



Love notes



Hello Sisters and Brothers,

This is my favorite time of the year, when God's paintbrush gives us the beauty of His handiwork as we travel our beautiful state. The smells of fall: pumpkin spice, campfires, s'mores and around here-Crullers, the 9th through the 18th of October at the Covered Bridge Festival. The 1st Inspection was interesting, but we got through it and everyone is well. Thank you for your attendance.

Oh, my what a reception we had—it was fantastic. The attendance was beyond our expectations and all the hugs were wonderful. Thank you District 9 and District 15 for all of the planning and work that made it so successful—LOVE you all. I hope everyone had a good time visiting and seeing friends from

days past.

I am hearing of several initiations—keep up the good work. We have welcomed 3 new members in our chapter this fall. Keep your meetings interesting and fun so the new members will want to come and see what is going on.

At this writing we have not gone to Multi-State yet, but we are looking forward to meeting our counterparts from other states and Sister Billie Bradfield, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Mike Berry, Most Worthy Grand Patron and our own Sister Susie Roach, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. Hopefully we will be bringing the attendance award back to Indiana again. If you have never attended, put this on your calendar for next year.

I hope everyone has survived the storms of the last few days and all of the flooding and no electricity, it has really been terrible. Our prayers are with you.

As our beautiful fall colors fade and we go into Thanksgiving remember all the blessings God has given us and the freedom to live our lives as we do. There is always something to be grateful for. Pray for our Sisters and Brothers – God knows who needs these prayers for healing and comfort and just for everyday needs.

Always leave people better than you found them---Hug the hurt-- Kiss the broken-- Befriend the lost and LOVE the lonely. Remember to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Star Love and hugs,
Barbara Pefley
Worthy Grand Matron



Miles of Smiles from the WGP

Sisters and Brothers,

We have been busy starting with attending Rainbow Grand Assembly, Job's Grand Council and DeMolay Conclave. We had the 1st Inspection in the state at Mt. Moriah in Anderson and was served a delicious lunch prior to that. We had some excitement, but all is good with our Grand Warder. He was dehydrated. It was followed with our first family meeting and overnighter. Which was a fun time! I am so proud of our family coming together as one.

On August 15th we had our Grand Sentinel's reception and Starling did a great job.

Then 34 of us traveled by charter bus to Milwaukee, WI for multi-state! We left on the 21st bright and early and came home the 23rd. We enjoyed each other's company and went to the "Tailgate Party" Saturday night. The Most Worthy Grand Matron was in attendance and we had a fun night! We again won the attendance award with 52 from Indiana! Next year will be in Louisville, Kentucky on August 14, 2027.

If you haven't noticed the fun word has been brought up a lot in the article. Smiles & Fun along when our serious times doing our work for the good of our order is our goal this year. So far, we are on track!

Star Love,
Keith



First Official Visit in the State

District 13 was honored to host the First Official Visit in the State at Mt. Moriah Lodge in Anderson. Prior to the inspection, lunch was enjoyed in the dining room, with the proceeds going to the Service Dog Project.

Winchester Chapter #60 started us off with a 50-Year Award of Gold Ceremony for Sister Tina Tutrow, a member of Anderson Chapter. Sister Tina was pinned by her longtime friend, Sister Marla Kemerly.

Swayzee Chapter #345 opened Chapter according to the Ritual. The Chapters were put "at ease," and the Swayzee officers relinquished their stations to the Anderson officers. Anderson Chapter #154 proceeded with introductions.

Sister Barb Pefley, WGM, and Brother Keith Zook, WGP, were presented at the altar, escorted to the East, given Grand Honors, and seated in the East. Sister Susie Roach, RWAGC, was presented at the altar, escorted to the East, given Grand Honors, and seated in the East. Sister Angela Hensell, GGCCM and PGM, and Brother Richard Lassiter, GGCCM and PGP, were presented at the altar, escorted

to the East, given Grand Honors, and seated in the East. There were 14 PGMs and 5 PGPs present. All were presented at the altar, escorted to the East, given Grand Honors, and seated in the Near East. Sister Shirley Glessner, PGM, Sister Patricia Endsley, PGM, and Brother Robert Surber, PGP, were invited to sit in the East. Elective Grand Officers, Appointive Grand Officers, and the District Deputies were escorted accordingly. Introductions from the floor continued.

The Anderson officers then relinquished their stations to the Grand Officers, who exemplified the work. The Grand Officers were relieved by the Farmland officers. The WGM gave her remarks, followed by remarks from the WGP. Sister Deby Thomas, PGM, presented the WGM, WGP, and Sister Kim Zook with Honorary Memberships.

