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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

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ANNUAL SESSION

“BELIEVE IN THE JOURNEY”

Grand Chapter of Idaho
Order of the Eastern Star

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Idaho Falls

June 13 - 16, 2015
JANICE P. BROWN
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
2014-2015
DWAIN VALEZ
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
2014-2015
113th Annual Session – Believe in the Journey

EMBLEM: Open Holy Bible & Cross

INSPIRATION: WGM: “Always put your best foot forward” And “One shoe can change your life.” Cinderella

WATCHWORDS: Believe, Footprints in the Sand

AIM: To increase membership, retention, and community involvement.

FUN SYMBOLS: WGM: Fire Trucks, Dalmatians, High Heels, Music and Grand Pianos
WGP: Three Wise Men, Bluebirds

HONOR STATIONS: WGM: Organist
WGP: Martha

FLOWERS: WGM: Red Rose and Gladiolas
WGP: Violet

COLORS: WGM: Red, Black, Gold, Silver
WGP: Blue

PROJECT: PINK HEALS - A Cancer Awareness Program

SCRIPTURES: WGM/WGP: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct they paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

SONGS: WGM: Bridge Over Troubled Water; Down to the River to Pray; Unchained Melody; Hallelujah (Cohen); Let There Be Peace on Earth; Oh Holy Night; Prayer of the Children; I Believe; Amazing Grace; Ashockan Farewell; The Prayer; Battle Hymn of the Republic

WGP: Amazing Grace; Jesus the Very Thought of Thee; The Old Rugged Cross; How Great Thou Art; Precious Lord.
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THINGS TO DO IN
IDAHO FALLS
Cindy Ozaki (21)
The Grand Chapter room was beautifully decorated to reflect the Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s year. On the wall above the grand east was a large replica of their traveling pin. It had a black background with the words, Believe in the Journey, written in gold diagonally and a pair of small gold footprints underneath it. The travel pin had 5 loops at the bottom of the pin where members could hang a small ‘footprint’ when collected enough travel points.

On the floor in front of the east dais, was a large white cross with a fireman’s helmet hanging from one arm of the cross and a soldier’s helmet hanging from the other. Flanking the cross were two zebra patterned high back chairs with red velvet seats resembling high heeled shoes. Other pink high heels were scattered on the floor along with several firetrucks.

In the west, on the floor in front of the Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron’s dais was a beautiful display of the three wise men, made by Shirlee Valez, wife of WGP, Dwain. The figures were dressed in gold fabric with colorful bejeweled turbans, sashes and on the gifts they were holding. It was an impressive display of the WGP’s symbol, the three wise men.

Behind each star point chair was a beautiful plate depicting that specific heroine. There was also a flower arrangement appropriate to each star point and a small ‘treasurer’ box holding special mementos. Various pink high heel, firetrucks and blue birds were scattered about the room.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
June 14, 2015
8:45 AM    Musical prelude by Mitzi Davis (13)

9:00 AM the Sunday morning Devotional Service was called to order by Lucy Miller, PGM and Don Miller, JrPGP

Entrance of Holy Bible
Bible Bearer – Sue Warner, JrPGM

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS
The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East, introductions made, and Grand Honors extended. The Grand Officers took their respective stations.

PGM Lucy: Welcome Sisters, Brothers and Friends to this Sunday Morning Worship Service as we open the 113th “Believe in the Journey” Session of this Grand Chapter of Idaho. Following our worship service, we will be presenting our ESTARL awards to assist those who are pursuing their goals for an education in the fields of religious service.

Then, in loving tribute we will remember those who have joined Chapter Eternal this past year as our Golden Chain has been broken. Our memories and love for each will surround us in reverent memory as each name is read.

Worthy Grand Matron Jan and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, as you enter into the final days of your year of dedicated service to our Order, you leave with your Sisters and Brothers memories of a year spent in loving service. We wish you a joyous and productive session.

Jan, our Journeys have been intertwined over the years and I value your friendship. Music has also brought us closer.

Dwain, you did our narration at Installation in 2009 and we were enjoying your barbecues after the Official Visits to your chapter from 2005 forward. We also appreciated you doing the Worship Service for our “Musical Stars and Stripes” Grand Chapter in 2010. The Dream created the Journey; the Journey is the Reward. Have a wonderful session. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for asking me to open this session with the love of my life and husband of fifty years, PGP Don Miller.
PGP Don: What an honor to be here to help in opening this Sunday morning session of our Grand Chapter. The year of “Believing in the Journey” is here and with us, and our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have certainly made it one worth remembering. With the pink fire trucks and same colored shoes, along with the great portrayals of distinguished Biblical characters, this year has been one we will long remember. My best wishes for both of you for a successful Grand Session.

WGM: Sister Lucy and Brother Don, thank you for opening our “Believe in the Journey” Worship and Memorial Service. Today, we give thanks to Him for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. This morning, we remember our dear friends who have passed on to their eternal home. Sister Lucy, Brother Don, you are such dear friends and I cherish your friendship, wisdom, and entertainment talent and songs which you have shared with me. We have enjoyed good wine, fun times, and lots of laughter. You’ve also proved that I can call you anytime, day or night or midnight, for deer slayer issues or anything else, and you will be there for me and my family. I always enjoy getting together with you and look forward to many more times. Thank you so much for being part of this beautiful day which the Lord has made.

WGM: Sister Mitzi, thank you for sharing your wonderful talent with us by providing the beautiful prelude music this morning. What a great way to start our Sunday morning and Grand Chapter.

WGM: Sister Sue, thank you bringing in the Bible this morning. Having you as my predecessor was such an honor, and if I have done even half the job you did, then I consider myself a success. Some would say that it was luck that I got to follow you and Don, but I believe it was God’s plan. Thank you for your continued support and help you have given me.

WGP: Martin Luther King Jr said “Faith is taking the first step, even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” Sister Lucy, thank you for opening our Sunday morning Worship service. I first made your acquaintance when I was Grand Chaplain for Christy Schill-Newbold. I have always appreciated your guidance and love.
Brother Don, you come along with the package. Thank you for your smile, keen wit, and ever present service to our Order.

The **Grand Conductress** opened the Bible as the Grand Choir sang *Glorify Thy Name*.

**INVOCATION** was given by Sister Mary Lynne ‘Pete’ Nealis, GGCCM and PGM of Idaho: Our Father in Heaven, creator and ruler of the universe, we thank you for your guidance each hour of the day and for the privilege of sharing this morning with our friends, who have come to worship and to remind us of the many blessings we receive from you each day. Bless our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron with strength and understanding as they preside over the deliberations of this “Believe in the Journey” Grand Session. Inspire us with love and devotion that we may honor in our life the dedication to charity, truth, and loving kindness. Dear Lord, give us patience in our troubles, humility in our comforts, peace in our temptations and the joy of your love now and forever. Amen.

**WGM:** Sisters, Brothers and Friends, welcome to our Sunday morning Worship service. During this “Believe in the Journey” year, we have shared and heard many stories related to our beliefs, our journey, and God’s hand in all of it. Our Worthy Grand Patron, a retired pastor, has blessed our visits with stories related to the word of God. These stories have taken us down many paths and have reminded us that we are not alone as we journey through life. Brother Dwain, this is your area of expertise, I believe I will ask you to share with us one last story to complete this journey, and guide us through the remainder of our Worship service.

**WGP:** A man, stranded on a desert island was rescued by a sailor. The Sailor noticed that the man had built three huts and asks the man why he has three huts since he’s the only one here. “Oh”, the man said, “the first is my house. The second is my church.” “And the third?” asked the sailor. “Oh”, the man answers with a tear in his eye, “That’s the church I used to attend.”

Today is the Lord’s Day, and we have set aside this time to worship Him and seek His blessing on this Grand Chapter. We have asked Brother Ed Simmons to do the Scripture Reading for us and will also give a short Devotional.
The theme of this Grand Chapter is “Believe in the Journey.” We are all on a journey. The journey itself is as important as the destination.

In a recent “Dennis the Menace” cartoon (11-30-14) Mr. Wilson remarks, “Sometimes, Dennis, the journey is more interesting than the destination.” Dennis replies, “But knowing I’m going to a great destination makes the long journey worthwhile.”

I would like to quote Worthy Grand Patron Dwain from his Christmas letter concerning the messages he gave at each official visit: “The message presented in each journey is simply that God is working in every life to make changes happen, to prepare us for greater accomplishments, and to reveal to us His ever present guidance and protection.”

“Whether the journey is met with obstacles, filled with difficulties beyond our abilities, or the end totally obscured from view, we can believe that God has a purpose in our journey and will guide us to a victorious and blessed end. As we take that first step on our journey we cannot see the end result. God calls us to believe in the journey ahead and trust in Him for its successful conclusion.”

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron’s Scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.” As I was going over the scripture to start my sermonette, I noticed something I had not noticed before. The word “paths” is plural. The Lord will guide us on more than one path.

I am going to talk about two of my paths this morning. The first path is my Masonic path which of course includes Eastern Star. The second path is my vocational path as an ordained American Baptist minister with which my preparation was assisted by ESTARL scholarships.

It may surprise you that I knew nothing about Freemasonry until I married into the Kunter family. I soon found out Jane was a Past Honored Queen of Jobs Daughters, Bill was an active Shriner and Betty was in the process of forming a new Eastern Star Chapter, Idaho Falls #85.
So soon after Jane and I were married I petitioned Paradise #17 in Moscow. Then after completing my 3rd degree I petitioned Ruby #9 also in Moscow. I became an Eastern Star on June 18th, 1969, forty six years ago this Thursday.

During my initiation the Associate Conductress told me, like the Three Wise Men, I had been led by the Star in the East. The Three Wise Men are a symbol of our Worthy Grand Patron. I know about being a wise man. I was one of the wise men who invited Grand Chapter to Idaho Falls at last year’s session.

I was told by the Worthy Patron that the Star of Bethlehem would guide me to the New Jerusalem. As a past Grand Organist you know I love music and so I am reminded of “Star of the East:”

Star of the East, O Bethlehem’s star,
    Guiding us on to heaven afar!
Sorrow and grief are lulled by thy light,
    Thou hope of each mortal, in death’s lonely night,
Fearless and tranquil, we look up to thee,
    Knowing thou beam’st through eternity;
Help us to follow where thou still dost guide,
    Pilgrims of earth so wide.

The Associate Patron explained we wander helplessly through life without being able to foresee the end. But he did give two lessons to assist me. The first is that in Eastern Star I would find friends that would stand by me while on my journey. He also reminded me that “there ever walks beside you an Eternal Friend whose all-powerful hand is ready to guide and support you through all the difficulties and trials that may come to you.”

In Matthew (28:20) the Eternal Friend said, “Lo, I am with you always.” In my favorite scripture we read “nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39).

Paul said, “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). One comment about this verse reminds us, “The path we take is a constant work in progress but Paul teaches us that there is hope for those who press on.” Second, the Associate Patron said that if I kept close to God and frequently found instruction in the Open Holy Bible I could confidently believe that I would come safely to the end of my
journey. The Open Holy Bible is one of the emblems of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

In Psalm 119:105 we read, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Amy Grant wrote a hymn based on this verse:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, and I think I’ve lost my way,
    Still You’re there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near,
    Please be near me to the end.

My vocational path started in October 1989 when I went on the Walk to Emmaus, a spiritual retreat. Jane and I were sponsored by PGP Richard and Ellen Kaiser. During the Walk I felt called to go to seminary. The next couple of years I checked out seminaries. Finally in June 1992 we headed to American Baptist Seminary of the West in Berkeley, California. We felt like Abraham and Sarah going to a faraway country. Berkeley definitely was a faraway country!

While at ABSW, I received three ESTARL scholarships, one for each year of my studies. I graduated on May 20th, 1995, twenty years ago. We then went across the Jordan River into the Promised Land and I became Assistant Pastor of First Baptist Church in Emmett, Idaho. The following year I was ordained an American Baptist minister.

Also in 1995 I was able to attend Grand Chapter in Idaho Falls. Mary Fordyce, the ESTARL chairman, arranged a nice reception for the ESTARL recipients and included previous winners. At that time I was given this cross. The Cross is also an emblem of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Since receiving my first ESTARL scholarship I have wanted to be able to speak to Grand Chapter because in the day ESTARL recipients were asked to speak during the worship service. I have not had that happen so I wished upon a star:

When a star is born, they possess a gift or two;
One of them is this: They have the power to make a wish come true.
When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are,
    Anything your heart desires will come to you.
And now my dream has come true. I will close with a devotion I found:

“Finding joy on the journey is primary. We boldly tackle a new recipe, hoping the outcome will bring enjoyment to those who eat the final product. We open a new book and savor the unfolding adventure. We assemble pieces of a new jigsaw puzzle, excited to see the final picture emerge. We enter into a new relationship and savor the process of getting to know another person. So as we walk with God, enjoy each moment. Enjoy the journey! Thank you, God, for the opportunity to travel with you. Help us to find joy in each step of the journey. Amen.”

The Hymn that goes along with this is: “The Way of the Cross Leads Home.” Follow the footprints….

May you trust in the one who traces your footprints across time, knowing that He walks with you on this amazing adventure we call life.

Scripture Reading: Ed Simmons read the Scripture of John 20:24-29

WGP: Thank you Ed. Will you all stand as we sing Amazing Grace.

SERMON: by Dwain Valez, WGP

Welcome to our Sunday Morning Worship Service. We have gathered to seek God’s blessing on our Grand Chapter sessions. During the past year, with the theme, “Believe in the Journey”, the Grand Family visited our 34 Chapters and presented ten “Journeys” as part of our program. Two were historic, one telling of the journey of the pilgrims to the new world and the second telling of Lewis and Clark’s “Journey of Discover.” Eight were Biblical. We walked with Abraham to the “Promised Land” and stood with David as he fought Goliath. We watched the Samaritan man care for the wounded traveler, and were amazed as God delivered the three faithful friends of Daniel from the fiery furnace.

This morning I invite you to come along on a last journey with us and learn how a person who lived 2000 years ago was able to conquer his doubts. The WGP descended the Grand East, donned a cloth coat and head covering and holding a Holy Bible, walked about the Grand Chapter room as be delivered his sermon.
Good Morning, my name is Thomas. I am one of the twelve men chosen by Jesus to be His disciple. As we followed Him, we were to learn His way, understand his plans for the future and then become His representatives on Earth.

I heard Jesus speak to the crowds several times. I saw many of His miracles. One day He approached me and said, “Thomas, I want you to follow me and be one of my Disciples.” I immediately left everything and went with him. During the three years that we traveled together, I learned so many things. He taught me how to pray. I never knew that. I discovered I could tell the Father about my need for strength, for a peaceful mind and for happiness. God heard me and answered many of my prayers. Jesus often said to us, “My kingdom shall be one where there will be no more sin, sorrow or sadness. Families will no longer be torn apart by wars, disease, or violence.” However, the hardest thing for me to believe and understand was when he would say, “I will be arrested, crucified and die for you, but the Father will deliver me alive from the grave. We shall be together forever.” Often it felt like my head was about to burst trying to understand all these new things.

My Sisters and Brothers, I want you to go with me as I follow Jesus. Our first stop is a large pool of water near Jerusalem. As we approach the pool we can see a large crowd gathered around. If you look closely you can see that many of the people in the crowd are crippled, blind, or very weak and sickly. The sick believe that when the pool gushes and bubbles, the first person into the water will be healed.

Look at the man seated on his blanket bed. I have known him for many years. He was born with crippled legs. We can hear Jesus say to him, “Do you wish to be whole?” The man answers Jesus saying, “Sir, my legs are bent and crippled and when the water boils up I try to enter the pool but someone always enters before me.” Jesus says to the man, “Pick up your bed and walk.” The man immediately obeys Jesus and as he leaves the crowd, we can hear the religious leaders scolding the man as he walks away. “Hey, don’t you know it’s the Sabbath? You are not allowed to carry anything on our Holy Day. Who told you to carry your bed?” The man responds, “I don’t know who he is. I only know that when I obeyed him, though I was crippled, now I can walk.”

Come with me on a second journey. We have traveled many miles north of Jerusalem. Jesus is teaching the people and many are
being healed. After a few days we get an urgent message from Mary and Martha, our good friends. Their brother Lazarus is very sick and they want Jesus to come to their house and help. Jesus says to us, “Don’t worry, there is purpose in his illness.” Two days pass and finally Jesus says to us, “Let us now go to Lazarus.”

As we near their little town, Martha rushes toward us with tears streaming down her cheeks and crying out in her grief, “Oh, if you had only been here my brother would not have died.” Then we hear Jesus in a quiet calm voice say to her, “Martha, your brother shall rise again. I am the resurrection and the life, if you believe in me you shall never die. Believeth thou this?” Jesus is speaking of Eternal Life. We are told that Lazarus has died and even now he has been in the tomb for four days. We watch as Jesus goes up to the small garden tomb, rolls aside the door and says in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.” Mary and Martha run to Lazarus and embrace him. What a sight to behold, Lazarus coming out of the tomb alive. Truly we have seen another miracle. Lazarus is restored to life and returned to the ones who love him.

Come with me on a third journey. Jesus is inviting us to celebrate the Passover with Him. We are in a large room with the other Disciples. Jesus invites us to be seated and share the Passover dinner with Him. The Passover is the story of God’s deliverance of His people from their bondage in Egypt. What is Jesus saying? I can hardly believe my ears, “This night one of you shall betray me.” Oh, I know what that means, but I don’t want to think of the death of our beloved leader. I hear Him as he reassures us that He will be raised from the dead by God the Father. But why, why must He die? He continues to speak saying, “My blood shall be shed for many that their sins might be forgiven.”

Now the Disciples follow Jesus out into the night and we follow close behind. Jesus tells us He wishes to go to the Garden of Gethsemane. When we arrive there Jesus tells us to kneel and pray for this night will bring great sorrow to everyone. The words we heard at the table about His betrayal are cutting through me like a sharp knife. How could anyone betray such a fine man? We see a large crowd of people coming into the garden. They are carrying torches. Now we can see that many of them are Roman soldiers armed with swords and spears. They confront Jesus with the words, “Are you Jesus of Nazareth?” We hear him calmly answer, “I am.” They then arrest Him and put Him in chains.
Jesus is being led away by the soldiers so we follow close behind. Arriving at the Temple He is put on trial. The questions come from all sides. “Are you the Christ?” “Do you claim to be the Son of God?” By what authority do you speak?” We see them beat Him, scoff at Him, place a crown of thorns upon his head. We can hear the incessant chant of the mob, “Crucify Him. Crucify Him.” And then it is over. The Roman official condemns Jesus to death. By the dim light of the fading day, we see Jesus hanging on that roman stake, dying. Nails through His hands and a cruel sword thrust into His side. It is over. It is over.

My friends, it is difficult for me to say this but I am totally discouraged, disheartened and disillusioned. I wish I could forget the past three days. I’m sitting here in a house owned by some of our friends. It has been our headquarters. I have been sitting here for three days, not eating or sleeping. I don’t even want to speak to the other disciples. Three days wasted.

Two of the disciples come running into the house, out of breath saying, “The tomb is empty! Jesus has arisen!” Others follow and are telling us, “We saw Jesus and talked with Him. We even ate a meal with him.” I take a deep breath, I stand up in the midst of the Disciples and as calmly as possible, I state to my brothers. “Unless I see the nail prints in His hands and touch the wound in His side, I will not believe.” That is why I am called...Doubting Thomas.

Over a week has gone by since I expressed my doubts about Christ’s resurrection. We are eating dinner and I am surrounded by the other Disciples, many of the friends of Jesus, also His mother and brothers. They are all excited about Jesus being alive. I still doubt. Then suddenly Jesus is here, right in our midst. He doesn’t raise his voice toward me, nor does He seem angry. He is not scolding me for my unbelief. He approaches me and holds out his hands saying, “Behold my hands...put your fingers in the nail prints.” Jesus opens his cloak saying, “Put your hand upon my side.” Hesitantly I reach out, touching his hands and his side. I step back a half step, my eyes filling with tears, my body shaking and then I, in awe, fall to my knees before Him and say, “My Lord and My God.” The WGP take off his head piece.

My dear Sisters and Brothers, we hear the skeptics say, “The Bible is just a myth.” Others join in and accuse us of inventing Jesus. Still others deny His miracles, His Divine nature and His actual historic existence. The atheist shouts in scorn, “There is no God.
Man, the earth and the universe are merely the product of billions of years of blind chance!” We are often willing to believe all this.

Our doubts, my Sisters and Brothers, can haunt us day and night. They can only be vanquished when we are willing to follow Thomas’ example. To put our fingers in His nail pierced hands and our hand on His side. I think I can hear the thoughts of many. As they think, “He is not here. His hands are not here to touch nor is His side here to feel.” But they are! They are! WGP picks up the Holy Bible and holds it high that all might see it. When and only when, we are willing to read study and meditate on God’s Word, will the doubts ever be vanquished.

Our “Believe in the Journey” Grand Chapter Scripture verse is, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

**WGM:** This morning’s offering will be donated to the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership. Assistant Grand Sentinels, Assistant Grand Warders, and Assistant Grand Ushers, you will assist with the offering.

**Offering for ESTARL**

Offertory Song: *The Prayer* sung by **Lilynne Davis and Ed Bonham, Jr.**, followed by *The Doxology* sung by the Assembly.

*Offering collected for the ESTARL Fund was $583.75.*

**WGM:** Thank you Brother Dwain for your beautiful message. What a great inspiration to share as we come to the end of our “Believe in the Journey” year.

Sister Lilynne and Brother Ed, *The Prayer* is such a beautiful song and I loved your performance. Thank you so much for singing for us today. You are both so talented and I appreciate everything you two do for your chapters, your communities, and this wonderful Order.
INTRODUCTION OF ESTARL CENTRAL COMMITTEE:
Sondra Cullen (14) Chairman, Vicki Chamberlain (33), Donna Newcomer (not present) (66) Assisting: Maxine Machamer, PGM and Art Shoemaker, PGP

WGM: Thank you for your service to the ESTARL Committee. The scholarships this committee awards are given to assist college juniors and seniors or students attending seminaries who desire to enter the various fields of religious service, such as ministers and directors of church music, religious education, and youth leadership. Sisters and Brothers, please join me in thanking this committee for all of their efforts.

WGM: Sister Sondra, I know you and your committee are excited to award some scholarships, so I will turn the microphone over to you.

ESTARL AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Sondra Cullen (14) Chairman: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron.
The first time I gave a talk in front of a crowd this big was when I was Grand Representative of Tennessee and I was asked to give the response for the Grand Representatives at their Grand Chapter. I was nervous but I was among strangers so, I didn’t care. But now, I am among friends and I’m really nervous.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. The ESTARL Central Committee wishes to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Patron for the privilege of serving on this Committee this past year. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Jan, for the confidence you had in me to fill the position as Chairman of the ESTARL Central Committee, following the resignation of Roland Webster, due to ill health. We thank all of the District Chairmen for their efforts and each of the Idaho Chapters for their generous donations to fund our project. I give a big thank you to the ESTARL Central Committee members Vicki Chamberlain, Donna Newcomer, PGM Maxine Machamer and PGM Art Shoemaker for all of their help. Thank you Judith Walsborn Grand Secretary and Jim Grant Grand Treasurer for your part also. It is greatly appreciated.

The awards granted for this year amounted to $5,600.00. The amount available in the ESTARL Fund was $5,682.75. Four applications were received and one was rejected as it was not
complete. Each of the three remaining applicants will receive an award. As the recipients are not with us today, as I read their names, will the sponsoring Chapter please come forward to accept the award. All three are first time recipients and attend Boise Bible College. They are: David Hamilton $1,900.00 Sponsored by Electa Chapter #22 in Emmett; Mariah Winslow $1,900.00 Sponsored by Electa Chapter #22 in Emmett and Isaac Williams $1,800.00 Sponsored by Meridian Chapter #66 in Meridian.

Oh, what a nice surprise. How wonderful that you were able to be here with us! Would you like to say a few words?

*Mariah was escorted to the Grand East*

**Mariah Winslow:** I just wanted to thank you so much for the money you donated to fund this scholarship program. It helps a lot. I’m planning on going into education and intercultural studies and double majoring in both. I’d like to be a missionary and gain access into a country so I can teach and eventually start a church with my husband. I just wanted to tell you all how humbled I am by this gift and really thank you all.

I received the following e-mail from Isaac after he was informed of the scholarship and I quote, "Oh my goodness. I cannot believe this. Thank you so much Sondra. I cannot express my gratitude right now. I am honestly in shock. The Lord is using your organization to bless me right now. This will help pay the majority of my education next year. Thank you so much for everything you’ve done for us! In Christ, Isaac." unquote.

**Sondra Cullen:** I received a lovely note from David Hamilton who wrote and I quote, "I am so incredibly thankful and honored to have received this scholarship. It is an answer to so many prayers. Your investment into my education will help me get on the mission field as quickly as possible following the completion of my education. Getting on the mission field to unreached groups sooner, will mean that God can use me sooner to reach those who would otherwise never hear the amazing Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am eternally grateful for the time and money you have invested in me. I intend to spend my life giving it all back to those who have yet to ever hear the Gospel. Again words cannot fully articulate the gratitude I have towards the ESTARL Committee and the Order of the Eastern Star. I lament that I cannot express this gratitude in person, but I will lift you up in my prayers. God Bless You All!" unquote
Thank you Sister Sondra and the rest of the committee for taking on this important role. Thank you to all the Chapters and individuals who contributed to the ESTARL fund. It is because of you that we are able to offer this important scholarship. We congratulate our ESTARL scholarship recipients and wish them continued success in their chosen field.

I have to share a little story. I received an email from someone I never heard of and while a little suspicious about opening it, I did and it was from Isaac Williams. He said he had just moved to the Boise area and had heard our organization has ESTARL scholarships and wanted to know how to apply. So, I reached out to all the Worthy Matron’s in the Boise area and through their collective efforts, Isaac was contacted and, as they say, the rest is history.

As is the custom of this Grand Chapter, we will use the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Memorial Bible for the Memorial Service. This Bible was presented to and dedicated at the June 1948 Idaho Grand Chapter in Moscow, Idaho.

The Worthy Grand Matron’s Bible was retired and the Memorial Bible was placed upon the Altar by the Grand Conductress.

The Altar was reverently draped by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, assisted by the Grand Chaplain.

This morning we honor the memory of the Sisters and Brothers of our Subordinate Chapters, our Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter. Our sympathy is extended to all those who have been visited by sorrow this past year.

Sadly, we have lost one of our Past Grand Matrons and three of our Past Grand Patrons: Sister Kathleen Hovren and Brothers Lavell Paige, Jack Sage, and Larry Allen.

We will have the Memorial Tributes for our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. The Job’s Daughters of Idaho will then perform the Living Cross as the Grand Bethel Senior Princess signs. This will be followed by “The Memory Cross” Memorial Service conducted by our Grand Chaplain, Sister Judy Taylor, assisted by the Chaplains of Idaho’s Subordinate Chapters.
At the end of the service, I ask that you follow the Grand Officers as we exit the Grand Chapter room in silence as a tribute to those who have passed.

**WGM:** The tribute for Sister Kathleen Hovren, Past Grand Matron, will be given by Sister Joanna Davidson, Past Grand Matron, who was Associate Grand Conductress when Sister Kathleen presided in the East with Brother Eugene Crowley.

**MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR KATHLEENHOVREN, PGM**

**Joanna Davidson, PGM:** Kathleen ‘Kay’ Hovren, a lady among ladies! She was born December 2, 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri as an only child to Dr. Charles Hedges James & Ethel Summers James. The family moved to Broadus, Montana before Christmas where her father sought the life of a country doctor. Her mother was a teacher and later the postmistress in Broadus. Kay passed away August 24, 2014, aged 85 years, 8 months and 12 days in Twin Falls, ID. Kay graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman where she met and married her handsome Vern Hovren who was a returning Army Air Corps officer. He was a Meteorologist during the war and was a licensed Architect in civilian life. Kay and Vern had two children, Jim, an attorney in Boise and Helen, a teacher in Challis and Twin Falls.

Kay and Vern owned Allied Building and Furniture in Challis for many years which Kay managed after Vern’s death in 1971, until her retirement. Her true interest was in Early Childhood Education. She was instrumental in establishing the Head Start program in Challis that later became the Challis School District’s kindergarten program. She taught kindergarten, was an elementary teacher substitute, Sunday School teacher, was an accomplished pianist playing every Sunday at her church and for other churches and organizations for decades. She taught piano and accordion lessons for many years.

This busy lady served on the Challis Library Board, Challis School Board of Trustees, various Community church boards and committees and was an enthusiastic 4-H instructor, Girl Scout leader, member of the American Legion Auxiliary and Daughters of the Nile.

Kay was perhaps most proud to be a Charter Member of Florence Chapter #79 Order of Eastern Star in Challis and was the last surviving charter member of #79. She was initiated at the age of 18 years old into Eastern Star in Broadus, Montana. Kay joined Star
on her father’s Masonic membership. Her Mother was Worthy Matron the year her father died and Kay was raised by her Mother. She truly viewed her Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers as her siblings.

Kay was Worthy Matron multiple times in Challis, the first being in about 1955. Vern was Worshipful Master that same year. Kay served her Chapter in most other offices and was Secretary for many years. Kay served Grand Chapter as Grand Representative to New York in Idaho in about 1959. She was Grand Organist for the Grand Chapter of Idaho in 1989-1990. She then progressed to Worthy Grand Matron with her Worthy Grand Patron, Eugen Crowley from Loyaute Chapter #19, Weiser, Idaho in 1990-1991.

Kay loved traveling to foreign countries, her 4 acre cabin on Colson Creek in Idaho, mountain picnics with family and friends, trips to Alaska, Hawaii and the antebellum houses in the south. Her most memorable trip was to Scotland with my husband Jim and me for our OES tour in 1994 when Jim was Most Worshipful Grand Master and I was Worthy Grand Matron with my dear friend Stanley Barker from Mystic Star Chapter #81 of Boise and with 35 other members including Kay’s daughter Helen Cutler and her granddaughter Chris as well.

Kay’s daughter Helen asked me to convey her sincere appreciation to the Past Grand Officers for their kind remembrances and for all the members that traveled to Twin Falls and on to Challis for Kay’s last rites.

Kay was always so fun to travel with. One time she told me and some of her officers we should eat our pie starting with the crust because it was good luck to eat the point last. I often do that yet and always think of her with a laugh. She told me on our trip to the Peace Garden that I would have to walk the next 22 miles if I ran out of gas because the warning light had come on and had dinged. We made it to the gas pump in Miles City, stayed all night and went on the next morning with no walking involved until we got to the Peace Garden.

Her stories in her messages to the Chapters always had a wonderful moral instruction and I don’t remember her ever repeating a message. Yes, Kay was one great lady, I feel richly blessed to have known her. This memorial is most lovingly submitted.

WGM: The tribute for Brother Lavell Paige, Past Grand Patron, was to be given by his daughter Sister Linda Hattrick, Past Grand Matron. However, on route from Arizona, Sister Linda and Brother Dave, the
Associate Grand Patron of Arizona, were involved in a car accident. Their car was totaled, but thankfully, they received no major injuries. I ask that you pray for them as they recover and for others that are not able to join us today. Brother John Hughes and Sister Liz Hughes, son and daughter-in-law of Sister Dorothy “Dotty” Hughes, Past Grand Matron, who served in the Grand East with Brother Lavell, will give the tribute.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR LAVELL PAIGE, PGP
Associate Grand Conductress Liz Hughes and John Hughes:
Liz: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing us to remember Lavell. John and I especially appreciate the opportunity to dig into Dottie’s treasure trove of memories and share some of our family’s favorite memories of Lavell.

John: Lavell was elected Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter in June 1981. This was 10 months before Liz and I were initiated into Eastern Star. We have never known Eastern Star without Kittie and Lavell. From Lavell I learned for the first time that Hush Puppies weren’t shoes and I can still hear his slooooow, southern drawl as he made his favorite opening remark that “I still get so nervous standing up here that I could thread a sewing machine while it was running”.

Liz: Dottie and Lavell were all about friendship and family. And even though they are no longer with us, we know that they would be pleased that we continue with what they taught us during the last 30 plus years. It’s all about friendship and family.

Linda and Dave wanted to be here more than anything. But the deer that hit them changed all that. So we are pleased to now read the words that Linda wrote about her dad.

Written by Linda Hattrick, PGM read by John and Liz Hughes:
Darvell Lavell Paige was born on May 19, 1929 in Carthage, Mississippi at home. The family was sharecroppers and cotton farmers. Life was hard. His father Claude passed away when Dad was only 7 years old.

He worked hard helping his mom as he was next to the youngest of seven Children. When he was 14 he joined the Army Air Corp which then became the United States Air Force. He was stationed at Geiger Field in Spokane, Washington, in 1948 and there he met Kittie Lester from Watford City, North Dakota and on the carousel
they fell in love and were married shortly after in Greeley, Colorado because at that time there was no age restriction there.

Dad with his sense of humor told Kittie his name was Jimmie Davis, some famous Mississippian or a politician perhaps but he was so cute that she didn't care. They were then transferred to Fort Francis E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where I was born! Dad wrote that check, that all Veterans of our Armed Services must write, along with their families and had countless duty stations through the years, also serving in Korea. All four of their children were born in different places; Wyoming, Biloxi, Mississippi, Brize Norton Air Force Base in England and Mountain Home, Idaho. I was the Wyoming baby. My Dad's last duty station was Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico.

We traveled all over the United States and the world. However, he decided that loving and living in the beauty of Idaho would be good and returned to Mountain Home after retiring from the Air Force. He went to work for Civil Service at the Air Base for 30 years. After that retirement, he went to work for Mountain Home agency as a carpenter and builder then moving to Boise in 1984 managing Granger Mobile Park for 30 years.

He loved his family, hunting and fishing. He especially enjoyed his work in the York Rite bodies and achieved the leadership office in each of them. Through the years he was involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. President of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and worked hard on behalf of each of their endeavors.

He was also a member of El Korah Shrine. He was a fifty two year and life member of Elmore Lodge #30. He was a Life Member and Voluntary Prepaid Life Member of both Miriam Chapter #16 and Meridian Chapter #66, serving both of his Chapters in many ways and as Worthy Patron many times over the years. He worked hard in Chapter, fund raising events and in the kitchens. He sold tickets and stumped for every cause we stand for. Lavell served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Idaho with Sister Dorothy Hughes at the "Garden of Friendship" term in 1982-1983. My Dad loved the Order of the Eastern Star and the lifelong friendships made as he traveled on behalf of this jurisdiction and on that journey with Sister Dottie in what was a very successful term.

He also served General Grand Chapter as an Assistant Grand Sentinel and Guard several times and also on the Registration
Committee. He was the proud Idaho Flag bearer at the time I was
installed as Worthy Grand Esther.

He loved to hunt and to fish and his family called him by a nickname, Hawkeye. That man could spot a deer or elk when no one else could. AND he loved to play the slot machines! He and his coffee club once won the Powerball lottery for $200,000.

