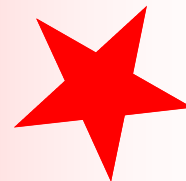


Star Points of Interest



Merry Christmas!

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OUR NEW GGC OFFICER AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Linda Hattrick—Worthy Grand Esther

Darla Redman—Benevolence

Ferne Studebaker—ESTARL

Art Shoemaker—Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Andrea Storjohann—Visionquest NW Region Coordinator

Linda Angel—Visionquest

Zel Engle—Friend of a Feather in Idaho

Joan Kershner—Friend of a Feather in Washington

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December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tiffany Ulrich 12/2

Jim Carr 12/4

Tommye Herndon 12/7

Linda Hattrick 12/10

Nancy Ross 12/18

Diana Palmer 12/19

Pauleen Grant 12/19

Diana Palmer 12/19

Dean & Lynda Pratt 12/18

Le Roy & Carol Austin 12/22

Paul & Sue Remaley 12/27

Upcoming Events

♥ Rob Morris #63 Official Visit—December 2 (see ad last page)

♥ Meridian #66 Official Visit—December 5

♥ Boise #65 Official Visit—December 13

♥ Lorraine #20 Official Visit—December 19

♥ Ada #8 Official Visit—December 20 (see ad last page)

December Holidays

December 5—Bathtub Party Day

December 15—Cat Herders Day

December 16-23—Hanukkah

December 21—Humbug Day

December 25—Christmas

December 26—National Whiner's Day

December is National Tie Month

NEWSLETTER NAME

A panel was chosen by Worthy Grand Matron Carol to vote on the "Name This Newsletter" entries received and a name has been chosen. The newsletter will continue to be called Star Points of Interest.

Fun December Facts

- December was the tenth month in the Roman calendar and gets its name from the word "decem" which means ten.
- The Anglo-Saxons called it "Winter Month" or "Yule Month" because of the tradition of burning a yule log around this time.
- The Winter Solstice (December 21) marks the first day of the season of winter. The celebration of Winter Solstice is one of the oldest celebrations in the world, and celebrates the longest night and shortest day in the Northern Hemisphere.

Idaho Delegation Attends GGC in Minneapolis

By: Andrea Storjohann, PGM

A delegation lead by WGM Carol and WGP Marvin attended the 45th Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter in Minneapolis from October 27th through November 3rd. All top four Grand line officers were in attendance as voting delegates for Idaho – which had not been the case for at least the last three trienniums. We were very proud of the work done by PGP Harlow Kibbey on legislation as a member of the GGC Jurisprudence Committee. Harlow was also elected Secretary/Treasurer of the International Grand Treasurers Association – the first man elected to office in that organization. Others attending were: Diane Gerking, Pete Nealis, Nick Nealis, LeRoy Austin, Carol Austin, Hazel Sutton, Lucy Miller, Don Miller, Shirley Butler, Maxine Machamer, Lavell Paige, Kitty Paige, Janet Jensen-Fullmer, Joyce Rowland, Linda Hattract, Dave Hattract, Danielle Escarsega, Ferne Studebaker, Andrea Storjohann, Waunda Kibbey, Darla Redman, Nancy Ross, Zelma Engle, Diane Gates and Joan Kershner. Unable to attend were GGC appointees for the 45th Triennium: Mary Hanson, Credentials and Dick Kaiser, Visioneer.

On Halloween night, an Idaho dinner was held chaired by Darla Redman. Honored at that time were the new Idaho appointees listed below. It was a special pleasure to have in attendance at the dinner Idaho #49 and Loy-aute #19 member Martha Kramer who now lives in Iowa. She attended with her daughter, Paula, from Wisconsin.

Installation saw our own PGM Linda Hattract installed as Worthy Grand Esther. Linda is the fourth Idaho member to serve as a GGC Officer. Idaho members receiving GGC committee appointments this triennium are: Darla Redman, Benevolence; Ferne Studebaker, ESTARL; Art Shoemaker, Knights Templar Eye Foundation; Andrea Storjohann, Visionquest NW Region Coordinator; and Linda Angel, Visionquest. Two Idaho members received special appointments: Zel Engle, Friend of a Feather in Idaho and Joan Kershner, Friend of a Feather in Washington. Final activity of the week was the School of Instruction for Grand Chapters conducted by the new GGC Officers and attended by the Idaho Grand Line Officers.



A MESSAGE FROM GRAND ESTHER, SUE REMALEY

It is often said what an honor it is to be asked to do something. Well, I can honestly say that honor has come my way. Being a Grand Officer in the 2006-2007 Grand Family is surely a highlight of my thirty-seven years of Eastern Star membership. To quote Worthy Grand Matron Carol, "This Grand Family is the BEST ONE EVER!"

I have found that the best way to enjoy the camaraderie of Eastern Star is to travel and become acquainted with the many wonderful members in our chapters. It is amazing how closely connected to friends one feels when sitting through a School of Instruction, eating meals together, sitting on the sidelines with other Grand Officers, visiting with a chapter's members and sideliners, joking around during photo moments, and holding hands as introductions are made.

It is also amazing to see the dedication of members to the Order as the Shining Star Award is presented at each Official Visit. Also worthy of noting is that officers from a particular chapter help fill stations for other chapters. So many Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons give much needed support also.

I am thoroughly enjoying this honor as Grand Esther. Lifetime memories are being made.

Star Love and Hugs,
Sue Remaley

ADVERTISEMENTS



To the Official Visit for Rob Morris Chapter #63, Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the Community Hall in Kuna, Idaho.

School of Instruction: 10:00 a.m.
Lunch (at Methodist Church) 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00
Pictures: 1:30 p.m.
Meeting: 2:00 p.m.

RSVP for the luncheon to Angie Nealis, 321-7865 or Cammy Baldwin, 585-6035

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Official Visit on

Invitation

is having their Of-
December 20, 2006.

The School is at 3:00 p.m., dinner is at 5:30 p.m. at a cost of \$6.00, pictures at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a can or two of food for the Idaho Food Bank and wear your Christmas finery. RSVP to WM Karen Menz, 322-6472 or Denise Hunt, 336-9480

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

If you are a life member or hold a VPLM in your chapter, please consider paying your \$6.00 per capita. Your chapter will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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Deadline for submissions to the newsletter is the 25th of each month.