The coin march was earmarked for the Service Dog Project and netted \$300.07. Farmland Chapter #95 closed Chapter in regular form.

A Diamond Legacy Celebration



On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, Cicero Chapter welcomed approximately 130 guests to the Diamond Legacy Celebration honoring our own, Sister Madonna Meyerrose, Past Grand Matron, as she received her seventy-five-year award for membership. Sister Madonna greeted guests seated in front of a glisten diamond backdrop. The dining room tables were covered in gray cloths, and the centerpieces were red rose bouquets with diamond centers and mauve table runners. In the chapter room, the East was lit with a large crystal egg filled with red roses, a large stained glass rose made by Brother Larry Mills. And on the backdrop of the East were smaller stained glass roses. In the West were Madonna's official WGM portrait from 1973 (which survived the fire destroying the building housing the Grand Secretary's office at the time) and a large lite red rose water globe.

Brother Nathan Rutledge escorted the Bible to the altar as Brother Dale Meyerrose read Sister Madonna's Bible tribute originally read at her Grand Chapter Session. After the Bible was opened, Brother Tom Ring, Worthy Grand Patron, offered an invocation. This was followed by the pledge to the flag of our country and one stanza of the National Anthem. The pledge to the Christian flag was given followed by singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," which was the custom during Madonna's "day."

The Worthy Matron welcomed all with the concept of diamonds used to celebrate 75th anniversaries. The WM & WP introduced the WGM & WGP, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons (26), the Grand Officers (15), the District Deputies (7), and all others were recognized by groups.

Turning the meeting over to the WGM, she instructed Brother Larry Mills, PGP, to present Sister Madonna at the altar. Brother Greg Chiles, Grand Treasurer, proceeded with an original 75-year ceremony written specifically for Sister Madonna. After she was pinned by her son, Brother Dale, Sister Madonna introduced three of her children who joined her at the altar. The WGM instructed Brother Larry to escort our new seventy-five-year member to the East where she was given grand honors and a most hearty congratulation. Before returning the gavel to the WM, the WGM read Sister Madonna's Masonic history, beginning with her time in Job's Daughters, her initiation into Queen Esther Chapter #3, and up to the present day.

We were then blessed with hearing the talents of Abi Overdorf who played the guitar and sang three beautiful songs. Abi is Sister Madonna's personal assistant at home.

Sister Madonna was asked to speak. She started out with how overwhelmed she was by how many took the time to share this day with her. She didn't expect any more than twenty or so! Sister Madonna shared many stories and facts from her seventy-five years of love and devotion to our beautiful Order. Sister Madonna had more to tell, but her son told her to cut it off!

A surprise piece of correspondence was read from the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Mike Berry, a personal friend of the family. He extended congratulations on this milestone and shared a few memories from past years.

Sister Susie Roach, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress & PGM, offered the benediction. Everyone was invited to the dining room to enjoy delicious cake and fellowship.

It was truly a wonderful day for Cicero Chapter and Indiana Eastern Star to celebrate our senior Past Grand Matron's "Diamond Legacy."



WGM & WGP Addendum

This year you'll be learning a lot about covered bridges, whether you want to or not. Parke County is known as the Covered Bridge Capitol of the World with 31 bridges scattered throughout the scenic countryside. Why are there so many covered bridges in this area?

The last glacier to cover central Indiana was part of the Wisconsin Glacier and it reached its maximum extent about 24,000 years ago. As the ice melted, it created hundreds of streams and creeks. In the 1800's, nearly every road needed one or more bridges. The county's forests supplied large oak and poplar trees, making wooden bridge construction practical and economical. Renowned master builders such as Joseph J. Daniels, Joseph A. Britton, Henry Wolfe and William Hendricks worked in and around Rockville. Their expertise led to dozens of long-lasting bridges being built in the area.

Building a covered bridge, like building a Grand Family, takes much thought, planning and preparation. Beginning with surveying the site, builders selected the narrowest, strongest point to cross the river or creek. They measured the width of the span, water depth, flood levels and soil and bedrock conditions. With so many master builders in the area, bidding was often fierce and competitive. As members of Eastern Star, we may choose to be active in our chapters, districts and travel throughout the state to attend events. We are "surveying the site" to learn about the different ways we can serve our Order.