He had some of the best days and memories. He took such wonderful care of my mom when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s and when he lost her to a stroke in 2013, it broke his heart. Every family should be so lucky to have someone like Lavell Paige. He valiantly fought lung cancer, but it got the best of him on October 14, 2014.

My Dad is my hero and probably my best friend. He was fun and funny. He was thoughtful but had a bit of the devil in him too. He did indeed instill in each of his children a dedication to hard work for whatever particular cause or interest we were involved with. I know he is proud of each of us in our diversity and everyday lives.

His Southern roots were evident, especially in his conversation and southern drawl and his easy living, welcoming ways. He liked ice cream and having a party or gathering for no reason. He liked spontaneous laughter and working in his garden was his therapy. He went out of his way to always help others and to be a good and true friend.

Lavell has four Children and their spouses, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He is missed by his fraternal family, his Chapters, and many friends and he is certainly missed by his own family.

A father's touch, a Daddy's kiss.
A grieving Daughter,
The dad I will always miss,
An empty house, an empty chair,
A father's love, no longer there,
A broken heart, a tear filled eye,
Another soul in the sky,
The times we shared,
The laughs we had,
Things I miss when I think of My Dad.
The tribute for Brother Jack Sage, Past Grand Patron, will be given by Sister Mary Hanson, Past Grand Matron, who served in the East with Brother Jack.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR JACK SAGE, PGP

Mary Hanson, PGM: Jack’s Worthy Grand Patron Scripture:
Matthew 6:34: So don’t be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of you tomorrow, too. Live one day at a time.

Jack Othel Sage was born on August 2, 1926, on his parent’s farm in Shelley, Idaho and passed away January 16, 2015 at Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. He was a Christian and lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. He was laid to rest at Sandpoint, Idaho, next to his wife, Marjie and daughter, Christine.

Jack grew up in Shelley living on his parent’s farm and enjoying the country life, filled with hunting, fishing and horseback riding. He attended school in Shelley where boxing became his passion and earned him four Golden Gloves State Championships. After graduation, Jack joined the United States Navy where he served as a corpsman at various military hospitals. After WWII, he was honorably discharged and returned to Shelley to marry his high school sweetheart, Marjie Curnutt, on September 29, 1946. They were married for sixty seven years before Marjie passed away in November 2013.

Jack’s 38 year career with Union Pacific Railroad began in 1949 when he was hired as a telegrapher. While working at the depot in West Yellowstone, the 1959 Hebgen Lake earthquake occurred. Jack was the only line of communication in or out for several days. For his valiant efforts in the aftermath he was featured in a Life Magazine article. He retired from the Union Pacific as the Division Freight Agent of the Idaho/Montana line in 1984. Jack’s fingers were always typing Morse code, even while gathered around the kitchen table visiting with family and friends.

Jack and Marjie enjoyed a fun, active and exciting life together but their greatest joy was raising their son and daughters. Jack was a devoted son, brother, husband and father, he was especially thrilled to be a grand, great-grand and great-great grandfather. When they moved to Moscow Idaho, to be near his daughter, he bought a minivan so he could transport his grandchildren where ever they needed to go.
Jack loved his Masonic family. He was a sixty year member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star. He also belonged to the Shriners, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Masons.

Eastern Star was an important part of his life as it was a social event that he and Marjie both enjoyed and loved. Jack served as Worthy Patron numerous time in Liberty, Ruth and Potlatch Chapters. He was elected to serve as Worthy Grand Patron of Idaho in 2000-20001. He presided over the “Tree-mendous Idaho” Session held in Pocatello with his Worthy Grand Matron, Mary Hanson. During this time, Jack’s quick wit and humor added to the aim of the year, “To spread sunshine and have FUN – Friendship Unites Numbers in Star.” After much consideration, he chose the wolf as his fun symbol because of its commitment to its family and pack. Jack’s commitment to Eastern Star came deep in family pride.

His mother served as Grand Electa, as did his wife Marjie. Electa’s cup at Liberty Chapter was engraved to reflect this honor. He chose Electa as his Honor Station to honor them. The motto of the year was “To put a song in your heart and a smile on your face.” Which Jack always did. He most definitely made us smile and laugh in the following ways: when he was dressed as a cow complete with ears, utter and tail; when he would explain how he had locked the keys in his car at a rest area with the car running; how he was never late, it was always Marjie; when we were being escorted in to open a Grand Chapter session, he stopped to read the paper and have a cup of coffee; as he kicked back in the Cook Islands by taking off his shirt to enjoy the sun, but not the long pants; as he swung Marjie around the dance floor and patted her on the bum; seeing his devious smile and twinkling eyes as he just got away with something; and knowing that he was our true friend.

Jack was known to all of us as Mr. Perfect. If you asked him how his day was going, his response was always...PERFECT!

As the story comes to an end, it did change a bit as Little Red Riding Hood truly learned to love the Big Bad Wolf!

On a personal note, I’d like to thank you all for the cards, prayers and thoughts that you have extended to my family. Thank you.

WGM: The tribute for Brother Larry Allen, Past Grand Patron, will be given by Sister Christy Schill-Newbold, Past Grand Matron, who served in the East with Brother Larry. Brother Dwain and my
journey together began when we were both honored to be appointed officers for Sister Christy and Brother Larry; Brother Dwain was Grand Chaplain and I was Grand Organist.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR LARRY ALLEN, PGP

Christy Schill-Newbold, PGM: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the honor of giving the memorial tribute for my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Larry Allen.

Brother Larry was born August 14, 1937, in St. Anthony, Idaho. The family soon moved to a ranch near Drummond, Montana where Larry was raised. He loved the ranch life and being outdoors working, fishing and hunting. His scripture as Worthy Grand Patron, from Psalms, “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help,” reflected the spiritual connection he felt when in the country. I never saw Larry without his signature cowboy boots – he was the real deal.

He attended college in both Bozeman and Missoula. It was in Missoula that he met Gladys, and they were married in 1957. Larry and Gladys shared a life-long love and respect. They lived in Drummond, Redwood City, California, and Eugene, Oregon. In 1967 they moved to Helena, Montana where they lived for 20 years and raised their family. They moved to Boise in 1989, where Larry and Gladys engaged in a thriving construction business. They have three grown children; Lawrence, Debbie and Bert. They also have seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge in Montana and served on the Montana Masonic Home Board for six years. The Montana Grand Lodge honored him with their Outstanding Service Masonic Silver Award in 1982.

His Eastern Star journey started in 1975. He served as Worthy Patron three times in Montana and ten times in Idaho, always with perfect ritual work, and was a member of Boise Chapter No. 65 and Meridian Chapter No. 66. Larry served Idaho Grand Chapter on several committees and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2001. He also served as Grand Representative twice; to Nebraska and to Saskatchewan. Larry was appointed Grand Warder in 2006, and was installed Worthy Grand Patron in 2010.

Larry enjoyed the simple life. He loved gardening and his family. Even before the “Christmas in the Country” Grand Chapter Session, Christmas was a special time at the Allen house, and Larry and
Gladys spent hours making their beautiful home even more spectacular for the holidays. Larry was a big guy, with a big heart and a supportive and generous partner. We had already selected the Heart Association as our project, which had special meaning to Larry who’d had his own heart health issues. While in Fort Worth for a General Grand Chapter meeting, they announced that service dogs would be the General Grand Chapter project for the next three years. Knowing my love of dogs, Larry turned to me and whispered, “It’s not too late to change our minds, dear.” At every turn and with every idea, Larry and Gladys were enthusiastic partners. Both Mom and I treasured their partnership on this journey.

Larry Gale Allen passed peacefully in his sleep at his home on April 21, 2015 with his wife Gladys by his side.

In the words of one of Larry’s favorite songs, *May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again.* My dear friend, Larry, I know that we will meet again. Thank you.

*The Living Cross was performed by Job’s Daughters of Idaho, Narrated by Karen Cameron*

Job’s Daughters International is an organization created for the purpose of bringing together young women who believe in God and the teachings of the Holy Bible. The order of Job’s Daughters is founded on the book of Job with special emphasis on the 42 Chapter, verse 15 which says: “And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job.”

Most of the story of Job, as told in the Ritual, can only be given at a closed meeting. However one very beautiful and solemn part of the closing ceremony is forming the Living Cross which provides special warmth that only Job’s Daughters can share.

We often see painting of the cross on Calvary. Their meaning is the very foundation of belief for Christians everywhere. By forming a Living Cross, Job’s Daughters take that image down from the hill and into their life. They accept this message and agree to live by it.

We will now perform the Living Cross and explain the significance it has for Job’s Daughters and the lessons it has for all of us.

The Honored Queen is at the base of the cross. You may think she is there as a place of honor, but we would rather think that she is there in humbleness and service to those who elected her to be the
leader of their Bethel. It is a sign of her willingness to accept their lot, whatever it may be, and to share with the daughters over whom she presides in their joys and sorrows.

The Chaplain is at the center of the cross. Very near where Jesus’ heart was while he hung on the cross. She represents the belief that our faith in God must be the focal point of our Order and our lives. She is the constant reminder of the lessons we learn from the Holy Scriptures and our daily needs to speak to God and give our lives to his careful keeping.

At the end of the arms of the cross are the Junior and Senior Princess. They represent the hands of our blessed savior. The purple of their capes represents the blood which flowed from his hands while they were nailed to the cross. They also assure a balance is maintained in our Bethel. While pursuing an appropriate balance of those attributes, God expects us to make an intricate part of our lives.

At the top of the cross is one of the five messengers, who have the honor at our meetings of explaining the story of Job’s suffering and eventual triumph over an adversary. The five messengers comprise the fiber that holds the cross together by relating the truth of Job’s life, although the world seems to forsaken us at times, we must always turn to God and remain faithful to him. As we live our life with patience and faith in God, we will receive the final reward.

Each of these officers represents the traits God expects us to portray in our lives. To follow God’s way, pursue noble actions, respect our parents, strive to always do our best, seek to increase our knowledge, work toward harmony with others and honesty.

As the daughters come out of the cross, turning to the right and left, the diagram that is made on the floor would be that of a large open Holy Bible, “And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job. And their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.”

The Job’s Daughters sing “Nearer My God to Me” (with Allyson Cameron signing) then leave the cross and silently exit the Grand Chapter room.
MEMORIAL SERVICE
Judy Taylor, Grand Chaplain: This is our Memorial dedication to the memory of those who have passed from us, but...

They are not far away,
Our loved ones who have passed within the Gate.
We feel their comforting presence
And know that they watch and wait.

They lived and served beneath the Cross,
Loyal and true to life’s end.
We come to pay tribute to them today
Who gladly the Cross did defend.

Although our Golden Chain is broken,
And voices we loved now are still.
Close their loyal presence lingers,
And our hearts with love they fill.

Fragrant as the sweetest petals
From our treasured rose’s bloom,
Are memories of our dear ones,
Meeting in God’s Chapter room.

Sweetly their memory lingers
In our loving hearts tonight,
Meeting at the Cross to honor
Those gone beyond our sight.

In the near east was a cross with an OES star leaning against it and from the arms of the cross were draped with the five colors representing the points of an OES Star. A fire house bell was rung as each Chapter was called. Each Chapter’s Chaplain walked slowly to the near east holding rose petals in their cupped hands and as the name of their departed member was read, the petals were reverently scattered at the foot of the cross. See Necrology in Appendix.
Grand Chaplain: Let us unite in Prayer:
   Heavenly Father, kind and good
   Sometimes we’ve not understood.
   And our hearts ached with sorrow,
   Seeing not Thy bright tomorrow.
   Seeing only the dark tomb,
   Forgetting Thy great Chapter Room,
   Where our loved ones safely are
   Worshipping beneath They Star.

   Forgive us. Grant that we live here
   So we will be welcomed there.
   Teach us to live as close to Thee
   As they – then we’ll be remembered, Amen

Grand Chaplain: We will now sing the Hymn, *The Memory Cross*.

The Grand Conductress closed the Bible
The Assembly sang “The Memory Cross.”
Grand Officers march out quietly, followed by the congregation.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy way acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” *Proverbs 3:5-6*
SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
June 14, 2015
12:45 PM    Musical Prelude: Lois Gross, PM (3)

1:00 PM    The Honor Session was called to order by Anna Knecht-Barclay, PGM-OR and Bob Barclay, PGP.

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS
The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East, introductions made and Grand honors extended. Sister Anna and Brother Bob were extended the Grand honors and a hearty welcome. The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.

Bob, PGP: Good Afternoon Sisters and Brothers. You may be wondering why a Past Grand Matron from Oregon and a Past Grand Patron of Idaho are standing together in the East before you. Well, we actually have two things in common: 1) We are both member of Pioneer Chapter #28 in Lake Oswego, Oregon. 2) We got married on April 23rd. Applause from Assembly

Interestingly, we met on the Star Trail while waiting in line at an outhouse in Richland, Oregon park at the Grand Reception for PGM Rebecca Price, where we talked Duck football.

Anna PGM: It is our pleasure and honor to welcome you to the 113th, “Believe in the Journey” Grand Session of the Idaho Grand Chapter. We hope that each of you are looking forward to this afternoon’s activities as we thread our way through the friendship we have made in this wonderful organization.

Bob PGP: This afternoon we will recognize our youth groups and honor our fifty-year members. One is the foundation and the other, the future of our beloved organization. We also honor our General Grand Chapter Committee Members and present Scholarships to deserving young people. This will truly be an Honor afternoon.

Anna PGM: Sister Jan, I am deeply honored that you asked Bob and I to open your Sunday Afternoon Honor Session. We feel honored to be given this privilege and wish you the best, not only during your Session, but also as you continue your travels along the Star Trail.

Bob PGP: Brother Dwain, I have watched you as you have served as a Grand Officer and moved up the Grand Line, and observed you assume positions of ever greater responsibility and mature into the
leader that you are today. You have truly had a hand in the success of this Grand Chapter.

Anna PGM: Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbie and Most Worthy Grand Patron John, it is wonderful to see both of you in this great Jurisdiction; you have our respect and gratitude for your dedication and service to Eastern Star. Many here look forward to attending your Tri-Annual Session in Pittsburgh.

WGM: Sister Anna and Brother Bob, thank you for opening our Sunday afternoon session. Sister Anna, I am so glad you are now part of our Idaho Grand Family. I have enjoyed getting to know you over the past couple years. You always have a smile on your face and are so gracious in everything you do. What a positive role model you are to everyone you meet.

Brother Bob, thank you for everything you do for this Grand Chapter and for the Masonic bodies. You generously share your time and gifts with those less fortunate, particularly the Shriner’s Hospitals. I was Associate Grand Conductress for you and Sandi and thoroughly have Treasured Memories of that year. It was out of this world! You have made me laugh so many times and I love your subtle sense of humor! Thank you for all the good advice you have given me, both personally and regarding Star. When I was going through the various appointments I had to make, I knew immediately I wanted you as my Parliamentarian because I truly respect your knowledge and expertise. Both of you are great examples of what leaders should be, and I look forward to many more years of friendship. Thank you.

WGP: Shaquille O’Neal said “Excellence is not a singular act; it’s a habit. You are what you repeatedly do.” Sister Anna, your service to our Order is greatly appreciated. Your love and dedication brings smiles to the faces of many, especially to your partner, our Brother Bob. Bob, you are certainly a lucky Scot. Thank you both for opening our afternoon session.

WGM: Sister Lois, thank you for the beautiful music you provided for us this afternoon. Sometimes it is difficult coming back right after lunch, but with your music, we are going to be awake all afternoon. Thank you so much.
The Grand Conductress opened the Bible as the Grand Choir sang “On the Wings of a Dove.”

**INVOCATION** given by Janet Jensen-Fullmer, PGM (21)

Our Heavenly Father, as we greet this first day of the ‘Believe in the Journey’ Grand Chapter session, we thank Thee for the many blessings which Thou has bestowed upon us.

We ask Thy special blessings upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they conduct the business of this Grand Chapter.

We ask Thy blessings upon all here assembled and especially our honored and beloved Golden Stars and for their many years of faithful service to our Order.

Today we also pray for the future of our honored Masonic youth; Job’s Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay and their adult leaders.

We ask Thy continued care of our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. May they inspire us to be grateful and thankful for the fraternal friendship in this beautiful Order. May our Father take care of us during the days ahead and return us safely to our homes. All this we ask in Thy Holy name. Amen.

**FLAG PRESENTATION**

**WGP:** Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed by the singing of the Flag song, “God Bless America.”

**WGM:** I am so pleased that this year’s Grand Chapter is here in Idaho Falls, my home town. I was born and raised here, and as many of you know, my Dad was the Fire Chief for the City of Idaho Falls and for Bonneville County Fire Protection District #1. Although it has grown quite a bit over the years, Idaho Falls still has the safety and comfort of a small town, yet some of the cultural and social benefits of a larger one. I encourage each of you to take advantage of the beauty that surrounds us and the many activities within the city and surrounding area. While you are here, please take an hour to stroll around the green belt, which you can access just outside this hotel. Nothing will clear your mind, get your blood flowing, and help you relax more than this beautiful walk. In the registration room, we have a list of things to do around the community. For those of you who did not notice, there is a great big red fire truck out in front and
I encourage you to go look at it. It is the first fire engine my Dad drove when he started with the City of Idaho Falls Fire Department. It was bought brand new in 1949. After the City retired it, it had many different owners, the last being a farmer and for years the truck sat out on his field. My dad always kept track of that engine and on one Christmas, my mom purchased that truck for my dad. She had it brought home on a flatbed truck and my dad put his heart and soul into restoring it to its present and pristine state. Graciously, the City firemen took up a collection and presented him with a dress blue uniform and made him Fire Chief Emeritus. It was quite an honor. They have continued to support us and this morning some off duty firemen brought it to us today. They will be picking it up later tonight so please take advantage of this beautiful day and take a stroll outside to have a look at it.

WGM: I have the honor to introduce to you Councilwoman Barbara Ehart, representing our beautiful city of Idaho Falls and Rebecca Casper, the Mayor, who is out of town on business.

Barbara Ehart, Councilwoman, representing Rebecca Casper, Mayor of Idaho Falls: Thank you very much. Truly, it is an honor to be here and to welcome you to the City of Idaho Falls. This is a wonderful, wonderful City. I was also born and raised here, though I left for about fifteen years, then made a conscious decision to come back, certainly for the beautiful surroundings, but particularly because of the people here.

Now before I read this special proclamation, I must tell you that before this, I admit, I didn’t know much about Eastern Star. So I did some research about it on google and learned about all the great work you do and how to join. I regret that I don’t believe I can become a member. I’m not married, have no Masonic connections but, well, I am available for marriage...so.

Since Rebecca, our Mayor, couldn’t be here, I am absolutely delighted to take her place. Just to explain this process a little, when the Mayor cannot attend a function, an email goes out to Council members describing the event. The emails I most quickly respond to are: those that involve the Youth. Check, those that involve service. Check, and those that have religious overtones. Absolutely check as I feel that is where most good can be done. So, kudos to all of you for that which you have done and for that which you will yet do.
Let me officially read this **Proclamation:** Whereas, the Order of the Eastern Star is the largest Fraternal Origination in the world to which both men and woman may belong. And, whereas world-wide, there are more than five hundred thousand members under the General Grand Chapter. And whereas, Eastern Star is a social order comprised of persons with spiritual values and its appeal rests in the beauty of the character building lessons that are so sincerely portrayed in its Ritualistic work. And, whereas a deep eternal bond exists between its members, the high principles exemplified in their lives make them near and dear to each other. And, whereas the stated purposed of the Organization are charity, education, fraternity and science. And, whereas, Doctor Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Masonry, founded the Order using the beautiful and inspiring Biblical examples of heroic conduct and moral values which adorn the personal lives of Eastern Star members. And, whereas, members have raised millions of dollars to support National, Jurisdictional and local charities’, including: Service Dogs, Children’s Hospitals, religious education and organizations dedicated to the treatment of cancer, heart disease and diabetes. Now, therefore I, Barbara D. Ehart, in lieu of Rebecca L. Casper, as a City Councilmen for the City of Idaho Falls, do hereby proclaim: the week of June 13\textsuperscript{th} to the 20\textsuperscript{th}, 2015, as **Masonic Organization Week.** In witness thereof, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Idaho Falls, to be affixed on this fourteenth day of June, 2015. Thank you all, and welcome!

*A beautiful wooden plaque inscribed with the above Proclamation was presented to the WGM.*

**WGM:** Thank you councilwoman Ehart for taking time out of your very busy schedule to visit us here this afternoon and present that wonderful proclamation. Please join me in thanking Ms. Ehart.

**WGM:** I now have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Bill Gossett from the Shilo Inn Convention Center. Mr. Gossett and his staff have been very responsive to our needs and wonderful to work with.

**Mr. Bill Gossett** Director of Operations, Shilo Inn Convention Center: Good afternoon! Welcome to Keefer’s Island Convention Center located inside the Shilo Inn. I thank you all for allowing us to be your host location for your 2015 convention. Here at Keefer’s
Island, we pride ourselves in giving you the highest quality in food and professional service. However, I am only one man in this big organization. The real hard work done is behind the scenes from the men and women who work for me. You don’t see them on an everyday basis, though some of you have seen them quite often in helping with your room changes and set-ups. My banquet Supervisors; Blair, DJ and Brett. My banquet Manager Mark; my Executive Chef, Scout Lasard; my Sous Chef, Robert and all the other staff members who are here in the room with us, so please give them all a round of applause.

As Jan touched on, there are several things to do here in Idaho Falls. I recently re-located to Idaho Falls from Florida, two years ago, and I was amazed at what beautiful things to do we have here in Idaho Falls. We are lucky to be Keefer’s Island because it sits just across from us and that’s the reason we named our business after that. It circles the green belt, it has the Snake River Landing where you can find unique shops and boutiques so ladies if you have some free time, you may want to head over there and check them out. Our Museum of Idaho has many great exhibits and this month’s is all about pirates and worth seeing.

Tonight we have an extraordinary buffet for you since there are no banquets, we’ll be doing a prime rib dinner and baked salmon for $13.95 to keep it in a good price range for you, and our Sous Chef is preparing some special savory dishes for you also so I really encourage you to stay and enjoy our wonderful restaurant.

Once again I would like to thank you for letting us host this event for you and we’re really hoping we can see you all again in 2018. Thank you very much.

WGM: Thank you Mr. Gossett for taking the time to welcome us here this afternoon. We look forward to a great session at your facility along the Snake River and enjoying the beauty that surrounds it. Thank you again.

WGM: At this time, I would like to introduce Ms. Karole Honus. Karole is a member of the Masonic family, having been a Job’s Daughter herself, and her mother and grandmother were active in Eastern Star. Karole is a familiar face around this community and is very involved in the various organizations and activities of Southeast Idaho. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Karole Honus.
Welcome by: Karole Honus: Thank you very much, I appreciate it. I am a Television anchor in this market, so that’s why some people think I look kind of familiar. It’s Chanel 8. KIFI the ABC affiliate so when you see me there tomorrow night at 10:00, you’ll say to yourself, I feel so much more at home now because I know that anchor.

As Jan mentioned, mom and my grandmother belonged to Eastern Star and my dad was a Mason and Shriner. My grandmother particularly loved Eastern Star and held a lot of offices in it. Mom was very active until my older sister Christy got into Job’s Daughters, then me, then Terry and we were all Honored Queens and mom was our Guardian so she had to start shifting her efforts over to Job’s Daughters. I really thank you for asking me to speak and I’ve been dreaming about Job’s Daughters every night since I was asked.

They are hysterical dreams because Jobies was so much fun for me. We need to get more girls involved in it as it’s just too valuable for them not to.

Some of the things I remember about Jobies are: On being initiated into Jobies at age, what, twelve? It was the first time any of us got to shave our legs and wear nylons. This was huge. And, in those days the razors were like your dads, rough and really awful, not like today. So here we come, into the chapter room, with Band-Aids crisscrossing our shins and legs! Now also, we got to wear nylons and that was a really big deal. However, we didn’t have panty hose then so we had to wear those little garter belts. I’m not sure that some of you even know what I’m talking about. But they were really awful. You had to pull up your nylons and hook them on little tabs. They were a one-size-fits-all and didn’t have them for tall girls. So, the first time we had to get down on our knees, mine popped right off. So for the rest of the night, I’m walking around the room with my nylons around my ankles. I’m glad we can all laugh about that now but it was pretty mortifying then.

I’ve very grateful for the values and lessons I learned from Job’s Daughters. They taught me poise, grace, patience, and laid the foundation for my ability to speak in public. Most importantly, the Masonic family teaches us lessons about God and giving. The world could use more of that. I welcome you all too eastern Idaho and hope you can enjoy some of the beautiful sights around you. I thank you all for asking me to be here. God bless you all.
My father passed away a couple months ago and I was going through things and found a jewelry box with Eastern Star pins and other items that belonged to mom and my grandmother and I wanted it to have a good home. I know they would be excited to have it find a home with you. *The jewelry box was presented to the WGM.*

**WGM:** Thank you Karole for spending a few minutes with us today. We value your insight and if you ever want to become active in Eastern Star, I’m sure anyone in this room would love to help you out with that! As for the jewelry, I’m very touched and we will research the history and find loving homes for these pins.

**WGM:** Of course, all of this would not be possible without the dedication and service of the many people in this room, our General Arrangements Committee and all of the session committee members and assistants. This year I appointed some fairly new members as General Arrangements Chairpersons. These ladies are awesome and have worked very hard to make sure we have a fun, successful session. Naturally, there were challenges, but with the assistance of Barbara Hopkins, and the gentle guidance from Past Grand Matrons Shirley Butler and Janet Jensen Fullmer, Marya and Leann met those challenges head on and proved that there was nothing they couldn’t handle. Their committees have given them a great deal of support and have tried to come up with new ideas to ensure that we all have a great session. Please welcome Marya Morrison and Leann Owens, our 2015 Grand Chapter General Arrangement Chairpersons, who will introduce the rest of their committee.

**GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS CO-CHAIRPERSONS:**
**Marya Morrison and Leann Owens**

**Leann:** On behalf of the Hostess Chapters, it is our pleasure to welcome everyone to the one hundred and thirteenth “Believe in the Journey” annual Grand Chapter.

Thank you to the entire staff of the Shilo and Keefers Island, for making our stay so delightful and for catering to our many, many additional needs. All of the people here at the Shilo have been very accommodating. Please be sure to thank them when you see them. There hasn’t been any need that we have expressed that hasn’t been taken care of by everyone here on the staff.
At this time we want to especially thank two very special and dedicated people, Jackie Boskoff took over when Joanne Galbraith had to resign due to health issues. Jackie has picked up and ran with the ball and done tremendous work. Please help me thank her. Also our thanks to Barbara Hopkins for all the extra time and energy spent in helping.

We are very grateful to the City of Idaho Falls for once again welcoming us to this wonderful city.

Marya: The General Arrangements Committee has spent many hours making phone calls and emails in the planning of this session. Will the General Arrangements Committee members and members of the Hostess Chapters please stand.
The Committee members were introduced and applauded. Members of all Hostess Chapters stood and were applauded.

We thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Jan and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, for your appointment in asking us to lead this wonderful group. It has been a journey worthy taking for all of us. Thank you, a lot.

INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH COMMITTEE:
Deborah Arnold (32/83) Chairman; Diana Bush (66); Will Votaw (16/66); PGM Joanna Davidson, Assisting.

WGM: Sister and Brothers, these people spend endless hours working with our Masonic youth throughout the state. Although they have worked especially hard this year, these stars have worked with them for many years, and will for years to come I’m sure. If you have ever worked with the youth, you know the energy and dedication it takes. These people do a remarkable job and on behalf of this Grand Chapter, I thank you for everything you do for our Masonic youth. Please join me in thanking these Youth Committee members.

Deborah Arnold, Chairman, Youth Committee: Thank you Sister Jan and Brother Dwain for the privilege to serve on the Youth Committee. The youth are very special to me as they are our future for the Masonic bodies.

The theme this year is “Believe in the Journey.” My Masonic journey started when I was initiated in Job’s Daughters. It was through the presence of adult Masonic bodies and their support that
was given to our three youth organizations that made me want to continue my journey with the Masonic family.

By your involvement with the youth organizations, whether it is with Job’s Daughters, DeMolay or Rainbow, you are a part of their journey in the Masonic family. By supporting their dinners, raffles, bingo night and other activities they may have, helps them know their Masonic journey doesn’t need to end when they turn twenty.

Idaho has thirteen Bethel’s, four DeMolay Chapters and two Rainbow Assemblies. There are a lot of you in this room today that have been, or still are, a part of their Masonic journey by serving or having served on their council or advisory board. I know the youth appreciate your time and commitment.

Now I would like to ask if anyone in the room has ever been a member of any one of these youth organizations to please stand. If you have ever worked with any one of them, please stand. Wow, what an amazing sight to see so many of you standing.

I am pleased to welcome to our Grand Chapter, Grand Bethel Honored Queen Morgan Hanson; Miss Idaho Job’s Daughter, Emma Miller, Grand Worthy Advisor, Susannah Maher and State Master Councilor Sebastian Stonhill. We are very happy to have you here as a part of our Grand Chapter and look forward to seeing you continue your journey in the Masonic family. Thank you.

WGM: Although Deborah didn’t mention it and for those of you who don’t know, Deborah’s granddaughter, Allison, was at the top of the cross this morning and was the one signing. And, on Saturday, Allison will become Idaho’s Grand Bethel Honored Queen. We are very pleased to have her with us this afternoon.

INTRODUCTION OF STATE YOUTH LEADERS:
Susannah Mahar, Grand Worthy Advisor, WA/ID IORG; Danielle Brunson, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, WA/ID IORG; Alexandra Koper, Grand Faith, WA/ID IORG; Morgan Hansen, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Idaho JDI; Emma Miller, Miss Idaho Job’s Daughters, Idaho JDI; Sebastian Stonhill, State Master Councilor, Idaho DeMolay.

WGM: Some people come into our lives, leave footprints in our hearts, and we are never ever the same. This statement has never held more meaning. You leaders have made a deep and lasting impression
on me and I am truly blessed to have you in my life. Our dear Waunda did not quite get all the names right so I have to correct that. Mel was Associate Grand Guardian several years ago, so it is now Alexandra Koper Brown, it is Morgan Hansen Brown and it is Emma Miller Brown. Your ability to lead the states youth is amazing. Thank you for being here and being you.

**WGP:** Language experts tell us that without “you”, there can be no “us.” Members of the DeMolay, your order, founded in 1919, honors Jacques DeMolay and promotes a positive life style through the promotion of seven moral values. It is your challenge to go father, climb higher, and attain the best. Your organization, along with the Job’s Daughters and Rainbow Girls, constitute the well spring of Masonry in all its facets. Keep reaching for the sky.

**WGM:** Sisters, Brothers and Friends you will join me in according these State Youth leaders a very hearty welcome. We know our Job’s Daughters and Rainbow Girls are preparing for their upcoming Grand Sessions. We are proud of you and the work you do. To our DeMolay, thank you for your work and dedication to the Order of DeMolay. Your Order keeps growing because you are role models to the young men of Idaho. Keep up the wonderful work.

**Sebastian Stonhill**, State Master Councilor:

Good afternoon Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and friends. My name is Sebastian Stonhill and I am the State Master Councilor for DeMolay in Idaho. I’d like to give you a rundown of what is going on during my term.

We have two goals. First, is to have each Chapter initiate eight new members. This will help each of the Master Councilor’s during the two terms, during my term, to get their past master councilor meritorious service award, which is one of the highest awards one can get in a Chapter.

The second goal is to have the State’s Chapter of DeMolay to be more financial secure by having more fund raisers as well as insuring more communication state wide.

I’ve tied these goals together during my year with a theme, **Rock On DeMolay**. It’s a good theme for a young man since most of us like rock and roll and it’s a great theme for decorations. Another thing I have planned during my term is having a state wide newsletter
which we have dubbed, the Idaho State inquisitor. With this newsletter we hope to have Idaho DeMolay bond more through communication between the chapters throughout the State and letting everyone know about the events going on outside their chapter and around the State.

I’d like to thank all of you for having me here today and for listening to me. I hope all of you enjoy the rest of your time here in Idaho Falls. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you Sebastian. I know DeMolay is hoping to open two new chapters in Idaho and I strongly urge you all to support these fine young men anyway you can.

We will now be pleased to hear from Morgan Hansen, Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Idaho.

Morgan Hansen, Grand Bethel Honored Queen:

Most Worthy Grand Matron Bobbi White; Most Worthy Grand Patron John Grobler, Worthy Grand Matron Jan Brown, Worthy Grand Patron Dwain Valez, Distinguished guests, family and friends,

my name is Morgan Hansen and I am the Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Job’s Daughters International of Idaho.

I’d like to share one of my favorite quotes: There is a place. Like no place on Earth. A land full of wonder, mystery, and danger! Some say to survive it, you need to be as mad as a hatter...which luckily I am!

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Grand Bethel of Idaho, it is such an honor to be here and what a great way to end this year of traveling through this land of wonder, mystery and danger – aka the Masonic World.

When deciding what to speak about I knew I had to come up with something good as Jan has such a very special place in my heart. But first, thank you for the warm welcome that I have received today! Thank you for asking members of Bethel numbers: 1, 6, 8, 29, 47, 59, of Job’s Daughters International, to perform the living cross this morning; it was a very special opportunity for all involved.

Eastern Star and Job’s Daughters can help each other, by getting involved with the others organization. Jobies can join Eastern Star when they become of age and Eastern Star Members can join Job’s Daughters as adult leaders. Both of us can help each other in promoting membership among our organizations. If you have never been to a Job’s Daughters meeting I encourage each of you to do so,
you will be greeted with a warm welcome and an open heart. Come and meet the fantastic young ladies who make up the organization.

When I first joined Job’s Daughters I didn’t really know who the Eastern Star were, all I knew is the ladies wore really sparkly dresses and I was super jealous! Jan and her husband Mel, were some of the first people that were apart of Eastern Star that I really got to know. They have been incredible people to have in my life, and I’m proud to call them my family. Not just Masonic family, but my family to call on when I need a shoulder to cry on or a good laugh.

Four years ago it so happened that at Grand Session in Burley, Jan and I ended up in room’s right next to each other. Little did I know, it would be the first time that I would have the pleasure of having Jan as my escort for the MIJD pageant, but not the last. That year I informed Jan that she was mad, entirely bonkers. But then I told her the secret; that all the best people are. (That is a quote from the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland).

This year it has been wonderful to travel with one of the maddest people, randomly finding her in places across this Idaho and Washington. In Washington we walked by the pool and in it were Jan and Mel. We had no idea that Jan and Mel were staying at the same motel as us during Grand Assembly. What a pleasant surprise. This year I discovered that Jan, while she may seem to, does not overly enjoy the mornings. She told me I could be bright eyed but not too bushy tailed at 5:45 AM when going to York Rite together.

It has been a pleasure and an honor getting to travel this year with your Masonic family! Rest assured that she has represented your organization with all the beauty and grace that I have known in Jan for years. Forever Jan will be my Worthy Grand Matron and Dwain my Worthy Grand Patron, because they were a part of the traveling Masonic team of 2014-2015.

