



Love notes



**Worthy Grand
Matron**

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Hello everyone, I don't know where the last three years have gone, but I do know they have flown by. It is an honor to serve the great Indiana Grand Chapter and all of its members as Worthy Grand Matron along with Brother Keith and, of course, Sister Kim and all of the Bridges of Love Grand Family. I am so proud that you will meet them in this printing.

I do want to recognize Sister Carol Davis, Jr. Past Grand Matron, and Brother Tom Ring, Jr. Past Grand Patron, on a very successful year and increasing our knowledge in their School of Instructions. Now, maybe the two of you and Sister Terry can take a little rest.

As we start this new year, we want everyone to open their heart with LOVE. God gave us the commandment to Love One Another and without love and compassion it is a sad world. As we welcome new members this year, open your heart, share with them the beauty of the heroines, whose stories teach us what we need in our life - Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and above all Love. Be a mentor and share all the knowledge you have. It is important that we let others know what Eastern Star is and the companionship we share. We need to be seen out in our communities, taking part in activities such as fairs, festivals, and parades, anywhere you can set up a table and pass out our literature.

With the printing of this issue the school of instruction, first inspection and our joint reception will be over, but we are looking forward to the Multi-State "Tailgate Party" in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 22, 2026. Put on your favorite sporting team shirt or jersey and let's bring the attendance award back to Indiana.

Our inspections will begin in August, fill a seat in the chapter rooms this year, as our Star Points will be doing the work in each district. We can all learn something from these beautiful ladies. The Grand Officers will also be doing the work in Districts #1, #13, #4, #11, #14, and #15. WE need your support and would love to see you there and give you a hug.

I am so blessed to have Brother Keith and Sister Kim making this journey with me and our Bridges of Love Grand Family. Get to know them. They are our future leaders.

A hug is the most important form of communication because it allows someone to know beyond a doubt that they matter.

Lots of Love and of course Hugs,
Barb Pefley, WGM



Miles of Smiles from the WGP

Sisters and Brothers, what a crazy weekend! The first thing that I want to do is commend Sister Carol and Brother Tom for a great Grand Chapter session. Even with all the curves that were thrown at them, they kept us on the task at hand. They did their jobs with dignity and professionalism. Thank you both for your service this past year.

Sisters and Brothers, I am going to do my best to make this year a memorable one. I am humbled for being asked to do this very important job for our Indiana members. I thank you for your confidence in us to take on these positions. Thank you for all the congratulations that I received while at Grand Chapter, this meant a lot to me.

Smiles are going to be a very important part of this coming year. Happy members are productive members. We have several projects that we are going to be working on. I went over some of those, more information will be coming soon.

I want to say something now about our members. Our method of handling the unfortunate events at Muncie was proof of our resilience and kindness. All things that happened were out of our control and the control of the employees at the Courtyard Marriott. They did their best to deal with the situation as best as they could. Thank you to the Muncie Fire Department for helping our members down the stairs so they could attend the different events at the Horizon Center.

The big picture was awesome if you really open your hearts and minds and notice all the things that we did for one another. Is this not what OES is about?

The coming year will be a combination of old traditional ways and a few new ideas. I would love you all to be open-minded and see if this will contribute to growing our Order.

Always remember doing the same thing and expecting different results is the definition of insanity.

If each member could just get one person to join, we would double in size.

Star Love,
Keith

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Come join in the fun with Wisconsin at the Multi State Exchange "Tailgate Party"

Saturday 8/22/2026

The Bucyrus Club & Events Center

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Wear your favorite sporting team jersey/shirt as we enjoy a group tailgate with our members from:

Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky

Social 5-6 pm which includes access to their Museum

Cash bar 5-7pm

Dinner at 6pm

Buffet to include: Teres Major steak with cabernet garlic, bourbon glazed chicken, homemade garlic mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, green beans, tossed garden salad with variety of dressings, bakery rolls/butter.

Program to follow

Raffle Basket donated from each state & 50/50 raffle. Proceeds - National Alzheimers Association

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To the Nature Sings Grand Family, To the Symphony of Faith and Love Grand Family, To Royal Center #375 and District #18, To the 21 Districts in the Grand State of Indiana,

The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been, and the memories we've made along the way.