The first step was to build the foundation. Large stone blocks or cut limestone were laid to create abutments on each side of the bank. The foundations had to reach stable ground and were angled to help ice and floodwaters flow around them. They supported the bridge's weight as the wooden trusses rested on the abutments which transferred the weight of the bridge, wagons, horses and later, automobiles into the ground. The abutments kept the bridge from shifting or sliding, even during floods or under heavy loads.

Construction on the Bridges of Love Grand family began with the first foundation stone abutments on each side of the creek in 2012-2013 with the Paradise of Faith Grand Family led by PGM Sister Sonda Schapson and PGP Brother Cary Hetrick. Kim served as District Deputy #15 known as the Beach Bunnies and she was escorted by Keith, known as her Moon Doggie.

The next step is to prepare the timber. Massive trees, usually white oak, pine, Douglas fir and chestnut were felled, hand hewn, cut to length and carefully marked so that every piece fit together. In 2018 – 2019, The Journey of Love Grand family, PGM Sister Diana Surfus and PGP Brother Les Simonton, selected Kim to serve as their Grand Esther because she exemplified strength, loyalty and was a perfect fit.

Next, we must build and shape the trusses, which are the bridge's main support system. They were assembled on the ground. Using ropes, block and tackle systems and teams of workers, horses or oxen, the completed trusses, or arches were lifted onto the stone abutments. In Parke County, the most common type of truss is the Burr arch. The longer bridges will have a double Burr arch, which is two arches on each side of the bridge. In the Covid years of 2019 – 2021, The Legacy of Hope Grand Family with PGM Sister Jennifer Nicholson-Maggart and PGP Brother Robert DeRolf selected Barbara to be Messenger of Hope #9, a District Deputy. This is an important job as the deputies work closely with the chapters of their district, by teaching, encouraging and shaping the chapters to prepare for Inspection and Official Visits. These chapters span across the state and are the main support system of our beautiful Order.

Now that we have the framework completed, we install the cross beams between the trusses, heavy wooden stringers and the thick plank flooring for wagons, horses and eventually, automobiles and Tin Lizzies. In 2022 – 2023, PGM Sister Angela Hensell and PGP Brother Jim Rogers selected Barbara to serve as Grand Electa and Keith as Grand Sentinel for the Let Freedom Ring Grand Family. There are 5 Grand Star Points selected for each Grand Family.

WGM & WGP Addendum – (cont.)

These points of the star represent 5 biblical heroines – Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa. Their stories teach us the foundations we need to know in our lives: Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and above all, Love.

The most popular question is “Why were the bridges covered?” The most important reason is that the roof protected the wooden, plank flooring from the weather allowing the bridges to stand for years to come. The oldest bridge in the county is Crooks Bridge, built in 1856 by Henry Wolfe. Another reason for covering them was that horses and livestock were often afraid to cross open bridges over rushing water. If you notice, the ends, or portals of the bridges look like barns, and the animals crossed without fear. In 2023 – 2024, Barbara was elected Associate Grand Conductress and Keith was appointed Grand Marshall and became part of the Faith Moves Mountains Grand Family led by PGM Sister Cindy Willyard and PGP Brother Harold Rowe. These stations began important steps to bring Barbara and Keith to the positions we celebrate them for today. I know firsthand these steps were kind of scary and intimidating. Cindy and Harold’s Grand Family, chapters, members, and friends covered the way, offering encouragement and love and Barbara and Keith began their journey to the East.

Next, vertical or horizontal siding was attached to the outside. The siding kept rain and sunlight off the trusses, reduced moisture damage and dramatically extended the lifespan of the bridge. On an afternoon buggy ride, the gentlemen found the bridges were a great place to sneak a kiss from their beautiful bell in the seclusion of the bridge. In 2024 – 2025, Barbara was elected Grand Conductress and Keith was appointed Grand Chaplain and served in the Dreams of Fun In The Sun Grand Family with PGM Sister Karen Hazelman and PGP Brother Denver Gray. Each Grand Family provided opportunities for Barbara and Keith to learn and grow surrounded by those who have gone before and who will come after. They learned valuable lessons while in the protection of the bridge surrounded by the love of Brothers and Sisters in the Order.

As we finish building our bridge, the portals (or entrances) were added, railings, braces and paint. Often, they were painted red, resembling a barn, however some were white or unpainted. Each bridge has a character and history of its own, just as each Grand Family has their own special character and history. Sim Smith bridge has the reputation of being haunted, West Union Bridge is the longest bridge in the county at 315 feet, the Phillips bridge is the shortest bridge in the county at 43 feet and the only bridge that does not have a burr arch. In 2025 – 2026, Barbara was elected to Associate Grand Matron and Keith elected to Associate Grand Patron in the Nature Sings Grand Family of Jr. PGM Carol Davis and Jr. PGP Tom Ring. It was a year to finish preparation, make many decisions and begin assembling their own Grand Family.