Masonic family is incredibly important to me and without the love and support of the Eastern Star, and all the concordant Masonic bodies, the youth groups would not be where they are today. We love having your support and cherish our Masonic heritage. We can all help each other in membership and in making lifelong friends.

Thank you all again for the warm welcome that everyone has shown to the Jobies. Today, I have been happier than a bird with a French fry. On behalf of the Job’s Daughters of Idaho I would like to say that we appreciate all of the support that you give to us and
wish you all the best of the remainder of your pink, high heeled shoe, fun filled, session. Thank you.

WGM: Mel and I met this young lady about six years ago as she was just beginning her Job’s Daughters’ career, and it was love at first sight. She is one of our “adopted” daughters. One of our “golden nuggets” we have picked up in our travels. Morgan and I both share a love of music, playing at various functions here and there, and we have been a team in a variety of Jobie functions. We have a very special bond that I hope will last for years. I love it when, out of the blue, I get a text from Morgan saying Hi, hope you’re having a good day. And you know, at that point, regardless of how the rest of the day has gone, it is a good day. Thank you Morgan for being one of ours. I love you.

WGM: We will now be pleased to hear from Emma Miller, Miss Idaho Job’s Daughters.

Emma Miller, Miss Idaho Job’s Daughter: Good Afternoon: Most Worthy Grand Matron Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Patron John Grobler, Worthy Grand Matron, Jan, Worthy Grand Patron Dwain Valez, Distinguished guests, members of Eastern Star, friends and family. I am Emma Miller, the Miss Idaho Job’s Daughter 2014-2015. Thank you so much for allowing Morgan and I to speak on behalf of Idaho Job’s Daughters. It is a pleasure and an honor to be here today.

This will be our last visit to a Masonic body convocation and I am glad it is Grand Chapter. As I look out at the members of Eastern Star of Idaho, I recognize many faces. I see past Grand Guardians, past Bethel Guardians, and many past Job’s Daughters. At this time, I would like all Past Bethel Guardians and Associate Past Bethel Guardians to please rise if able. Thank you so much for your time and dedication to Job’s Daughters. I am personally very grateful for your love and support to our beautiful Order Mother Mick founded 95 years ago.

As Miss Idaho Job’s Daughter, one of my primary focuses is promotion. I find promoting Job’s Daughters to be very difficult. I live in Boise, so it is easy for me to promote in Boise, but it is difficult for me to promote across the state. I wish I could live in every town Job’s Daughters has a Bethel in Idaho. I feel like I could
make an impact if I had the ability to be many places at once. Unfortunately, I am human and scientists haven’t developed technology to grant my wishes.

I just realized when I was writing my remarks that it isn’t a coincidence I give remarks at Masonic body conventions. In this room, I am guessing there are members of Eastern Star from all over the State of Idaho. If I put my promotional abilities to work at this convention, then I am promoting across the state. If I had only put two and two together approximately a year ago, I think I might have made four a long time ago. Here goes my four.

I’m going to start with the bad, so the good sounds really good. The bad news: Idaho Job’s Daughters lost 3 Bethels in the past four months. That is really fast and incredibly heart breaking. We have lost a Bethel in Blackfoot, Payette and Homedale. So for the good news, you can help by supporting Bethels in your local area. I’m sure the first thing you think of when I say help is money. We all know money can be good, but let’s think beyond money. Think about planning events with the daughters, or going to their installations or initiations or a regular meeting. Bethels always love it when there are visitors and they make it known, I guarantee you. Membership increases at the basis of support and love of the girls. The girls of Idaho Job’s Daughters will promote when they know the family they have, I am referring to the Masonic family, is behind them. As I have traveled around the state, I have noticed Bethel Guardian Councils’ numbers are just as small as the girls in the Bethel. So please, if you can, become active in Job’s Daughters again.

There’s also a plus side for you when helping Job’s Daughters. I have been in Job’s Daughters for almost 8 years and from the interaction I get from the Masonic families, I plan on joining the Order of Eastern Star when my life settles down. I am off to college in Oregon, but I heard there’s a chapter in Corvallis. I promise you I will join this Masonic organization soon. I may not be the only girl thinking this. If the Order of Eastern Star becomes prominent in Job’s Daughters, then the Daughters of Job will join Eastern Star to become beautiful young women.

Again, thank you for allowing me to speak. Jan, I love your shoes as always. Thank you.
WGM: Emma is another one of our “adopted” golden nuggets. When we first met her in Meridian, we just clicked. And that smile. Who can resist? She always has a smile and a hug and is a beautiful young lady. I look forward to seeing her because she is so excited and enthusiastic and has such sincerity in her hugs. Thank you Emma for sharing your thoughts with us today.

We will now be pleased to hear from Susannah Maher, Grand Worthy Advisor for the Washington/Idaho Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Susannah Maher, Grand Worthy Advisor, WA/ID International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jan Brown, Worthy Grand Patron Mr. Dwain Valez, Distinguished East, and friends, good afternoon! My name is Susannah Maher and I am the Grand Worthy Advisor of Washington and Idaho Rainbow for Girls and I’m also a proud member of Guiding Star Chapter of Eastern Star in Washington.

It is so wonderful to be here with you, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to speak. Your hospitality and warm welcome means so much.

This year I’ve had the pleasure of traveling around the state, usually with the people who are up here with me right now, and speaking at different Masonic body conventions. I’ve discovered that the hardest thing to do is to actually talk about Rainbow. To explain everything that it does and everything it is capable of. How do you explain a way of life?

It’s a problem that I’m sure you’ve all experienced. When you’re a part of a group of people dedicated to improving themselves and their communities, where do you begin? How do you explain to a complete stranger that it’s not just about a meeting you have to go to twice a month but that you want to go. How do you tell someone that it’s not just about the big dresses and the glitter; that the real meaning of your organization is about the power of service and love. That the people you meet through this journey become so much more than friends or colleagues, they’re role models. The word I start with is, family.

Family is the people who will drop everything to come to your aid. There are people who will have your back no matter what happens. Family is the people who mentor you and challenge you to
become more, to stretch yourself so you can grow. You are the family that Rainbow girls need. We need people who will challenge us and who will lead us by example. People who will show us what it means to be part of a family made up of beliefs so strong that they stretch borders and encompass the world. Teach us that we can make differences in each other’s lives. We are your legacy.

At this session, I have been so pleased to hear you say many times that we are the future of Eastern Star. It’s true, we are the future. But more importantly, you are our future. DeMolay, Job’s Daughters and Rainbow Girls will make up the Chapters, Courts, and Lodges of the future. I encourage you to seek out your local assemblies of Idaho and become involved. Or maybe think about starting a few more. We need to be invested in each other’s success. So invest in your organizations, invest in us and invest in the future. Thank you very much.

WGM: Thank you, Susannah. I had the pleasure of meeting Susannah several years ago and last year at Grand Assembly saw her installed. She a delightful, elegant and graceful young lady and I’m very honored to have you here with us today. The WGM presented a gift to each youth leader. They were a fun wallet puzzle holding a dollar bill.

INTRODUCTION OF STATE ADULT YOUTH LEADERS


WGM: Thank you for being here. The future lies before you, like paths of pure white snow. Be careful how you tread for every step will show.

Thank you for all you do with our Youth Organizations in this state. Your guidance and encouragement have a great impact on our Masonic youth, and if they follow your example, we know their future is bright. Kimra, I know the Associate Grand Guardian, Bill Skerjanc couldn’t be here today and that you both have a busy week starting Wednesday when their Grand Bethel Session starts. Jeannie, your Grand Assembly in Yakima is coming up in July. I wish both
organizations a very fun and productive session. Our DeMolay just concluded a very successful Conclave at the end of March, and statewide, they are growing in numbers and reinstating DeMolay chapters. I am very proud of their efforts and it is because of you.

I would like to point out that Idaho Falls and Southeast Idaho is well represented in leadership positions within our Masonic family this year as I am from Idaho Falls, as is Kimra, and so is Sebastian. We are working on getting an article in our local newspaper about the great group of statewide leaders of our youth organizations, living in this area. I’d like to also mention that Bill, Morgan and Tammy are from Pocatello, which is just forty five minutes south of Idaho Falls so we have a really strong Masonic representation here in southeast Idaho.

**WGP:** Two nurses are having lunch in the hospital’s cafeteria. Jane says, “I asked to be transferred to maternity this week.” “Why in the world would you make such a move? There’s a lot of work there!” asks Betty. Jane’s response, “I know, but I just love meeting new people.”

You leaders, to invest your time and energy in our youth groups is the most important and productive thing you can do. The future of our Masonic Orders rests in your hands. Thank you very much.

**INTRODUCTION OF AREA YOUTH AND LEADERS**

*Kelsey James*, Honored Queen, Bethel #47, JDI

*Keara Greenburg*, Honored Queen, Bethel #59, JDI

*Matt James*, Master Councilor, Bonneville Chapter, Idaho DeMolay

*Cason Zehntner*, Master Councilor, Charles F. Kirchner Chapter, Idaho DeMolay

*Allyson Cameron*, Senior Princess, Past Honored Queen, Bethel #8, Caldwell and Grand Bethel Senior Princess, Idaho JDI

*Abigail Payne*, Junior Princess, Bethel #1, Idaho JDI

*Lily Greenburg*, Senior Princess, Bethel #59, Idaho JDI

*Faith Borland*, Junior Princess and Past Honored Queen, Idaho JDI


INTRODUCTION OF AREA ADULT YOUTH LEADERS

Brandi Jennings, Bethel Guardian, Bethel #47, Past Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Idaho JDI

Melisa Abbott, Bethel Guardian #59, Idaho JDI, Past Bethel Guardian #6, Honolulu, HI, Past Honored Queen

Deborah Arnold, Bethel Guardian, Bethel #8, Idaho JDI

Jeremy Cameron, Associate Bethel Guardian, Bethel #8, Idaho JDI, Caldwell, Treasure Valley DeMolay Advisory, Idaho DeMolay

Laura Shonk, Mother Advisor, Meridian Gems #12, WA/ID, IORG

WGM: Wow! I do need to correct another name though, which is Faith Borland-Brown, who is another member of our family and we do consider her our fifth daughter.

The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away. Thank you for finding your gifts and sharing it with our area youth. I appreciate you being here today, to support your State Leaders and to escort our Golden Stars a little later.

It is reassuring to know that our future is in such good hands. Today’s work will show in results tomorrow. May you have continued success in your endeavors. Please join me in giving them a very hearty welcome.

INTRODUCTION OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Dave Call, (2) PGP, Chairman; Christy Schill-Newbold, (32) PGM

WGM: Thank you for being here and for all the hard work you’ve done on the Scholarship Committee. I believe it is one of the most rewarding committee’s to be one. Thank you for your dedication and efforts.

WGP: Leonard Nimoy said: “The miracle is this: The more we share, the more we have.” Our Sisters and Brothers, the success of our scholarship program rests with your committee. Your research, insight, and good choices guaranteed the outstanding results you have obtained for us this session.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Dave Call, PGP, Chairman: I apologize that Sister Linda Angel, the third member of this committee, could not be here today.
Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for allowing us to help you in this matter.

It has been a very interesting and educational experience working on the Scholarship Committee. This year we received 6 applications for the 2015-2016 school year. All of the applicants met the requirements described in our Code and Digest which requires they shall be juniors or seniors in regular four year collegiate courses, students pursuing advanced degrees or students pursuing full time accredited courses in vocational technical schools.

One of the applicants is a member of the Order of Eastern Star and all have parents or grandparents who are members of our Order.

A total of $14,000.00 was available this year from the endowment fund interest, the ten cent allotment from the per capita tax, and member and chapter contributions. A special thank you to: Sister Sue Akersten; the Scholarship Fund Chairman; all of our District Chairmen; subordinate chapters and members who donated.

The scholarships awarded are as follows:
The Worthy Grand Matron’s $5,000.00 award went to Monica Muncy, sponsored by Hermosa #32; The Worthy Grand Patron’s $4,000.00 award went to Ryan Chidester, sponsored by Idaho #49. Additional awards were: $3,000.00 to Margaret Tolman, sponsored by Hermosa #32; $1,000.00 to Caleb Gulbranson, sponsored by Edah-ho Chapter #77; and $1,000.00 to Jesse Lynn Shell, sponsored by Potlatch #48.

We offer our congratulations to these deserving young people and wish them every success in life.

We did have one bad note; one application was substantially incomplete and missing important information which therefore made it ineligible for consideration. We were very sorry that because of missing required information, we could not help out this student. Thank you.

WGM: Congratulations to all who received these awards. Your hard works has paid off and just remember to stay focused and complete the journey. We know your future is bright and we wish you the very best. I like to thank to the Scholarship Committee for reviewing all of the applications and for your care and consideration in determining the awards.
PRESENTATION OF IDAHO’S GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

JoEllen Reynolds PGM, GGCCM, Cancer
Dave Call PGP, GGCCM, Community Service
Nancy Ross PGM, GGCCM, Eastern Star Journal
Mary Lynne ‘Pete’ Nealis PGM, GGCCM, Registration

WGM: It is an honor to welcome you to your own Grand Chapter. When you focus on your travel path, you will observe a divine power, guiding every step of the journey. As you have traveled the state, you have focused on your path and represented Idaho and the General Grand Chapter well, promoting your various committees. Idaho is very proud of you, and we appreciate the work you are doing for the General Grand Chapter.

WGM: Last year, Sister Sue paid tribute to Sisters Nancy and Pete. This year, we are pleased to pay tribute to Sister Jo Ellen and Brother Dave. I have asked Sister Tyke Carr to give the tribute for Sister Jo Ellen. Sister Tyke’s husband, Brother Jim, served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Jo Ellen in 2005-2006.

TRIBUTE for PGM JoEllen Reynolds, GGCCM, Cancer
Given by, Tyke Carr, PM: I am pleased to give the tribute for JoEllen Reynolds. JoEllen was born in Terre Haute, Indiana. She moved around a lot as her husband, Chuck, was a Navy man. She and Chuck were blessed with two children and now have three grandchildren. PGP Jim Carr said “Life is good for the Reynolds!”

In September of 1957, JoEllen joined Eastern Star. She was in several Chapters during her life, transferring her membership and joining wherever she and Chuck were living. When they moved to north Idaho, JoEllen joined Shoshone Chapter #10. She served as Worthy Matron of that chapter many times and later became a dual member with Idaho #49. Through the years, JoEllen served on several Grand Chapter Committees. In 1987 she was appointed Grand Representative to Tennessee. She was a Grand Page for Betty Theirhouse and Andy Storjohann and served as Grand Esther during the 2001-2002 year.

Jim and JoEllen served on the Board of Trustee’s together and then were elected to start up the Grand line. Our families became one. It was instant friendship, respect and admiration. Jo became
another sister to Jim, a best friend to me and another aunt to our kids.

JoEllen and Jim served as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for 2005-2006. I do not think that I can remember another Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron that were so much alike as those two. Their birthdays were three months apart; they both had a sweet tooth and it was usually banana splits at nine or ten o’clock at night! Even their spouses had the same birthdays and shared the same opinions. I did not know there was another person in the State of Idaho that liked craft stores as much as Jim Carr, but boy was I wrong. They would drag me along, literally drag me along, but I’d usually end up having fun, and Jo and I enjoyed spending Jim’s money! Our kids still look forward to the visits from north Idaho. My daughter, Cami, loved to quiz Chuck about his job.

Getty serious, Jo and Jim brought out the best in each other. Their love for each other and Eastern Star was special to Jim until the end. That you, Jo and Chuck, for keeping me going after Jim’s death and for your continued friendship. You were the first ones we told about his prostate cancer. Jim said many times, “Thank goodness you were in our lives.” JoEllen, during your time as a member of the General Grand Chapter Cancer Committee, you served Idaho well and raised awareness of this dreaded disease. JoEllen and Chuck, I love you both so very much.

Worthy Grand Matron Jan, and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, thank you for the opportunity to express my love and admiration for this old lady, and my good friend.

WGM: Sister Tyke, thank you for giving such a beautiful tribute to Sister Jo Ellen.

JoEllen Reynolds, PGM, GGCCM, Cancer: Thank you Tyke, I gotta say it was better than I thought it would be!

First, let me say that it is a privilege to be honored here today and to have Tyke do this for me. Thank you Tyke, for your kind words. I consider you my sister and Jim my brother, in more ways than one. If you knew Jim and I, you’d know we were the worse for crying and blubbering and had ‘crying towels’ with us everywhere we went. Jim and I couldn’t have been better situated as we did so many things together.
Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbie, thank you so much for appointing me as your Committee member for Cancer. It couldn’t have fit me better and was like a dream come true.

I have asked each of the Jurisdictions I have visited, for the members who have survived cancer to please rise. I would now like all present who have survived cancer to please stand. Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome. If we did not have cancer research, likely these members would not be standing here today. I’d now like to have anyone who knows someone with cancer, to please stand. This is always, sadly, a very large group. Please keep up the good work with your donations, your support and care for those with this disease and thank you for being here today.

I want to thank Worthy Grand Matron Jan and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain. Jan, thank you for your help and support this year. You are a great Worthy Grand Matron. I continue to believe Jim and I had the best Grand year, but I could be biased. Worthy Grand Patron, without the inspiration and humor you shared at each official visit, it would have been a dull year. Thank you.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers for letting me carry these great memories with me for the rest of my life. Thank you.

WGM: Sister Nancy Ross will give the tribute for Brother Dave Call. Sister Nancy and Brother Dave served this Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in 2004-2005.

TRIBUTE to DAVE CALL, PGP, GGCCM, Community Service Given by Nancy Ross, PGM, GGCCM, Eastern Star Journal:
How many remember ‘Mr. Ditto?” Dave has the distinction of having three ‘wives.” We were having our pictures taken on an Eastern Star cruise and here was Dave having a picture taken with his wife Kathy, then with me, then with PGM, Darla Redman. Someone commented on why this man had so many ‘wives.’ Kathy just winked and mentioned something or other about a religion, and we all had a great laugh over it. This extreme man, who could do this was rare and we always had a wonderful time. His one aversion is, talking. He is a very quiet man. He is a tall and unassuming man, kind of like John Wayne. I really enjoyed my years with Dave and I know Darla did too.

Dave Call was born September 9, 1935 in Salmon, Idaho. Dave’s earliest memories were on Pine Creek, located one mile west of
Shoup on the Salmon River. He started school in Shoup in 1941 in a one room log school house. The school had a curtain dividing the room with high school on one side and grade school on the other. In March of 1953, at the age of 17, he and two friends traveled to Idaho Falls where they enlisted in the U.S. Army, signing up for the Airborne division and hoping to go to Korea. Before finishing basic training, the Korean cease fire was declared.

In 1956 he returned to Salmon and worked in a mine for a short time. Then he was a smoke chaser for the Forest Service, then worked for his older brother at the Valley Service Station and finally started his Law Enforcement career as a Police officer for the City of Salmon.

Dave and Kathy were married in March of 1959. They have three children; Brett, Scott and Jennifer. They have five grandchildren and three great grandchildren with one more on the way.

In July of 1959 Dave accepted a job with the Los Angeles Police Department where he worked for twenty years then retired. The family moved back to Salmon where he built their log home. He worked many jobs to keep active and then ran for, and became, the Lemhi County Sheriff in 1988.

Dave has been very active in the community as well as a member of Search and Rescue, American Legion, Civil Defense, Elks, the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and Red Cross of the Constantine.

Dave became a Mason in 1985 serving as Worshipful Master six time. He is now serving his ninth term as Worthy Patron of Hugh Duncan Eastern Star Chapter #2. He served as Worthy Grand Patron in 2005 with me and with the passing of Worthy Grand Patron Walt Inlow, finished his term in 2004 with Darla Redman as Worthy Grand Matron. He is now serving as a member of the Community Service Committee for General Grand Chapter.

Dave is now happy riding around Lemhi County on his four-wheeler and fishing the lakes and rivers in his pontoon boat. He’s always promised me a ride on his boat as I really love going down the rapids but my bones keep giving out on me so I can’t do it.

Mr. Ditto would come to Grand Chapter with me and Darla and when it came time for him to speak, he’d hold up this little sign that said, ‘Ditto’, so that’s how he got his nickname. Like John Wayne, he was a man of few words, but a wonderful smile, a wonderful personality and a love for Eastern Star and all its members that will...
never stop. He was a wonderful counterpart that God blessed me with, and Kathy, and I thank the Lord very much. Thank you.

WGM: Thank you Sister Nancy for sharing with us the beautiful memories and tribute to Brother Dave.

Dave Call, PGP, GGCCM, Community Service: Sister Nancy, thank you for those kind words and when I grow up, I hope I can live up to some of that! We did have a lot of fun in our year and it’s been a great honor serving this Grand Chapter and meeting all you wonderful people and I thank you very much.

Mary Lynne ‘Pete’ Nealis, PGM, GGCCM, Registration: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. I just wanted to update the Grand Chapter. Last year when I received the wonderful tribute from Brother LeRoy, I had visited something like fourteen, fifteen Grand Chapters and I’m now up to nineteen. But, I’m not through; we’re still hitting the road and still going.

A big thing I wanted to thank this Grand Chapter for, was about Bobbie’s beautiful Star pins you bought. I told you the proceeds will go to the Scholarship committee and I gave $300.00 to Scholarship committee and have $200.00 more at home, which I forgot to bring, to give the committee but I will get it to them. So you have all helped me in supporting the Scholarship committee by $500.00 and I really wanted to thank you all for that. It is wonderful.

The other thing I wanted to say is to thank Bobbi for this appointment. She knows the story, that I didn’t want it but she gave it to me anyway, and I have truly enjoyed it. I’ve met so many wonderful people and made many new friends and gotten to know others even better so I really do thank you for this.

PRESENTATION of General Grand Chapter Committee Appointees for 2015-2018
   Carol Burbank, PGM, GGCCM, Cancer
   LeRoy Austin, PGP, GGCCM, Education
   Lucy Miller, PGM, GGCCM, Regenerative Medicine
   Bob Barclay, PGP, GGCCM, Shriners Charities
   Don Miller, PGP, GGCCM, Youth
WGM: It is an honor to welcome you and congratulate you on your recent appointments. Idaho is very proud of you, and we know you will represent us well as you participate on these very important General Grand Chapter committees over the next three years. May your star guide you to walk in the right path.

Not Previously Introduced:
J.C. Spraker, Most illustrious knight commander and Leanne Owens, Advisor, Bonneville Chapter DeMolay, were introduced.
WGM: I see Harry Owens back there so I’d like to introduce Harry Owens who is father to Leann, who is mother to J.C., so we have three generations standing there.
I thank all of you for being here and truly appreciate all the support you give to our Order and the youth groups. We all thank you for all you do.

WGM: DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives by developing civic awareness, personal responsibility, and leadership skills. These foundations make a difference in the world of every young man who belongs to this wonderful organization. I have asked the young men of Idaho DeMolay, along with Master Counselor for Bonneville Chapter DeMolay, Matt James, to present the Flower Talk for us this afternoon, in honor of our Golden Stars.
Dressed in DeMolay regalia, Matt James beautifully recited the Flower Talk, as Idaho DeMolay brothers placed red and white roses upon the Altar.

WGM: That was beautiful. Thank you so much for presenting this inspirational ceremony for us. Matt is the son of Sister Keri James and Brother Ron James, and the grandson of Sister Hazel Sutton, PGM and Brother Mike Sutton, all of whom are very proud I am sure.

INTRODUCTION OF GOLDEN STAR COMMITTEE
Mary Finley (12), Chairman; Susan Snodderley (12), Debbie Phillips (22)
WGM: Our Golden Stars are shining lights within each of our Chapters and our lives. Thank you, Golden Star Committee, for your work and preparation to honor them this afternoon.
WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN STARS

Mary Finley, (12) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron Jan, Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, we thank you for letting us be a part of your session today. I would also like to thank Susan Snodderley and Debbie Phillips for all the work they have done for this committee. Thanks also to Karen Juell, PGM and Gary Lemarr, PGP for appointing me to this committee three years ago. It has been a good journey. I would also like to thank Gary Lemarr and Mary Hanson, PGM for their assistance.

Golden Stars, as you are presented today, you will have your picture taken as you come through the arch and you may pick up your copy of the picture at the Grand Secretary’s desk today and tomorrow, so don’t forget to get your picture. We are having a reception for you in the room right next door immediately after this session closes and we hope you all come in and enjoy punch and cookies with us. Thank you for coming.

WGM: Our dear Golden Stars, you are an inspiration to all of us with your examples of dedication and commitment. You help us to be better people with your words of wisdom and gentle encouragement and support.

Most of you are very active and vital members of your Chapters. People say that when you follow the right steps, you will never get lost. We strive to follow in your footsteps, and look up to you as our role models, cherishing your friendship and love. Remember, life is a happy journey. Welcome.

WGP: It is said by experts that Eskimos have fifty two names for snow. Our Order has hundreds of names for love: Alice, Betty, William, Carol, Judy, Mary, Charles, and many more. We call them our Golden Stars. I enjoyed meeting so many of you and sharing a hug and a little of what we call “Star Love”. Thank you for your time, talent, and energy. God bless.

WGM: We will be pleased to listen to a musical selection from the Idaho Falls Wesley Hand Bell Choir, in honor of our Golden Stars. While they are moving their equipment in, I’d like to say how very proud I am to have them here with us today. I not only love listening to bells, but have been a member of the Wesley Bell Ensemble for close to thirty years. While I have not been able to play
with them for the last few years, because I’ve never been home on Sundays, I promise I am coming back! All four of our daughters play hand bells and two of them are with us today. Diana Brown, Jan Karinen, Don Taylor, Shelly Siemer, who is the Director of the Bell Choir, Nancy Cutler, Holly Crawley, Alice Berry, Gayle Brown and Irene Brown.

I have known Irene for about 30 years, through church, Jobies, and Star, and am so honored to call her my Sister and my friend. Although we are not related, my girls fondly refer to Irene as Mother Brown and I am Mom Brown. Marilyn Taylor is our Choir Director. Marilyn and Don are dear friends and I appreciate all their hard work and effort put into the Bell Choir as well as our Order. It takes a lot of effort to tote these bells and paraphernalia around and it is not an easy task; although I believe they have it down to an art. Thank you all.

*The Bell Choir entertained the Assembly with several beautiful songs and Hymns.*

**WGM:** Thank you all, again, for your wonderful music and being here today. You provide hand bell music throughout the community, especially at Christmas, and nothing rings in the season like the annual Wesley Hand Bell Choir Concert. Thank you all.

**WGM:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron to the Grand East.

Before I leave the Grand East, I’d like to give a special thank you to our Grand Chaplin, Judy Taylor. She has put together in a book, every memorial she has written throughout the year in memory of the members we have lost. While these are read in the Chapter of the member, the rest of us never get to see them, even though we may know the member. She has also included in here the notification letters from other Jurisdictions of the passing of their past grand officers, who many of our Past Grand Matron’s and Patron’s or Grand Officers may know. If you are interested in having a copy of this booklet, please contact me or Judy Taylor and we will arrange to get one to you and the price will be just the cost of copying it. I thank Judy for going this extra mile for all of us.
The Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East to preside while the WGM and WGP greeted each Golden Star. Each Golden Star had their picture taken with the WGM and WGP and presented a lovely gift.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOLDEN STARS

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WGM: I am amazed and delighted to report that our Golden Stars represent 2,315 years of dedicated service. Thank you all!

   The response from the Golden Stars will be given by Sister Marion Weitfle, PM and member of Idaho Falls Chapter #85. Sister Marion is a 70 year member of our Order.

RESPONSE FOR THE GOLDEN STARS
Given by Marion Weitfle (85): Good afternoon! The Order of the Eastern Star exists because of our dedicated and persistent beliefs in its tenets and the messages we continue to promote. Our belief in God and practice in living a life consistent with our Biblical teachings, are the foundations that continue to live in each and every chapters throughout our nation.

   We must be true to our convictions and, by example, teach the values we continuously receive to those who are outside the benefits of membership. Let us surround each other with respect and love within our Order. We are privileged that our Masonic heritage provides us with those benefits. Enjoy this session with love and the determination to continue in this worthy cause. Thank you.

WGM: Sister Marian, thank you. You are such an active member of this Order and I know you must have the fountain of youth hidden in your back yard. I have known you and your girls since the time I was in Jobies and appreciate your wisdom and friendship. Thank you.

WGM: The Benediction will be given by Sister Ferne Studebaker, Past Grand Matron.
BENEDICTION by Ferne Studebaker, PGM (3):
Beloved Heavenly Father, we greet you this beautiful day as we lift our hearts and minds in praise of you. Gracious God we are thankful for the many blessings you bestow upon each day. Thank you for our Eastern Star family.

We enjoy the youth, are appreciative of the Golden Stars and those who represent our Order around the world. Thank you for the creations you bless us with daily.

As we celebrate the gifts of love you share with us may we follow your commandments for a good life. May you bless us all watching over us directing our footsteps in the ways of gentleness and peace. You are a powerful God and we are blessed by your love. May we bless each other in that same love. Amen.

WGM: Please join us for the Golden Star reception immediately after the Grand Officers retire. Also, our pictures will be taken in front of the fire truck that is right outside this entrance, so please gather there for your pictures.

The Grand Conductress closed the Bible.

The Grand Officers retired.
At 7:00 PM the Session was called to order by Christy Schill-Newbold, PGM and Marvin Gerking, PGP.

ENTRANCE OF MEMORIAL FLAG
Entering the Grand Chapter room was Kim Getsinger, in ceremonial Scottish dress, playing Amazing Grace on the Bagpipes, followed by Elaine Poulter, mother of the Worthy Grand Matron, Jan Brown, and carrying the case holding her husband’s folded three point American Flag which had draped his coffin. Elaine was escorted by Wynn Whitmeyer, Captain of the Idaho Falls Fire Department. They slow and reverently traversed the Chapter room, stopping in the Grand East, as Elaine placed the Memorial Flag by a large white cross.

ENTRANCE of BIBLE and EMBLEMS
Written by Kimberley Cox, (20/19) Grand Marshal, Narrated by Sharon McGrath (85):

Grand Officers and their escorts enter Chapter room, pause at the Grand East, then exit the Chapter room as the narration is read.


To believe is to have confidence in the truth, the existence or reliability of something, although without absolute proof that one is right in doing so.

This year’s “Believe in the Journey” session began one year ago with hope and expectations, like any other year; and with each Chapter we visited, the strength and love we feel for our Sisters and Brothers has continued to grow and deepen.

The Grand Officers entered the Chapter room and journeyed around the labyrinth carrying a large pink ribbon as a symbol of our special project this year, Pink Heals. This organization was started in 2007 to help people battling cancer. It is a people first group, which puts their volunteerism and labors of love to work for the people in their communities, much as Eastern Star continually seeks to do.
Supporting the Officers and holding it all together in the belief that the journey IS worth all the effort. This fine company of Escorts faithfully attended to the needs of the Grand Officers. They joined in and worked hard and are a shining exemplar of the Idaho Eastern Star family.

Our journey these past few months have included a trip around the world, where the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were treated to visits at several of the Wonders of our world.

In the North a journey was undertaken following a Star and upon their arrival, a visit with the three wise men, where they so graciously gifted their ‘gold’ to the Worthy Grand Matron’s special project.

Elsewhere, our dauntless Grand Officers were set in a Firefighter gear competition, against each other, in order to dress their Worthy Grand quickest. We even witnessed a battle where blazing infernos were extinguished with the mighty speed and precision of the Worthy Grand Patron’s...water pistol. But, don’t worry, the Worthy Grand Matron was close behind. It was also discovered that the Worthy Grand Patron is a pretty good fire-truck driver, even with the mixed signals from the Worthy Grand Matron’s truck.

We were given insight into the journeys undertaken in the Bible, and the various times that they were asked to just ‘Believe.’ We learned, from Jonah’s initial denial of his purpose, to Joseph’s continued faith through betrayal and uncertainly. We learned of the deeds of a Samaritan along a lonely stretch of road; of David’s determination and bravery in opposing a much larger foe. As time progressed, each of us became aware of a shift, or opening, in our hearts. Our many journeys have given us new understanding of each other, and our Star community.

“To believe is to know that every day is a new beginning. It is to trust that miracles happen and dreams really do come true.

To believe is to see angels dancing among the clouds, to know the wonder of a stardust sky and the wisdom of the man in the moon.

To believe is to know the value of a nurturing heart, the innocence of a child’s eyes and the beauty of an aging hand, for it is through their teachings we learn to love.

To believe is to find the strength and courage that lies within us, when it is time to pick up the pieces and begin again.

To believe is to know we are not alone. That life is a gift and this is our time to cherish it. To believe is to know that wonderful
surprises are just waiting to happen and all our hopes and dreams are within reach...if only we believe.”

The Fireman’s Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
Wherever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life,
Whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child before it is too late,
Or save an older person from a most uncertain fate.
Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
And if according to my fate,
My days should come to an end,
Please bless with Your protecting hand,
My family and my friends.

The Emblem bearers enter the Grand Chapter room. They are the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho and Past Grand Worshipful Masters of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, AF & AM. The Bible Bearers are their wives and Past Grand Matron’s of Idaho.

Emblem Bearers:
The emblem of Adah was presented by Jim Davidson, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Idaho
The emblem of Ruth was presented by Richard Kaiser, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Idaho
The emblem of Esther was presented by Art Shoemaker, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho
The emblem of Martha was presented by Joe Alexander, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Idaho
The emblem of Electa was presented by Mike Sutton, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of Idaho

The Holy Bible is escorted and presented by the beautiful spouses of the Past Grand Worshipful Masters: Lady Joanna Davidson, PGM; Lady Sandi Shoemaker, PGM and Lady Hazel Sutton, PGM. The Bible marker was beaded by Mable Rosa and given to Doris Flood in memory of her husband, Past Grand Patron Robert Flood.
Narrator Sharon McGrath:
The lesson of Adah is Fidelity:
As the stars in the blue dome of heaven
Reign supreme throughout all of the night,
So we know that the blue ray of Adah
Ever shines to lead God’s child, alright.

The lesson of Ruth is Constancy:
If the sheaves I bring at last,
When the work of the year is done,
I’ll place them all in the Father’s arms,
When to him, at the end, I come.

The lessons of Esther are justice and unselfish loyalty to the welfare of others:
What shall I say, Oh Star Divine
So bright, distinct and pure you shine!
Pour out Thy light, so all may see
God’s love in our Fraternity.

The lesson of Martha is Faith:
We will build and plan for the future
Without hope for personal gain
Bury all that is selfish within us
That our Order may grow and attain.

The lesson of Electa is Love:
We pledge our love, to thee Oh Star
Eternal shall it be,
While I shall work for you Oh Star
And you will direct me.
And words of cheer and kindness too,
Shall govern all we say,
Till we shall dwell within the light of truth’s eternal day.

During the following narration the Brother’s, standing beside the pedestals after placing the emblems there, now move to stand along the south marching line behind the Bible bearers.