For the opportunity and honor of a lifetime. For all the gifts, shared rides, hotel rooms, good thoughts, contacts of care/concern, hugs, kisses, and morale support during my journey as Grand Ruth. For all the door and room decorations and treats for the Kiss and Cry. For all the flowers and other gifts received during Grand Chapter. For the award presentation and yellow roses. If I have forgotten to extend a "thank you" to someone, I'm saying it now. Thank you and much love.

Star Love and Hugs,
Leila Ferguson, Jr. Past Grand Ruth

“Bridges of Love” 2026-2027

THEME-----Bridges of love

MOTTO-----Let All You Do Be Done in Love

AIM-----They will know we are Eastern Stars by our love and kindness to all we meet.

WATCHWORDS-----CHERISH -every memory

LOVE -every moment

EMBRACE- every possibility

SYMBOLS-----Covered Bridges, Red Rose, Harvest Moon

EMBLEMS-----Cross, Cardinal, Heart and Angels

FUN EMBLEMS-----goats, red balloons, Shriner Tin Lizzies and farm equipment

COLORS-----Eggplant, shade of coral and green, teal, beige, black, silver and gold

FLOWERS-----Roses, gladiolus, hydrangea, zinnia, and fern

BIBLE VERSE-----WGM --He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings
you will find refuge. Psalm 91:4

WGP --.... Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord
looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7

PRAYER-----Serenity Prayer-- God Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot
change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

DEPUTIES AND SPOUSES----- Lizzies and Drivers

WORTHY MATRONS AND PATRONS-----Bridge builders and Foremen

MUSIC----- Opening Ode—"I'll Fly Away"

Closing Ode---"Evening Prayer"

Baby Dedication---"For This Child I Have Prayed"



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Thank you! We couldn't continue without your support!

Youth Task Force

Below is the script of the presentation given during the Membership Task Force meeting during the lunch break on Saturday. It was requested to be shown in its entirety. We hope you find it interesting and helpful.

Sisters and Brothers,

I would first like to introduce myself and give a little background to who I am. My name is Kylie Batey-Patty and I am from the Sunny South in District 1. On my mother's side I am a 5th generation Masonic member and on my father's side I am a 4th generation Masonic member. It is safe to say, it runs in my blood and I am very proud of it. I have been coming to Masonic events for as long as I can remember. Starting back to helping serve drinks at Lynnville chapter meetings to attending Grand Chapter every summer at Marriott East.

Growing up I quickly decided after attending a Grand Assembly that I wanted to be just like those girls in the big pretty ball gowns. They looked like princesses I would think to myself. I started my journey in the Masonic family as a pledge girl and at 11 joined the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Indiana. At my first Grand Assembly I was appointed a Grand Representative to Massachusetts. The following year I was voted as the Worthy Advisor in my local assembly. The Grand Assembly in 2013 was a very big Grand Assembly for me. Not only was I the Worthy Advisor, but I also was a Grand Page. I was on cloud nine thinking it was the best thing ever and that I had accomplished so much. Friday night I was then appointed my first grand officer. During my 5th year as a Grand Officer I was honored to receive a letter to apply for the position of Grand Worthy Advisor which meant I would then serve as the Grand worthy Advisor for the 2019-2020 Grand Year. With no hesitation I humbly accepted. In the fall of 2018, I joined the Order of the Eastern Star. My journey into the Masonic family only continues to grow.

The difference in my Masonic background and others is not always the same. Many of my Rainbow sisters and closest friends do not have a Masonic background. They do not have a pathway already laid out for them growing up as I did. Now, don't get me wrong. I was never "forced" to join this beautiful order. I was always given a choice. But, it was never even a question to me. This order is simply a second family and home that I know I always have. Family everywhere and can lean on this organization if I truly needed something. Knowing that not everyone has the same background, I corresponded with some outsiders looking in and asked them what would interest them to join this organization. What would make them go wow this really is a beautiful family, and not just believe what they read on the Internet.