And here we are today, the 2026 – 2027 Bridges of Love Grand Family including Elective and Appointed Grand Officers, District Deputies and their escorts known as the Tin Lizzies and their Drivers has become a reality. Today we celebrate our Master Builders, Barbara and Keith as their year of service has begun. On the portals of many bridges, you will find the words “Cross This Bridge At A Walk.” This dates back to the horse and buggy days as horses were required to walk, not trot, troops were required to break cadence while crossing because the rhythm of the hooves and feet could cause structural damage to the bridge. Each time I see this phrase on the portal of one of my beloved covered bridges, I am reminded of two favorite verses that we walk by faith, not by sight and to trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways, acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path.

Written by Lyn Nelson, daughter of WGM Barb Pefley



Rob Morris Award Presented in Indiana



Carol Davis, Jr. PGM, asked to make a special presentation before our Installation of Officers at Royal Center Chapter #375 on June 20, 2026 in Royal Center, Indiana. She told of the Rob Morris award for earning at least 300 points by being a top line signer of petitions for membership. This award comes from General Grand Chapter. We have a member who exceeded this requirement by signing 4 petitions on the top line and signing several others on the next line. Leila Ferguson, Jr. Past Grand Ruth in Indiana, is this very active person.

Jr. PGP Tom Ring escorted Leila to the altar. Carol gave a very lovely presentation and said as far as she knew it was the only one given in Indiana this year and she was very proud to be able to present this to Leila, her Grand Star Point daughter. Leila was pinned with the special award by her son, Normand See, WP Elect. Terry Ring, wife of Tom Ring, Jr PGP, then presented Leila with a bouquet of yellow roses. Leila was quite surprised by all this, but she deserved this award for all her work in talking to many people and having them petition to Eastern Star.



Julie and Roy – Sitting in a Tree



Not really...they are sitting in the East as they were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Versailles Chapter #333 on Monday, July 6, 2026. Although Julie and Roy have been in the East many times, this is the first time they have actually served together in that capacity. Congratulations to Julie and Roy Leap for their commitment to our Order!



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Tell City Fundraiser

Tell City Chapter #272 worked their biggest fundraiser of the year, Tell City Schweizer Fest on August 5-9, 2026. Shown in the photo are Darwin Hagerdon, Associate Patron; Barbara Mills, Treasurer; Suzanne York, Associate Matron; Christy Leonard, Conductress; and Jim York, Chaplain. Others in the Chapter helped work nights. It was a group effort and turned into a successful event!



Muncie Chapter's 2025-2026 Year in Review

In 2025, Indiana Grand Chapter was held in Muncie at the Horizon Convention Center and on Sunday, June 15th, Sister Shelley Fey was installed as the Deputy of District Thirteen in the Nature Sings Grand Family. On June 17th, Muncie Chapter had Installation of Officers with Sister Rebecca Roland and Brother Max Nottingham serving in the East.

On Saturday, July 26th, District Thirteen hosted the First Inspection in the state by WGM Carol Davis and WGP Tom Ring. Chapters participating were Farmland, Muncie, and Anderson with the Grand Officers doing the Initiatory. It was a very busy day.

The District Thirteen School of Instruction was held on Wednesday, August 6th, at Muncie Masonic Hall. Following the meal, the WGM held a "town hall meeting" before everyone went into the chapter room for the School of Instruction. Everyone in attendance felt it was a very worthwhile evening.

An Open House celebrating Shelley Fey, District Deputy #13 was held on Saturday, October 25th. Members of Shelley's family and Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers came to enjoy a very nice afternoon.

A Friends' Night hosted by Muncie and Halfway Chapters was held on Tuesday, November 4th. Following a brief stated meeting by Muncie Chapter, our program was "Winding the Labyrinth" presented by Dawn Chiles. WM Phyllis Nottingham closed the meeting, and everyone retired to the social room for a time of fellowship.



Next on the calendar was the hosting of the District Thirteen Association meeting on Thursday, November 20th. Following the dinner, there was a white elephant sale, and then we adjourned to the chapter room for the meeting.

On Friday, May 29th, the "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" Grand Chapter Send-off was held in Muncie. Those honored were Grand Esther Marcie Kendall, Deputy Shelley Fey, Page Rebecca Roland, and Usher Dennis Rinker. A clever skit about camping was presented and "needed items" were given to them. Delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all. Another fun evening in District Thirteen.