Remember Fidelity, the lesson of Adah
Remember Constancy, the lesson of Ruth
Remember Justice and unselfish Loyalty to the welfare of others, the lesson of Esther
Remember Faith, the lesson of Martha
Remember Love, the lesson of Electa
As the Bible Bearers begin marching to the labyrinth:

From the Altar where the will of God is known,
Let purpose guide the little will of men
The purpose which, the Master knows and serves.

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines,
With never failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His gracious will.

The Emblem and Bible bearers exit the Chapter room

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS
Written by Kimberley Cox (20/19), Narrated by Sharon McGrath (85)

Our OES journey is led this year by the Worthy Grand Matron who’s weighty and delicate responsibilities guide our Order through the years. Worthy Grand Matron, Jan Brown, believes that her faith has been strengthened exponentially by her journey this year. She likens it to being on a tandem bicycle with God. At first He seemed to be in the backseat helping to pedal, but it soon became apparent that He was steering and she was along for the ride. She has learned to enjoy the adventure with the wind in her hair and to just ‘shut-up’ and pedal.

Accompanying our Worthy Grand Matron and assisting in the performance of her duties, our Worthy Grand Patron has exemplified his duties with zeal, in order to promote the interest of our Order. Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain Valez, continues to be inspired by God and his blessings. He is thankful for the opportunity to share the different journeys of the Bible with his Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers, as he and Shirlee traveled the state this past year.

As assistant to the Worthy Grand Matron, our Associate Grand Matron has stood at the ready. Prepared to step in and perform the duties of that worthy office, if necessary. Associate Grand Matron, Peggy Miller, has utilized the message of the year to help her to prepare for the Grand East. The badge of her office has continually
reminded her to let the principals of our Order shine with undiminished luster throughout her life.

Our Associate Grand Patron has made himself more familiar with the laws and tenets of our Order in an effort to be ready to assist the Worthy Grand Patron, if called to do so. **Associate Grand Patron, Rob Troxel**, believes the fact that wise men really do drive pink fire trucks. His journey has allowed him to help spread good will, charity and happiness for the betterment of the human soul. He has continued to improve himself in philosophical development and realization of his inner potential.

With a competent and thorough manner, our Grand Secretary maintains an open channel of communication between the Grand Chapter, its Officers and its members. **Grand Secretary, Judith Walsborn**, believes that it is an honor and privilege to be able to serve our beautiful Order and this Grand Chapter. Her journey is continuously rewarding, as she strives to do the best job possible in this sometimes difficult but rewarding job.

Attending carefully to the financial interests of the Grand Chapter this year, our Grand Treasurer stands ready should any unexpected charitable expense present itself. **Grand Treasurer, Jim Grant, PGP**, began his journey this year with the hopes of spending more time with family and friends, as he and his Pauleen enter into retirement together. He notes that there always seems to be that ‘all seeing eye’ over us that helps us in our journey through life. Sometimes our best laid plans take unexpected turns, but seem to work out with a little guidance from above.

With the fulfillment of many prepared plans, our Grand Conductress brings dignity to our official proceedings. **Grand Conductress, Waunda Kibbey**, says that the greatest impact that this “Believe in the Journey” year has had on her life came with the election of the Mason that will join her in the Grand journey. We have now taken the first steps toward a future that we believe in.

With sisterly courtesy surrounding her during the proceedings, our **Associate Grand Conductress, Liz Hughes**, says that when you are elected as Associate Grand Conductress, your focus is set on the goal and the journey is just the means to an end. However, I’ve learned that it really is all about the journey and that the journey teaches you about your destination. The journey so far, has taught her to live in the moment and to enjoy each experience for it will be an incredible addition to her story.
Prepared to conduct the devotional ceremonies of the Grand Chapter, our Grand Chaplain is striving to point us to the Star in the East. **Grand Chaplain, Judy Taylor**, has enjoyed learning this year about the lives of our members and she believes that every life has a wonderful story; some very funny and others very poignant. The journey this year has emphasized the need for all of us to keep in touch with our fellow Star members, no matter the distance that we may travel.

With the honor of superintending all processions, our **Grand Marshal, Kimberley Cox**, believes that courtesy and promptness go hand in hand. This journey has expanded her appreciation of the wonderful Order for which we all are members. She says that the warmth and sense of belonging which each Chapter extended to the Grand Officers, as we traveled, was a very welcomed joy. She also believes that the many and diverse strengths exhibited by our members during everyday life, inspires others in their lives. With thanks to all those who have shared this journey with her, she hopes to be one of those who can spark inspiration in others.

Making the ceremonies of the Grand Chapter more harmonious and impressive, our **Grand Organist, Lilynne Davis**, says that she is truly honored and humbled to have been chosen. This year’s journey has taught her compassion and she is thankful that God gave her the talents and music so that she could be where she is today.

Representing the first floral point of our Star, our blue violet represents Fidelity. **Grand Adah, Pam McClung**, believes she has had an incredible journey. Though she had some struggles of her own this past year, she realized that one member of our Grand family has had more struggles in the past three years than most people have in a lifetime. She believes that our Pam Schill has been her inspiration and that no matter what God deals you in life, with the support of family and friends, you can overcome most anything.

Representing the second floral point of our Star, our yellow jessamine represents Constancy. **Grand Ruth, Jane Bahr**, recalls that this year has taught her about patience. Even though she spent several months with her foot immobilized in a metal brace, she has still thoroughly enjoyed being a Grand Officer this year. It has granted her the opportunity to renew old friendships and meet many new and wonderful people.
Representing the third floral point of our Star, our white lily represents Light, Purity and Joy. **Grand Esther, Carolyn Bollar,** believes that working with the youth in Job’s Daughters is what will keep her motivated and pushing forward into the future. Though her journey this year has been challenging in some areas, it has only strengthened the belief that our youth are the future and has increased her faith in God.

Representing the fourth floral point of our Star, our green fern represents Hope and Immortality. **Grand Martha, Dolores Ivie,** noted how the journey this year has reinforced her belief that one person can make a difference. She urges all to enjoy every single moment; the good, the bad, the beautiful, the ugly, the inspiring and the not-so-glamorous moments, and to thank God through it all.

Representing the fifth floral point of our Star, our red rose represents Fervency. **Grand Electa, Pam Schill,** when asked by a Neuropsychologist recently, what she enjoyed doing and the thing that made her happy, she responded with “OES.” Her journey this year has been filled with joy as she traveled the State, making many new friends and even filling is as the candidate during the schools. Even when she was floundering and didn’t really know who she was, she could walk into a chapter room and be at peace. Pam says, “I believe my passion for Eastern Star was rekindled because of this year. Prior to being a Grand Officer, I was a member of Eastern Star, but now I feel I belong to Eastern Star.”

As the inner guard to the doors of the Grand Chapter room, the Grand Warder, Paul Remaley, is part of a pair dedicated to the secrecy of our proceedings, in addition to the peace and harmony of the Grand Chapter. His journey has included spiritual and personal growth in a team setting and a healthy dose of laughter.

The important position of outer guard rests upon the Grand Sentinel. His crossed swords offer protection against interruption. **Grand Sentinel, Bill Rigoli,** says his life’s map was re-written twenty five years ago with his first step on his Eastern Star journey. The places traveled to, new friends met and the old friendships rekindled, have been some of the best things that his journey has produced. He believes that he is in the right place, at the right time, and that being a part of a Grand family is the most wonderful experience. With patience, love and support of his family, the encouragement and faith of his Chapter and the Grand Chapter...the journey continues.
As each Grand Officer and Escort reached the south-west corner, they separated and the Grand Officer marched to their proper position in the box for the opening of Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East, introductions made and Grand honors extended. Sister Christy and Brother Marvin were extended the Grand honors and a hearty welcome.

Since Sister Jan loves fire trucks, and Brother Dwain loves a good joke, here goes: Dwain calls the fire department and says, "Come quick! My house is on fire!" The Fireman Says, “Okay, how do we get there?” Dwain replies: "What do you mean how do you get here? Don't you have those big red trucks anymore?"

As part of the “Christmas in the Country” Grand Family, you were dedicated in service to our beautiful Order, and to raising money for service dogs.
The Dalmatian, or "Dal" as his friends call him, is the only spotted breed. Not only is he well known as a firehouse mascot, but in previous centuries he was used as a coach dog, following horses and carriages on long journeys. Puppies are born without spots, and no two Dalmatians have the same number and pattern of spots. The Dal’s coat is absolutely one-of-a-kind, just like a snowflake. So just like the Dalmatian, you have journeyed far, and are absolutely unique!

Thank you for asking Brother Marvin and I to open this session. I know Brother Larry is beaming with pride at your accomplishments. Thank you.

PGP Marvin: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brothers and Friends: It is my honor and pleasure to assist in this evening’s Informal Opening of our 113th “Believe in the Journey” Grand Session with Past Grand Matron Christy. Welcome everyone and especially our out of State visitors to our jaw dropping; eye-popping, where history comes alive; and I just can’t wait-till-I-get-back, State of Idaho.
Worthy Grand Matron Jan, it has been a grand year with those high heel shoes, fire trucks, Dalmatians, grand pianos and the three wise men. You will have to admit that it is quite a combination, but it has worked very well.

Worthy Grand Matron Jan, our friendship does not go back many years, but since I have gotten to know you, I have discovered your smile will lighten up any room you enter and I now count you as one of my special friends. You both have traveled many miles, made many new friends and have a lifetime of memories.

Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, you certainly made everyone “Believe in the Journey” with your stories and ‘oh my gosh’, all those endless jokes. Where did you find them all?

Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, who would have ever thought that when I initiated you into Easter Star, that I was initiating a future Worthy Grand Patron. You took over for me in the East in Pend d’Oreille Chapter as I presided in the Grand East and I returned the favor for you as Worthy Patron, as you presided in the Grand East this year.

Well, I was told that I needed to keep my speech short because we have a lot to talk about. Idaho Eastern Star is blessed to have both of you in the Grand East and proving to all of us that if you trust in the Lord, then you have to “Believe in the Journey.” Thank you.

WGM: Sister Christy and Brother Marv, thank you for opening the Sunday evening session of the 113th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star.

Sister Christy, Brother Dwain and I began this amazing journey when we served as Grand Chaplain and Grand Organist, respectively, during you and Larry Allen’s “Christmas in the Country” term in 2010-2011. You are a very dear friend and I appreciate all the love and assistance you have given me over these past five years.

Words seem so inadequate to describe my love and admiration of you. Thank you so much!

Brother Marv, you and Diane have helped Dwain and I coordinate our efforts this past year and have assisted us in preparing for this session. You were so willing to help us with anything we asked of you. Thank you for making our journey so successful.
**WGP:** A good friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows you are slightly cracked. Or perhaps it is like a pair of elastic-waist sweatpants, because they’ll hang with you forever.

PGM Christy, our friendship goes back to your “Christmas in the Country” Grand Chapter. I served as your Grand Chaplain and loved every minute of it. I thank you for that.

**WGM:** I would like to thank my Mom, Elaine Poulter, for carrying in my Dad’s Flag Case. Mom and Dad are some of my biggest supporters, and although Dad is gone, Mom continues to support me in everything I do. She was escorted this evening by Idaho Falls Fire Department Captain Wynn Whitmeyer. They were led in by Kim Getsinger, retired paramedic from the Idaho Falls Fire Department.

Mom, if you will stand please.

I would also like to introduce my mom and my girls now, but mom had to leave and some of the firemen deputies helped escort her out and my girls, Dayna, Michelle, Gayle and Diana had to get home to get ready for the week, so now I have only my husband, Mel, to introduce but...he is outside. Though not introduced, they are my family, my pride and joy and I love them very much.

You probably noticed the big red 1947 American LaFrance fire truck parked outside the entrance. That is our fire truck, and was the first engine my Dad drove when he joined the department. Dad restored it to its original state and is a treasured piece of history for our family and for the City of Idaho Falls.

I would like to thank the members of the Wesley Bell Choir who are here with us today. They have truly blessed us with their prelude music. I have been a member of the Wesley Bell Choir family for almost 30 years, and although I’ve been gone this year, I look forward to getting back with them in the fall. All four of our girls ring bells and have just as much fun doing it as I do. Just saying “thank you” is so inadequate for everything you have done for me and my family and for sharing your wonderful music with us today.

I welcome each of you here tonight. It is exciting to see such a crowd. As you journey through the labyrinth of human life, remember that each of you have a destiny and a purpose that no one else on earth can fulfill. And you have traveled a unique journey that has equipped you along the way with the tools you need to carry it out.
WGP: Joey to his buddy: “My mom is going ballistic. I got caught telling one little lie and now she thinks I am going to grow up to be a politician.”

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, thanks for joining us tonight in our “Believe in the Journey” Sunday evening session. Sister Jan and I invite you to join with us in this good time. Thank you.

The Grand Conductress opened the Bible

INVOCATION given by Carol Burbank, PGM (66):
Heavenly Father; thank you for the opportunity of being with all of our wonderful Eastern Star friends this evening.

Thank you for bringing our youth, our Masonic brothers and our beautiful Golden Stars together today and this evening to gather with you and each other.

Our Worthy Grand Matron Jan and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain have traveled all over our state and beyond with their Grand Officers and returned safely to be with us during this Grand Chapter session. We believe their journey has been successful and a pleasure to themselves as well as all who have visited with them. Father, give them the wisdom to have a wonderful session so we can all “Believe in the Journey.”

Keep our sisters and brothers who were not able to be with us in your loving hands until we can meet them again.

Father, we will always remember to: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct Thy paths.” In Jesus’ name, Amen.

FLAG PRESENTATION
The flags will be presented under the direction of Rob Troxel, AGP.

Tribute to the Flag of the United States of America
The Flag of the United States of America, Old Glory, The Star Spangled Banner, The Stars and Stripes, evolved from many flags into the one that now represents our nation. A nation born of a desire for freedom and justice, worth the risk of lives, fortunes, and sacred honor, paid for with the lives of many. Respected and honored by the citizens of this great nation and seen as a beacon of hope for a brighter future by those whose countries are unable to
provide the privileges that we enjoy today. May our flag always wave over a people standing free and proud and a symbol of hope for those oppressed. Land of the free and home of the brave, God Bless America!
The American flag is presented by Will Votaw (16/66) and escorted by Deidre Votaw (3/16)

The assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America which was then posted in the Grand East followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Tribute to the Flag of Canada
“The Maple Leaf”, the Flag of Canada proudly waves over the land of our neighbors to the North. They are a proud people, who have shared so much of our heritage, dreams, and adversities, and have stood side by side with us when needed. Maple trees can be found in every province in Canada and they freely proliferate across our northern border, just as our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers come unimpeded to our Idaho OES Grand Chapter session. Never doubt their integrity and friendship. May the Maple Leaf wave proudly alongside the Star Spangled Banner, forever.

The Canadian flag is presented by John Chamberlain (33) and escorted by Vicki Chamberlain (33)
‘Oh Canada’ was sung by the assembly

Tribute to the Idaho State Flag
The Gem of the Mountains. The Flag of the great State of Idaho reminds us of our proud heritage with its seal depicting mining, agriculture, forestry, wild animal life, and women’s rights. Idaho is well known for its scenic beauty, hardworking people and riches that abound beyond compare. Sisters and Brothers I present to you the Flag of the great State of Idaho.

The Idaho flag is presented by Jerry Lynch (3) and escorted by Debbie Lynch (3)

Here we Have Idaho was sung by the assembly
The Flag of **West Virginia**, home of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbie White, is presented by **Mike Sutton**, Past Worshipful Master of Idaho and escorted by **Hazel Sutton**, Past Grand Matron of Idaho.


The **Christian Flag** is presented by **Ed Simmons** (85) and escorted by **Jane Simmons** (85).

The **Eastern Star Flag** is presented by **Jeremy Cameron** (32) and escorted by **Karen Cameron** (32).

*The Eastern Star Pledge was repeated by the assembly*

The **Job’s Daughter’s Flag** is presented by **Morgan Hansen**, Grand Bethel Honored Queen and escorted by **Emma Miller**, Miss Idaho Job’s Daughter, Job’s Daughters International.

The **Rainbow Flag** is presented by **Susannah Maher**, Grand Worthy Advisor and escorted by **Danielle Brunson**, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

The **DeMolay Flag** is presented by **Sebastian Stonhill**, State Master Councilor and escorted by **Elijah Newberry** and **Damien Stonhill**, State Senior and Junior Councilors respectively, Idaho DeMolay.

The **POW/MIA** flag was presented as a medley of songs from each branch of the armed forces was played.

The **Grand Choir** sang *This Land is Your Land*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**WGM:** As Worthy Grand Matron, one of the greatest honors is selecting members for Grand Representative Appointments. This is a difficult task and is becoming harder as our membership numbers decrease and our members’ ages increase! We encourage our representatives to correspond with their counterparts and to travel to the other jurisdictions, but with age, it becomes more difficult to travel. During the year, I have had the privilege of personally presenting some of the Grand Representatives with their certificates, pins, and packets. For those that I have not been able to present myself, I have had one of our Grand Officers from the area present
them. Most of the appointments run for a two year term from January through December of the following year. Foreign country appointments are usually for a three year term.

Sister Judith, our Grand Secretary, and I have been trying to get a Grand Representative Appointment finalized all year. Several weeks ago I got a call from a very ecstatic Grand Secretary, screaming “We got it! We got it! And it’s gorgeous!” Yep, we finally received the appointment packet. So, tonight, before we begin our Cavalcade of Flags, I have a special presentation.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Sister Sandi Sorani and Brother Todd Paille to the Grand East and will my page, Christine Paille please join us.

WGM: Brother Todd, you and your wife Chris, are fairly new to Eastern Star. Yet, you have traveled throughout the state and attended many of our Official Visits. And you just completed a very successful year as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Miriam Chapter #16 in Mountain Home. Your excitement and dedication to our Order is thrilling and I thank you for being so involved with your chapter and community.

Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, I would like to introduce to you Idaho’s very first Grand Representative of Italy in Idaho – Brother Todd Paille. Applause and cheers erupted in the Grand Chapter room.

WGM: As Sister Sandi Sorani is our Worthy Grand Marshal, Past Grand Matron of Nevada and also the Grand Representative of Italy in Nevada, I have asked her to make your presentation.

Sandi Sorani: Brother Todd, I am so very excited for you. Congratulations. Tonight you will be carrying this Italy flag, which I received in Venice Italy in April and I will be donating it to the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

WGM: Brother Todd, enjoy your new appointment and I hope you will be able to attend Italy’s Grand Session sometime during the next three years. I invite you and Sandi to hustle out and participate in our Cavalcade of Flags.
WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will return our Grand Representatives of Italy to their seats in this Grand Chapter room, after which you will return to your stations and we will proceed with the Cavalcade of Flags.

The Grand Conductress closed the Bible

CAVALCADE OF FLAGS, under the direction of the Grand Conductress, Waunda Kibbey. The flags of other grand jurisdictions are presented by the Grand Representatives who march in and around the Grand Chapter room pausing in the Grand East and then retiring.

The Grand Conductress opened the Bible

WGM: Sister Grand Conductress, you will escort “The Ashton Girls” to the Grand East.

Barbara Hopkins, representing the Ashton Girls: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guest, Sisters and Brothers: Henrietta Chapter #21 in Idaho Falls has a group of ladies that travel about sixty plus miles, one way, to Chapter and are known as the ‘Aston Girls.’ Henrietta was honored and privileged to have two members elected to the Grand line, within two years of each other, Sister Karen Juell, and Jan Brown. The Ashton girls thought maybe we could help with expenses by working a flea market booth for a week in the summer, to help defray the cost of Jan’s reception to be held at Installation. We did pretty well that summer so decided to do it again this summer and also did pretty well! We paid for the reception and had a little left over so this year we decided to work one more summer and a few days in April this year to make a little better round number. The remainder is being given as a donation to the Benevolent Fund from the Ashton Girls on behalf of Henrietta #21 in honor of all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and present Worthy Grand Matron who are members of Henrietta #21. We are honored to have three of those Past Grand Matrons with us today. Would Past Grand Matron’s Shirley Butler, Janet Jensen-Fullmer and Karen Juell please stand and also our current Worthy Grand Matron, Jan. These funds are to be made available for immediate use by the Benevolent Board at their
discretion and not for deposit to the Endowment fund. Worthy Grand Matron, would you please announce the amount of this cashier’s check?

**WGM:** This wonderful check is for $3,199.86 from the Ashton Girls! I’m so sorry; I didn’t take my leaking medication today so excuse my tears. Wow, this is incredible and I thank all the Ashton Girls so very much. Your support this year has been amazing. Although we are separated by quite a few miles and the winter driving conditions are not constructive to commute between our two cities, you have been with me in spirit and I truly appreciate everything you have done for me! Last year, you were so gracious and took care of my reception. Everything was perfect! God seeks to walk with you along the journey. I know that God has been on this journey with me, but he also sent you angels to watch over me and join me as well.

**INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**WGM:** It is our pleasure to welcome our Distinguished Guests, and we are so happy that you are here. Life lessons are not journeys traveled in straight lines, but are crossroads formed years and miles apart. Even though the miles separate us, we are on similar journeys, striving to help those less fortunate. Keep trusting God. He will lead you in every step of the journey.

**MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON**
Bobbie White, Most Worthy Grand Matron
John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron

**WGM:** We are so honored to have you present with us tonight. Despite your busy schedule, I hope you have a chance to enjoy some of the wonderful sights here in Idaho Falls and in the beauty of the area that surrounds us. Every journey starts with the first step and the thousands upon thousands of steps before you reach the end. I believe in your case, we can safely say that your journey has included thousands upon thousands of miles. We hope you have enjoyed every step and every mile.
WGP: I heartily welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and would like to share a little story. At breakfast one morning, a wife eagerly desires a comment from her husband as to his opinion on her first attempt at making cinnamon rolls. After a time, with no response, she asks, “If I baked these commercially, how much do you think I could get for them?” Without looking up he replied, “About ten years!” Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, I am aware of your dedication to the General Grand Chapter. Your travels, the energy expended and the dedicated time spent is beyond one’s comprehension. We thank you for being here tonight and God bless.

The Grand Choir sang ‘Blue Skies’ in honor of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East and accorded Grand Honors.

ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Wyoming; Paula Argus, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Chairman and Past Grand Matron of Utah.

WGM: Welcome to Idaho! I hope you enjoy your stay with us. Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God. As elected General Grand Chapter Officers, you have important duties to fulfill, and we know that God will accompany you on your journey.

WGP: A fellow from the city was driving around this area and then pulled over and motioned to a farmer on a tractor to come over and talk to him. He asked him, “If I keep going down this road, where will it lead?” The farmer replied, “Well, I’ve lived here forty years and I’ve never been down that road.” The fellow said, “Well if I go down here and make that left turn, where will it take me?” The farmer again said, “Well, I don’t know, I’ve never been down that road.” The fellow was frustrated and said, “Well gee, you’re just stupid.” The farmer responded with, “Well I might be stupid, but I’m not lost.” Ladies, we thank you for all your work in our Order and appreciate your fellowship with us today. Welcome.
The Elected General Grand Chapter Officers were escorted to the Grand East and accorded Grand Honors.

APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
Sandi Sorani, Worthy Grand Marshal, Past Grand Matron of Nevada and Grand Representative of Italy in Nevada.

WGM: Sister Sandi, we are so pleased that you are here with us tonight and hope you have enjoyed your time as an Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer. Remember the path does not have to be set. Life is an ever-changing journey. We hope the rest of your journey brings you much happiness.

WGP: George Burns once quipped “Happiness is having a large, loving, close knit family . . . in another city.” General Grand Chapter Appointed Officer, our Order is fortunate in that we have a large, loving, caring, and close knit family in so many cities everywhere. Thank you for being part of that family.

The Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer was escorted to the Grand East and accorded Grand Honors.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AMBASSADORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
John Lay, GGC Ambassador of the Philippines (Luzon) and PGP of Utah; JoEllen Reynolds GGCCM and PGM of Idaho; Jerrie Wilcox, GGCCM Credentials and PGM of Nebraska; Ruth Lay ESTARL Chairman and PGM of Utah; Bobbi Stewart GGCCM Heart and PGM of Nevada; Margo Hellickson GGCCM International Peace Garden Chapel and PGM of Montana; Barbie Holmes GGCCM Membership and PGM of Nevada; Rosie Fiscus GGCCM Membership and PGM of Wisconsin; Nancy Ross GGCCM OES Journal and PGM of Idaho; Mary Lynne ‘Pete’ Nealis GGCCM Registration and PGM of Idaho and Dave Call GGCCM Community Relations and PGP of Idaho.

WGM: Strength is gathered on the journey, not granted at the outset. You have earned the distinction and honor of serving as an Ambassador or Committee Member for the General Grand Chapter.
We thank you for all you do and sincerely hope you have enjoyed your journey.

**WGP:** Humans are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home to live. As committee members, you are charged with the responsibility of carrying on the programs of the General Grand Chapter. We salute you for your efforts and dedication to our Order.

*The General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members were escorted to the Grand East and accorded Grand Honors.*

**WGM:** We would be pleased to hear from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Bobbie White.

**Bobbie White, Most Worthy Grand Matron:** Hello Idaho! It is so good to be here again with you today. And before I start I just have to say, way to go Ashton Girls! That was tremendous, good job.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I hope your year of leadership in your Grand Chapter has been rewarding for you both and yes, the time did go quickly didn’t it? In the words of Ray Price, “Ain’t it funny how time slips away?”

Sister Jan and Brother Dwain, we are happy to be here with you this year for the “Believe in the Journey” Grand Chapter Session and we wish for you a tremendous 113th Session. What a good name for a Grand Chapter. Whatever your journey is, if you don’t believe in what you’re doing, not much can be accomplished in any endeavor.

Looking at the red microphone, I’m reminded of a day in May called Red Nose Day and if I could just get this adjusted just so, I could be wearing a red nose!

The Banquet and dance last evening was a great way to start a Grand Chapter! The music, fun, dancing and laughter got everyone in a good mood. The toes were tapping and the feet moving on the dance floor. In that vein, I could just spend time in the halls of the hotel, because they are playing some really good music and right up my alley. I even heard “New York, New York” and I just had to stop and do the chorus line thing.
Thank you for using one of my gavels and presenting my West Virginia flag. Also, thank you for my Distinguished Page, Sister Hazel Sutton, and Past Grand Matron. She said she had never been a page before and I told her that’s OK, I was low maintenance. It was so good to arrive at the airport and find Sister Hazel and Brother Mike waiting for me.

The morning service was so inspirational, touching and meaningful with all of the participants and gave us lots to think about.

It is always a pleasure to recognize the good works of others and to give them another opportunity of service to our Order.

The General Grand Chapter Family is pleased to be with our Sisters and Brothers who are serving in the following capacities as General Grand Chapter Committee Members for the “Hope For Tomorrow” Triennium.

Sister JoEllen Reynolds is serving on the Cancer Committee. This is a cause that probably has touched everyone’s lives in the room in some way or another. It is not just one cancer, but there are over 100 different types of Cancer and each with its identifying colors as in the bracelet I’m wearing that she is using for this project. She will give you one if you give her a donation. Cancer is no respecter of persons as it touches all walks of life at any age. Even though great strides have been made in diagnosis and treatment, we still need to eliminate this dreaded disease.

Sister Nancy Ross is on the Eastern Star Journal Committee and they work to further the influence of our official magazine adopted in 1994 as a project of General Grand Chapter. This is the latest edition of the Journal and on the cover you will see our 90-year-old West Virginia member zip lining across the mountains in West Virginia. She said I had taken her fifteen minutes of hometown fame and made it recognized worldwide.

Sister “Pete” Nealis is serving on the Registration Committee and she will be quite busy in Pittsburgh as she fulfills her duties. I attended the session when she was elected Associate Grand Conductress and have watched her progress through the years.

Brother Dave Call is on the Community Service Committee. They are working to establish a presence in the communities through their involvement in various projects there that might even help bring in new members. Your Worthy Grand Matron’s “Pink Heals” effort is a perfect example of two of our significant projects working hand
in hand and benefiting each other. And yes, he is a man of few words.

Some acquaintances come and go in and out of your life and others remain and leave footprints on your heart forever.

You have many of these members who have always made me feel right at home in Idaho. My history with you began many years ago, and ever since, I’ve had a great time visiting with you in my many trips here. Your Grand Chapter Sessions have been all over your beautiful state and I’ve been to a lot of different cities. But, in all of those visits, I still haven’t got to go to Sun Valley! That has been a back and forth discussion on this with Sisters Shirley Butler and Janet Jenson Fulmer for a very long time. Well, maybe next time! But, it’s still on my bucket list. But if I can’t get to Sun Valley, I’ll go back to Jackpot any day.

In 1982-1985, it was my great honor to serve as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Appeals and Grievances with Sisters Shirley Butler on the International Peace Garden Chapel Committee and Mary Ramseyer on the Youth Committee. Shirley also served as an Ambassador of New Jersey when I was Ambassador of Italy in 1988-1991. When I was Worthy Grand Marshal, Sisters Mary Hanson and Linda Echo served their jurisdiction as the Grand Marshal. It seems many of my Grand Marshals have gone on to serve as Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons.

Your Sister Linda Hattrick served as Worthy Grand Esther when I was Right Worthy Grand Conductress and I am sorry to hear she and Dave hit a deer and had a car accident on their way to Grand Chapter. I have a deer whistle on my car that supposedly the deer hear and run away. My oldest son says, “Mom, those things don’t work!” I replied, “Well, I haven’t hit any deer.”

There are many others who have served General Grand Chapter in various capacities through the years. Brother Harlow Kibbey and I almost got in trouble when he served on the Jurisprudence Committee. Sisters Maxine Machamer and Yvonne Wilbur and Brother Stan Barker have always been great friends. Then there is a gentleman who I have known for years also, not only through Eastern Star, but through the Royal Order of Jesters as well. Brother “Bucky” Finley is a Past Grand Patron of Wyoming, but he is also a dual member in Idaho.

Last night I had the opportunity to have a nice little chat with the Grand Master and we talked over old times and he even remembered
my visit to Moscow. These are the ones who all go back to the good old days. As you can see, I have a lot of good memories associated with Idaho.

In my trips here, I’ve even been known to show up at the Hands Across the Border meeting in Worley to visit my money and leave some more relatives, but of course, I always have to stop in Coeur d’Alene to see dear friends and stop at the Resort as well.

Alzheimer’s is a new venture for this triennium and one that has been overlooked for our help. Memory loss and the resulting illness with it is tragic and we would like to think we helped find a cure and maybe even a preventive treatment for this disease which more prevalent as time goes by.

As you know, the Shrine Charities is our main fund raising committee and we are selling one pin, which is this Austrian crystal scattered star pin to support our efforts in funding our charitable projects. The pin sells for $25.00 and you keep the profit realized in your own Grand Jurisdiction.

All you have to do is visit one Shrine Hospital and see the wonderful work they do for any child whom they can help at no cost to the family and now that they are helping our veterans with their issues, it is a win-win situation for us.

In January, on my trip visiting the subordinate chapters in Hawaii, Sisters Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Clara Hamilton, Worthy Grand Electa and I visited the Shrine Hospital in Honolulu. Then, in February, Sister Clara and I visited the Shrine Hospital in Mexico City as I visited the subordinate chapters there. They especially are handling a large volume of patients.

The Support Our Military Committee is new this Triennium and it recognizes all of our military personnel wherever and whenever they served their country.

I commend you the members of Idaho for working hard all of these one hundred thirteen years to promote the Order in your lives, your communities and throughout your great state.

Time is one of God’s greatest gifts. As you saw today, I am a Golden Star having been a member for 50 years or more. Have you ever been guilty of looking at others you think might be your age and thinking…surely I can’t look that old!

As I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist, I noticed his dental school diploma on the wall,
which had his full name. Suddenly, I remembered this tall, handsome, dark haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class many years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then? Upon seeing him however, I quickly discarded any such thought! This balding, gray haired man with a deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate! After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Charleston High School. “Yes, I did I’m a Cardinal and proud of it,” he gleamed with pride. “When did you graduate?” I asked. He answered, “In 1965, why do you ask?” “You were in my class” I exclaimed! He looked at me very closely and then, THAT UGLY, WRINKLE FACED, GRAY HAİRED, GLASSES WEARING, DECREPİT, PAUNCH BELLY OLD MAN asked, “What did you teach?” Laughter is another of God’s greatest gifts!

Many of you have told me you’re coming to Pittsburgh and I am looking forward to seeing you there. But, you all are personally invited to attend the “Hope for Tomorrow” 48th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in October 31-November 5, this year. You will mingle with Sisters and Brothers from all over the world with a common bond of helping mankind. Come early for the Halloween Dinner Cruise on the River which promises to be a fun get together. On Wednesday night at the assembly, we are having an International Evening when the Deputies will give their reports and provide entertainment from our subordinate chapters where there is no Grand Chapter.

And now, we wish for you a happy heart, a hope, a faith, a dream come true of quite a special kind. Thank you and good evening.

*The Grand Choir sang*

**WORTHY GRAND MATRONS and WORTHY GRAND PATRONS of OTHER JURISDICTIONS**


*WGM:* Thank you for joining us today. I know you are busy with your year and I am pleased that we are sharing our journeys together.
Odd, how life makes twists and turns. I never would have guessed
that I’d end up where I am now, but I wouldn’t trade it for the world.
If I’ve learned anything these past months, it’s that sometimes the
most scenic roads in life are the detours you didn’t mean to take.
Enjoy the rest of your year and enjoy those scenic roads!

WGP: The amount of sleep required by the average person is just
five minutes more. A young soldier lamented to his father that when
he lost his rifle, the Army billed him $85.00. His father remarked, “I
guess that’s why a Navy captain chooses to go down with his ship.”
It’s a distinct honor to have your presence here tonight. Your job is
often difficult but very rewarding. Bless you my Sisters and Brothers.

The Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions were
escorted to the Grand East and accorded Grand Honors.

PAST GRAND MATRONS and PAST GRAND PATRONS of
OTHER JURISDICTIONS
Sister Gail Evarts, PGM of Connecticut; Sister Rebecca Price,
PGM of Oregon; Sister Bess Caldwell, PGM of Texas; Sister Jane
Yenger, PGM of Texas; Brother Robert Hudlow, PGP of Illinois;
Brother Carl ‘Rob’ Robinson, PGP of Montana; Brother Don
Bordenkircher, PGP of Nevada and Brother Bucky Finley, PGP
of Wyoming.

WGM: Life will always have a different plan for you. If you don’t
give up, you will eventually get to your destination. But, towards the
end, you may look back and realize that it was never really about the
destination. It was the journey that counted. As Past Grand Matrons
and Past Grand Patrons, you successfully completed your journey to
the Grand East and never gave up. Now you so graciously help those
that follow in your footsteps. Thank you for being with us today as
we complete our journey.

WGP: A customer jokingly asks the clerk in the hardware store “I
would like to buy a five-gallon bucket of my misspent and wasted
youth.” Yes sir” replied the young clerk, “Aisle 40 between How to
Gain World Peace and Hints on Winning the Mega-lottery.”