The following are some responses I have received along with my own personal thoughts on how we can strengthen the connection between our Masonic youth organizations and the Order of the Eastern Star. Specifically, I would like to discuss ways we can encourage members of Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughter, and DeMolay to see Eastern Star as a natural next step in their Masonic journey.

Our youth organizations do an incredible job of teaching leadership, service, public speaking, charity, and the values that are important to the Masonic family. However, once these young people age out of their organizations, many lose touch with the Masonic community. As a result, we often miss the opportunity to retain some of our most passionate and dedicated future members.

One of the best ways to address this challenge is by creating meaningful relationships before youth members become eligible to join Eastern Star. Rather than focusing solely on recruitment, we should focus on connection. When young people already know members of Eastern Star and feel welcomed by our chapters, they are much more likely to remain involved. Some only know us as just "the adults". These young ladies and gentlemen want and deserve

Youth Task Force (cont.)

to get to know you all on a personal deeper connection. As I said earlier about being a 4th & 5th generation, not only are this true but also my Mother Kristie Batey, Grandmother Shirley Barnett, and my Aunt Lori Barnett are all Past District Deputies. I feel from this many "Grand Families" have watched me grow up over the years into the woman I am standing here today. This had allowed me to naturally have these connections with many of your where others may not have this.

Another idea is to host an annual "Next Steps in Masonry" event. This could bring together older Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay members to learn about opportunities available to them as adults within the Masonic family. We could invite younger Eastern Star members to share their experiences and explain what they enjoy most about chapter membership. During this time would be a great time to consider creating a mentorship within your chapter. This may look like pairing interested youth members with Eastern Star mentors that can provide guidance, encouragement, and a familiar face when they are ready to join. A simple friendship can often make the difference between someone staying connected or drifting away.

Another effective approach is to collaborate on service projects. Service is something that connects all Masonic organizations. By working together on community projects, youth members can build relationships with Eastern Star members in a meaningful and natural way. These shared experiences demonstrate that our commitment to service continues throughout our lives.

In addition, we should recognize that younger generations often seek different experiences than previous generations. While they appreciate tradition, they are also looking for friendship, networking, leadership opportunities, and meaningful activities. Hosting social events, game nights, community service days, family gatherings, and other engaging activities can help show that Eastern Star is both purposeful and enjoyable.

Social media can also play an important role. Sharing pictures of our events, service projects, and fellowship helps demonstrate who we are and what we do. Highlighting former Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay members who are now active in Eastern Star can help opportunities rather than focusing primarily on tradition or meetings.

Finally, I believe one of the most important things we can do is simply ask our youth what they want. By listening to their interest, concerns, and ideas, we can better understand how to make Eastern Star welcoming and relevant to the next generation. The strongest tool is usually seeing active, enthusiastic young adults already involved. When prospective members see people their own age finding friendship, purpose, and enjoyment in Eastern Star, joining feels like a continuation of their Masonic journey rather than a completely separate organization. It can truly give them the sense of "we are one". We are family.

The future of our Order depends on the relationships we build today. By reaching out to Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay members, supporting them, and showing them that there is a place for them within Eastern Star, we can help ensure that the values we cherish continue for generations to come.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you can take some of these thoughts and ideas and share them amongst your chapters and districts to help grow the Order of the Eastern Star in Indiana back to what it was. And thank you for joining us today for this workshop to show your dedication to our Order and to the generations who will carry it forward for many years to come. If you don't remember much of the ideas, at least remember relationship building will go a lot further than recruitment and I am a living example of that.

Eunice Low Received Her 75-Year Award



A reception and dinner was held at the Shrine Club in North Vernon on April 21, 2026 in honor of the 75 years Eunice Low has been active in the Order of the Eastern Star. Denver Gray, Junior Past Grand Patron conducted the ceremony and Tina Yeager, Worthy Matron at North Vernon Chapter, pinned the award on Eunice. More than fifty people were present to honor Eunice. Nineteen members of her family representing four generations, traveled from different areas of the state as well as from Ohio to be there for her. Also present were members of the Magical Moments of Faith Grand Family including Sister Cindy Cohee, PGM, Snow Angel

Deputies, Sisters Tina Terry and Sandy Thomas, as well as that family's Sentinel Bill Shoulders, PGP. Eunice was a Snow Angel Deputy as well. There were many other Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers present as well. Greensburg Chapter presented Eunice with a throw blanket with her name, the Eastern Star emblem and the dates of her membership on it.