Even though we had a very busy year, the members of Muncie Chapter were saddened by the passing of two of our devoted officers, Sister Linda Stewart and Sister Karen Ingles.

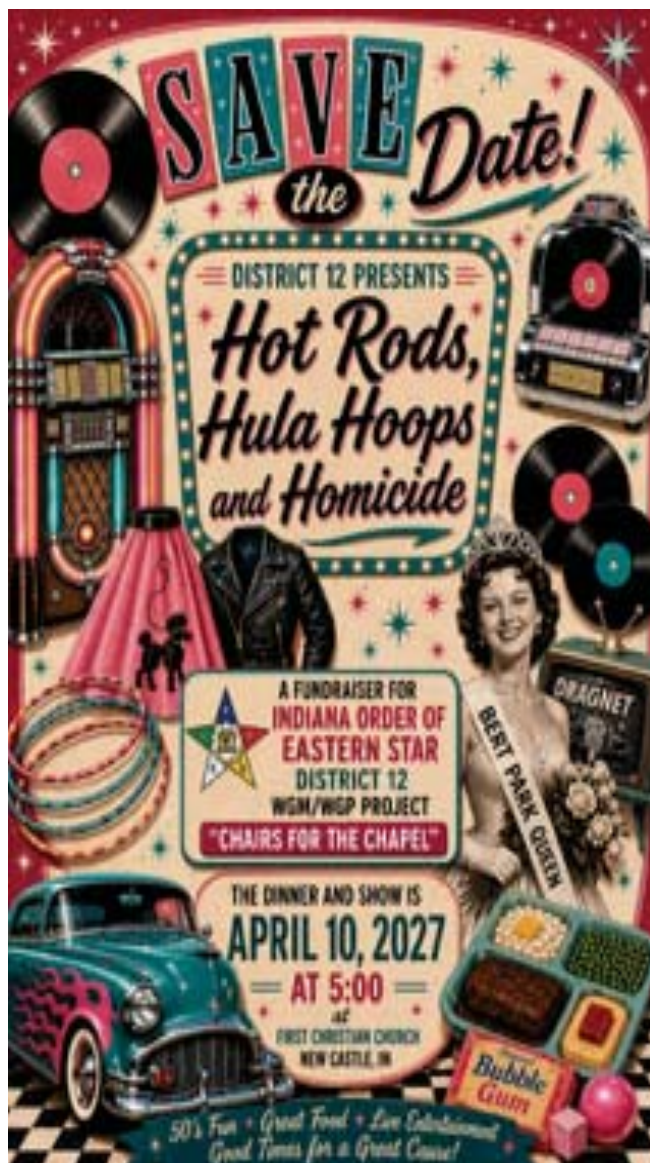
Pasta, Passion and Pistols

Dinner plus a show? Yes, please! On March 14, 2026, District 12 presented “Pasta, Passion and Pistols” a dinner theatre mystery complete with matre d’s, hostesses, servers and a cast of members from across the District. That cast was composed of Cindy Willyard, PGM, as our Narrator; Tom Ring, WGP, as Father Alfredo; Terry Ring as Angel Roni; Deb Highmiller as Clair Voyant; Nancy Frost as Mama Rosa; David Mitchell as Marco Roni; Josh Smith as Rocco Scarfazzi; Heather Smith as Tara Misu; and Derek Davis as Bo Jolais. All of them were gathered to solve the mystery of who murdered the patriarch, Pepi Roni. The audience was supplied with clues and all the evidence they needed to help solve this mystery. The cast’s ability to make the audience laugh was apparent from the beginning as Tom Ring entered dressed in his priest’s costume and Deb Highmiller carried in her crystal ball. They bantered back and forth, accusing one another until the murderer finally came forth with a confession.

The 158 guests enjoyed an Italian dinner of crostini and cheese, Olive Garden style salad, spaghetti and garlic sticks and cheesecake. Students from the Culinary Vocational

School served each guest at their table and did an outstanding job! All of our proceeds went to the WGM/WGP’s special project, “Seeds of Hope”, which benefitted our youth organizations, Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay. We were able to send \$1,210.00 to the “Seeds of Hope”. This dinner theatre project was a first for District 12 and was a huge success.