Your memories are filled with the times, in your own experience,
of being in the East. Thank you for making ours special.
The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions were escorted to the Grand East and accorded Grand Honors.

**PAST GRAND MATRONS and PAST GRAND PATRONS of IDAHO**

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**WGM:** Wow! What a fabulous group! The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little EXTRA. We in Idaho are so lucky because all of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons go that extra mile to make sure that we continue the traditions we have established and that are so important. You give each of us an extra smile when you see that we are in need of something. Thank you for caring about each member of the Grand Chapter and for helping me every time I have asked for assistance.

**WGP:** A six year old was asked where his grandmother lived. “Oh”, he said, “She lives at the airport and when we want her, we just go get her. Then when we’re done having her visit, we take her back to the airport.” Each of you have made our journey to the East a wonderful experience. Thank you so very much for your help.
The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Idaho were escorted to the Grand East and accorded Grand Honors.

WGM: The response for the Past Grand Matrons will be given by Shirley Butler, PGM.

Shirley Butler, PGM of Idaho: Worthy Grand Matron Jan and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain; It is an awesome honor and pleasure to respond to your words of welcome. This has truly been a joyful journey with you as the tour guides.

Jan, we have learned about pink fire trucks, that you DO love firemen, especially your Father, who served as the Fire Chief of Idaho Falls, that you have a certain ‘in’ with the Bag Pipers from the local fire department, as we have been entertained on several occasions. That your favorite color is red and you LOVE red spike heels (spelled with two ees) and pink spike heals (spelled with an ea) to remind us that Pink Heals, making us aware of the cancer awareness and support program.

Brother Dwain, you have exemplified the scriptures at the official visits. Thank you for your special talent. Yes you have been wonderful, fun loving guides this past year and we have enjoyed the “Journey.”

Jan, on a personal note, it has been a delightful experience belonging to the same chapter, Henrietta #21, with you. Even though you are serving as Worthy Grand Matron, you have filled the station of Treasurer and pro-temmed as Organist and missed very few meetings. Your love of husband Mel is apparent and we do join in appreciation of this terrific brother.

So, Worthy Grand Matron Jan and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, you have been great leaders - so we thank you - as we do “Believe in the Journey.” Thank you.

WGM: The response for the Past Grand Patrons will be given by Brother Leroy Austin.

LeRoy Austin, PGP of Idaho: Worthy Grand Matron Jan, Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain, it is my honor, on behalf of the Past Grand Patrons of Idaho, to extend best wishes for a successful and enjoyable “Believe in the Journey” Grand Session.
We know that you have delivered your message, not only throughout Idaho, but to sister Jurisdictions during your term of office. The numerous new friendships that have been created along the way, have been proven by the testimony of those who have come to join us in Believe in the Journey” Eastern Star Grand Session.

We believe your endeavors have created an awesome inspiration for the Order of Eastern Star.

I wish to thank you for asking me to respond on behalf the Past Grand Patrons of Idaho. And, I’d like to leave you with just one word, the most important word ever, superfragileisticaexpealidosuis!

GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Mary Palmer, Grand Adah of Arizona
Sharon Grecian-Hoff, Associate Grand Matron, Nevada
Donna Giles, Grand Secretary, Nevada
Jann Kostka, Grand Conductress, Nevada
Carol Verzola, Associate Grand Conductress, Nevada
Michael Giles, Associate Grand Patron, Nevada

WGM: I’ve learned that people will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But, people will never forget how you made them feel. As Grand Officers, you are our ambassadors to each and every chapter you visit. Our members look up to you and admire everything you do. Enjoy your travels and the many friendships you develop along your journey. I have truly enjoyed our friendships as we’ve traveled the road together.

WGP: As Grand Officers you carry the banner for your Grand Jurisdiction. Hold it high and be proud, for you serve them well.

The Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions were given a very hearty welcome.

DEPUTIES and GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTEES

Barbara Grobler, Personal Secretary of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

WGM: As a Special Appointee you have important responsibilities and work with the Star members throughout the jurisdictions. Your guidance is extremely important. Remember, you are never alone or
helpless. The force that guides the stars guides you too. God bless you as you fulfill your duties.
Sister Barbara Grobler was given a hearty welcome.

WELCOME TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
WGM: The welcome to our Distinguished Guests will be given by Sue Warner, Jr. Past Grand Matron:

Sue Warner, Jr. PGM: Welcome to you all, to this “Believe in the Journey” 113th Grand Chapter Session, here in Idaho Falls.

It is evident that you believe in a journey by being here with us. Many times we embark on a journey and we don’t always know where we will end up. But, in Eastern Star, we know that once we get to where we are going; there will be wonderful friendships and great fellowship.

We hope your stay is enjoyable and you are all able to renew old friendships and make a few new ones while you are here. Idaho is a beautiful State. Please, if you get a chance, enjoy her magnificent sites. As you travel on your way to your next destination, keep a smile on your face and a song in your heart. Thank you all for coming.

WGM: The response for Distinguished Guests will be given by Sandi Sorani, Worthy Grand Marshal

RESPONSE FROM DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
Sandi Sorani, WGM: Before I begin, there is one thing I forgot to tell you earlier, about that Italian Flag. I’d like PGM Shirley Butler to stand up please and Dick Machamer. Thirty five years ago Shirley appointed me as Grand Representative of Idaho in Nevada and she gave me Dick. Maxine agreed to let me borrow Dick for these thirty five years as our friendships have remained strong. I’d like to say that the Italy Flag is being donated to the Idaho Grand Chapter because of Sister Shirley, Sister Maxine and Brother Dick. Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: it is an extreme honor to be here in Idaho once again and celebrate another year in the History of Idaho Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Janice has asked us to ‘Believe in the Journey.’ That journey could be our own ups and downs in our
personal lives, or our journey in Eastern Star. Through any journey there are those who stand beside us and the Distinguished Guests gathered here this evening wish to say thank you to the membership of Idaho for every courtesy extended. Without friends the journey would not be worth living. Sister Sue, thank you for your sincere welcome.

The sun will come, the sun will go, it will rain and it will snow.
The seasons change and time will pass, but our friendships will always last.

Thank you Sister Janice and Brother Dwain for the honor of bringing this response. May your Grand Chapter sessions be filled with the memories of good friends, loving members and respect for your efforts. On behalf of the Visiting Distinguished Guests this is a token of our love and esteem for both of you and we congratulate you on your distinguished efforts. Thank you.

The WGM and WGP were presented with a lovely card and monetary gift.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES of OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Norma Jean Nelson     Idaho in British Columbia & Yukon
Shirley Olmstead      Montana in British Columbia & Yukon
Zoe Chambers          Idaho in California
Chris Bowen           Idaho in Michigan
Elaine Robinson       Idaho in Montana
Andrea Zanetti        Idaho in Nevada
Linda Oncay           Idaho in Oregon
Jettie Ferren         Montana in Texas
Karen Kidd            Idaho in Texas
Diane Gerking         Wisconsin in Washington
Mitzi Davis           Idaho in Washington

WGM: Ralph Waldo Emerson said that to finish the moment, to find the journey’s end in every step of the road, to live the greatest number of good hours, is wisdom. Take advantage of every step in your journey as a Grand Representative and enjoy the many hours of good friendship with your counterparts.

WGP: It is more fun to be the painter than the paint! We are so pleased to have each of you here representing your state’s Grand Chapter. Enjoy our wonderful state.

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the near East and accorded Grand Honors
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF IDAHO – Our Own

Patti Wiser (34) Alabama
Carolyn Patrick (22) Alberta
Becky Harwood (79) Arkansas
Stacy Heiden (21) Arizona
Mary Baldwin (83) Australia
John Chamberlain (33) British Columbia & Yukon
Becky Allred (35) California
Ted Bahr (8) Connecticut
Judy DuClercque (43) Colorado
Pauleen Grant (6) Georgia
Todd Paille (16) Italy
Mel Brown (21) Kansas
Marilyn Ciccone (14) Maryland
Marthena Sabin (77) Massachusetts
Doris Alexander (10) Montana
Barbara Troxel (83) Nevada
Donna Petersen (6) New Hampshire
Bonnie Neyman (12) New Mexico
Marya Morrison (21) North Carolina
Betty Morris (39) North Dakota
Milton ‘Jack’ Slavin (2) Oregon
Margie Arnold (3) San Paulo Brazil
Donna Hamblin (34) Saskatchewan
Barry Walsborn (12) Scotland
Mikki Carr (6) Tennessee
Keri James (3) Texas
Sharon McGrath (85) Wisconsin

WGM: Congratulations on being a Grand Representative in Idaho. Some are just beginning their journey and some are in the final steps. Sometimes the best journeys are those that start when we do not plan, continue how we do not expect, and take us to places we do not know. I hope each of you enjoys your appointment. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with Eastern Star members throughout the world. We are so proud of you and know you will represent Idaho well.

WGP: During a science lesson, the teacher picked up a magnet and said to her 2nd grade students, “My name begins with the letter ‘M’, and I pick up things. What am I?” A student answered, “You’re a
mommy.” Whether you’re a mommy or a daddy we are very proud of you as you represent our State. Thank you for your efforts.

The Grand Representatives of Idaho were escorted to the near grand east and accorded Grand Honors

WGM: It is the custom in Idaho that the Associate Grand Conductress gives the welcome to the Grand Representatives.

Liz Hughes, Associate Grand Conductress: Welcome Grand Representatives! Congratulations and I hope that you are enjoying your appointment. Being a Grand Representative fulfills two of the most important things in life – Eastern Star and travel. I hope that you are enjoying both of these important things. May the new friendships and memories last a lifetime. Welcome.

WGM: The response will be given by Sister by Marya Morrison, President of Idaho’s Grand Representative Association.

Marya Morrison, President, Idaho Grand Representatives Association: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is with pleasure that I respond for the Grand Representatives of Idaho.

To Sister Liz Hughes, Associate Grand Conductress, Thank You for your warm and gracious welcome. I offer the following for you to think on in the next few years.

“No matter how far or how heavy the load, sweet is the journey on Friendships Road.”

Worthy Grand Matron Jan and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, we the Grand Representatives wish you sure and sound footing in your path in this session of “Believe in the Journey.”

We also thank you for the privilege of serving in the position of Grand Representatives. We are always available to assist you in any manner. It is our pleasure to work in our chapters and bring honor to this Grand Jurisdiction. We hope you will remember:

When you are lonely, we wish you love;
When you are down, we wish you joy;
When you are troubled, we wish you peace;
When things are complicated, we wish you simple faith;
When things are chaotic, we wish you hope; and
When you need a friend, we wish you would always remember your Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers.
Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I sincerely thank you for allowing me to respond for the Grand Representatives of Idaho.

GRAND EMERITUS MEMBERS
Harlow Kibbey, PGP, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Idaho
Elizabeth Hughes, AGC, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Idaho
Pauleen Grant, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Idaho

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you exemplified true dedication to this Order and were given Grand Emeritus status for serving our jurisdiction. We are eternally grateful. Now, you should dance, smile, giggle, marvel, trust, hope, love, wish, and believe. But most of all, enjoy every moment of the journey and appreciate where you are at this time. We thank you for your service.

WGP: A patient says to his doctor: “Doctor, I’m worried about this birthmark.” The doctor replies: “Hmm, birthmark you say? Well how long have you had it?” Some have said if early man had Twitter or Facebook, we would still not have fire. Thank you for your dedicated service.

The Grand Emeritus Members were given a hearty welcome

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VISITING DISTRICT DEPUTIES and DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS
JoEllen Reynolds, PGM, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Idaho
Rosie Mews, PM, Member Board of Trustees, Idaho
Harlow Kibbey, PGP, Member Board of Trustees, Idaho
Joan Heisch, PM, Member Board of Trustees, Idaho
Mark Combs, PP, Member Board of Trustees, Idaho
Bob Barclay, PGP, Member Board of Trustees, Idaho
Dean Childers, PM, Member Board of Trustees, Idaho
James Lee, PP, Member Board of Trustees, Idaho
Judith Walsborn, Grand Secretary, Member Board of Trustees
James Grant, PGP, Grand Treasurer, Member Board of Trustees

WGM: Thank you for being with us. At times you have a difficult job controlling the aspects of our Grand Jurisdictions. Benjamin Franklin, a wise man, advised us to watch the little things because a small leak will sink a great ship. You prevent our ships from sinking. We are grateful for everything you do.
WGP: We truly appreciate you and know you spend many long and hard hours in the work you do. Thank you very much.

The Grand Choir sang “Do Re Me”

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
Art Shoemaker, PGP, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho, AF&AM
Rob Troxel, AGP, Grand Marshal, Grand Lodge of Idaho
Ed Simmons, Grand Organist, Grand Lodge of Idaho
Kent McCandless, Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Commander Knights Templar
Ed Bonham Jr., District Deputy Grand Master, 10th District
LeRoy Austin, PGP, District Deputy Grand Master, 5th District

WGM: Thank you for being with us tonight. It is an honor for the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star, to be associated with such men as you. Through your support, we are able to continue the good work we do. Your life is like a movie. You are the main character. You say your scripts and act to your lines. Of course, you do your lines in each scene. There is a hidden camera and a director who you can ask for help anytime from up above.

WGP: A man walks into a seafood store carrying a trout under his arm. “Do you make fish cakes?” he asked. “Yes we do.” Replied the clerk. “Great”, said the man, “Make him one, it’s his birthday.”

Thank you for your dedication men, we are very pleased to have you with us this evening.

LEADERS OF OTHER MASONIC BODIES
Dianne Gates, Grand Associate Matron, Grand Court of Idaho, representing Stefanie Kazyaka, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of Idaho, Order of the Amaranth
Zoe A Chambers, Assistant Grand Lecturer, Grand Court of California, Order of the Amaranth
Peggy Gautschi, Past Queen, representing Delta Holloway, Queen of Iras Temple #40, Daughters of the Nile
Robert A Farron, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Idaho
Gary Labruyere, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Idaho
Kent McCandless, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Knights Templar in Idaho
Blake C Titus, 2nd Ceremonial Master, El Korah Shrine
Corey J Turner, Chief Rabban, El Korah Shrine
Joe Alexander, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Scottish Rite Bodies in Idaho

WGM: You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him. As leaders of our Masonic bodies, you play an important role within your organizations. I admire your commitment and dedication to your members. Thank you for joining us today.

WGP: Instructions to new Air Force recruits, “The only time you have too much fuel is when you are on fire.” Built upon the three degrees of the Blue Lodge, your organizations have flourished and perform a host of activities around the world. Such as, college scholarships, aid programs, medical and optical to name just a few. We support you in your efforts. Welcome to our “Believe in the Journey” Grand Chapter session.

The Leaders of other Masonic Bodies were given a very hearty welcome and each expressed congratulations and best wishes to the WGM and WGP on a great year and a successful Grand Session.

Dianne Gates, Grand Associate Matron, Idaho Grand Court of Amaranth:
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, members and friends all. It is my honor to represent Idaho Grand Court of Amaranth for our Grand Royal Matron, Honored Lady Stefanie Kazyaka and Grand Royal Patron, Sir Knight Richard Broemeling. I anticipate your “Believe in the Journey” session will be very successful.

I have lasting memories that started in 1971 as I sat beside Jan at the piano when she was the Bethel Musician. You were very dedicated even then which made you play the music to perfection.

The members of Amaranth have a dedicated philanthropy of raising funds for Diabetes Research. Do you know someone with an insulin pump? It’s testing was a project we funded.
Our prerequisites for membership are being a Master Mason and their female relatives and Rainbow women who are eighteen years of age and above.

We would like to extend an invitation to our Grand Court, “Bountiful Harvest of Friends” session’s informal opening on Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 P.M., in the Riverside Hotel in Boise. It will be followed by our traditional baked potato reception. Also open by invitation, is our Installation on Saturday, the 3rd of October, at 7:00 P.M. There will be session information on your Grand Secretary’s desk. Jan and Dwain, my personal best wishes for your session.

**WGM:** We would be pleased to hear from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Art Shoemaker.

**Art Shoemaker,** PGP, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho AF&AM:
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all. I bring greetings from all the Masons in Idaho.

As I think about a journey, I think about Masonry and the journey we talk about in Masonry. As we first walk through that door, we just begin our Masonic journey, as I look at the back wall with a sign “Believe in the Journey” I must commend the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on their great theme for the year. Masonry is truly a journey.

When we come to the door, we’re given an opportunity for improving ourselves. Whether it is in Masonry or in Eastern Star, we think about the lessons we receive at the Altar, in the various organizations, and they all have meaning and purpose.

I always marvel at the dedication of individuals as they sat down and thought about what was going to go in our various Rituals. That just didn’t come by accident. There was a great deal of thought and dedication that went into those various Rituals, and too often, we gloss over those lessons. I am encouraging Masons to go back and revisit the various lectures and Degrees and think about the words and what they mean to the individual. Masonry is an individual journey. If you ask a Mason what Masonry means to them, I’m sure you’ll get as many different answers as there are Masons. And that can also be said for Eastern Star members.
This year I am Worthy Patron for the thirteenth time and I can honestly say that the Eastern Star Ritual is very beautiful. Every time I give those lectures to a candidate, it has increased meaning and purpose. Please think about that when you give, or hear, those lessons and how it affects you at that particular time.

Masonry in Idaho has seen younger men coming into our fraternity and we actually have about twenty five of our Lodges that are growing. That is a huge change from a few years back. When those young men come into the Lodge, they want to be involved and typically asked, “What are you doing in the Community?” Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as part of their theme this year, asked Chapters to get involved with their communities and to spread the word about Eastern Star.

As we think about these young men arriving at the decision to join our organization, their most precious commodity is time. They want to be involved and productive. They want a lot more than just coming to a meeting, listening to minutes, paying bills, having introductions and then going home. They want to be doing something productive.

I also encourage all members to listen to their ideas! Try to incorporate them, give those new members an assignment, get them involved and then they will be active and continue to come. This idea also works for Eastern Star in not only getting, but keeping new members involved.

Everything we are faced with in Masonry is communication. Between the senior members and the younger ones, there is not one form of communication anymore. The way I communicate, as somewhat a senior citizen, some people could call me, particularly my granddaughters, is completely different from the younger men. When babysitting, I see my five year old grandson doing things on the computer, video game, DVD, etc., and often he’ll ask “Can I watch a movie?” I say, “Yes, as long as you can start it and run it.” And, he does. That is the thing we need to think about for the future. How do we incorporate the new technologies into the way we communicate, operate and do our business?

As tonight has gone a little bit long, I’m going to close with the following comment. This is a statement from the First Degree in Freemasonry. The night the individual came in, took the Obligation and was greeted for the first time as a Brother, in that lecture hears this statement. Freemasonry unites men of every Country, sect and opinion, and
causes true friendships to exist among those who might have otherwise remained at a distance. Sisters and Brothers, if you think about that statement, I could substitute Eastern Star or any of the other Masonic bodies. Looking around this room and the distinguished east, without Masonry, how many of us would of had the opportunity to even know one another, let alone call them Sisters and Brother, but especially friends. I ask you to think about the privilege we have as being members in Masons or any one of the related bodies, and the great benefits it has given to us and the changes it has made in our lives. Sisters and Brothers, may our Heavenly Father always watch over and protect you. Thank you.

ESCORTS TO THE IDAHO GRAND OFFICERS

Worthy Grand Matron Mel Brown (21)
Worthy Grand Patron Shirlee Valez (62)
Associate Grand Matron Dean Childers (12)
Associate Grand Patron Barbara Troxel (83/32)
Grand Secretary Barry Walsborn (12)
Grand Treasurer Pauleen Grant (6)
Grand Conductress Harlow Kibbey, PGP (8)
Associate Grand Conductress John Hughes (49/10)
Grand Chaplain Sarah Lucero (3)
Sharon Rasmussen (3)
Grand Marshal Brenda Cox (19/20)
Grand Organist Jack Davis (62)
Grand Adah Peggy Hess (39)
Grand Ruth Ted Bahr (8)
Grand Esther Harriett Heinrich (76)
Grand Martha Cary Tuggle (79)
Grand Electa Deborah Arnold (32)
Grand Warder Sue Remaley (29)
Grand Sentinel Kathy Rigoli (33/62)

WGM: Escorts, thank you for all you have done this year to brighten our journey! This year was a total success because of all the hard work and assistance you gave us, the Grand Officers. We have tried to give you all of our TLC in return. For those of you who don’t know, TLC stands for tote, load, and carry. Yours are the only shoes made to walk your journey. You have certainly walked a lot in your shoes this year.
WGP: Guess who gets us there on time, keeps track of our schedule, brushes the lint from our clothes, and smiles at us a lot, but are often overlooked. Who? They are our escorts! Thank you so very much for all you do and the effort you put in for us.

RECOGNITION OF SESSION ASSISTANTS

WGM: Will all of the Session Assistants please rise? This would include: Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Parliamentarian, Bible and Emblem Bearers, Flag Bearers and Escorts, Narrators, Grand Secretary, and Photographer, Memory and Scrapbook, Sound Crew, Choir Director and Choir Members, and all Grand Chapter Committee Members.

WGM: Thank you, thank you, and thank you. We could not have had this Grand Session without you! For all the work you have done to make this Grand Chapter successful. Thank you for everything.

WGM: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, thank you for doing such an excellent job. Please thank your pages for their diligent work behind the scenes. This concludes Introductions.

   Sister Bobbi, I want to thank you for allowing me to use your very beautiful gavel for this Session. It is absolutely gorgeous. And, we thank you and Brother John for being with us today, it was truly an honor.

WGM: Thank you Sister Lilynne and Sister Marilyn for your fabulous music and for coordinating all the music we have heard so far. Your music is the magic touch to any Grand Chapter. Lilynne makes it sound so easy, but there is a lot of work and requires special talent to provide us with such entertainment. I was absolutely thrilled when you agreed to be my Grand Organist.

   Sister Marilyn, thank you for agreeing to be Choir Director. I have known this sweet lady for almost 30 years. She has shared our ups and downs and wiped our tears of joy and sorrow. Marilyn, you are a very special lady and I love you. And choir members, thank you for volunteering to sing for our session. You sound fabulous. Sisters and Brothers help me thank these musicians for their beautiful sounds.
WGM: The Benediction will be given by Sister Geraldine Berkey, Past Grand Matron.

BENEDICTION given by Geraldine Berkey, PGM: Dear lord, thank you for giving us this beautiful day, the inspiring church service this morning and the many recipients of the ESTARL Awards.

We are grateful for our Golden Stars and their laudable years of dedication to our order, our Masonic bodies, DeMolay, Job’s Daughters and Rainbow Girls.

Thank you for blessing us with the presence of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbi White, Most Worthy Grand Patron, John Grobler, and the General Grand Officers and Committee Members.

We lift up to you our Sisters and Brothers who could not be with us, especially those who are ill or caring for loved ones.

We also raise and remember those who have served and are serving our country, keeping us safe that we remain free to meet here today.

Lord, we ask for Your presence to abide in the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as we go through legislation, elections and the ritual work of our beautiful order.

May Your peace strengthen us as we part this evening with love for You and one another and “Believe in our Journey” session.

We humbly ask this in Your name. Amen.

The Grand Conductress closed the Bible

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Informal Session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho called from labor to repose to reconvene Monday at 8:00 A.M.

The Grand officers retired
MONDAY MORNING FORMAL OPENING
June 15, 2015
7:45 AM  Musical prelude by Arlene Kolar, PM (6)

8:00 AM the Monday morning Formal opening Session was called to order by Karen Jull, PGM and Dr. Gary Lemarr, PGP

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS
The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East, introductions made, and Grand Honors extended. The Grand Officers took their respective stations.

Karen Juell, PGM: Worthy Grand Matron Jan, Worthy Grand Patron Dwain; Most Worthy Grand Patron John, Distinguished guests, Sisters and Brothers all. I am honored to have been asked to open this Monday morning Session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho. I am especially delighted to share the podium with my Worthy Grand Patron, and good friend, Brother Gary Lemarr.

Well, Sister Jan and Brother Dwain, you have welcomed our guests, paid tribute to our departed members; serenaded our Golden Stars; honored our General Grand Chapter Committee Members; and introduced and welcomed our very distinguished guests. Now it is time to get down to the business of our Grand Chapter.

Today we set the course for the direction of our journey into the future and select those who will guide us in the years ahead. This is no light task. We are called to do great things and to make a difference in the world of Eastern Star and beyond. We are up to the job and we, each and every one of us, pledges to support our Grand Chapter and our leaders.

Jan, you have shown us this year that it is okay to shake things up! We need to embrace the future and to believe in the journey that lies ahead in our personal and fraternal lives. And I will soon, too soon, welcome you into the ranks of the Past Grand Matrons. Sue Warner and I want you to know that the caboose position in our train of history and tradition is now wide open.

Dwain, you never fail to show us who truly guides us in our journey of life, the wisest of all. And, you’re giving Doc some serious competition in the joke department. And yours are clean.

I thank you for your service to our Order this year, and wish you well as you conduct your business session today and in your journeys
ahead, wherever they may take you. Thank you again for allowing me to open this morning’s proceeding.

**Dr. Gary Lemarr**, PGP: Worthy Grand Matron Jan, Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: Welcome to the formal opening of our 113th Grand Chapter. It is a privilege and honor to be in the Grand East, again, with my Worthy Grand Matron, Karen.

Sister Jan, you have done a great job this year and you represent our Grand Chapter with style and dignity.

Brother Dwain, you started off with sort of a ‘deer in the headlight’ look and seeming like you didn’t know what you were getting into. But your hard work and determination has made a great impact as you now appear to be a seasoned pro!

Your stories in the first person, have always kept everyone’s attention. Thank you and we appreciate the great job you have done for this Grand Chapter.

Sister Jan, we thank you for allowing Robbie and I to be the pages to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Brother John and Sister Barbara have been a pleasure and fun to work with and very easy to take care of.

So, now I have to tell a little story. This is more along Dwain’s line, as it is called ‘Three Wise Men.’ In a small southern town there was a nativity scene which showed great skill and talent that had been put into creating it. One small feature, however, did bother me. The three wise men were wearing fire helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation of it, I left. At a quick stop on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets. She exploded into a rage yelling, “You Yankees never do read the Bible!” I assured her that I did but simply couldn’t recall anything in the Bible about firemen. Well, she violently jerked her Bible from beneath the counter, ruffled through some pages and finally jabbed her finger down on a passage, shoved the book in my face and said, “See, it says right here, ‘The three wise men come from afaire!’” Thank you again for allowing Karen and I to open this Grand Session and, let the work begin.

**WGM:** Sister Karen and Brother Gary, thank you so much for opening our Monday morning session. Sister Karen, we have known each other for a long, long time, going back to the good old days at
Idaho Falls High School. Little did we know that our paths would cross so many years later, and lead us down the road of sisterhood. It has been a pleasure to be in Chapter with you and now an honor to follow in your footsteps. Thank you for all the support and advice you have given me.

Brother Gary, you have always given me good advice and give me that “look” when you don’t necessarily agree with me and then you give me a different perspective to think about. I know that I can ask you anything and you will give me the answer, even though it may not be what I want to hear. You and Robbie mean so much to me and you have become family to Mel and I, the girls, and Charli. Our friendship gets stronger as the years go by. I look forward to each time we get together and many, many more years of friendship and good times with both of you.

**WGP:** Sister Karen and Brother Gary, it was my opportunity to start out as Grand Sentinel under your leadership and it has been a journey I have enjoyed and I appreciate having it all have started with you. Thank you for opening this session for us today and may God bless you both.

**WGM:** Good Morning everyone! I am happy to welcome you to the start of our business session. This is a very important day and I am glad that each of you joined us.

Sister Arlene, thank you for your wonderful music. With you at the keyboard, we always have a “toe-tapping” good time. I am so pleased that you agreed to share your talents with us today.

**PROVING OF THE CHAPTER**
The Grand Chapter was proved by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress with the assistance of the Assistant Grand Warders.

**PARTIAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**
**Diedre Votaw,** (3/16) Chairman: The members of the Registration Committee do hereby certify that at the present time, members from 32 chapters have registered as indicated on the attached list of 34 chartered chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction. 18 Grand Officers are present.
Therefore, this constitutes a quorum and meets the requirements of Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, to transact such business as may legally come before the 113th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star.

**FORMAL OPENING**
The Grand Chapter was formally opened using the Ritualistic Ceremony outlined in the Grand Officers’ Handbook.

**OPENING ODE:** The Grand Choir and Assembly sang *I Believe*

The **Grand Marshal** proclaimed Grand Chapter duly opened for the transaction of business.

**FLAG CEREMONY**
The Worthy Grand Patron led all in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and the singing of the flag song, *God Bless America*.

The **Grand Conductress** attended at the Altar

**PRESENTATION OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON**
**John Grobler,** Most Worthy Grand Patron was introduced.

**WGM:** Every journey has its own traveler. Every dream has its own dreamer. We all belong to a specific journey and dream. Some people are currently looking for it. Some people are just figuring it out. Some people are still lost, and to some, they have finally found it. Brother John, you have been on an incredible journey and I think you are probably one of the few that have finally found it. I hope you have enjoyed your travelers and we are so honored to have you with us today. Thank you for coming to Idaho.

**WGP:** Brother John, I welcome you to our 113th “Believe in the Journey” Grand Chapter session. It has been a pleasure to visit with you and I found you to be a person with a great charisma. Let me just add this; happiness keeps us sweet, trials keeps us strong, sorrows
keeps us human, failures keeps us humble, success keeps us glowing, but only God keeps us going.

You are certainly evidence of this fact, and we welcome you here today.

*The Most Worthy Grand Patron was escorted to the Grand east, given Grand Honors and remained in the East.*

**WGM:** We will be pleased to hear from our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler.

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**John Grobler, Most Worthy Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, Ambassadors and Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers; Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to address the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

I wish to thank Brother Dr. Gary and Sister Robbie Lemarr for serving as our personal pages during our visit here. We’ve enjoyed getting to know you both.

Also, thank you Grand Organist Sister Lilynne for playing my theme song, “the Lonely Bull” during introductions. Lilynne was Grand Organist for Washington when my wife, Barbara, was Grand Esther for Washington’s Showstopper Grand Family many years ago. Lilynne, it is great to see you’ve still got it!

WGM and WGP, in the short time we have been here I have been drinking the “Believe in the Journey” cool-aid and I do believe in the journey. In fact, I was thinking about your theme and how your fun symbols, fire trucks, high heels and the three wise men, relate to different types of journeys. We are all on some type of journey and they are all different.

I am reminded about a young married couple, Nick and Molly. One morning Nick hopped out of bed and went out to play golf. When he got home he was in big trouble because he had forgotten his wedding anniversary. Molly was pretty upset and she told Nick, “Tomorrow there better be something in the driveway for me that go from zero to 200 in two seconds flat.” The next morning Molly found a small package in the driveway. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale. Funeral arrangements for Nick have been set for Saturday at his favorite golf course. Nick may be on a special journey!
During this Triennium we are focusing on Membership and Community outreach. All of our chapters are losing members for a variety of reasons, some of which are:
1. Loss due to death. We cannot control that.
2. Many drift away due to lack of attention.
3. No one calls if I am absent. If they don’t care about me, why should I attend?
4. New members are not given anything to do. People join for a variety of reasons and we need to discover that reason or need and help fulfill it.
5. Many members are driven off by longtime members who will not relinquish responsibility of leadership to new members.
6. Members are neglected by cliques that form in many chapters.
7. Too much jealousy exists between members. “She got the appointment. What has she done? I’ve done a lot more.” Wouldn’t it be nice to congratulate members who receive something and be happy that the Sister you profess to love had something nice happen to her?
8. Longtime members are discouraged by the poor Ritual work being done in many of our chapters today.
9. New members are criticized openly or in whispers when they do something incorrectly.

If we are to be successful in attracting new members, we need to set aside these dispersions. To attract new members we need to be involved in our communities where the potential new members exist. The objective of community outreach is to let our neighbors know we are here and welcome them to our Order. The ultimate goal is to attract new members. I wish I had a silver bullet or magic potion I could give you to facilitate a successful community outreach program. I have not yet found it.

Before embarking on any effort with membership or community outreach, you do need to formulate a plan and establish goals for what you hope to achieve and when. This is important to establish direction.

I have been collecting some community outreach ideas that are being employed by some chapters with some success. Here are a few:
1. Write emails or letters to people you know and tell them about your experience with Eastern Star and ask them if they might want to get together for lunch and talk about OES. It’s just a lunch!
2. Work with Masonic Lodges to get them to recommend to members to join OES.
3. Sponsor joint Masonic/Eastern Star dinner meetings and have members invite friends and spouses to come for a nice dinner and listen to a presentation on Masonry and OES.
4. Make use of the many social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin and the like.
5. Form small groups of three to five members and get involved with community groups.
6. Feed the homeless. Provide sack lunches once a month and/or special dinners throughout the year at a local shelter.
7. Reach out to teachers. Provide meals, cookies and other treats in the teacher’s lounge at an area school. Collect classroom items and create gift baskets for each of the teachers.
8. Build a home. Partner with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for someone in need.
10. Make kindness practical. Help those who can’t help themselves by mowing yards, painting houses, shopping for groceries, running errands. Provide helpful items like housecleaning supplies, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, etc.
11. Cool things down. Sponsor a fan drive. Collect and distribute box fans in the summer, for those who are living in homes without air conditioning.
12. Just add water. Create gifts in a jar like soup mix, cookie mix and hot chocolate mix. Attach instructions and distribute personally or donate to a local food pantry.
13. Sponsor a youth sport team.
14. Have a street fair.
15. Perhaps the best tool we have lies in the lesson Electa, “Love One Another.” In fact, in the Bible (1 John, chapter 13, verse 34)” Jesus said to his disciples shortly before he was to be crucified, “A new commandment I give to you, that you are to love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” Are you able to love your fellow member and other people without condition? Are you able to look beyond the warts, wrinkles, body shapes, etc., of people and still say you love these people?

The goal of a community-outreach project is to get involved with as many members of the community as possible. A street fair or
community block party is a popular way to make that happen. One example may be to gather together with other members of your neighborhood and paint your neighbor’s fence or garage. Follow with a party to celebrate completion of your project.

We really do need to proactively find out what our communities are doing to improve the lot of its citizens and then we need to volunteer to help in these efforts. We have to get out of the comforts of our chapter walls and get in the game, so to speak. All the potential new members are out there in our communities.

One thing is for certain, if we do nothing, nothing will happen. If we continue to just go to one meeting a month and do nothing until the next meeting, membership will continue to decline. We need to get involved with the world around us. The key is to try something. You may have to try many different ideas. I have given you a few here this morning. I am sure you can think of many more.

It is a joy for Barbara and me to be here with you. Your hospitality and friendship are most appreciated. Thank you for your kind attention and thank you for all you do for our Eastern Star.

WGM: Thank you Brother John for your words to us today. We are much honored that you are here and we hope you are enjoying your time in Idaho.