Eunice was initiated with her sister, Irma Mayfield Glick, in January 1951 at Ninevah Chapter where their mother, Mabel Mayfield, was Chapter Treasure for many years. Eunice attended Ninevah Chapter while going to college until she married Royce Low June 24, 1951 and later moved to Westport. Eunice attended Otto Chapter in Westport with her mother-in-law, Mattie Low, before joining there.



Eunice went through the chairs of Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, and Worthy Matron many times, having been Worthy Matron in Otto Chapter, North Vernon Chapter and Greensburg Chapter. Eunice has been each of the five Star Point offices, Chaplain, Warder, and Sentinel. She has filled in as Organist occasionally and done the work of Secretary. Eunice visited Canada when she was Grand Representative of British Columbia. Eunice kept her six children busy with Eastern Star entertaining at installations, receptions and at the Masonic Home Tea. They also help pick up after refreshments at the chapter while Eunice was in the meetings.



Angelic Wings of Friendship Remembrance

As years pass and friends do too, the Angelic Wings of Friendship Grand Family (2002-2003) wants to remember and express our deepest sympathy to families of those dear to us who have gone to their heavenly reward! Barbara Terry, Beulah Jones, Dwayne Taylor, Bob Branigan, Arden Dwyer, Marilyn Dixon, Sharon Miley, Jonny Beeler, Joan Bryant, Martha Mangis and Shirley Shipe.

We have lost others as well who were with us during our time serving Indiana Grand Chapter. The spouses of ten of our Grand family and six of our Deputy Spouses have died in years past. May our God be with you all and give you peace!

Submitted by LeVon Holmes, PGM

D#4 Spring Official Visit



The Spring Official Visit for District 4 was held at North Vernon. Chapters included Columbus 339, Lois 147 and North Vernon 183. A baby dedication was held for Boone Jr. He's the son of Boone and Kara Dorsett. 50-year awards were presented to Connie Allred and Janice Scoendlin.



Valentine Tea

The 4th District hosted the Valentine Tea at the Masonic Home for the residents on February 8th. Members of the Grand Family, including several District Deputies, escorted residents to the event. Entertainment was provided by Lasting Impressions. Residents were provided a bag to decorate. The bags were used to carry their goodies back to their room. A selection of sweet and salty items was provided. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a memorable event.

Joan Cowan, Paula Stafford, Paula Kahrs
Valentine Tea Committee

Awards at D#18 Official Visit

Converse Chapter, LaFontaine Chapter and Royal Center Chapter of D#18 held their Official Visit on March 17, 2026 at Royal Center Chapter. The addendum for the WGM & WGP was held with WMs & WPs and members of D#18 presenting WGM Carol & WGP Tom with St. Patrick's Day Pot of Gold items since it was St. Patrick's Day.



A 50-year award was presented to Shellee Goodrich from Royal Center. She was pinned by her father Bob Barton, widower of PGM Beverley Barton. Shellee spoke of her memories of her parents when her mother was WGM. She was escorted to the East and given Grand Honors and a hearty congratulations after which Leila Ferguson, Grand Ruth of Royal Center Chapter, presented Shellee with a golden rose from the Chapter. Earlier in the day, WGM Carol Davis, with the assistance of PGP Robert Surber, presented a 75-year award to Thelma Butler from LaFontaine Chapter.

The WGM asked the WGP to present the new Grand Representative "Star Gazer" at the altar. Jo Dee Dale from LaFontaine Chapter was presented with the Grand Representative appointment of Louisiana. The WGM then asked the WGP to present a second "Star Gazer" at the altar. Darlene Turner from

LaFontaine was presented with the Grand Representative appointment of Iowa. Darlene mentioned that next year she will get her 75-year pin. They both were very surprised and thanked them for the appointments. Each was individually escorted to the East and given hearty congratulations.

