern Hospitality abounded but we were ready to leave and return when we were appropriately dressed.

After the meal, the Worthy Patron asked us to join them for their OES monthly meeting. He was persuasive and sensing they might interpret our hesitation as rejection, we stayed for the meeting, yes, in our jeans. Then the Worthy Patron stated that since Millie had on Blue jeans, she should pro-tem Adah. We gained friends to share several evenings at that Chapter and 2 others Chapters in the area, all that were within 30 miles of Oak Grove.

If it hadn't been for that very friendly Worthy Patron, we probably would never have stayed for the first meeting. To our surprise the WP turned out to be Brother Harless I. Creech (PMWGP).

You'll never know the friendly folks on that Star trail unless you follow it.

Steve Cooley, Division 1 Chr

Masonic History of the Indiana Masonic Home **Order of the Eastern Star Records** Submitted by Keith Maple, State Historian

This is part 4 of some of the history of our Masonic Home in Eastern Star records. Part 1 was in the January 2017 issue, Part 2 was in the April 2017 issue and Part 3 was in the July 2017 issue.

1930 – \$7,891.99 was raised to furnish rooms in the hospital at Masonic Home. New 40-room unit. The final totaling was raised in less than 90 days. The Grand Officers of 1929-1930 furnished one bedroom.

1932 – Queen Esther Chapter established a memorial garden at Masonic Home honoring Nettie Ransford. Delegates made the trip to Franklin on Friday in a high speed 3 car electric train. Cost was 35 cents.

1937 – Social Security started in 1935 – did not include people in Homes. Masons instrumental in getting them included in 1937.

1938 – The water fountain placed in main building of Masonic Home.

1942 – Print shop in connection with Masonic Home – boys receive thorough training. (Print shop had been in operation for a number of years, but not mentioned previously at Grand Chapter)

1944 – Worshipful Grand Master Report: Masonic burial raised from \$75.00 to \$135.00. Salaries of the two Masonic Home doctors increased from \$60.00 per month to \$100.00 per month. Asked OES to establish scholarships for graduates of the Home. Recommended Masonic Home Board Representative be appointed for 3 years. Carried.

1947 – Food locker donated to the Masonic Home. \$6,488.80

1948 – Project - \$14,000 for furnishing 40 rooms in the new wing. Recommendation that interest on Educational Fund money be used to provide college scholarships for graduates at Masonic Home.

1949 – New refrigerators for Home building.

1951 – Project – OES Hospital. Purchase of anything needed to refurbish the hospital, including new furnishings.

1952 – At this time Masonic Home tax was 15 cents per member.

1953 – Project – New seats for auditorium at Masonic Home. Home tax was 30 cents per member at this time.

1954 – Project – OES to build one wing of new Masonic Hospital at Home by paying 50 cents per member for 4 years.

1957 – Final payment of \$246,000 on pledge for new hospital made.

1958 – Project – Furnishing of rooms in new hospital wing at Masonic Home. Also asked all subordinate chapters to send 40 cents per member as a voluntary contribution for the support of members living at the Home.

1959 – Project – Continue voluntary contribution of 40 cents per member to Masonic Home. One hundred thirteen OES members reside there at this time.

More Indiana Masonic Home history will follow in upcoming issues.



Patriotic Installation at Mooresville

A patriotic theme was the background for the Installation of Officers at Mooresville on Saturday afternoon, June 24th. Decorations were red, white and blue in the Chapter room.

B.J. Mitchell, outgoing Worthy Matron, presided over the opening ceremonies. Introductions included: Joyce Small, PGM; Grand Chapter Committee Appointments - Carolyn Janik, Assisting Recorder; Barbara Heath, Star-Lite Division 2; and Lonnie Small, Bus Trip Out of State; WM Denise Bain, Greenwood; Masonic and Affiliated Bodies leaders- Sandra Heath, Worthy High Priestess of White Shrine of Jerusalem; Henry Bear, and Phil Fowler.

Installing Officers were: Joyce Small - Installing Matron; Carolyn Janik - Installing Marshall; Sue Midkiff - Installing Chaplain; and Roberta Goins - Installing Organist.

The new lady officers entered wearing flag capes of red, white and blue. Sandy Harris was installed as Worthy Matron with Monty Montgomery was the Worthy Patron. While Sandy was at the altar, B.J. Mitchell presented her with a bouquet of yellow flowers. She and Monty were both taken to the East through an escort formed by the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons - the Rays of Hope of District 6.

The Star Points were presented their station's flowers in a ceremony presented by Joyce Small, PGM, who is also one of the Worthy Matrons this year. At the conclusion of the installation two officers asked to approach the East. They presented the officer pins after the signing of the Bible.

B.J. Mitchell was presented in the East for introduction. She is the District Deputy of District 6 this year.