The Grand Choir sang Wonderful Day

WGM: While our guests are getting lined up, I’d like to make a couple advertisements. Yesterday I announced that our Grand Chaplain had put together a book of all the Memorials she had written during the year for our departed members as well as condolences she sent to other Grand Jurisdictions. It is a really nice memorial book and we will make copies for anyone who would like one for $5.00 a book.

The Grand Organist, Lilynne Davis played a lively rendition of ‘Sentimental Journey’

The Grand Conductress closed the Bible
CAVALCADE OF CHAPTER FLAGS

WGP: At this time, we will have the presentation of the chapter flags. They represent the dedication of the members of our subordinate Chapters in Idaho.

The Flag for each Subordinate Chapter was carried around the Grand Chapter room by a Chapter representative.

The Grand Conductress opened the Bible

The AGM and AGP were escorted to the Grand East to welcome the 2015-2016 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

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WGM: The welcome will be given by Sister Peggy Miller, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Rob Troxel, Associate Grand Patron. But I would like to thank you for being here and I wish you all a very enjoyable and successful year. And looking over this wonderful group, I know it will be. Thank you for being here.

WELCOME by Peggy Miller, Associate Grand Matron: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers! Thank you WGM for the honor of welcoming the 2015-2016 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

Sisters and Brothers, if Rob and I are elected to serve as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron we are thanking you in advance for getting up at O dark hundred tomorrow morning to attend the Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron breakfast.

We hope you will find the meeting very informative and we promise the hotel will provide lots and lots of coffee.

If this is your first time as a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, we thank you for accepting the challenges and responsibility of leadership. For those of you who have served in this position previously we commend you for your continued dedication to our order.

Rob and I are looking forward to the fellowship, fun and a magical year as we visit with each of you and the members of your chapters. We wish you a year of success, cherished memories, good health and safe travels.

WELCOME by Rob Troxel, Associate Grand Patron: Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, I’d like to congratulate you on your election to serve as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron for your chapters. Thank you for stepping up and being a leader in your chapters.
If Associate Grand Matron Peggy and I are elected, we look forward to visiting your chapters and enjoying your friendship and hospitality. Thank you for being here.

**WGM:** The responses will be given by Sister Vickie Chamberlain, Worthy Matron of Clover #33, and Brother Stan Barker, Past Grand Patron and Worthy Patron of Silver Star #83.

**RESPONSE** by **Vicki Chamberlain**, Worthy Matron, Clover #33: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guest, Sisters and Brothers:
I thank Sister Peggy for asking me to respond for the 2015-2016 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons.

We are excited to be here and you have had a wonderful Grand Session. Sister Jan, we do believe in your journey and look forward to the magical celebration next year with Sister Peggy.

I will leave you all by answering a very important question. Where is the glue? You take flour and water and you make glue. If you add sugar and eggs and you make cake. So, where is the glue? Now you all know where the glue is. We need the glue so the cake can stick to our hips. Thank you.

**RESPONSE** by **Stan Barker**, PGP, Worthy Patron, Silver Star Chapter #83: Associate Grand Matron Peggy and Associate Grand Patron Rob; on behalf of your Worthy Patrons for 2015-2016, we thank you for the gracious welcome which we received.

I am Stan Barker, Worthy Patron of Brother Rob’s chapter, Silver Star #83 in Homedale. And, we pledge our complete support to your Grand Family for the year ahead. We wish you both the best and have safe journeys during your travels.

**WGM:** Thank you for your lovely responses. Sisters and Brothers, join me in giving our 2015-2016 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons a very hearty welcome.
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**WGM:** Wow, what an awesome group! Your journey is completely yours. It is unique. Others may try to steal part of it, tell it in their words or shape it to suit them. Reality is no one can live it or own it but you. Take charge of your journey. It’s yours and yours alone. I am so very proud of all of you. Whether you have been in the position many, many times, or if this was your first time, you all did a wonderful job.
You believed in your journey and your chapters benefited from your leadership. You welcomed us with open arms, great hospitality, and great ritualistic work. The effects of your efforts and the results of your hard work will be felt throughout your chapters for years to come.

**WGP:** Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons: I want to tell you that good friends are like stars. You don’t always see them, but you know they are there. I thank you for your dedicated service to your chapter and our Grand Chapter. I know how hard it is to do what you do and we are very proud of you all. Thank you for being here.

**WGM:** The responses will be given by Sister Jan Booe, Worthy Matron of Boise #65, and Brother Harry Owens, Worthy Patron for Mountain Queen #11.

**RESPONSE by Janice Booe,** Past Matron, Boise #65: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Worthy Patron last year was Brother Larry Allen, and I know he is smiling down upon us now.

I thank you for the privilege of responding for the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for the past term. To be sure, our journey was memorable. Your faith in the journey of life was evident in the stories you shared with us during the Official Visits. We were challenged to “Believe in the Journey” and hopefully that was accomplished as we followed the fire trucks and three Wise Men to their final destination, this Grand Chapter.

As we are told in Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope.”

May this “Believe in the Journey” Grand session be all you desire and your memories everlasting. Thank you.

**RESPONSE by Harry Owens,** Worthy Patron, Mountain Queen #11: I’m Harry Owens, Worthy Patron of Mountain Queen #11 and I will give you a short, brief, military like talk. Stand up tall so they can see ya, talk up loud so they can hear ya, and sit down and shut up, so they will like ya.

On behalf of my fellow Worthy Patrons, I thank you for the warm welcome to the 113th annual Grand Chapter. We promise to
continue to believe in the journey and promote the principals and teachings of Eastern Star. On a personal note, I want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Jan, for giving me the honor of responding for the Worthy Patrons of Idaho. I’ve been in this chapter for thirty one years and for about twenty seven of those years I’ve been Worthy Patron. Thank you.

The Grand Conductress escorted Harry Owens to the Grand East

WGM: I was really glad that Brother Harry mentioned how long he’s been in Eastern Star and how often he’s been a Worthy Patron. At this time, I would like to give special recognition to Brother Harry Owens for his dedication and service to our Order. Brother Harry was initiated into Eastern Star on March 21, 1974. Since that time, he has served as Worthy Patron in Mt. Queen Chapter #11 in Grangeville, 31 times.

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, join me in giving Brother Harry a very hearty thank you!

Brother Harry received a lovely ‘Idaho’s Most Dedicated Worthy Patron’ award, acknowledging his 31 years of service as Worthy Patron signed by the WGM and WGP and rousing applause from the Assembly.

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Sharon Bowen, Harrison #408, Michigan
Jerrie Wilcox, Papilion, #114, Nebraska
Carolyn Patrick, Golden Rule #131, Oregon
Bill Moore, Tualatin #31, Oregon

WGM: Sisters and Brothers, Welcome to Idaho! I am so proud that you decided to include Idaho in your journey this year. I know you will have a very successful term as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Thank you very much for joining us today.

WGP: We appreciate your presence here and we know that the problems we face here in our chapters are found in all jurisdictions and we thank you for your service and bid you God speed in all your journey’s.
WGM: Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in giving these Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions a hearty welcome.

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Gerry Hostetler #32, President of the Secretary/Treasurers Association

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WGM: Welcome to you all! I personally want to thank you for all your hard work in a difficult job. I enjoyed reading the minutes of your chapter and learning about all the activities and good work you do. Thank you for your valuable service.

WELCOME by Judith Walsborn, Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron Jan, I thank you for allowing me the privilege of welcoming these fabulous chapter secretaries (my Peeps) to this 2015 “Believe in the Journey” Grand session. How exciting to see you all! I hope your Grand session is relaxing and enjoyable. You are most welcome and thank you for being here!
I’d also like to thank Sister Gerry Hostetler, President of the Secretary/Treasurer’s Association, and your corps of officers for the great luncheon on Saturday. I enjoyed it very much and appreciate all the courtesies shown to me, and thank the Association for their gift.

Believe in the Journey….is truly symbolized by the secretaries standing before you now. For, I can assure you, if they did not believe in this journey, they would never have accepted the position.

The work they do is difficult but essential in order for their chapter, my office and this Grand Chapter to function. And they do that work extremely well.

There are a lot of people who find it hard to relate to the kind of work these secretaries do, but I believe everyone can relate to the journey they must take, to accomplish that work. See if this sounds familiar to you. Just remember, we’re not comparing the caliber of work, just the journey.

Theirs is a long, arduous journey that has no destination, just the next deadline to meet. They are never finished!

Except for a few hours at chapter, it is a very solitary journey. Most of the work they do you never see, so it makes it hard to appreciate all those quiet hours they must find to complete a report, update ledgers, or make sure books are current and in order. Especially when you consider that many of these Secretaries have full time jobs, a family and household to care for. And, by the very nature of record keeping, a lot of this work, it is repetitive and....boring.

So, it’s a journey they never really finish, a very solitary one and often boring. But, what they do is infinitely more complex, involved and very important.

I hope this helps you to appreciate the service your Chapter Secretary provides. They are to be commended that it was into this field of labor they choose to best serve their chapter, this Grand Chapter and our Order. Please help me thank them for taking this journey.

RESPONSE by Gerry Hostetler, President of the Secretaries and Treasurer’s Association: Thank you Judith for the wonderful welcome. The chapter secretaries and treasurers appreciate the assistant you give us throughout the year as Grand Secretary.

We thank you and the Grand Treasurer for your School of instruction on Saturday, it was very helpful.
Worthy Grand Matron Jan, and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, thank you for allowing me to respond on behalf of the secretaries and treasurers of our chapters. As secretaries, it is a great honor to be introduced and recognized at Grand Chapter and we all thank you.

**WGM:** Sisters and Brothers, join me in giving these Subordinate Chapter Secretaries a very hearty welcome.

**READING OF THE MINUTES**
It was moved by Judith Walsborn, Grand Secretary, to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the remainder of the session as they are being electronically recorded and will be printed in the proceedings as recorded. The motion was seconded and carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Judith Walsborn, Grand Secretary, read: a thank you card from IORG for the financial donation; A thank you card from Denise Hunt, Grand Secretary Emeritus, for roses received at the 2014 Grand Chapter and all the support received over the years; A thank you note from Iris Temple, Daughters of the Nile for courtesies shown; A letter from Boise Bible College in appreciation of our continued support in providing financial help to students.

**APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES**
**WGM:** Since my annual report was submitted, I had to appoint Johnny Lynch to serve on the Tellers Committee, due to the absence of Dorothy Lundy during this Grand Chapter.

**REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:**
**Diedre Votaw,** Chairman: At the present time we have 228 Idaho members that pre-registered, plus 23 on-site registrations for a total of 251 Idaho members. However, there are 8 pre-registered members who are not present whose ballots were not picked up; therefore, we have issued a total of 243 ballots.

The rest of the morning session, I will be in the Grand Chapter room. I ask the Grand Sentinel and his assistants to advise me should anyone arrive to enter the Grand Chapter room who has not registered. Signs to this effect have been posted at the registration room. The final report will be submitted to the Grand Secretary.
TELLERS COMMITTEE INTRODUCED
Merl Mews, Chairman; Carol Austin and Johnny Lynch

WGM: Since we do not have 12 assistant tellers, can I have volunteers from the floor to assist. Please proceed to the West for introduction.

WGM: I would like to introduce our Parliamentarian, Bob Barclay, Past Grand Patron, who would like to take a couple minutes to address the membership before we get started with business.

Bob Barclay, PGP, Parliamentarian: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This is a charge that I picked up some time back from an old eastern Oregon cowboy and PGP. It has been used at other Grand Chapters.

Sisters and Brothers, remember that we are Sisters and Brothers. The Standing Rules are printed in the Program, and will be covered by the WGP. I would ask, however, that you do read them. As Parliamentarian, my duty is to assist the WGP in helping you do what it is that you want to do, and to make our Order better.

Remember that Robert’s Rules of Order is a guide for making decisions in an orderly manner, but it also says we can do anything we want as long as we all agree.

You will see me conferring with the WGP if he has any questions or concerns. I am also here to answer any questions that you have as to procedure and what will happen if this happens and how to achieve the outcome you are trying to achieve. I realize that you can force a herd to follow a path of action, but it can be hard to make them understand it. My job is to help you understand it. The Jurisprudence Committee will see that we obey our Constitution and By-Laws. As a matter of procedure, we encourage debate and desire all of you to have your say. We do ask that you keep your remarks brief. If you do have information that the members need to know in order to make an informed decision, you will be given the opportunity to present it.

The WGP will not hold a stopwatch on you because he needs to listen to what you have to say. But if you have rambled on too long, and you see me get up and tug on his coat sleeve, you better finish your thought or he will finish it for you. The proposer of any motion will be given the first chance at debate and then the WGP will try to
recognize those wishing to speak in the order that they seek the microphone. If we begin to hear only the same points over and over again, the debate will be cut off and we will move to a vote.

So all of you are encouraged to become involved, behave yourselves, respect one another, keep your comments short and to the point, and keep from repeating yourself. Now content is important, and you must remember that you can cover it with sugar and bake it in the oven, but a cow pile is still manure.

So remember your obligation and that we are all sisters and brothers, follow the Golden Rule, and vote for the good of the Order. Thank you.

**WGM:** Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside as the hour draws near for us to begin our elections.

**WGP:** Sisters and Brothers, I am required by our Constitution to read the following: Article XI, ELECTION, Section 1, Page 31 as required in the By-Laws from the Code and Digest for the election procedure.

*The WGP read the election procedures as outlined in the Code & Digest, By-Laws & Rules, Article XI, Page 31.*

*The AGP retired with the members of the Tellers Committee and the Assistant Tellers to administer the Oath of Secrecy.*

**ELECTION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

The following nominations were received:

Worthy Grand Matron **Peggy Miller** (12/33), nominated by Susan Snodderley, AM (12)

Worthy Grand Patron **Rob Troxel** (83), nominated by Barbara Troxel (83)

Associate Grand Matron **Waunda Kibbey** (8), nominated by Harlow Kibbey, PGP (8)

Associate Grand Patron **Bill Rigoli** (33/62), nominated by Vicki Chamberlain WM (33)

Grand Treasurer **Jim Grant**, PGP (6) nominated by Pauleen Grant, WM (6)

Grand Conductress **Liz Hughes** (49/10), nominated by Jo Ellen Reynolds, GGCCM (10/49)
Grand Sentinel **John Hughes** (49), nominated by Joan Heisch (48/49)

As no other nominations were presented, the above officers were elected by acclamation and each accepted their respective office.

When more than one nomination was made, the nominees were introduced in the Grand West.

**Grand Secretary:**
Judith Walsborn (12), nominated by Susan Snodderley AM (12)
Daveta Ulrich (3), nominated by Ferne Studebaker, PGM (3)

Votes cast 214: Votes received: 134. **Judith Walsborn**, receiving more than the required majority needed for election, was re-elected to the office of Grand Secretary and accepted this office.

**Associate Grand Conductress:**
Joan Heisch (48/49) nominated by Donna Wells (48)
Diana Bush (66) nominated by Carol Burbank PGM (66)

Votes cast: 214 Votes received: 150. **Joan Heisch**, receiving more than the required majority needed for election, was elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress and accepted this office.

**Board of Trustees:**
Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron for a three year term
Mary Hanson, PGM (6) nominated by Mary Lynne Nealis, PGM (63)
Hazel Sutton PGM (3) nominated by Launa Lee (3)
Karen Juell, PGM (21) nominated by Stacy Heiden (21)

Votes cast 213. Votes received 150. **Mary Hanson**, receiving more than the required majority needed for election, was elected to a three year term on the Board of Trustees and accepted this office.

After being elected as Associate Grand Conductress, Joan Heisch resigned her position on the Board of Trustees. An election was held to fill her remaining year on the board.

**Past Matron for a one year term:**
Daveta Ulrich (3) nominated by Cheri Nichols (3)
Teresa Carlson (21) nominated by Stacy Heiden (21)

Teresa Carlson withdrew herself as a nominee for the Board of Trustees. **Daveta Ulrich** was elected to the Board of Trustees by acclamation and accepted the position.
Past Matron for a three year term:
Rebecca Price (PGM/OR) PM (22) nominated by Carolyn Patrick (22). **Rebecca Price** was elected, by acclamation to a three year term on the Board of Trustees and accepted the position.

Past Patron for a three year term:
Merlyn Mews, PP (8/6) nominated by **inaudible**
Mel Brown, PP (21) nominated by Stacy Heiden (21)
Votes cast 213. Votes received 146. **Merlyn Mews**, receiving more than the required majority needed for election, was elected to a three year term on the Board of Trustees and accepted this office.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON JAN BROWN:
WGM: My Annual Report was submitted and accepted by the Jurisprudence Committee and is printed in the Annual Reports booklet you received upon registration. My Supplemental Report is as follows:

Since the submittal of my annual report, I granted two dispensations:

One on May 5, 2015, to install elective officers out of time at a stated or special meeting.

One on May 23, 2015, to elect officers out-of-time at a stated meeting and to install elective officers out-of-time at a stated or special meeting.

Ted Bahr, a member of the Tellers Committee, received a Grand Representative Appointment. I appointed Dorothy Lundy to replace Ted, but due to health reasons, Sister Dorothy was unable to attend Grand Chapter. I therefore, asked Jonny Lynch to take the place of Dorothy during Grand Chapter.

My Grand Representative Appointment package from Italy was finally approved and received. I appointed Todd Paille as the Grand Representative of Italy in Idaho at the Sunday afternoon session of this Grand Chapter. This was Idaho’s first Grand Representative of Italy in Idaho appointment.

To the best of my knowledge, this completes the report of the transactions of the 2014-2015 “Believe in the Journey” Grand Chapter business.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS REPORT

Carolyn Patrick, Chairman: Worthy Grand Patron, this is the report of the Unfinished Business Committee.

The Unfinished Business Committee reports that there is unfinished business from the 2014 “Threads of Friendship” Grand Session. A proposed Constitution change was read and needs to be acted upon at this session. It is Article #V, Membership, Section #2; Eligibility for elective and appointive positions.

The proposed change: Delete current Section #2 in its entirety and replace it with proposed Section #2. You should all have a copy of this proposed change.

All other reports and business was finished at the 2014 “Threads of Friendship” Grand session.

The Annual Reports of the WGM, WGP, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, handed out to members at registration, were all accepted. See Index for location of all Annual Reports and Supplemental Reports.

While waiting for election returns, reports of various committees were given

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - PARTIAL REPORT

Jo Ellen Reynolds, GGCCM, Chairman: As I have put in my time, for a better phrase, I have learned something at every meeting I attended.

This past year we scheduled two meetings, Horseshoe Bend on July 19, 2014, and again in Wallace on March 6, 2015. Due to a lack of a quorum in Horseshoe Bend, the Board could only discuss several projects that need to be addressed in the coming months. I requested that any minor business be handled by email. Thankfully, we only had a few inquiries requiring our attention.

At our meeting in Wallace all but one of the board members was present. Also present were: WGM, Janice Brown; AGM, Peggy Miller; Grand Conductress, Waunda Kibbey; Associate Grand Conductress, Liz Hughes and Grand Sentinel, Bill Rigoli. Several items were discussed and finalized by the Board.

Item #1 was the 2015-16 budget. The completed budget is attached to this partial report and it is hoped you have reviewed this attachment.

Item #2 was the continual decline in membership, which affects our Per Capita amount.
Item #3 was the printing and completion of the proceedings. We have asked the Grand Secretary to discuss with the chapter secretaries whether they needed hard bound copies of the proceedings or if CDs would be better for the chapters use. There is a large difference in the cost, plus many of the other Grand Chapters are using CD’s in lieu of hard bound books. The Board of Trustees directed the Grand Secretary to have the proceedings year she is working on done in a spiral bound book.

Over the last several years, the Board of Trustees has expressed concerns with funding of the Benevolent Funds. The fund is decreasing at a rapid pace. It was presented at last year’s Grand Chapter that the individual chapters take a greater responsibility in helping those in need and assisting the Benevolent Committee. We can only hope this is being done.

Grand Secretary Judith reported that there were a few chapters that turned their year-end report in after the dead line. Being a past chapter secretary, I know that it is important to keep on schedule. Please assist our Grand Secretary in getting reports in on time.

I want to thank our Grand Treasurer for his input and dedication to his office. Jim was a great help and support to me. Thank you, also to the members of the Board of Trustees for their assistance this past year.

**BENEVOLENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

**Lucy Miller, PGM, Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers; The other members of the Benevolent Board this year are Mary Stowell, PGM and Bucky Finley PGP-WY.

We started the year with three recipients on monthly payments and currently we have two recipients on monthly payments for a total of $15,600. We had four one-time requests for a total of $3,823. This year we paid out a total of $19,623.

The money received from interest and income from investments was $13,002.93 and $5,696.29 was received from chapters and individual donations. Thank you to all of the chapters for their donations for this fund. And a special thank you to the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club of Ruth Chapter #3 for the Christmas and Easter donations.

We have three wheelchairs, two walkers and several other items available for members. They are currently stored in my storage unit.
but will be moved this summer. If you need one of these items, please just contact any member of this Board.

The Board expresses their gratitude to Chairman, Jackie Holloway and those who served as district Chairmen, for helping to raise funds for the Benevolent Fund this year. A special thank you to the *Ashton Girls* for their generous donation presented last night to the Benevolent Fund.

A special thank you to Judith Walsborn, Grand Secretary, for all of her help getting the payments out on time and to Jim Grant, Grand Treasurer, for all of his help keeping track of the finances.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for our appointments and allowing us to extend aid to our members in need. Thank you.

**Barbara Ann Holmes**, GGCCM on Membership, PGM of Nevada, Assisting Supreme Deputy to Nevada, Job’s Daughters International. Worthy Grand Matron Jan and Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, as Idaho’s representative on the Membership Committee of General Grand Chapter, as noted by my attire, I truly appreciate the few minutes you have granted me to speak with you today.

It was my pleasure to speak before you last year and to learn about your Membership and Retention committee. They were so excited to begin the year and I look forward to hearing about their efforts.

I am pleased to report that members of Idaho Grand Chapter in the last year have earned four more Rob Morris awards. That could equate to up twenty four more members throughout your Chapters. Keep up the good work and let’s try to double that number by this time next year. If you have earned a Rob Morris badge or bar, would you please stand. Sisters and Brothers, please join me in thanking these wonderful recruiters for our Order.

Membership – wow – it’s such a huge topic, where and how do we begin? Well, Sisters and Brothers, I think we just begin! There is no silver bullet, so let’s not waste time waiting for one. Just start something. Individually, we can show enthusiasm for our Order in how we act and how we talk about Eastern Star. Positivity begets positivity. Talk about all the good and fun things we do. Leave the ‘bad stuff’ at home in your closet. You never know who may be listening.
As a Chapter, what can we do? Lots! First, let’s harness social media, one of the most powerful developments in this century, to showcase the fun we have and how we support our communities. Create a Chapter Facebook page. Have a member take care of posting pictures and regular updates about the Chapter. Keep it current and active. Then Facebook members share it with friends and the number of people we reach, suddenly multiples quickly. Encourage individual members to post and share phrases and graphics such as, ‘Proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star’ and invite the conversation. Record thirty second spots that advertise our Order, then offer them to radio stations to play for their ‘non-profit’ spots. And, don’t forget internet radio. Need scrip ideas, see me.

It’s obvious that women and men have so many choices today of how to spend their time. And, through research, we know that the young professionals today are willing to become involved in organizations if two main criteria are present.

1. They want it to be worth their time. They want to ‘give back’ to their community. What does that mean for us? They want to see that we tangibly, with our time and gifts, support their community and its charities. And if they can have fun doing it, that’s a winning combination. So let’s be sure that our Chapters are an active and visible presence in the community. Let’s get involved in those walks and parades. Many Chapters already do that and we can read about them in the Eastern Star Journal. One Chapter’s saying is “How will they join us if they don’t know we’re here.” Good point!

2. Next we know that these young professionals want to be asked to join. Yes, they want YOU to ask them. I know for sure that we can do that. Sometimes I think we are hesitant to ask folks to join us. Well, the more you practice asking, the easier it becomes. So let’s get really good at it. For right now, let’s just commit to start.

It has been a joy to represent Idaho on the General Grand Chapter Membership Committee again this year. Even though this triennium is nearing an end, our quest for new members continues. Sisters and Brothers, you have been truly wonderful and I thank you for your time. In closing, may you have a smile on your face, love in your heart and a Petition in your pocket! Thank you.
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:
Diane Gerking, (62) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: The members of the Appeals and Grievance Committee are J. Sherwin Wilson from Lorraine Chapter #20 in Payette, Shirley Koester from Idaho Falls Chapter #85. We were assisted by Sandi Shoemaker, Past Grand Matron and Bert Johnson, Past Grand Patron.

It is the duty of the Appeals and Grievance Committee to review all appeals and grievances referred to them by the Worthy Grand Matron or the Grand Chapter and report back their findings to the Worthy Grand Matron or Grand Chapter.

It is apparent that there are no Hatfield’s and McCoy’s among us. This year there were no appeals and grievances, so, as a committee, we did nothing. Everything must be running smoothly. Thank you.

WGM SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT:
Robbie Lemarr (64) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: I have Chapters reporting on how funds were raised; District 1 and 2 by special coin drills, baskets, bracelets sold and all sold the Worthy Grand Matron pins. However, no total was given. District 3 and 4 for pin sales and coin drills their total $743.81. District 5 and 6 for Silver drills, bottle auctions and some pins sold their total was $807.30, including pin sales. District 7 and 8 for coin marches, sold cancer awareness items, Casino Night, Memorial for Diana Harris and all sold pins. Their total reported is $715.75. Plus $100.00 presented at Jan’s installation, and $1,000.00 was donated locally in Challis to cancer victims annually.
The total funds received to this point are $5,148.16. I extend a big thank you to everyone for sending in their reports and for all their efforts in raising money for this wonderful project.

GOLDEN STARS COMMITTEE REPORT:
Mary Finley, PM (12) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: This has been an interesting year getting ready for this day. As I reflect back on the events leading up to this, I can truly say MY BLUE MOON HAS TURNED TO GOLD.

I had no idea there would be more than five hundred letters to send out to all of the Idaho Golden Stars, nor did I ever think that I would have put the reception in Boise instead of Idaho Falls. Along
with the golden years comes a few senior moments. I can only hope that my mistake did not cause anyone a problem. There were quite a few Chapters that did not send me the updated information on their Golden members. Consequently we had more than thirty letters returned for bad addresses. Hopefully we can do a little better next year.

My friend and next year's chairman, Susan Snodderley, happened to mention that she needed to stay quiet as much as possible. Quickly I seized the golden opportunity and promptly assigned her to create a database which would help me out this year and her next year. What a lady. SHE DID IT!

Now Secretaries, if you get her the information, she will only need to make corrections and additions. Debbie Philips was the third member of our committee. I enjoyed our phone visits and thank you for all that you have done to make the reception enjoyable for all who attend.

One of the very special parts of this job was the very heartfelt replies from the Golden Stars that were unable to attend. I did enjoy their notes. I thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of chairing this great committee. Thank you.

HISTORIAN REPORT
Peggy Hess, (39) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers; if you want an interesting appointment, or job as many may call it, this is the one to get!

It takes a little pushing or hounding to try to get reports from all of the Chapters, but what you do get are well worth your while to read. Plus many send special little notes and other things which are also very interesting. This is an awesome experience to see what is going on around the state and to read other reports further back in the binder and see what has gone on in the past. This is a very valuable record of our journeys.

I received 25 reports from 35 Chapters. Some who did not send their reports sent notes as to why they could not send them. I encouraged them to send them in at any time. I would encourage any of you that if you know of a year that you missed, to send it in, because it can always be added to the binder and if Idaho ever does another state history it is a lot easier to do the work a year at a time rather than 10 or 20 years down the road.
I will try to make a list of Chapters missing years before I hand over the book and have the Grand Secretary put it in the newsletter. I did have Queen Esther Chapter #12 turn in 3 back years, which is fantastic, thank you. Those who sent reports were: Hugh Duncan #2, Ruth #3, Mizpah #6, Adah#8, Mt. Queen #11, Queen Esther #12, Laurel #13, Esther #14, Henrietta #21, Twin Falls #29, Clover #33, Martha #34, Star of the West #35, Rupert #39, Crescent #43, Potlatch #48, Idaho #49, Pend d’Oreille #62, Rob Morris #63, Golden Rod #64, Boise #65, E-dah-ho #77, Florence #79, Silver Star #83 and Idaho Falls #85.

We seem to have a shortage of men in our Chapters. We need to help the Masons grow so we can grow and have more men. They seem to repeat jobs frequently. Of the 35 returned reports 18 Chapters have vacant offices. Many of the Chapters, who do not have vacant offices, have duel members who have offices in both chapters. Many of the men just go from Worthy Patron to Associate Patron and back again. There were 81 members reported as having gone to be with our Heavenly Father and it is sad that that is not the full count of those we have lost this year. We really need to continue the membership drive.

Chapter themes were varied and interesting. Hugh Duncan #2 had membership as their overall theme for the year, which is a grand thing for all of us to strive for. Some others that caught my attention were: “Family is not only blood and fudge, how to lose weight eating chocolate.” I want to know all about that one since I am a chocoholic.

Idaho Chapters have many great ways of raising funds, such as: harvest auction, 50/50 drawings, hamburger fry, bake-less bake sales, real bake sales, bottle auctions, garage and yard sales, Hawaiian luncheons, pasta bars and dinners, game nights, dinners for other Masonic bodies, afghan and quilt drawings, wine tasting, box lunch action, gun show concessions, craft bazaar, selling Yule logs, selling hanging flower baskets and poinsettias, selling Terry Lynn’s nuts and candies cabbage and corned beef luncheon, and many other dinners and lunches.

Our Chapters also give a lot and do a lot in their communities, like: giving to our sister and brother Masonic organizations; supporting needy families at Christmas and Easter; community Easter egg hunts; books for various organizations; food and money for pantries and food banks; hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and coats.
for the needy; toys for Christmas organizations; personal products for shelters; seeds for community gardens; scholarships; child id booth; school supplies; volunteering at animal shelters; assisted living birthday parties; bicycles to good readers; special items to libraries; money to help remodel a lodge hall; sent Christmas cards to golden stars with stamps enclosed; trunk or treat on the town square for a safe Halloween for the children; helped send two DeMolay to conclave; helped a member have the wedding of her dreams; memorial service for a member with no family; cookies to shut-ins; information night for the community; a member was honored by her city for her volunteer work; and community clean-up.

One Chapter, Crescent #43, changed the way they do things on meeting nights hoping to get more members coming to meetings. They now have refreshments at 6:30 for the first meeting and a potluck at 6:30 for the second meeting. This way they get home earlier and have great social time.

Thank you again for this chance to do some very interesting reading and this report just touches the surface of the good things our Chapters are doing.

**BENEDICTION** given by Donita Lancaster, PGM: Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly thank Thee for this opportunity to meet together in fraternal love at this ‘Believe in the Journey’ Session.

We ask Thy blessings be on our leaders and all those assembled here for their dedicated service to our beloved order. Be with those who are not with us for whatever reason.

Dear Lord, we pray for your loving protection over us and our deliberations during this session. We ask all of this in your most Holy Precious name. Amen

*The Grand Conductress closed the Bible*

**Grand Marshal:** By order of the Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim this session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star, called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 2 PM.

The Grand Officers retired
MONDAY AFTERNOON FORMAL SESSION
June 15, 2015
1:45 AM Musical prelude by Mary McKinney (33), PM

At 2:00 PM the Monday Afternoon Formal Session was called to order by Sister Sandi Shoemaker, PGM and Brother Art Shoemaker, PGP

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS
The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East, introductions made, and Grand Honors extended.
The Grand Officers took their respective stations.

PGM Sandi Shoemaker: Worthy Grand Matron Jan, Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, Good Afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to open this Monday afternoon session of the ‘Believe in the Journey’ 113th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho with my favorite Past Grand Patron, Brother Art.

Your wonderful “Believe in the Journey” Grand session is about to come to an end. You have made it a wonderful journey and I hope that both of you have made a great many ‘Treasured Memories.’

Congratulations to all the new Officers. It was an exciting morning and I wish all the best to each of you.

Worthy Grand Matron Jan, you were my Associate Grand Conductress. We had a lot of fun and I truly enjoyed your great music when you were Grand Organist. You and Brother Mel are dear friends.

Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain, you sent out letters of encouragement and love when PGM Christy Schill-Newbold was so very sick. Not just to Christy, but to all the Grand Officers and I greatly appreciated them. Your jokes have been great and it was even more fun when we got to turn the tables on you. I have enjoyed getting to know you and Sister Shirlee better these past few years. I feel truly blessed to call all four of you, my friends.

Thank you again for asking me to open this Monday afternoon session with Past Grand Patron, Most Worshipful Grand Master, husband and my best friend, Brother Art. Thank you.
PGP Art Shoemaker: Worthy Grand Matron Jan, Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, Good Afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to open this Monday afternoon session of the ‘Believe in the Journey’ 113th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho with my wife of forty eight years and Past Grand Matron, Sandi. Sandi, after serving together in the East six times in our subordinate Chapters, it seems natural to again stand in the East with you to open this afternoon session.

Sisters and Brothers, this afternoon we continue with the business of this Grand Chapter that will guide our future. Sisters and Brothers, now is the time for you to make your input and desires known regarding the legislation that will decide the future of our Order in Idaho. As we have our discussions and make our decisions may we ever be mindful and considerate of our Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as you come to the end of your year in the Grand East; I congratulate you on your dedication and leadership that you have provided to this Grand Chapter. It has been a wonderful year following the pink heels and fire trucks and three wise men along the OES trail this year. I, again, thank you for allowing me to open this Monday afternoon session with my wife, Sandi.

WGM: Sister Sandi and Brother Art, thank you for opening our Monday afternoon session.

Sister Sandi, I served as Associate Grand Conductress for you and Brother Bob in your Treasured Memories session. During that year, I certainly gathered a lot of Treasured Memories that will last me a life time and I thank you for that.

Brother Art, it is such an honor to be traveling the state of Idaho at the same time as you are as Most Worshipful Grand Master. The wisdom you share with your Masonic Brothers and the other Masonic organizations is so relevant and important for our members to hear. Thank you for sharing your wisdom with us.

WGP: Standing in front of the bathroom mirror, a man was admiring his reflection. He put this question to his wife of thirty years. “Will you still love me when I’m old, fat, and balding?” Her response, “I do.”
Sister Sandi, I served with you as Grand Chaplain in “Christmas in the Country.” You did a wonderful job holding the Official Visits while our Sister Christy made her miraculous recovery. Thank you for the leadership and strength you provided to everyone.

Brother Art, I have long admired you for your faithful service to our Order and your dedicated work in Masonry. Thank you for opening our session today and God bless you.

WGM: Good Afternoon. I am happy to welcome everyone back to this afternoon session where we will continue the business of this Grand Chapter. Sister Mary, thank you for sharing your musical talents with us this afternoon.