The D#18 officers, with the assistance of the Grand Star Points, initiated new members, Anna Hendrickson, Emmalee Garate and Temo Garate for Royal Center Chapter.

WGM Carol announced the Grand Page and Grand Usher for D#18 as Jenna Kingery and Normand See, both from Royal Center Chapter. She told of upcoming Grand Family events. Remarks from WGP Tom were short, but he said it is fun to give the Grand Representative appointments and see the surprise looks on their faces. He thanked all for being here and said they have enjoyed everywhere they have gone this year.

Martha Brown, PGM, spoke saying it was wonderful to be here and to have Regina as our District Deputy this year. She presented the WGM & WGP with love gifts and Honorary Memberships. She wished them the best as she still has wonderful memories of her year as WGM at Grand Chapter. She wished Leila all her best and Normand for helping his mom this year. Leila Ferguson, Grand Ruth, thanked all who assisted in helping with the initiation of our new Royal Center members. She wished all safe travels home. Regina Brane-Hiple, DD#18, said it takes a village to accomplish all we do and appreciated all who helped tonight. She mentioned scholarship deadlines and gave several upcoming dates and thanked everyone for all the courtesies given to her.

The coin collection was taken with the amount, \$80.00, being given to the WGM/WGP project. The Official Visit was closed with everyone repeating the Mizpah Benediction.



Swayzee Chapter Friend's Night

Swayzee Chapter in District 13 hosted a Bar Crawl Friend's Night in April which included a Potato Bar, Nacho Bar, Salad Bar and Dessert Bar. Following the bar crawl, all present participated in playing games.

Choose captains and form teams. The number of teams depends on your crowd. You can play each game multiple times as they are very short or timed. You can also play one from each team, if you have enough supplies. Score 1 point for each team player who wins a game.

LINE UP was played by placing 16 plastic cups upside down in four rows with plastic eggs/balls, 4 of each color, on top randomly, leaving 1 on the table. The fastest one, using one hand, to arrange the eggs by color in each row wins.

HAND BALL uses a ball pit (anything round to corral the eggs/balls, such as a hula hoop), buckets or large bowls, plastic cups and plastic eggs/balls. Contestants place their hands in the plastic cups and pick up the eggs/balls with the ends of the cups, then drop them into the bucket. Time – 1 minute. Player with the most eggs/balls in their bucket wins.

SCRAMBLED EGGS uses the same eggs/balls in the circle. This time you explain the object of the game then blindfold the players. Give them each a large serving spoon and a bucket/bowl. They have to scoop the eggs/balls with the spoon and drop in the bucket/bowl using only one hand. Time – 1 minute. Player with the most eggs/balls in their bucket wins.

PONG PONG uses 10 ping pong balls of the same color in a bowl for each contestant. Flat egg cartons (or glue regular egg cartons together) are placed on the table for each player. They bounce the balls into their carton. The person who gets all their balls in the carton wins. Or you can time it – 1 minute and who has the most balls in the carton wins.

WIPEOUT uses a roll of toilet paper for each player. Unroll the paper the length of the 8' table. DO NOT tear it off. Place a plastic figurine or a matchbox car on the farthest end. The player rolls the paper back onto the roll without losing the item. If they lose their item, they must start over. First one to finish wins the game.

PAPER ROLL needs newspapers taped together, or tablepaper or bubble wrap measured to 8' in length. Place it on the floor and have player sit on a chair at one end. They have to use their feet like walking and bring the paper/wrap to them. First one to complete the task wins.

All games, except Paper Roll, can be completed by standing or sitting with all players doing the same position. This allows all attending to be able to play. Let the games begin!!



Nettie Ransford Scholarship Donation

Normand See presented a check from the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67 in the amount of \$1,000 for the Nettie Ransford Scholarship Fund. Normand is a Past Master of Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge and Associate Patron of Royal Center Chapter #375 in District #18. Sister Regina Brane-Hiple, District Deputy #18, LaFontaine Chapter #301, is the Chairman of the Nettie Ransford Scholarship fund. This scholarship is for 3rd and 4th year students pursuing a degree in Special Education.