So, think about this...do you remember Bert Parks and beauty pageants, 45’s and jukeboxes, poodle skirts and leather jackets, hula-hoops and hotrods, Dragnet and American Bandstand, TV dinners and bubble gum? Well, if you do (or even if you don’t) get ready because we are doing another Dinner Theatre this year for the 2026-2027 WGM/WGP project “Chairs for the Chapel”. “Hot Rods, Hula Hoops and Homicide” will be presented April 10, 2027 complete with everything 50’s and a 50’s style “TV Dinner”. You don’t want to miss this one with a cast of characters including Johnny Angel, Bobby Sox, Chubby Cheddar and Josephine (Jo) Friday just to name a few. This year’s production will be held at a different location complete with a stage, curtain and sound equipment. So, save the date and watch for more info about “Hot Rods, Hula Hoops and Homicide”. Because, we’re gonna “Rock Around the Clock!”





Charles Merrill Maitre d



Culinary School staff



David Mitchell as Marco Roni



Deb Highmiller
our Clair Voyant



Deb Marcum the Director



Derek Davis as Bo Jalais

Heather and Josh
Smith our Tara Misu
and Rocco Scarfazzi

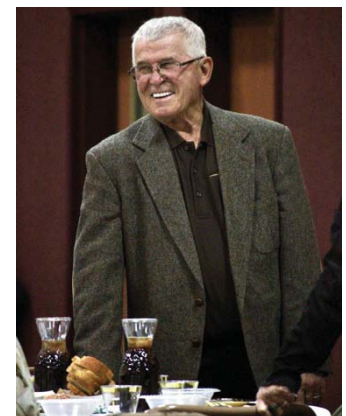


Nancy Frost as
Mama Rosa



Terry Ring our Angel Roni

Tom Ring our Father Alfredo



Hanover Chapter Remembers our Masons

Worthy Matron Phyllis Searcy led the remembrance by sharing facts about her father and grandfather who were Masons in our area. Phyllis shared information, pins, letters and recommendations that these men have left behind for her. PGP James Rogers spoke about Masons and their traditions and history. The other members in the chapter told what Masons were important in their lives and the ones that served as their way to become members of OES. Overall, it was an inspiring meeting and we heard some special stories. Thank you, Masons, for all you do for our order.

Bowling Green Noodles

The dedicated members of Bowling Green Chapter #304 turned up the heat this July, coming together in wonderful fellowship to prepare for their largest annual fundraiser.

Using more than 100 dozen eggs, the team rolled out batch after batch of delicious homemade thin and wide noodles. There was even room for a little culinary creativity, with some members crafting unique noodle "nests." The chapter was also honored to host Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Carol Davis, who accepted a special invitation to learn the secrets of the trade from Bowling Green's own "Noodle Stars."

It was a highly productive day filled with hard work, laughter, and joy. The chapter extends a warm invitation to all Sisters and Brothers to visit Bowling Green for the upcoming Old Settlers weekend this August, as well as the many exciting events following it that make this small town the place to be this year!



Penny Hood, Vickie Haskins, Marlene Martin, Donnie Martin, Gerry Schultz, Karon Neiswinger, Dave Haskins, Judy Stevenson, Martha Knox, Forest Keiser, Mary Ruth Zurcher. not in picture is Carol Davis, PGM, and Bonnie Schultz

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Susie's Heartstrings



OES Poem

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That's where I will be going tonight.
A warm welcome for all
we know and expect
To greet with handshakes and
hugs and respect.
A last-minute visitor?
Oh, what a delight!
Let's greet her with smiles warm
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Cicero Chapter Installs New Officers

Cicero Chapter installed their "ladybug," Sister Lisa Perkey-Comstock as Worthy Matron on June 22, 2026. And joining her in the East is the "birthday boy," Brother Larry Mills, PGP. Sister Lisa, dressed as a ladybug, was escorted to the East through an aisle of ladybug spinners. Brother Larry, dressed as "Uncle Sam," was escorted through an aisle of waving American flags and "indoor fireworks!" The United States and Brother Larry are celebrating milestone birthdays this year! Cicero congratulates and thanks Lisa and Larry for taking the reins again this year. We're looking forward to good work and a lot of fun this term!



New DeMolay Officers

Jordan Eden stands with his newly installed core of Officers for the Jerry L Burns Chapter of DeMolay on July 16, 2026, at the Scottish Rite Valley of Terre Haute. Jordan, the chapter's newest Master Councilor, announced that his primary goals for the upcoming term focus on community outreach, improving Masonic family connections, and strengthening DeMolay core values within the chapter. Jerry L Burns Chapter holds the distinction of being the only Order of the Eastern Star sponsored DeMolay Chapter. Stated meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Terre Haute Masonic Temple. Hope to see you there!