It was great fun to have our ‘couples’ open the sessions for us. We had Sister Lucy and Brother Don Miller, then Brother Bob and Sister Anne Barclay who had just recently been married and that was really special! And this afternoon we had Sister Sandi and Brother Art Shoemaker and now, for the first time, we have a husband and wife going to the Grand East together. I know this was a little different, but it was fun and very special to us. These couples are very dedicated and supportive of our Order and I thank you all very much.

PROVING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
The Grand Chapter was proved by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, with the assistance of the Assistant Grand Warders.

The Grand Conductress opened the Bible

INVOCATION by Mary Stowell, PGM: Our Loving Heavenly Father, as we continue the labors of this 113th Annual Session of our Idaho Grand Chapter, ‘Believe in the Journey’ we thank you for the privilege and blessings of this day and those that follow.

Be with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they preside over the election of new Officers for next year and the business still before us this session. Guide and direct them as they labor for the good of our Order.

Be with each one of us as we go about our duties, and grant that all arrive home safely.

We are mindful of those unable to be with us and ask your blessings be with them also.
May we have thy continued presence throughout this session.
Guide and direct us that all we say and do may be right and good in thy sight. Amen.
All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

WGM: At this time, we will have a vocal selection by Sister Maggie Tolman. Maggie, along with her Mother Cindy and Sister Nicole, were recently initiated into Hermosa Chapter #32. All three have been very active in Job’s Daughters and I’m sure will be just as active in Eastern Star. Cindy will be Grand Guardian beginning in 2016, and we wish her well on her journey! We were honored to have Maggie sing for us at Hermosa’s Official Visit, and I know you will all enjoy her beautiful voice.

Maggie Tolman sang How Great Thou Art

WGM: Thank you Maggie! That was absolutely beautiful. Maggie also just received one of our Scholarships and I know she will go far, both in her studies and Eastern Star. I know you have a lot to do to get ready for Grand Bethel. You will be very busy but I know you will have a successful session.

I would like to now introduce Sister Cheri Nichols, who has graciously agreed to present a short head wrap/scarf fashion show. As you know, our project this year is Pink Heals, which is a cancer awareness program. Many of us in here have been or have family and friends that have been affected by cancer. Many people who receive treatments experience hair loss or thinning. I thought it would be nice to have Cheri show us some stylish ideas women have if they experience hair loss or don’t want to wear a wig on any given day. I believe Cheri will also have these wraps/scarves available for sale in the lobby afterwards. Cheri, the floor is yours.

Cheri Nichols explained as Sisters’ Karen Juell; PGM; Launa Lee and Nancy Smith modeled the items around the room, displaying the several ways of wearing a scarf or wrap as lovely and stylish headwear.
WGM: Thank you Sister Cheri Nichols, and your gorgeous models, for sharing these fashions with us today.

WGM: Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside for the continuation of legislation and reports.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE PARTIAL REPORT
Richard Kaiser, PGP (85/14) Chairman: I would like to introduce the other members of the Jurisprudence Committee: John Hughes (49); Yvonne Wilbur, PGM (12); Ron James (3); Jan Booe (65); Dale Leslie (77). Sisters Darla Redman, PGM (77); Gladys Allen (65/66) and Denise Hunt (8) were unable to attend Grand Chapter for various reasons, but participated in the various reviews the Committee made during the past year. I want to thank these dedicated and knowledgeable members for their dedication and assistance during this past year. It has been a pleasure to work with them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: During the year there were some questions which the Worthy Grand Matron referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. They were:

Can a chapter have an open meeting and invite the public? Answer: No. In a chapter meeting the secret work is a part of the Ritual and only members found to be legally entitled to attend and witness the secret work may be admitted. (Ritual, p103-104.) However, the chapter may call a recess during a meeting and invite non-members in. But, after the guests leave, the Associate Matron must again prove the chapter before the meeting can resume (C&D, BOI, Article XXX Sections 2&3).

Can a girl’s petition for membership be read before she turns 18, provided the chapter does not ballot on her petition until after her 18th birthday? Answer: No. Each female petitioner for the Degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated Chapter meeting (Ritual p165.)

Is a special dispensation needed to read a petition and initiate someone from another State? Answer: No. But, a waiver of Grand Jurisdiction should be obtained. Special dispensations are only required for three reasons: To elect and install Officers out of time, change the place of the
meeting, and initiate within two weeks of the candidates election, providing three days have passed. (C&D R&R, Article VI Section 6 and Article XII, Section 3)

Can a member who is a past Associate Conductress, but not a Past Matron, fill in as an Associate Conductress? Answer: Yes. The Worthy Matron is responsible for appointing members to fill offices pro-tem or fill another position pro-tem (C&D R&R Article VI Section 2.) In addition, if a vacancy in an elected office occurs, the office shall be filled at the discretion of the Worthy Matron. (C&D R&R Article V Section 3.)

Can an Honorary Member count as a Chapter Member in order to have a quorum present and hold a meeting? Answer: No. Honorary Memberships are conferred only on members of another chapter. Honorary Members enjoy all the privileges of membership except those of voting or holding office. (C&D R&R Article XVII Section 7.) In order to conduct official business, voting is required. The Red Book states that Honorary Members are not entitled to make motions, enter into discussion unless called upon by the presiding officers, to vote or hold office in the Chapter (Red Book: R&R Article V Section 3.)

Can members of the Order purchase their own individual copy of the secret work? Answer: No. Neither the Idaho Code and Digest, nor the General Grand Chapter Red Book, allows for personal purchases of the secret work. Per the Idaho Code and Digest, each chapter is entitled to four copies of the secret work, which must be checked in and out, and recorded in the chapter minutes (C&D R&R Article 1 Section 1.) Per the Red Book, there shall be four copies of the long form of the secret work for each subordinate chapter (Red Book By-Laws, Chapter 7, Section 4.) In addition, the Red Book states that the sale of a copy of the secret work of the Order to any person or organization except to Grand Secretaries of subordinate chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is expressly forbidden (Red Book By-Laws, Chapter VIII Section 1e.)

Can another religious book, such as a Quran or Torah, be placed on the Altar if the Worthy Matron is of another religion? Answer: No. The only reference in the
Ritual, the Idaho Code & Digest and the Red Book, is that a Bible must be on the Altar (C&D, BOI Article XXII Section 2.)

Grand Representatives: The Worthy Grand Matron submitted recommendations for Past Matrons and Past Patrons to serve as Grand Representatives. The Jurisprudence Committee has confirmed the eligibility of the proposed appointments.

Grand Officer Appointments 2015-2016: The Associate Grand Matron submitted the Grand Office Appointments for approval. The Jurisprudence Committee has approved the list as presented.

2015-2016 Committees: The Associate Grand Matron submitted recommendations for members to serve on Grand Chapter Boards and Standing Committees for 2015-2016. The Jurisprudence Committee has approved the eligibility of the proposed appointments.

Worthy Grand Matron’s Annual Report: The Jurisprudence Committee has approved the Worthy Grand Matron’s Annual Report.

Worthy Grand Patron’s Annual Report: The Jurisprudence Committee has approved the Worthy Grand Patron’s Annual Report. The Jurisprudence Partial Report was signed by members of the Committee and hearing no objections, was accepted.

LEGISLATION:
Legislation #1:
CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION PASSED, AS AMENDED, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
Code & Digest, Page 7, Constitution, Article Number V, Membership, New Section 2 C:
Members in good standing of a subordinate chapter of this Jurisdiction are eligible for appointment as Grand Representatives. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are not eligible. Preference shall be given to individuals who have not previously served as a Grand Representatives in any jurisdiction. This legislation was adopted as amended.
Legislation #2:
Amendment to the By-Laws and Rules, Page 14, Article V, Expense, Section #4, The Grand Secretary shall be allowed the following expenses:
Proposed Change #1: Delete current Section 4, section B in its entirety and replace it with proposed section 4, section B to read:
Two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00) per month as rent for office facilities, public utilities and reimbursement for use of private car.
Proposed Changed #2 Section C now reads: long distance phone calls when conducting Grand Chapter Business.
Replace Section 4, subsection C with: Cellular, internet and telephonic telecommunications charges when conducting Grand Chapter Business.
Proposed Change #3 Delete Section D: Annual rent of safe deposit. This Amendment was withdrawn by the maker.

Legislation #3
Amendment to Article VII, Powers and Duties of Grand Officers, Section 1:
All Grand Officers shall discharge the duties appropriate to their respective offices as set forth in the Ritual, and faithfully perform all duties lawfully required of them by the Grand Chapter. A Grand Officer must resign her/his appointment as a Grand Representative or as a member of any Grand Chapter Standing Committee except Fraternal Correspondence. A member elected Grand Secretary, if at the time of election is serving as subordinate Chapter Secretary shall resign as subordinate Chapter Secretary.
This Amendment was adopted.

Legislation #4
Amendment to Article VII Powers and Duties of Grand Officers, Section 6, Grand Secretary B, 12f:
The Proceedings of the annual session which shall be transcribed printed and distributed by March 1st, following the annual session. This Amendment was adopted.

Legislation #5
Amendment to C&D By-Laws and Rules, page 23, Article IX, Grand Representatives, Section 1:
Members in good standing of a Subordinate Chapter of this Jurisdiction are eligible for appointment as Grand Representatives. Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons are not eligible. Preference shall be given to individuals who have not previously served as a Grand Representatives in any Jurisdiction. A Grand Representative must resign her/his appointment to serve on a Grand Chapter Standing Committee. This Amendment was adopted.

**STAR INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Jane Simmons** (85): Last September I sent out a letter to the 34 chapters. Later in the year I sent an email to follow-up. During the year I received information back from all chapters. Thank you Chapter Secretaries for your help.

I have updated the card file boxes and added new names and removed names of sisters or brothers who were no longer with us and changed addresses to keep them up to date. There are three file boxes - one by home chapter, one for alphabetical listing by name, and one by jurisdiction of residence. There are still some names that need to be verified in several of the chapters. So be prepared Secretaries I’m not finished yet!! Yes, I’m going to be Star Information Chairman next year.

Please keep in touch with your sojourners and send the Star Information Chairman any changes of name or address, if they demitted, or are deceased.

This next year I will be sending these names to the Grand Secretaries of other Grand Jurisdictions and the Chapter Secretaries where the sojourners are living in their jurisdiction so they can be contacted. So you can see how important it is to keep the Star Information Chairman informed of changes.

We need to communicate and reach out with loving kindness to all members to get or keep them involved and feel welcome to attend Chapter meetings and become an active Eastern Star. Eastern Star is a way of life. Thank you.

**WGP:** Worthy Grand Matron, the business for today is completed, I invite you to preside.
WGM: Sisters and Brothers, we will be closing our raffle items, silent auction, and basket auction at 5 pm this evening. Please remember to visit them, make your bids, and help various funds. Thank you.

BENEDICTION given by Maxine Machamer, PGM (29): Our dear Heavenly Father, as this day of deliberations closes; we hope that our decisions have been acceptable in Your sight.

We are grateful that we live in a nation which places its’ trust in God and where we can belong to the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. Let us not forget the sufferings and strife throughout the world, nor those who are fighting to preserve our freedom.

Now, as we part for a while, let us return safely to the final day of this wonderful “Believe in the Journey” Session. Be with our Worthy Grand Matron, Jan and Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain, giving them rest for tonight and the knowledge that they have guided us well. We look with anticipation to the new leaders and the year ahead.

We ask Thy special protection for all of us as we travel to our homes tomorrow. This we ask in Your precious name. Amen.

The Grand Conductress closed the Bible

Grand Marshal: By order of the Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim this afternoon session of the Grand Chapter called from labor to repose to reconvene at 8:00 AM Tuesday morning.

The Grand Officers retired
TUESDAY MORNING OPENING
June 16, 2015
7:45 AM Musical prelude by Connie Van Wye (32), PM

At 8:00 AM, the Tuesday Morning Session was called to order by Sister Rebecca Price (22) PGM-OR and Brother Orion ‘Bucky’ Finley, (12) PGP-WY

ENTRANCE OF GRAND OFFICERS
The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East, introductions made, and Grand Honors extended.
The Grand Officers took their respective stations.

PGM Rebecca: Worthy Grand Matron Jan, Worthy Grand Patron Dwain, Thank you for asking me to open this Tuesday morning session with PGP Bucky Finley.

    My session was Bee Happy...Make Memories and I have had a bazillion Eastern Star memories. Tomorrow I will have belonged forty three years to this fantastic organization.

    One memory in particular which is the same in all jurisdictions happens today, the day of installation. The Worthy Grand Matron is in her final moments and thinking, my gosh, the year went so fast. The Associate Grand Matron, on the other hand, is thinking will they never get done; we have to decorate, change clothes and take pictures.

    Peggy will be buzzing around much like Jan was last year. What memories we have in this journey we are on and what is Yet to Bee!

PGP Bucky: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. Welcome to this Tuesday morning 113th “Believe in the Journey” session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

    This day, when we wind down the session and get ready to install the officers for the coming year, we look forward to the new adventures and new challenges with renewed energy. I’d like to congratulate Sister Peggy and Brother Rob and wish them the very best in the coming year.

    Sister Rebecca, it’s been a pleasure to assist in opening this session with you this morning. It was over thirty years ago that I visited Idaho Falls for Grand Chapter, for the very first time. It is
always a pleasure to be back here alongside the river and the very beautiful scenery here. Thank you.

**WGM:** Sister Rebecca and Brother Bucky, it is such an honor to have you open our Tuesday Morning session. You are both so generous with your time and knowledge. I asked you to open our session so I could show our jurisdiction how truly dedicated many of our members are. Not only are you active in your local chapters and the Idaho Grand Chapter, you are active in Oregon and Wyoming as well. The time you give to our organization shows true dedication and is very admirable. I have enjoyed getting to know both of you over the past several years and value your friendship. Thank you!

**WGP:** Sister Rebecca, it is a pleasure to have you with us this morning. I spent the first years of my life in Portland, Oregon, during the Second World War. Dad was working for the shipyard and I have very fond memories of Oregon.

In those days, the men were all off to war so they’d take us fifth, six grade kids out to pick berries or beans and I have very good memories of time spent there. Thank you for being here.

Brother Bucky, I have long admired your dedication to our Order and your presence at so many of our Official Visits. Thank you.

**PROVING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER**

*The Grand Chapter was proved by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, with the assistance of the Assistant Grand Warders.*

The Grand Conductress opened the Bible

**INVOCATION** given by Mary Hendrickson-Culver, PGM:

Dear Lord, thank you for this beautiful morning as we gather here again. May we finish our labor and be able to enjoy many of our relaxation time again.

Those who are about to begin their new year, God bless you and thank you very much for your service and dedication.

All of our friends here, who have came to Idaho Falls to wish Jan and Dwain their love and their best, thank you for being here. Amen
Grand Marshal: By order of the Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim the Tuesday Morning session from repose to labor.

WGM: Welcome to our Tuesday morning Believe in the Journey session where we will finish up our reports and close our 113th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho. We look forward to the next chapter of our Eastern Star journey with Sister Peggy and Brother Rob.

Sister Connie, thank you for your beautiful music. If that didn’t wake anyone up, nothing will. When I heard Connie play at our Official Visit, I knew she just had to share her talents with the rest of our membership.

Are there announcements to be made at this time? I want to remind the Pages or Escorts for the Grand Officers to remove the gifts belonging to your Grand Officer from the gift table.

The Grand Choir sang Oh What a Beautiful Morning.

INVITATION TO 2016 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

Vicki Chamberlain, Chairman, 2015-16 General Arrangements Committee: Our Grand Chapter next year will be held in beautiful Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, June 11 through 14, 2016, for the “Magical Celebration of the Past, the Present and the Yet to Be” with Sister Peggy and Brother Rob. I am happy to invite everyone to Coeur d’Alene, Idaho for our 2016 Grand Chapter.

MOTION: Peggy Miller, AGM moved to accept the invitation to Coeur d’Alene for the 2016 Grand Chapter Session. The motion was seconded and carried.

MOTION: Waunda Kibbey, GC, moved that Grand Chapter hold an open Installation of Officers in Coeur d’Alene on June 14, 2016, at 2:00 PM. The motion was seconded and carried.

Entering the Chapter room, in full costume, were a large rabbit and a clown. When asked what they were doing here, they replied: “We’ve come to steal a fire truck!” They also absconded with the large display of the three wise men. They then invited everyone to Coeur d’Alene next year for the “Magical Celebration” Grand session.
WGM: We will now continue with our reports and WGP, I invite you to preside.

WGP: Thank you WGM. We will now have the Fraternal Correspondence Report.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE REPORT:
Liz Hughes, (49/10) Associate Grand Conductress: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: I know that most of you are absolutely thrilled that the time for the Fraternal Correspondence report has finally arrived. As chairman of this committee, it is my responsibility to make this report informative as well as interesting. There are so many different ways to dispense all this information but, I have decided to resort to a little healthy competition and allow all of you to help make this interesting report.

So here is how this is going to work. I have divided this room into two teams. The North will be our first team, Team WGM. The South will be the other team, Team WGP. There will be prizes for the winning team. I will also ask the WGM and WGP or their pages to keep score for their team.

If you heard my remarks to the Grand Representatives Sunday night, you know I love that our Grand Representatives travel and if you read the proceedings of other jurisdictions you see that Idaho Grand Representatives travel a lot. So this competition will focus on that. The game will work as follows. I am going to tell you a little bit about a jurisdiction. Pay close attention:

- to the date,
- a fun fact about the jurisdiction or their projects,
- who from Idaho visited this jurisdiction,
- the location of the grand session.

If you know the jurisdiction I am talking about, tell the page in your section and she will honk that we have an answer. If you are right, your team will receive one point. If you are wrong, the other team will have the opportunity to answer the question and steal the point.

Before we start, I want to give you a brief update. This report is all about the other jurisdictions of Eastern Star in the world. First a big thank you to the other members of my committee, Waunda
Kibbey, GC, and Peggy Miller, AGM. They each did a third of the work on this report. There are currently 62 jurisdictions represented by our Grand Representatives. General Grand also has 12 subordinate jurisdictions that include the states of Hawaii and Alaska. I will only be focusing on the 62 jurisdictions that are represented by our Grand Representatives. We actually received 39 proceedings this year. These 39 proceedings represented 31 jurisdictions. What does that mean? We actually received two proceedings from eight different jurisdictions, so I will be asking questions about either of these 2 years. Are you ready for the questions?

**Question #1**

125th Visions of Treasured Heritage; Date: June 18-21, 2014

Membership, 4,153 in 45 chapters. Number Attending Grand Chapter: 371. Special projects: Youth, Membership. Special note: Darla Redman, PGM was on the 1st place golf team.

Attending from Idaho: Doris Alexander, Grand Representative of this jurisdiction in Idaho; John Chamberlain, Grand Representative of British Columbia and the Yukon in Idaho

Grand Representative of Idaho in this jurisdiction: Diana Deyo, and Elaine Robinson, Grand Representative of this jurisdiction in Idaho: Doris Alexander, Shoshone #10 Held: Helena, MT

Answer: Grand Chapter of Montana

**Question #2**


Grand Representative of Idaho in this jurisdiction: Violet Hanson, Sedona Chapter #7. Grand Representative of jurisdiction in Idaho: Ron Lancaster, Star of the West #35. Held: Sheraton Crescent Hotel, Phoenix

Answer: Arizona

**Question #3**


Total Membership, 2292. Grand Representative of Idaho in this jurisdiction: PMWGP, John Fitzgerald. Grand Representative of this jurisdiction in Idaho: Liz Hughes, Idaho #49. Special Note: John and
Liz Hughes spent time with her counterpart during a visit to down under. Held: Hobart, Tasmania
Answer: United Grand Chapter of Australia

Question #4
Special projects: Northwest Harvest and Local Food Banks, and the Children’s Hospital, Ben Towne Center for Childhood Cancer Research. Held: Yakima, WA
Answer: Grand Chapter of Washington

Question #5
The 108th Grand Session of Dreams – Vision – Hopes. Date: October 10 and 11, 2013. Presiding: WGM Patricia R. Kay & WGP Jerry W. Runnels. Total Membership: 941 in 10 chapters. Total Number Attending Grand Chapter: 258. Special Projects: $20,749.63 was raised for the Scottish Learning Center, ElKalahl Shrine Transportation Fund, Heart Research, Cancer Research, and Education Fund. Idaho Members in Attendance: WGM Sue Warner; WGP Don Miller; Waunda Kibbey, AGC; Angie Nealis, Grand Organist; Sue Foster, Grand Esther; Jane Simmons, Grand Martha; Becky Proter, Grand Representative. Held: Masonic Temple Salt Lake City Answer: Grand Chapter of Utah

Question #6
Representative of British Columbia & Yukon in Idaho. Held: Pendleton
Answer: Grand Chapter of Oregon

**Question #7**
The 124th Grand Session of Just Believe. Date: September 27-29, 2013. Presiding: WGM Barbara Pelfrey & WGP Ronald Keller. Total Number Attending Grand Chapter, 1277. Special projects: Pitch in the for Kitchen, Parkinson’s research, and Youth scholarships. Mary Funk, Grand Representative of Idaho in this jurisdiction reported on her visit to Idaho Grand Chapter and that she was proud to carry the Idaho flag with her counterpart Susan Walker. The new Grand Representative is Kathie Hill of Chapter #246. Her counterpart is Christine Nielsen. Idaho Members in attendance for the installation of the Grand Officers were: Hazel Sutton, PGM, Lois Jones, Grand Electa, and Christine Nielsen, Grand Representative. Held: Dayton, OH
Answer: Grand Chapter of Ohio

**Question #8**
Answer: Grand Chapter of Nebraska

**Question #9**
Answer: Grand Chapter of Nevada
Question #10
The 147\textsuperscript{th} Grand Session of Faith, Freedom and Friendship.
Date: October 8-10, 2013. Presiding: WGM Alma Hunnicutt & WGP William Kennedy. There are 121 chapters with a membership of 12,685. Attending from Idaho: Dore Stansbury, Grand Representative of this jurisdiction in Idaho. Special note: This jurisdiction is known as the “Oldest Grand Jurisdiction” in the World
Held: Battlecreek. Answer: Grand Chapter of Michigan

Question #11
The 111\textsuperscript{th} Grand Session of Melody of Love. Date Sept. 9-11, 2013. Presiding: WGM Linda Stepp & WGP Michael Martin. Total Membership 12,243 in 161 chapters. Total number attending Grand Chapter 769. Idaho Members in attendance: Andrea Storjohann, PGM and Mary McKinney Grand Representative of this jurisdiction. Special Projects: Alzheimer’s, Cancer, Heart, Shrine Charities, Military and Youth. Special Interests: PGP Adrian Cavannah gave a tribute to Dr. Robert Morris, written by Dr. Robert Fitch, great grandson of Dr. Robert Morris on “Dr. Robert Morris the Soldier.”
Held: Louisville
Answer: Grand Chapter of Kentucky

Congratulations to our winning team, Team WGM, with a final score of 7 to 4! Would my pages please pass out the prize to the winning team?

I hope that you, like me, have been amazed at how many places we have traveled in the last few years. I also hope that you are intrigued by some of these jurisdictions we have talked about and will go to their websites and learn more about what they are doing. I am looking forward to reading more proceedings in the next two years and learning more about all the exciting places we have to visit and meet our sisters and brothers. Thank you.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINAL REPORT:
Jo Ellen Reynolds, GGCCM, Chairman: Before I give my final report for this Board, I want to introduce my buddies: Harlow Kibbey, PGP, who I turn over the Chairmanship to; Bob Barclay, PGP; Rosie Mews, PM, who so willingly took the minutes for the last six years!; Joan Heisch, PM, who would do research for me; Dean Childers, PM; Mark Combs, PP; Jim Lee, PP and Chuck Rose, PP, who could not be with us this year. Thank you all so very much.
To the Grand Secretary, Judith Walsborn, my congratulations for being elected to another year. I want to keep in touch and help in any way. To the Grand Treasurer, PGP Jim Grant, your dedication and willingness to answer my questions, for all your help and a shoulder to lean on, I thank you, and Harlow, for that as well.

At the meeting of June 15th, this Board approved the Grand Secretary’s and Grand Treasurer’s reports with corrections. The bills presented were approved for payment. I have one big suggestion; it is for those who are appointed Chairman of a committee, or a Grand Officer, who might have expenses, to please go to the Code and Digest to see your budget allocations. Any bills presented to the Board that are not a budget line item, must be discussed and approved by the Board before reimbursements can be made.

As I give this report with mixed emotions, I want to thank the Grand Chapter members for having the confidence in me to do this job. Yes, I say job, though I did not get paid a monetary allowance, I did get paid with a lot of good memories to last my lifetime. Thank you.

PGP Harlow Kibbey: Sisters and Brothers, being on the Board of Trustees is an important position in our Grand Chapter, and we have a couple members that will be leaving us this year. They have performed their duties well and we are very proud of them for being members of this Board and I can’t say enough good about them.

Sister Rosie volunteered to be our Secretary, taking minutes, getting any communications out to the Board and is a very important position. Sister Jo Ellen is a great friend and a great person and we are going to miss her leadership and we wish her and Rosie the best as they leave the Board.

On behalf of your Board members, we have a little presentation for each of you. We are very pleased with all the work you have done for us. Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank these two special ladies.

The ladies were each given a lovely bouquet of flowers and card.

VENDORS COMMITTEE REPORT:
Cary Tuggle, (79) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Jan, Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain, thank you for putting your trust in me to get the vendors here to Idaho Falls.
It’s been a pleasure working with the vendors this year, they are such good people to work with. We will be sorry to see Renee and Deb go. We’ve had a good time buying from them. I hope that A.S. Carter Company (Dale & Sharon) decide they will not retire. We will miss them if they do. We had a new gal from Arizona; hopefully we bought enough to get her to consider coming back.

I hope that everyone had a good time shopping and spending their money. I also hope the vendors like coming to Idaho Grand Chapter, and I know we love to have them. Thank you.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Deborah Arnold** (32/83) Chairman: Thank you Sister Jan and Brother Dwain for the privilege to serve on the Youth Committee. The youth are very special to me as they are our future for all the Masonic bodies.

The theme this year is “Believe in the Journey.” My Masonic journey started when I was initiated in Job’s Daughters. It was through the presence of adult Masonic bodies and their support that was given to our three youth organizations, which made me want to continue my journey with the Masonic family.

By your involvement with the youth organizations, whether it is with Job’s Daughters, DeMolay or Rainbow, you are a part of their journey in the Masonic family. By supporting their dinners, raffles, bingo nights and other activities they may have, it helps them know their Masonic journey doesn’t need to end when they turn twenty.

Idaho has 13 Bethels, 4 DeMolay Chapters and 2 Rainbow Assemblies. There are a lot of you in this room today that have been, or still are, a part of their Masonic journey by serving or having served on their council or advisory board. I know the youth appreciate your time and commitment.

Now, I would like to ask if anyone in the room has ever been a member of any one of these youth organization to please stand. If you have ever worked with any one of them, please stand. What an amazing sight to see how many are standing.

I am pleased to welcome to our Grand Chapter, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Morgan Hanson; Miss Idaho Job’s Daughter, Emma Miller; Grand Worthy Advisor, Susannah Maher and State Master Counselor, Sebastian Stonhill. We are very happy to have you here as a part of our Grand Chapter and look forward to seeing you continue your journey in the Masonic family. Thank you.
BASKET AUCTION REPORT:
Veda Mascarenas (64) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Jan and Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain: It has been my pleasure to work on such a fun committee. This Grand Chapter 2015 has had a variety of 39 auction items (2 of which were from California). Some items are large, some small and some in between. I extend a big thank you to all of you at Grand Chapter for participating in this event.

Thank you to my committee Elaine Lamun, you have been awesome. Beth Higbee was not able to attend Grand Chapter. Thank you also to Robbie Lemarr for providing the prize and to Gary Lemarr along with Robbie for helping to collect the money.

The prize for the most original item went to Rob Morris Chapter #63 for their Imagination Basket.

Two chapters did not participate but sent a total of $100.00 to the Grand Secretary prior to Grand Chapter. The amount collected was $2,767.50, including the money previously sent to the Grand Secretary.

I will forward what forms and information to the next chairman when I know who it is. Thank you for asking me to serve on this fun committee.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRICTS REPORT:
Sue Akersten (3) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Jan, Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain, our Eastern Star members know the importance of education, in enabling people to advance in their lives, support their families and contribute to their communities.

To this end, individual Chapters contributed a total of $10,441.58 towards the Scholarship Fund and individuals contributed another $2,385.00. Two chapters gave $1,500.00 and $5,000.00 respectively.

As a professional educator, I have seen the value of a post high school education first hand and know how it changes people’s lives. Thus, I deeply thank the membership for their support of this cause, and the districts chairmen, Claudette Rose (12), District 1 and 2; Karen Cameron (32), District 3 and 4; Darlene Owen (16) District 5 and 6; and Ginger Wright (21) District 7 and 8 for their endeavors and most of all the Chapters and our membership for their generosity and hard work in raising these funds. Thank you.
COUNTRY STORE REPORT:
Sharon Bauman (3) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to chair this committee. My valuable helper in the Country Store was Marlys Fulton, (3) and I thank her for all her help.

We do have a couple raffles that need to be drawn. Winners of the drawing were: Jeremy Cameron won a decorative porcelain piece and Mark Combs won a handsome wooden bolo tie made by LeRoy Austin.

The Country store earned funds by selling clothing, books, and miscellaneous items donated by members of the Order. Funds earned were $694.05. Any books left over will be donated to the Veterans hospital. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:
Shauna Adsitt (66) Chairman: To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all my sisters and brothers in Star,

Thank you for the amazing opportunity to serve as the chairman of Membership for our beloved order. It was a great responsibility and I had a great group of district chairmen to help. It was a pleasure to serve with each and every one of them. This is not a one year job that will fix everything, we just started a foundation that must be carried on and added to every year.

My theme for this year was Inspire, Expand and Transform. When we inspire others then we will expand our chapters and transform our organization. We had 18 chapters last year who did not initiate anyone. If we continue on this way we will not be around in 10-15 years. We are losing more people than we are gaining. I wanted to not only look at how we can increase membership but also what the causes are for not initiating. Some of things that we found were: The meetings are long and boring; Not having any fun; Gossiping about others and hurting people's feelings so they do not want to come back; No charity work; The mind set of “It has always been this way so we are not changing anything;” Burned out, the same people doing all the work.

We need to make changes inside each of our chapters and make them more fun & exciting. When I spoke to people who have been here for a long time they said there used to be skits and games and lots of socializing and we have lost that somewhere.
We used to be out in the community doing charity work and helping others and many chapters now only meet to pay the bills and do not get together for anything else until the next time they see each other the following month. We all want to belong to something bigger than ourselves. We need to make that a forefront in our chapters.

One of the biggest things that I have heard from many people from all over the state is people getting their feelings hurt from gossiping about each other. Every single one of us took an oath to not speak evil of a brother or sister. Our world is in chaos right now and we should feel safe within our Masonic family. We are here to encourage and uplift each other. This is a volunteer organization and if we are constantly whispering behind each other's backs about what so and so is doing or not doing then we are tearing each other down instead of lifting each other up. Why would someone want to come back to a chapter that is doing that? The answer is they don't and that is a big problem. I want to encourage everyone to speak kind words to everyone. We each have trials in our own lives and you have no idea how a kind word or action could really help someone.

We asked each chapter to form a membership committee that the Associate Matron would be the chairman of so that she has an idea of what is going on in the chapter before she is in the East. This committee should be calling people that have not been to chapter in a while or ask if anyone needs rides. Make sure to include people who have not been to the meeting and inform them of anything that is going on in your chapter. Any fundraisers or fun activities, include them. Maybe send thinking of you cards or birthday cards.

These are some of the ideas that we tried to put into action and I hope will continue on in the coming years. I believe membership is not just one person's job it is ALL of our jobs and if we want our organization to continue to be around we need to make some small changes and I believe we truly can transform our organization. Thank you for the honor of serving this year.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE:
Sue Warner, Jr. PGM, Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Jan, Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain; thank you for the wonderful opportunity to greet your Distinguished Guests.
They came from near and far. We had a map in the Distinguished Guests room and we were pleased to place a star on the map where our out of state guests came from. It was great fun.

We were not well identified as the Distinguished Guest room, but we did appreciate the Hospitality committee members helping us in getting our book signed. Idaho members, you need to know that you are welcome to also come in and sign the book. There is a place for you in the book, so please be sure to do that next year. Thank you to all who did come in to visit and signed the book for us.

We were pleased to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron; Most Worthy Grand Patron and his lovely wife; two elected and one appointed General Grand Chapter officers; nine General Grand Chapter Committee members; two Worthy Grand Matrons and one Worthy Grand Patron; twelve Idaho Past Grand Matrons; five Idaho Past Grand Patrons; seven Idaho Grand Officers; four visiting Grand Officers; four visiting Grand Representatives and only one Idaho Grand Representative signed the book. We had fourteen Idaho Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and four visiting Worthy Matrons and Patrons; thirty six Idaho Past Matrons and Patrons; several visiting Past Matrons and Patrons as well as a number of youth and youth leaders and other out of state guests.

We were pleased to host 92 members and guests at the Distinguished Guest luncheon. The room was decorated with pink heels and Idaho beer and wine, which everyone enjoyed. Sister Lilynne, our Grand Organist, entertained us with beautiful dinner music on the piano. We also gave Honorary Memberships to those distinguished guests visiting Idaho Grand Chapter for the first time.

I would like to thank my very special committee members; Sister Donita Lancaster, PGM, and Brother Don Miller, Jr PGP; they were always there and giving valuable advice on how to get things done. It seems that Don has just the gift of welcoming everyone. Thank you again for allowing us the privilege of serving on this committee.

**CHOIR DIRECTOR REPORT:**

**Marilyn Taylor** (85) Choir Director: Worthy Grand Matron, Jan and Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain, it is with pleasure that this report is made as the choir director for this Grand Chapter session. My deepest thanks to you for inviting me to be the choir director.

As admonished many times in the Psalms, we are to clap our hands and shout to God with loud songs of joy. We are to sing to the
Lord as long as we live and sing praise to God while we have our being. We are to sing praise to the Lord and tell of his wonderful works and we are to sing and make melody. With these admonitions and my love for music, these were goals for the music at Grand Chapter.

As choir director, assisted by members of the Grand Chapter, there have been songs of joy, songs that are fun and songs that give praises where praises are due.

Many thanks to those who have been in the choir, some all of the time, some as time permitted due to other obligations in the Grand Chapter and especially to all who joined in when there was group singing in the Grand Chapter room.

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Thank you for this special opportunity to share something that is extremely important to me in my life.

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

*Mitzi Brooks* (39) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Fraternal Relations committee encouraged the Chapters to interact with the other Masonic families, such as, the Blue Lodge, Shrine, York Rite, Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay, Daughters of the Nile and Amaranth.

The reported activities ranged from serving dinners to helping at fund raisers. There were also, getting to know you, open houses and shadow meetings. There was even pumpkin carving and ice skating.

The most common activities were: installations, funerals and of course, dinners. Dinners were not a surprise since we all enjoy our food!