Nettie Ransford Scholarship Pizza Party

The Nettie Ransford Scholarship Fund contest for donating the most money in their district was won by the members in District #18. With the support of \$1,000 from the Peru Lodge, and \$100 from the Wabash Lodge, District #18 was able to raise 1/3 of the \$6,000 raised for the Nettie Ransford Scholarship. This year the Order of Eastern Star will have two \$3,000 scholarships presented at Grand Chapter in June 2026.

The prize for donating the most money to this fund was a pizza party for members from the winning District, which was District 18, and held at the Peru Masonic Lodge on May 16th. Those in attendance included Carol Davis, WGM; Tom Ring, WGP; Sister Terry Ring, wife of the WGP; members from District #18 Chapters of Converse #334, LaFontaine #301, and Royal Center #375. Also, attending were supporters of District #18, members of the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67.



Attendees

Royal Center
Members Nancy
Pratt, Sec.; Becky
Mullens, Esther; Tina
Mullens, WM

PGM Martha Brown
and WP Jim Brown



Lynhurst Awards

Lynhurst Chapter #505 in Indianapolis of District #11 presented 25-year and 50-year pins to several members on April 14th before our stated meeting. Sister Marilyn Hill received her 25-year pin from good friend Stella England, and Judith Ann Ware received her 25-year pin from her daughter, Judy Ware.



A proclamation was read giving Brother Carl Hinshaw, Grand Chaplain, an appointment as Special Deputy to present the next 50-year Awards of Gold to Sisters Mary Hutson and Judy Nave. Julie Snyder, Grand Electa, presented both ladies at the altar with family and friends around them. Carl presented the ceremony. Mary received her pin from Stella England, Secretary, and Judy received her pin

from her son Randy. Both ladies were escorted to the East and were given Grand Honors and a standing ovation. Sisters Eugena Asher and Joan Niewald were unable to attend and were sent their pins.

On February 10, 2026, Sister Cheryl Kuritz was presented her 50-year Award of Gold at Pimento Chapter #516 at Terre Haute by Brother Howard Farrand, PGP, Cheryl's cousin. It was a family affair when Cheryl was initiated and so it was a family affair when she received her 50-year award with her sister Linda Lindsey pinning her and husband Anthony looking on with other members from Lynhurst Chapter, too.



Timeless Traditions: How the Eastern Star Connects Generations

In a rapidly changing world, the Spencerville Chapter #386 offers a timeless reminder of the power of community tradition. For 76 years, the Chapter has been a staple of the Dekalb County Free Fall Fair, most notably through its "Old Time Donut Stacking Contest." This event pairs local students with first responders, including State, County, and City Police—to compete for prize money donated directly to the participating student's school library.

The following letter from Librarian Melinda Perkins illustrates the profound impact of this partnership, showing how these "Old Time" proceeds provide modern resources while honoring the long-standing legacy of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Operation of the Eastern Star

Thank you so much for your support of our local school library. It is through grants like yours that we are able to provide special supplies for our student body that are both fun and educational. Year by year, budgets get tighter, but your continued support allows us to go above and beyond for our students and educators.

This year, the funds you provided were used to purchase 18 new books with a lexile level over 1000 (something our current inventory was seriously lacking), some new fun Lego bricks for a Lego mural that the students are working on, and a new stand to beautifully display new book titles.

All of these items would not have been possible without the generous support of the Eastern Star. I still remember very clearly how proud my grandmother was to be a member of your great organization and how she wore her Eastern Star ring with pride until the day she died. She was proud of the wonderful work that the group accomplished and how much they constantly gave back to the community. The organization remains unchanged in that aspect all of these years later, and for that, all of us at Eastside are extremely grateful.