WM Sandy Harris and WP Monty Montgomery

Footprints in the Sand Installation

It was a distinct honor to install a first time Worthy Matron, Linda Buchanan, and her husband Ron as Worthy Patron in the East this past June. Both of them bring a strong Masonic heritage as Ron is a Past Master of Englewood F&AM #715 and Linda is a Past Honored Queen in Job's Daughters.

The theme for this year is "Footprints in the Sand" and the motto is "Prayer is the Key in the Hand of Faith that Unlocks Heaven's Storehouse."

Guests were welcomed with a light brunch. It was a very exciting time as this was one of the larger crowds to attend an installation. Special honor was given to their fathers who are both deceased by placing their respective Masonic Bibles at the foot of the steps to the East. In addition to family members, Linda and Ron were blessed to have long-time friends from work and church. Special moments included a solo sung by Linda's former supervisor, escorts from the Past Matron's and Masonic brothers, and the gavel presentation by their son Keith.

We are looking forward to a busy year at Englewood. In addition to local chapter happenings, Ron is serving as Vice President of the Marion County Patron's Association while Linda serves as President of the Worthy Matron's group for District 11.

Seymour Chapter Installs Officers

Seymour Chapter #134, Order of the Eastern Star, held its annual Installation of Officers at the Jackson Masonic Lodge in Seymour on Saturday evening, June 24th. The Chapter room was beautifully decorated in royal purple, turquoise and white with lilacs, lily of the valley, white roses and tulips and electric candle lights. The following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Gale Acton; Worthy Patron, Terry Byrns; Associate Matron, Margaret Kroman; Associate Patron, Rick Smith; Secretary, Pat Cummings; Treasurer, Nancy Byrns; Conductress, Wanda Gray; Associate Conductress, Kay Schwade, DD#4; Chaplain, Denver Gray; Marshal, Janice Brock; Organist, Mollie Brown; Adah, Ollie Knott; Ruth, Brenda Goss; Esther, Robbie Anderson; Martha, Norma Burrell; Electa, Paula Stafford; Warder, Marvin Anderson; and Sentinel, Ron Goss.

The Officers were installed by Terrie Barber, Installing Officer; Lisa Wagoner, Installing Marshal; Installing Chaplain, Jerry Barber; Installing Organist, Jacquie Drummond; and Installing Soloist, Daniel Drummond. The Installing Photographer was Stephen Kroman, Photographer for the Grand Lodge F&AM.

Following the impressive Installation Ceremony of all 18 Chapter Officers, guests adjourned to the Dining Room. A beautiful cake centered with the Eastern Star emblem and the names of the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron was served along with a lemonade punch.

In keeping with the Worthy Matron's theme of the evening, the Job's Daughters robes and emblems from her Bethel in Mitchell where both she and her daughter were Past Honored Queens were on display.

The Worthy Matron has selected as her motto "Spread Kindness" and watch words of Patience, Kindness and Faith. Her Scripture is Job 42:2, "I know that you can do all things, no plan of yours can be stopped." Her emblems are the Cross and Pearls with her fun symbol of ladybugs.

Submitted by Margaret Kroman, PD



Front Row: Paula Stafford, Norma Burrell, Robbie Anderson, Brenda Goss, and Ollie Knott.

Second Row: Kay Schwade, Mollie Brown, Wanda Gray

Third Row: Marvin Anderson, Denver Gray, Nancy Byrns, Pat Cummings, Janice Brock, and Ron Goss.

Back Row: Margaret Kroman, Gale Acton, Terry Byrns, and Rick Smith



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1 Star

In Memory of
Bobby Lewis
Who gave many years
of service to OES and
Grand Chapter
Robert DeRolf, G.M.

2 Stars

In Honor of
Barbara and Jim Terry
who are serving their
chapter as
Worthy Matron and
Worthy Patron


In Honor of
our Pillar Sister
Marilyn Scott
Swayzee Chapter
#345

4 Stars

In Memory of the
Past Grand Patrons
of District 2
George Dye 1958-1959
Warren Mitchell 1974-1975
Joe Elmore 1982-1983
Henry Huff 2008-2009
From District 2

5 Stars

In Memory of
R. L. "Bob" Branigan
PGP 2003 – 2004
On Loving Wings of Faith
Connie Branigan



Chicken Noodle Dinner
Sponsored by Fishers Chapter #446, OES
Saturday, November 11, 2017 4pm - 7 pm
Hamilton Masonic Lodge; Fishers, IN
11466 IKEA WAY, Behind the
Fishers United Methodist Church
Cost: Adults \$5 presale, \$7 at the door,
Children 5 - 12 \$5, Children under 5 are free

In Memory of Jim Thomas

On behalf of all of our family and myself, we thank you for all the cards, flowers, donations made in his memory to our church, to the Morristown Band and to the Indiana Masonic Home, all the hugs and the prayers with the passing of Jim.