Sabrina Kennedy, Cheryl Phillips, DD#8, Austin Jena, Carol Davis, PGM, John Hoopingarner, Darllea Lawrence, Gabe Smith, Daryl Kennedy, Jordan Eden, Noah Dykes, Jayme Hadley, Chris Jena, Mary Stephenson, Mathew Stephenson, Howard Farrand, PGP, Carla Farrand

Royal Center Installs Officers

The Installation of officers for Royal Center Chapter #375 was held on Saturday, June 20th at the Masonic Lodge in Royal Center. Jim Brown, WP, called the meeting to order for the purpose of Installation of Officers. Tina Mullens, WM, welcomed everyone. Cynthia Biggs, Conductress, opened the Bible.

The Conductress and AC presented Martha Brown & Carol Davis, PGMs and Tom Ring, PGP, at the altar after which they were escorted East. Elective Grand Officers, Susie Alpha and Carl Hinshaw, were escorted East as was Appointive Grand Officer Tina Mullens, and our District Deputy, Kaye Sorrell. There were several Grand Chapter Committee Appointment members present along with Terry Ring, Grand Representative of Florida; 7 PMs & PPs; a Masonic Member; and 2 spouses of Past Grands.

At this time Carol Davis, Jr. PGM, asked to make a special presentation from General Grand Chapter. Jr. PGP Tom Ring escorted Leila Ferguson to the altar. Leila was pinned with the Rob Morris award by her son, Normand See. Terry Ring then presented Leila with a bouquet of yellow roses.

Installing Officer Susie Alpha, Grand Conductress, introduced her installing officers as Installing Marshal June Roth; Installing Organist Carl Hinshaw, AGP; and Installing Chaplain Tom Ring, Jr. PGP.

After MacKenzie was installed, members of Royal Center and her family lined up for her escort. They held flags with streamers and red, white & blue stars with streamers for her. MacKenzie entered wearing a red, white & blue starred apron and a flashing stars headband.

After Normand was installed an escort line was formed by members from D#18. Leila gave him a hat saying he was her chauffeur this year, but he also wore several other hats too. As he proceeded thru the line he was presented with different bands of different titles he held to add to his hat, ending with WP.

The following officers were installed: AM – Martha Brown, PGM; AP – Jim Brown; Secretary – Nancy Pratt; Conductress – Cynthia Biggs; Assoc. Conductress – Lori Cobb; Chaplain – Kim Russell; Organist – Tina Mullens, Grand Organist; Adah – Doris Byers; Ruth – Leila Ferguson; Esther – Becky Mullens; Martha – Linda Lytle; Electa – Malissa Poor; Warder – Temo Garate; Sentinel – Judith Poor; and introduced was Prompter – Emmalee Garate.

They were escorted to the altar to sign the Bible where AM Martha and AP Jim presented them with a love gift from the chapter. MacKenzie thanked her installing officers. She has known Susie and June over 20 years when they were all members at Tippecanoe Chapter.

Normand thanked Tom for being Chaplain and thanked Carl as it meant a lot to him because they became good friends.

She introduced her family, Brian, Joseph and Lillian, and her mother Kim. She told of her motto, emblems, colors, and Honor Station for the year. Her special project is to sponsor a child from each of our counties for the Imagination Library.

Tom Ring, Jr. PGP, gave the table grace. The Conductress closed the Bible and we all sang the closing ode, God Bless America. We repeated the Mizpah benediction and had the closing march. Everyone retired to the dining room for sandwiches, vegetables, fruit and cake.



What's The Title Of This Puzzle?

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Baker, Jackie	Howard, LaTricia	Scanlon, Donna
Buchanan, Linda	Lair, Katherine	Shake, Tamara
Burton, Anna	Leap, Julie	Slaughter, Bobby
Chiles, Greg	Lentz, Sheryl	Sorrell, Kaye
Cooke, Sarah	Logan, Ginny	Stokes, Suellen
Cooper, Rojeanne	Matthews, Roy	Tennant, Roseann
Cooper, Starling	McGill, Arlene	Woods, Barb
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Fulenwider, Brenda	Neuling, Sandy	Zook, Keith

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**January 30, 2027
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1 Star

In loving Memory of
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From the Past Matrons of
Muncie Chapter #104

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

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

In Loving Memory of Karen Ingles, PM
Former Grand Representative
From the Past Matrons of Muncie Chapter
#104

2 Stars

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 - (cont.)