Thank you, again, for your kindness, generosity, and support. Please feel free to stop by and see the fruits of your labor; we would love to have you visit and meet some of our wonderful students/staff. We appreciate all that you do,

Melinda Perkins
Librarian/Media Specialist
Eastside Junior/Senior High School

In a world that seems to reinvent itself every day, the enduring legacy of the Order of the Eastern Star remains a comforting constant. The "Old Time Donut Stacking Contest" is more than just a playful tradition at the Dekalb County Free Fall Fair; it is a bridge connecting the Order of the Eastern Star, local business's, our first responders, our students, and our schools. As Melinda Perkins' letter beautifully illustrates, these efforts do more than just fill library shelves with books and Lego bricks—they honor the pride of the generations who came before us. By turning back the clock through service and community spirit, Spencerville Chapter #386 ensures that while times may change, the commitment to our children and the memories of our members stay exactly where they belong: at the heart of our community.

With Star Love,
The Members of Spencerville Chapter #386 OES

In Memory of Melinda Perkins Grandmother
Mary Alice (Stuffle) Evans
From Southern Indiana



Stellar Stars

Stellar Stars is a great way to honor or remember an individual or a group for a full year. The costs of Stellar Stars are: \$10 - \$24 for 1 Star; \$25 - \$49 for 2 Stars; \$50 - \$74 for 3 Stars; \$75 - \$99 for 4 Stars; and \$100 and up for 5 Stars.

These will run for 1 year after we receive the request. The short information you want printed about the individual or group can be mailed along with a check payable to Indiana Grand Chapter, OES with the notation: Stellar Stars, to:

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Please consider honoring or remembering those special Eastern Star people in your family, chapter or district with a Stellar Star for everyone to see and know that they are special to you.



1 Star

In loving Memory of
Linda Stewart
Past Deputy of District #13
From the Past Matrons of
Muncie Chapter #104

In Memory of
Naomi Mitchell, WGM 1980-1981
From "Friendship Voyagers" D#11 PMs
Romana Goss & Marian Bradbury
Englewood #483

2 Stars

In Memory of
Sister Mildred Duzan, 75 Year Member
Past Deputies of District 7

In Memory of
Sister Jean Pieper, 75 Year Member
Past Deputies of District 7

The Joyful JJ's Grand Family of
Jerry W. Jonas* and Gloria
Joy Ellen Kuppler and Richard*
Appreciate all who served with us and
went on to serve in other Grand Families

In Loving Memory of
The members we have lost
From the Showers of Blessings Grand Family
2013-2014

I had the privilege of serving
in these Grand Families, "Hearts in Touch"
with Patsy Hinds and Harold Myers*, "Key
to Happiness" with Geneva Sare* and
Robert Gillespie*, "Let Your Light Shine"
with Edythe Gordon* and Murl Frazer*
Star Love, Joy Ellen

Susie Roach, RWAGC
We look forward to your journey into the
future for our OES. Your dedication, love
for our Order of Eastern Star, and leadership
are appreciated.
Washington Chapter # 210

Stellar Stars

3 Stars

The Joyful JJ's Grand Family has been honored to have the following serve as
GRAND WARDERS
Geneva Taylor, Arlene Mohler, Lynn
Shoulders
and this year is Martha Santus

4 Stars

Bill and Lynn Shoulders continue to serve for the Rainbow Girls. They help keep the grounds and do maintenance for the Rainbow Girls Chateau. Lynn is Supreme Grand Treasurer. Bill served General Grand Chapter as Most Worthy Grand Chaplain. They still serve their Golden Fleece Chapter. They enjoy all the traveling. The JJ's THANK YOU.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

Rovena Harrison, Kat Wilson*, Mayme Lytle, Carolyn Janick, Geneva Taylor, Deanna Carrington, Gloria Jonas, Lynn Shoulders, and Martha Santus.
These also made the Joyful JJ's Proud

GRAND SENTINELS APPOINTED

Mark Ridenour and Julie in 1990
Ron Wahl and Zeta in 1992
Beryl Harrison* and Rovena in 1993
Ron Stabler* and Neva Jean* in 1994
Larry Deutscher and Vickie in 1995
Dwayne Taylor* and Geneva in 2000
William Shoulders and Lynn in 2006
Such an honor for the Joyful JJ's