Our loss is very devastating, but we "Believe" the Lord is holding us in the palm of his hands and He will see us through this time in our lives.

Jay, Nichole, Mark, Michael, Natalie, Brent, Jordan, little James and Sandie Thomas

FRIENDS NIGHTS

Oct 11 D#18 Royal Center
Oct 19 D#5 Lawrenceburg 6:30 pm
Oct 30 D#18 Ivy
Nov 20 D#18 Lafontaine – Honor Night for Glenna Pogue, Grand Representative of New Jersey
Dec 4 D#5 Versailles 6:00 pm
Dec 18 D#5 Brookville 6:00 pm

WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Oct 7 Grand Ruth Reception
Oct 14 Grand Esther Reception
Oct 20 District 1 Convention
Oct 21 Hoedown D#11
Oct 21 Grand Marshal Reception
Oct 28 Grand Martha Reception
Nov 4 Grand Electa Reception
Nov 5 Nettie Ransford Day
Nov 11 Grand Sentinel Reception
Nov 18 Centennial Celebration, Terre Haute
Dec 2 Grand Warder Reception
Dec 2 DD#19 Reception
Dec 9 DD#1 Reception

INSPECTIONS

Baby Dedication 7:10 pm, Award of Gold 7:20 pm

Inspection 7:30 pm Unless otherwise noted

Oct 4 D#13
Oct 5 D#6 Luncheon
Oct 10 D#15 Luncheon
Oct 12 D#11 Luncheon
Oct 17 D#9 Luncheon
Oct 18 D#19
Oct 24 D#10 Luncheon
Oct 25 D#13 Luncheon
Nov 1 D#2 at Washington w/ Winslow
Nov 2 D#1
Nov 9 D#14 Luncheon
Nov 10 D#11
Nov 16 D#7
Nov 17 D#4 Luncheon
Nov 20 D#8 at Terre Haute w/ Knightsville, Brazil,
 Bowling Green Luncheon
Nov 28 D#10
Nov 30 D#6
Dec 7 D#8

RECEPTIONS

Oct 7 Angela Hensell, Grand Ruth
 Cedars Activity Center
 1383 E. 75 N., Lebanon, IN 46052
 Social 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm
 Dinner to follow (cost \$14.00)
 RSVP with remittance by Sept 25th to:
 Pam Cohee, 2109 Elizaville Rd.
 Lebanon, IN 46052 765-482-3885
 Cynthia_Cohee@praxair.com
Oct 14 Sheri Auld, Grand Esther
Notice Location Changed to
 Crosswalk United Methodist Church
 466 Townline Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767
 Social 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm
 Dinner to follow (cost \$14.00)
 Checks payable to Sheri Auld
 RSVP with remittance by Oct. 5th to:
 Sheri Auld, 396 W. Mallard Lane
 Albion, IN 46701

Oct 21 Richard Lassiter, Grand Marshal
 First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman
 Blvd.
 Noblesville, IN 46060
 Social 1:00 pm, Program 3:00 pm
 Dinner to follow (cost \$14.00)
 Checks payable to Radiant Chapter #200,
 OES
 RSVP with remittance by October 14 to:
 Sherry Johnson, PGM, 8319 Big Oak Dr.
 Atlanta, IN 46031
Oct 28 Jennifer Mansur, Grand Martha
 Macedonia Christian Church, 1532 S. 500 E.
 Kokomo, IN 46902
 Social 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm
 Dinner to follow (cost \$14.00)
 Checks payable to Center Chapter #108
 RSVP with remittance by October 23 to:
 Ruth Sherrow, Sec., 11212 Crestview Blvd.
 Kokomo, IN 46901 765-883-8449
 ruthsroyal@aol.com
Nov 4 Cheryl Pritt, Grand Electa
 Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge, 3921 Nichol
 Ave.
 Anderson, IN 46011
 Social 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm
 Dinner to follow (cost \$14.00)
 Checks payable to New Burlington Chapter
 #606
 RSVP with remittance by October 14 to:
 Mary Hankins, Sec., 106 S. Morrison Rd.
 Muncie, IN 47304
 765-288-1601 mjhank@comcast.net
Nov 11 James Rogers, Grand Sentinel
 North Madison Christian Church
 1400 E. State Road 62, Madison, IN 47250
 Social 2:00 pm, Program 4:00 pm
 Dinner to follow (cost \$14.00)
 Checks payable to Alice Rogers
 RSVP with remittance by November 1 to:
 Alice Rogers, 145 Hendricks Circle
 Madison, IN 47250
Dec 2 } Mary Jo Dykhuis, Grand Warder
} Joint Reception at Griffith with DD#19
Dec 2 } Kelly Bryan, DD#19
Dec 9 Emilie Williamson, DD#1

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