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

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

In Honor of my Brothers James and
Gorden Hall
Doris Gast

Corrections to the Grand Family and District Deputies 2026 – 2027

Grand Esther
DD #9
DD #11
DD #14
DD #17

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email – 60lynette.g@gmail.com
Zip code – 46239
Chapter – Trinity #576
email – catsmeow446@gmail.com



WGM OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Oct 3 Grand Organist Reception
 Oct 4 Tell City #272 – 125th Anniversary
 Oct 24 Grand Adah Reception
 Oct 31 Grand Ruth Reception
 Nov 7 Grand Martha Reception
 Nov 8 Nettie Ransford Day
 Nov 14 Grand Esther Reception
 Nov 21 Grand Electa Reception
 Dec 5 Bridges of Love Christmas Party

INSPECTIONS & LUNCHEONS

Meal if provided 5:30pm, Baby Dedication
 7:00pm, Award of Gold 7:10pm, Inspection
 7:20pm
 GSPE = Grand Star Points Exemplify the Work
 GOE = Grand Officers Exemplify the Work

Oct 7 D#10 Luncheon/Inspection GSPE
 Oct 27 D#11 Luncheon/Inspection GOE
 Nov 2 D#6 Inspection
 Nov 4 D#17 Luncheon/Inspection GSPE
 Nov 16 D#15 Luncheon/Inspection GSPE
 Nov 23 D#1 Luncheon/Inspection GOE
 Nov 30 D#16 Luncheon/Inspection GSPE

RECEPTIONS

Social Hour 2:30, Program 4:00,
 Dinner to follow
 \$20.00 unless stated otherwise
 Remittance must accompany reservation

Oct 3 Grand Organist Tina Mullens
 Onward Christian Church
 21 E. Oak St., Onward, IN 46967
 RSVP by Sept. 28th to: Nancy Pratt, Sec.
 3597 N. Old U.S. 31, Rochester, IN 46975
Npratt54@comcast.net Cell-909-924-2307
 Checks payable to Royal Center #375

Oct 24 Grand Adah LaTricia Howard
 USW Union Hall, 3966 Red Brush Rd.
 Newburgh, IN 47630
 RSVP by Oct. 15th to: Gail Bailey
 2233 Huffman Rd., Boonville, IN 47601
gailbhive@sbcglobal.net 812-449-7296
 Checks payable to Chrisney #357

Oct 31 Grand Ruth Linda Buchanan
 Christ United Methodist Church
 8540 US 31S, Indianapolis, IN 46260
 RSVP by Oct. 24th to: Shirley Jackson
 7145 Seven Oaks Dr. East
 Indianapolis, IN 46236
Sj_bj@comcast.net 317-997-0072
 Checks Payable to Englewood #483, OES

Nov 7 Grand Martha Jackie Baker
 Leo Methodist Church
 13527 Leo Rd., Leo, IN 46765
 RSVP by Nov. 1st to: Judy Klemm
 7204 Foxfire Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46835
 260-705-5537
 DINNER is cash donation

Nov 21 Grand Electa Katherine Lair
 Mt. Moriah, 3921 Nichol Ave.
 Anderson, IN 46011
 RSVP by Nov 12th to: Deby Thomas
 1430 Orchard Park Dr. N.
 Indianapolis, IN 46280
debythomas@gmail.com 317-985-2937
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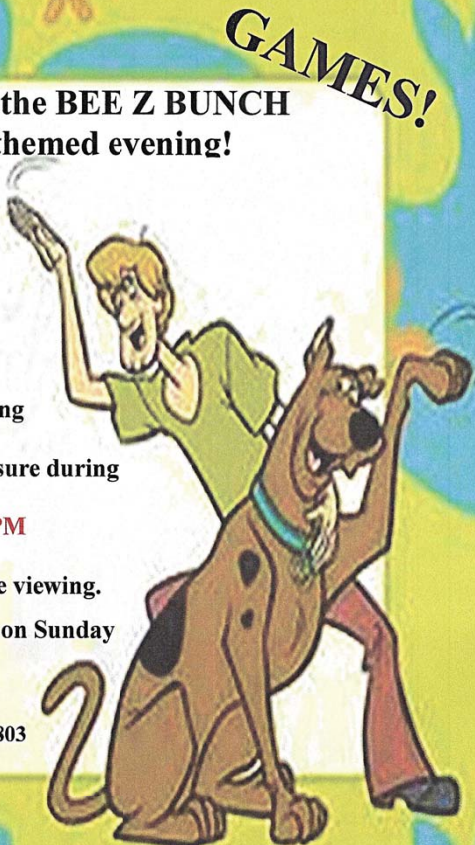
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