5 Stars

In Loving memory of the members we have lost from the Shining Stars of Friendship and Faith Grand Family 2010 – 2011

Honoring our Sister Becky Arthur and Brother Darrell Arthur for their friendship, love, service and dedication to the
Order of the Eastern Star
With love from Newberry Chapter #198

I thank Beverley* and Bob Barton and Lowell* and Ann* Carlisle for letting me serve
as District Deputy #7 in their
Sunshine and Love Grand Family
I thank Markie and Ted Edwards and Jack* and Betty* Skinner for letting me serve as
Grand Martha in their Harmony Belles
Grand Family
Star Love, Joy Ellen

In Memory of
PGM Naomi Mitchell
Love, daughter Sherry Harris
Athens Chapter #97, Crawfordsville

In Loving Memory of
Camille Swisher
Past Deputy of District #15
Symphony of Faith and Love
Grand Family

Special ones remembered from the 2002-2003
Angelic Wings of Friendship Grand Family
who have passed – Barbara Terry, Beulah Jones, Dwayne Taylor, Bob Branigan, Arden Dwyer, Marilyn Dixon, Sharon Miley, Jonny Beeler, Joan Bryant, Martha Mangis and Shirley Shipe

Check your



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Aug 1	White Shrine Reception
Aug 8	WGM/WGP Joint Reception
Aug 15	Grand Sentinel Reception
Aug 22	Multi-State, Wisconsin
Aug 29	AGC Reception
Sep 13	Masonic Home Day
Sep 19	Grand Warder Reception
Sep 26	Grand Master Reception
Sep 27	Gr. Representative Luncheon
Oct 3	Grand Organist Reception
Oct 4	Tell City #272 – 125 th Anniversary
Oct 24	Grand Adah Reception
Oct 31	Grand Ruth Reception

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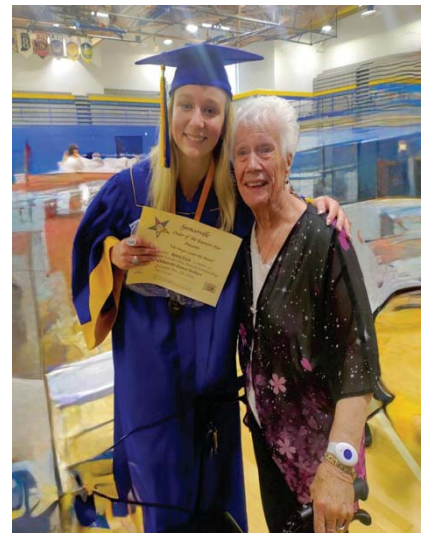
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		Meal if provided 5:30pm
		Baby Dedication 7:00pm
		Award of Gold 7:10pm
		Inspection 7:20pm
		GSPE = Grand Star Points Exemplify
		GOE = Grand Officers Exemplify
Aug 25	D#6	Luncheon/Inspection GSPE
Aug 31	D#4	Luncheon/Inspection GOE
Sep 2	D#1	Inspection
Sep 16	D#3	Inspection
Sep 17	D#8	Luncheon/Inspection GSPE
Sep 21	D#7	Luncheon/Inspection GSPE
Oct 7	D#10	Luncheon/Inspection GSPE
Oct 27	D#11	Luncheon/Inspection GOE

The Dwyer Leadership Award Scholarship

Spencerville O.E.S. is dedicated to helping the children in our community and school district receive an extended education beyond High School. We believe these children will become our Nation's next Leaders and Mentors. To honor two 50-year members of Spencerville Eastern Star who were outstanding Leaders in our District, State, and International Organizations, and also in our DeKalb Co. Community, we have created the "Dwyer Leadership Award" Scholarship in honor of Jim and Arden Dwyer of Spencerville, IN.

Kara Frye, Kendallville, IN. is our 8th recipient of this \$1,000.00 Scholarship. Kara graduated from East Noble High School in Kendallville, IN. Kara will attend Purdue Fort Wayne College to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.



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