The committee would like to encourage continued interaction between the many Masonic families. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this interesting committee.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT:**

*Gerry Hostetler* (83) Chairman: Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers are contributing to their communities as chapters and as individuals. Chapters are working with their Masonic groups. Chapters help the Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and Job’s Daughters by serving at their special meetings, monetary donations and participating in their special projects. Eastern Star and the Masons have a Spaghetti Feed with the Eastern Star providing the food while the Masons clean up.
Chapters provide scholarships to graduating seniors. The scholarships range from $200 to $300 for each student. Chapters also provide school supplies, books, donation to the Girls State program and other items that our schools need. Sisters and Brothers volunteer in the classrooms, chaperone field trips, and read to the students.

Chapters donate gum, toothpaste, toilet paper, Chap Stick and anything nonperishable to the troops overseas. Quilts were made and delivered to the Veteran’s Home. Many of our Sisters and Brothers donate their time at the various Veteran’s Homes and Hospitals. Chapters donate toys for Toys for Tots and warm clothes for underprivileged families.

Chapters give food, clothing and toys to families. The food items will provide meals for about six weeks. Another chapter holds “Operation Santa” on Christmas Eve day which provided 10 to 15 families with fun, Christmas dinner, and Santa brings toys for the children. Chapters went caroling to local nursing homes.

Much of our community service goes unnoticed because our Sisters and Brothers do not want the recognition. They do it because they enjoy helping their community. Thank you.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION:

Marya Morrison (21) President of Grand Representatives Association of Idaho: Worthy Grand Matron, Jan, Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain; I just wanted to let you know that the Grand Representatives Association of Idaho is proud to present you with a check for $400.00 for your Pink Heals special project.

BENEVOLENT DISTRICTS REPORT:

Jackie Holloway (22) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I have the distinct pleasure of presenting to you funds generated by the special auctions that we held for the Tree of Life, won by PGM, Karen Juell, and the Eastern Star book, the Evolution, was won by AGM, Peggy Miller. The auction raised $110.00 for the Benevolent Fund. The auction for the beautiful creamer and sugar bowl won by PGM, Christy Schill-Newbold and plate with cream and sugar bowl, won by Val Aiken, raised $150.00 for your special project, cancer awareness.
JURISPRUDENCE FINAL REPORT:
Richard Kaiser PGP, Chairman: In addition to the information presented in our partial report, the committee reviewed the subsequent actions of the Worthy Grand Matron listed in her supplemental report. We approve the actions taken, including dispensations and the appointment of a new teller and a Grand Representative of Italy in Idaho.

Five pieces of legislation were considered by the Grand Chapter with the following results:

Constitutional Change C-1. Designed to change the eligibility rules for Grand Representatives Article V, Membership, Section 2. Eligibility for the Position of Grand Representative. The original legislation was amended to disallow Grand Representative appointments to Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Section C would then read:

Members in good standing in a subordinate chapter in this jurisdiction are eligible for appointment as Grand Representatives, except for Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Preference shall be given to individuals who have not previously served as a Grand Representative in any jurisdiction. A Grand Representative must resign her/his appointment to serve on a Grand Chapter Standing Committee.

By-Laws and Rules, Article V. Was withheld by writer.

Article VII, Powers and Duties. Measure was passed requiring a newly elected Grand Secretary to resign as Chapter Secretary if she/he holds that office.

Article VII Section 6, Grand Secretary. The measure was passed which requires the previous year’s Proceedings to be transcribed, printed and distributed by March 1st following the annual session.

I would like to thank the members of the Jurisprudence Committee for their hard work during the past year. Thank you.

WGP: Worthy Grand Matron, This completes the business of this Grand Chapter. I invite you to preside.

WGM: I’d like to thank Sister Barbra Smith (83) for taking our pictures during Grand Chapter, especially taking them in front of my fire truck outside.
Raffle Winner Announced:
The very excited Sandi Shoemaker, PGM, was announced as winner of the beautiful handmade quilt.
The Winner of the 50/50 Raffle received $608.88 cash and the other half $608.88 going to the WGM Special Project.

GRAND CHAPLAIN REPORT
Judy Taylor (3) Grand Chaplain: Worthy Grand Matron, Jan, Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain; My necrology report has been given to the Grand Secretary to be printed in the proceedings. This is more a public announcement of what I discovered this past year.

Throughout our Jurisdiction, we had 86 deaths, 4 of those were Past Grands. There were 87 deaths from other Grand Jurisdictions.

When Sister Jan asked me to do this for her, I was really worried that I would let her down. She has so much energy and Dwain had so much faith, I thought to myself, will I be able to live up to that. They set me on this path and gave me the privilege, through the death notices and obituaries, to walk through the lives of people I would otherwise never have known. This is why I put together the Memorial book, so other people could walk through these members’ lives and be touched, like I was.

The one thing that bothered me the most was how many of our members have slipped through the cracks. Sometimes the notices would come months or even years after they died because the families or friends didn’t know what to do. I urge you all to look up the ‘Legacy Form’ on our web site. It asks you to list things like what you would like to have done with your OES jewelry, or if you would like to have an OES funeral service, information that maybe family and friends wouldn’t know about. It is the last gift we can give to our dear members who loved Eastern Star. Thank you.

For all of the reports given, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

WGM: Thank you Sister Judy. Please let Judy know if you would like a copy of the lovely Memorial book she put together for just $5.00 each.

We also have some ‘Believe in the Journey’ travel pins left and if you’d like to have a complete set of the pin and footprints, they are $25.00. Just contact myself or let Brother Mel know.
The Gift Room chairman would like the Grand Officers to make sure their Pages or Escorts collect your box of gifts soon, before the boxes for the new Grand Officers get set up.

**WGM:** I know we are winding down and I will be giving my farewell remarks in a few minutes, but I would like to share with you about how this year’s journey has affected me.

Well, I have shared my stories on how He talks to me. How my faith in God has increased and how we must open our hearts and minds so that we fully rely on Him in everything we do. He has already forged my journey, although I know not what the future brings, other than it is in His hands. He watches over us and guides us on our way. There cannot be that many coincidence’s in life. Things happen for a reason and we are all bound together by His grace and love.

I ran across a story which so perfectly describes my journey. The author is unknown and I’ve changed a couple things, but here it is:

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge; keeping track of the things I did right and wrong and whether I merited heaven or hell. He was out there, sort of like a president – I recognized Him, but really didn’t know him.

When I started this OES journey, life seemed like a bike ride. I was on a tandem bike and God was in the back helping me pedal.

Then, one day we changed places, and life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way (or at least thought I did.) It was rather boring but predictable. I was safe.

Then one day He took the lead. I didn’t listen at first. I tried to ignore His hints, but then I realized that I should really start listening to Him. He took me on delightful long cuts, up mountains and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said “Pedal!” So I did.

I was worried and anxious and often times asked “Where are you taking me?” I couldn’t hear His answer, but I started to learn to trust Him.

I forgot my boring life and entered into this adventure. And, when I would say “I’m scared,” He would lean back and touch my hand and guide me along the path.

He took me to people with gifts that I needed: gifts of healing, acceptance, joy and friendship. They gave me gifts to take on my journey, or rather our journey, God’s and mine. Those gifts were fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, love and truth.
We would then be off again. He said “Give your gifts away.” So I did. To the people we met and I found that in giving, I received, and together our burden was light.

I did not trust Him at first, being in control of my life. I thought He’d wreck it. But, He knows secrets; knows how to make sharp corners; how to jump to clear high obstacles. He knows how to fly to shorten the scary passages and often times, carries me through the more difficult ones.

And, so I’ve learned to shut up and pedal. I enjoy the adventure and the wind in my hair. God is now my constant companion.

When I pray at night, I thank Him for everything and everybody! And, when I’m sure I just can’t do anymore, He smiles down on me and says, “Pedal.”

FAREWELL REMARKS

Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain Valez:

To take in hand pen, paper or computer at a time like this, and write ones feelings about the past year is most difficult. I will begin with a thank you and Star love to our Worthy Grand Matron Jan. You have made this year an exceptional one for me and I know many others share my feelings. Jan, your sincerity, true expression of emotions and your acknowledgement of our loving, caring God and His guiding hand, has meant so very much to me. Much of the credit for this year belongs to you, Jan. A fulltime career, thirty five Official Visits, attendance at other Grand Jurisdictions, Job’s Daughters and hours of planning seems to be more than one could possibly endure.

I would be remiss not to thank our wonderful Grand Family, the Escorts, the Chapters that made preparations for our visits and those who put together this Grand Chapter. Thank you each and every one.

To my wife and escort, Shirlee, I love you and thank you for letting me drag you from Sandpoint to Soda Springs and from Payette to Idaho Falls!

I wish to share with you a few of my observations made during our official visits. Our Worthy Grand Matron asked at nearly all of our Schools of Instruction, “Where do you see your Chapter in five years? in ten? A question designed to wake us up to reality.

Our Order, like so many other organizations entering the 21st Century, is aging. Some have suggested an average age of 68-70. Many of our Chapters find that they have fewer and fewer members who are able to take an active part in the promotion of Eastern Star. Recruitment of new members has become difficult due, in part, to the following:
>Only a few are deemed eligible.
>The demands of life upon young couples with growing families.
>The ‘wet blanket’ effect of the traditional chapter meetings.
>The lack, in some areas, of a vision of what can and should be
accomplished.
>Failure to use tools and techniques which are available but are
either not known or deemed out of reach.

I acknowledge the fact that it is easy to criticize, to say this or that is
wrong, and to talk of what might be. I believe there are some changes
that can be made over time that will reverse our downward slide.
They are not easy nor are they magical. These changes, if put into
effect, will bring the reversal we all desire.

I will just mention the ideas, without going into detail. We don’t
have the time or means to put these ideas into effect today, but we
have time, perhaps little, precious time. Now I can hear some of you
asking, okay Brother Valez, what do you suggest?

I, assuming the role of an MD, suggest putting Idaho’s Order of
the Eastern Star into immediate ‘CPR.’ What is CPR, some of you
might ask. It is merely Carefully Planned Revitalization! We must
analyze the patient’s immediate needs and begin a program to
alleviate or remove the life threatening obstructions which are
threatening its existence.

Some of the things we might do are:

>Activate a group of eight dedicated Past Grand Matrons, Past
Grand Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons and/or former Grand
Officers, who would oversee our eight Grand Chapter Districts.
These individuals could help train, teach, encourage and challenge the
Chapter in their Districts. They could also be a vital line of
communication with the Worthy Grand Matron, thus enabling her to
plan her official visits.

>Grant the Board of Trustees greater freedom in the dispersal of
funds in order that the cost of travel, lodging, dress and programs of
the entire Grand family could be affordable to those chosen or
appointed.

>Initiate a program of ‘Out Reach’ through advertisement, video
presentations and community awareness events such as parades, fair
booths, fun runs and shows. These are but three ideas, but it is a
place to begin. Do we have any other choice? You can begin to do a
little ‘CPR’ or you can sit in your recliner and allow Eastern Star to
further decline.
I thank you from the bottom of my heart, for the privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Patron during this ‘Believe in the Journey’ year and Grand Chapter. God bless each of you, God bless the efforts of Eastern Star.

FAREWELL REMARKS

Worthy Grand Matron, Jan Brown:

Well, we are about to close this Believe in the Journey session. Has it really been a year? Time has gone by so very fast.

Believe in the Journey. What does that mean? How does that apply to you? How does that apply to me? What journey? The answer is it can mean anything to anybody, regardless of what journey or segment of their journey they are on.

Let me recap my journey to the Grand East and the beliefs that have resulted in this trip.

When elected as Associate Grand Conductress, I was totally humbled and stunned. As I have shared with you, I was Grand Organist and had my music for Christmas in the Country Grand session. It was a wonderful time of year! Life was good and all of a sudden I was elected Associate Grand Conductress and thought to myself…what just happened?

What happened is that I found out just what can happen if we put our trust in Him. It took me a while. I can be a slow learner, but I learned. Not that I still don’t react like I used to, but now I take a deep breath, step back and say “It will be okay. It will work out. He’s got my back.”

So, here is what happened on this journey over the past year.

My Special Project, Pink Heals, found me. Just twenty four hours exactly after being installed as Associate Grand Conductress. I had so much going through my mind but it was all a blur. For some reason, Mel and I changed our normal regime because we stopped in Mountain Home to get a coffee instead of getting it before we left town. When we stopped in Mountain Home, there were those three pink fire trucks that drive around the country to raise cancer awareness. They had stopped to refuel and were only there fifteen minutes. Had we followed our normal routine, we would have missed them. Why did we do things different that day? Because God wanted me to be in Mountain Home to see these ‘Brave Enough to Wear Pink’ men and see what my project was going to be. Dad had succumbed to cancer six months earlier. He would have worn pink
and would have loved driving those pink trucks around the nation. It was meant to be.

You, the members of this Grand Chapter selected Dwain Valez to be my ‘partner.’ How can I thank you for that? But what really did we have in common? We lived five hundred miles apart and even though both of us were in the “Christmas in the Country” Grand family, I didn’t know him that well. How were we going to make this work? Did it work? Oh, indeed it did! It worked out like no one could have believed. I am not a good speaker but Dwain is exceptional. Dwain isn’t too into the planning aspect of things, but I thrive in it. However, we are both dedicated to carrying our plans out, seeing them to the end and hoping to make a difference in someone’s life. Dwain is one of the sweetest men I know and his wife Shirlee is a delight. They are quiet, until you get to know them. They have wonderful stories. Funny stories! Dwain surprised me with some of his jokes many times at our official visits, as we were waiting to be introduced. We have a few differences but here are the things we have in common:

-We’re both December babies. Although Dwain was born a couple years before me so is a more mature man.
-He came to me with a very strong belief in Him. God blessed me with that, knowing that I needed to strengthen my belief system.
-We both have a love of numbers and count stair steps as we climbed every one of them at our Official Visits. Although, I painfully have to admit his memory is better than mine and he remembers the number of stairs at each location. Such as 31 steps at Blackfoot. Who does that?
-I am from Greek descendants. Dwain’s schooling included an emphasis on Greek studies. Probably in anticipation of working with a strong minded Greek!
-Dwain has a great sense of humor and, at times, a little warped and often times surprised me.
-We believe that everyone should get involved in their communities and make them better.
-We both have a love of Eastern Star and its members and want to see our organization grow.

My Bible verse was selected for me and it is the same one Dwain picked. Dwain probably had his chosen right away. I had to be
persuaded by that all-seeing eye that watches over us and that powerful hand that guides us on our way. It took about seven trips past that picture in Hobby Lobby (and $30.00) before he finally convinced me it was my Bible verse. As I look back, perhaps Christy Schill-Newbold and Larry Allen had something to do with it also. I never paid any attention to horse pictures until my Grand year with them and I thank you both.

God also knew which Bible I should select when looking over my choices. He knew I would put the old rugged black one back. But somehow, he got me to take another look at it and that was when he showed me the date, March 1926. He knew I couldn’t refuse. When I found out that it was presented to Liberty Chapter #51 on the exact date of my Dad’s birth, I knew then that He and Dad were with me every step of the way on this incredible journey.

We have met people that share life with my Dad. One example came while eating in Challis the night before our Official Visit. We went into THE diner which had two staff and five customers. We sat down at the bar next to three of the five customers. Come to find out, the two guys next to me, who lived in Arizona and Boise, retired from the Idaho Falls Fire Department and remembered their times with Dad and the stories he shared with them. They shared those stories with me. Have you ever been to Challis? It’s not that big so what are the odds of that happening? That same visit, I realized that Becky Harwood and I had worked together for Westinghouse some twenty years ago.

Another example was while on the Hawaiian cruise. We were talking to Steve and Judy Seyfert, (Judy is a member in Boise) and Steve worked for Dad at the Fire District while in college and grew up in Idaho Falls, several blocks from where Mel and I were raised. What a small, wonderful world!

My best friend was diagnosed with colorectal cancer on September 22, at the age of 51. She has shown me strength and courage and the power of prayer. Prayer has brought us through her surgery, radiation treatments and finally her chemo treatments. Weak and unable to do a lot, she is still recovering but is getting stronger every day. We are praying that she is cancer free but won’t know until the end of August. God does answers prayers and her diagnosis has reassured me that my project was the right one.

When I had a small issue with my clothing (or lack of clothing) and I knew I would never be able to find anything close to what I
needed for the next day, especially at 9:00 at night, God answered my prayer. Who would have thought that Ross store would have a full length black dress with gold trim in my size?! And a gray skirt, gray sweater and hot pink shirt that fit perfectly. God and Ross store were my two best friends that night. Mel and his $100.00 may disagree but I was happy when I went to bed that night knowing I was properly clothed for Meridian’s official visit.

I have learned, through the course of this year that my eye ‘leakage’ problem can be improved by just a single dog pill, mixed with almonds of course. I have been assured by one member present here today, that she can help me out whenever Charli’s (and now my) supply runs out. Thanks Charli for sharing. By the way Charli is our very large six year old female yellow lab mix dog with ‘other’ leakage problems.

I have connected with at least one person in each and every chapter that I would never have guessed I would. It was usually the quietest person who came up to me afterwards and shared with me their survival story or showed me pictures of their family or shared an unbelievable event that touched their lives (and mine) that could have only been guided by God. Many of these events were by God talking to them and finally realizing what God was saying to them. Some of these people were newer members of our Order, but others have been members for years. It was something I said that connected us and I will never forget those moments. Those survival stories, those God moments.

I believe that whatever journey we are on, be it life’s journey, our Eastern Star journey, our marriage journey, our journey of faith, we are all struggling with something. I ask you to take a deep breath and relax. Know that He is walking beside us all the way and will carry us through those difficult times. Open your minds to Him…and listen. Our path may not be what we think it should be and it doesn’t always curve the way we want it to, but it is our destiny and no two paths are the same. Remember our lessons come from the journey, not the destination. Dwain could probably tell us more and we know that this thought has been shared by many through the years, but if you look at Greek history, Konstantinos Petrou Kavafix (Constatine P. Cavafy) who died from cancer of the larynx, wrote about the journey in his works entitles “Ithaca” which was inspired by the return journey of Odysseus to his home island of Ithaca. In Cavafy’s poem, the theme is the enjoyment of the journey of life and the increasing
maturity of the soul as that journey continues and that is all the traveler can ask for. This poem states that life is a journey and everyone has to face difficulties, but when you reach your destination, you have gained so much experience from the voyage that the most important thing isn’t that you reached your goal, but the riches gained on your journey.

I have gained so many riches on this journey thanks to all of you. Throughout this journey I have tried my best to uphold my obligation to you and our beautiful Order. I tried to be fair and just and strived to work toward the good of the Order. I have tried new ideas, knowing some worked better than others. I have challenged you to start thinking differently about ways to increase our membership, retain our members, work with the other Masonic organizations and survive the changing times by accepting new ideas and ways of doing things, old and new. I have encouraged you to embrace change, acknowledge differing opinions and accept the fact that it isn’t always a good thing that “we’ve always done it this way.” Times change, people change, and we need to adapt and accept these changes and new ideas. At our various Schools of Instruction, you have shared your ideas and thoughts on doing things. Go for it! Follow through on the many things we have discussed. It is encouraging that we had many first time Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and we have more coming up in the next couple of years. We need the fresh thoughts they have to share with us.

The time has come for Brother Dwain and I, and our Grand Family to say our farewells. We will now pass the gavel on to Sister Peggy and Brother Rob knowing that they have new ideas and ways of doing things. We wish you well and hope you have a very successful and rewarding year.

I have a whole list of thank yous, to many to mention individually, but I will end with a huge thank you to each and every one of you for everything you have done for Dwain and I and Idaho’s Grand Chapter this past year. You have given your love, support, kindness, generosity, hospitality and smiles. Even though the time has gone by so fast, I have loved and savored every minute of it and could not ask for anything more. Of course, the journey hasn’t always been smooth and we’ve encountered some bumps, but we have survived. Funny thing is, now that I’ve figured a lot of things out, many of which are not written down anywhere, and I’m finally feeling good about how to do this job, it is now coming to an end.
To Mom, Mel, girls, Charli, Dad and God, thank you for everything! You have been with me throughout this journey. Without you, your love and support, help and encouragement, none of this would have been possible. You have wiped my tears, held my hand, hugged me and shared your thoughts. You believed in me and I love you all very much and I’m coming home!

*The Grand Organist, Lilynne Davis accompanying herself on the piano, sang a beautiful rendition of “My Way”*

**WGM:** With that, I say farewell. I love you all. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2014-2015 Worthy Grand Matron for the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star.

The Grand Choir sang *Home on the Range*

**WGM:** I hereby discharge all session committees and special appointments whose duties are completed at this Grand Chapter. I discharge all those members whose term of office expires at the close of this Grand Chapter. I want to thank each of you who have served in any capacity during this year. Every committee has an important purpose at the Grand Chapter Session. We thank you for your willingness to serve and for the excellent manner with which you performed your duties. The readiness of our members to serve is what makes our Grand Chapter function. Sisters and Brothers, please help me thank our committee members.

**FORMAL CLOSING**

*The Grand Chapter was formally closed using the Ritualistic Ceremony as outlined in the Grand Officers’ Handbook.*

The **Grand Conductress** attended at the Altar

The Grand Choir and Assembly sang the Closing Ode: *Amazing Grace*

The **Grand Marshal** proclaimed the Tuesday morning session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 2:00 pm for the Open Installation of the Grand Officers.

*The Grand Officers left their stations and surrounded the Altar. As their badge was described they placed it upon the Altar.*
RETIRING BADGE CEREMONY
Narrated by Jeanne Jennings (20)

Worthy Grand Matron, Jan Brown; whose responsibilities and watchful care over the interests of the Grand Chapter are now at a close, relinquishes the Gavel within the star to the Altar.

Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain Valez, after acting as the Worthy Grand Matron’s advisor and exercising a general supervision over the affairs of the Grand Chapter, it is now time to surrender the square and compasses within the star to the Altar.

Associate Grand Matron, Peggy Miller; whose supervision of your sister Officers, in the performance of Ritual ceremonies has been concluded, and the effulgent sun within the star now rests upon the Altar.

Associate Grand Patron, Rob Troxel; after looking after the interest and welfare of the Grand Chapter, you may now pass the duties on and the star within the star now waits upon the Altar.

Grand Secretary, Judith Walsborn; an onerous and very responsible charge has been your duty, honorably performed. The crossed pens within the star, may now pause upon the Altar.

Grand Treasurer, Jim Grant; the financial interest of the Order, having been carefully attended, may now be disbursed with the repose of the crossed keys within the star upon the Altar.

Grand Conductress, Waunda Kibbey; with the performance of prepared plans, your duties of escort come to a close and the scroll and baton, within the star, now rest upon the Altar.

Associate Grand Conductress, Liz Hughes; with leadership and good discipline, you have served this Grand Chapter well and it is now time for the baton within the star to rest upon the Altar.

Grand Chaplain, Judy Taylor; With the word of God you have walked uprightly and invoked the blessings of our Heavenly Father. Now is the time to rest the bible within the star, upon the Altar.

Grand Marshal, Kimberley Cox; Having completed your responsibilities and with the ceremonies and processions done, the crossed batons within the star may now rest upon the Altar.

Grand Organist, Lilynne Davis; with the successful unity of music and harmony with our ritualistic work this year, the lyre within the star may now rest upon the Altar.

Representing the five distinguished heroines of our Order

Grand Adah, Pam McClung; whose lesson is fidelity and the emblem, the sword and veil within the triangle.
Grand Ruth, Jane Bahr; whose lesson is constancy and the emblem, the sheath within the triangle.

Grand Esther, Carolyn Bollar; whose lessons are justice and the unselfish loyalty to the welfare of other, the emblem, the crown and scepter united within the triangle.

Grand Martha, Dolores Ivie; whose lesson is faith, the emblem, the broken column within the triangle.

Grand Electa, Pam Schill; whose lesson is love and the emblem is the cup within the triangle.

These should always remind us to be faithful to our vows; steadfast in our duties; loyal to the best within each of us; have a great and trustful faith; and letting love motivate our actions. The emblems may now rest upon the Altar.

Grand Warder, Paul Remaley; in conjunction with the Grand Sentinel, you have waivered for the peace and harmony within the Grand Chapter. The dove within the star may now rest upon the Altar.

Grand Sentinel, Bill Rigoli; with vigilance on behalf of the Grand Chapter, the intrusion of improper persons has been insured. The crossed swords within the star may now rest upon the Altar.

*The WGM held up a candle and switched its flickering light on and spoke:*

> Now that our Sacred Book is closed,
> And the work of the day is done,
> I have a parting thought,
> For the heart of everyone.
> I have the lighted candle of service,
> That all who have seen His star,
> May think of their needy sisters and brothers
> And help them wherever they are.
> May hate malice and envy,
> Just whiter before its flame,
> And the eternal fire of God’s,
> Light up our heart in thy Father’s name.
> May all who have come to this meeting,
> With their hearts overburdened with care,
> Look forward to their burden lifted,
> And peace find a dwelling there.
And as the light of the candle goes out,
And the work of this day is ‘ore,
May all who have come to this meeting,
Be permitted to come once more.

**WGM:** The badges of office for the Grand Chapter of Idaho, now rest upon the Altar awaiting the beginning of next year’s magic. Please remember that life is a journey of poetry with joy, a dream, a challenge, a discovery. Enjoy your God given life and what He has prepared for you.

**PGM Janet Jensen-Fullmer** approached the circle of Grand Officers around the Altar and spoke to the WGM: The Bible that now rests upon the Altar spoke to you when preparing for your “Believe in the Journey” year. The members of Henrietta Chapter #21 want you to have this Bible, as you continue your journey of life.”

_The WGM was tearfully surprised and moved by the gift and carried her Holy Bible out of the Grand Chapter room._

The **Grand Officers** retired through an arch of swords held by Idaho DeMolay as the song _Don’t Stop Believing_ by Journey was played.

_“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understand. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”  Proverbs 3:5-6_
TUESDAY AFTERNOON INSTALLATION
June 16, 2015
1:45 PM  Musical Prelude Lilynne Davis, Grand Organist

At 2:00 PM the Tuesday Afternoon Session was called to order by Jan Brown, WGM and Brother Dwain Valez, WGP.

WGM: Good afternoon Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends. It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the Installation of the Grand Officers for 2015 – 2016. This is an exciting time of transition for our Grand Chapter. It is a time for celebration and thankfulness for the past year, and anticipation and hopefulness for the new year. We wish the new Grand Officers a joyous year, good health, safe travels and magical dreams.

WGP: It is a distinct honor and privilege to be here today to have the opportunity to welcome the new Grand Chapter Officers coming in and those who served with us, who we’ve come to know and love during this past year. I wish you all the very best and God speed as you serve the Grand Chapter this coming year. I thank you, and everyone present, for being here today.

The Grand Conductress opened the Bible
The Lord’s Prayer was repeated by the assembly
The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was recited, followed by the singing of our National Anthem.

PRESENTATION OF INSTALLING OFFICERS

WGM: It is my pleasure to introduce the Installing Officer for the afternoon, Yvonne Wilber, Past Grand Matron of Idaho, who will introduce the other Installing Officers.

- Installing Grand Officer: Yvonne Wilber, PGM
- Installation of WGM: Jo Ellen Reynolds, GGCCM
- Installation of WGP: Don Miller, PGP
- Installing Grand Chaplain: Sandy Shoemaker, PGM
- Installing Grand Marshal: Christy Schill-Newbold, PGM
- Installing Grand Organist: Lilynne Davis, Grand Organist

The Grand Conductress closed the Bible
Throughout the Scriptures, from the book of Matthew to Revelation, the Star has always been considered as the symbol of great events. It would be difficult to find a more significant emblem than the five-pointed Star. In fact, it was a Star, a Star in the East, which heralded the birth of the Savior. It was a Star that guided the wise men to the lowly manger. It was a Star, His Star in the East that led all of us here this afternoon. Let us now symbolically lift our eyes and raise our hearts above to more spiritual things. Let us concentrate on the Emblems of The Order of the Eastern Star and enjoy their beauty and significance.

Women of the Bible who exemplified morals and ideas worthy of emulation were used as the five heroines of our Order. As you will observe, they represent the daughter, the widow, the wife, the sister, and the mother.

The emblem of the blue ray, representing Adah, the Daughter, is the sword and veil united. Adah’s religious dedication and enduring love for her father, despite his vow, is a display of her spiritual qualities. Adah’s blue is the color of the sky and symbolized the unbroken fidelity of Jephthah’s daughter. The emblem is placed upon the pedestal by Geraldine Berkey, PGM.

The emblem of our yellow ray, representing Ruth, the widow, is the sheaf of wheat, an emblem of plenty. Naomi was blessed by the love and concern of her daughter-in-law Ruth, who gleaned in the fields to supply food. Ruth’s color of yellow symbolizes constancy, displayed in her plea “Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee.” The sheaf is placed on the pedestal by Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis, GGCCM.

The emblem of our white ray, representing Queen Esther, the wife, is the crown and scepter. Queen Esther was endowed with many virtues, the greatest of which was her courage. Her great desire was to save her people from destruction, although she did not sacrifice her principles. May we strive daily to be loyal to the teachings of our Order. The crown and scepter, an emblem of royalty and power, is placed upon the pedestal by Karen Juell, PGM.
The emblem of the green ray, representing Martha, the sister, is the broken column, a symbol of the uncertainty of this life. Green is the color of the hope of immortal life and represents Martha’s trustful faith. Our lives are built on faith, and trusting Him, all things are possible for those who love God. The broken column is placed upon the pedestal by Shirley Butler, PGM.

The fifth ray of our Star is red and represents Electa, “The Elect Lady”, the mother, and impresses on us an ageless truth – the importance of every mother’s role in family life. She went about doing good to the poor, the homeless and the destitute and distressed. The red of Electa is the color of courage, endurance and love, and reminds us “that we love one another.” The cup of charity and hospitality is placed upon the pedestal by Lucy Miller, PGM.

Sisters, brothers, and friends, the impressive lessons taught by these five heroines of our beautiful Order are the foundation stones of our beloved Order.

The emblems of our Order are the stars that shed their light, to guide us in our daily lives, and to teach us what is right. Upon the pedestals our beautiful emblems are placed. They are silent reminders of our inner faith.

The Holy Bible is an inspired, historic, symbolic, emblematic, literary book of direction, which tells us about the past, where we are in the present, and what we are promised for the future. Within its pages are found the symbols, teachings and precepts of The Order of the Eastern Star.

As this “Book of all Books” rests upon our Altar today, as well as each time it is placed upon the Altar in a chapter room during the coming year, may it remind us of the teachings of our beautiful Order. Then, may our reflections and meditations cause our faith to grow so that we will fully rely on God so that He can keep us in His will.

The Holy Bible being used for the coming year is a gift from Queen Esther Chapter #12 to our Worthy Grand Matron-elect. It is presented by Sue Warner, PGM, escorted by Jeanne Jennings, Past Matron of Lorraine Chapter #20.

As the Bible is placed upon our sacred Altar, we humbly pray God’s blessings upon our officers and their actions for the new year. Grand Organist Lilynne Davis sang How Great Thou Art accompanied on the piano by Kathryn Robison.

The Emblem Bearers and Bible Bearer and Escort retire.
PRESENTATION OF 2015-2016 GRAND OFFICERS
Written by Peggy Gautschi, Narrated by Andrea Storjohann, PGM:

The Bible, God’s Holy Word, stands above all other books, and is the foundation of our Order. The principles and lessons we teach are derived from its sacred pages. Each of our Grand Officers carries a Bible given to them by our Worthy Grand Matron, representing the Word of God and the source of all wisdom, strength and light. Seeking divine guidance in our daily lives, the unchanging glory of the Scriptures reminds us that “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” From this central source of great light radiates the beams reflected in the teachings of our Order. Each of our Grand Officers reflects this light as they travel around the state with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on their official visits.

GRAND SENTINEL, John Hughes is a member of Idaho Chapter #49, St. Maries and Shoshone Chapter #10, Wallace and has been a member of Eastern Star for 34 years. He has served his chapters as Warder, Sentinel, Marshal, Associate Patron, and Worthy Patron. He is also Past Master of St. Maries Lodge #63, and a member of Scottish Rite and El Katif Shrine.

He enjoys woodworking, photography and bicycling.

His Escort is Jo Ellen Reynolds, GGCCM and a member of both of his chapters.

Brother John is co-owner of Hughes Ace Hardware, holding the office of S.O.B -- spouse of the boss.

Each Grand Officer was asked to give their favorite Bible verse. The verse that John selected is from Matthew: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like unto it, love your neighbor as yourself.” Matt 22:36-39

GRAND WARDER, Richard J. DuClercque is a member of Crescent Chapter #43 in Kamiah and has been a member of Eastern Star for 30 years and served as Worthy Patron 18 times. He has been a Mason for 46 years.
His Escort is his wife Judy, a member of Crescent Chapter #43 and Mountain Queen Chapter #11. They have been married for 50 years.

His work career includes 14 years in the Sparks, Nevada Fire Department, eight years with the Idaho County Road Department, and nine years as a correctional officer in Orofino. While serving as Captain in the Sparks Fire Department, he was visiting Knott’s Berry Farm with his family. He offered his assistance in putting out a large fire that had started in one of the buildings in the park. His years of experience alerted him to a potentially dangerous situation with the fire, which prevented major injury to the firemen working with him. He received a Letter of Commendation from the Fire Chief there, and the next day they received the full V.I.P. treatment from Knott’s Berry Farm.

He says that retirement is his favorite time. They enjoy drinking coffee on the deck and watching the wildlife.

The Bible verse he has chosen is from Proverbs: “My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion.” Prov. 3:21

GRAND ELECTA, Donna Newcomer is a member of Meridian Chapter #66 and Boise Chapter #65. She has served in all of the star point stations, plus Warder and Sentinel, and has held all of the line offices in both chapters. She began her Eastern Star membership in Mystic Star Chapter #81 33 years ago and has served as Grand Representative of Puerto Rico. She is also a member of Iras Temple No. 40, Daughters of the Nile.

Sister Donna was an Air Force wife, following her husband, Brother Max, wherever she could, including two years in Guam. After they settled in the Treasure Valley she began a career at St. Alphonsus Medical Center as an assistant manager in Central Supply.

Her Escort is her daughter Jacqueline Garcia, a member of Boise Chapter #65.

Her Bible verse is “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.” Prov. 3:5

GRAND MARTHA, Jennifer Marshall is member of Adah Chapter #8, Boise and Rob Morris Chapter # 63, Kuna, having been a member for eight years. She has served as Worthy Matron in both chapters, along with the star points of Adah and Martha. She served
GRAND ESTHER, Deborah Phillips has been a member of Electa Chapter #22, Emmett for ten years. She served as Esther, Martha, Chaplain and all of the line officers. She was Grand Representative of Scotland. She also holds the station of Princess Zulieka in Iras Temple No. 40, Daughters of the Nile.

Her Escort is her husband Terry Phillips, a member of Electa Chapter #22.

Sister Debbie has a custom embroidery business. In her spare time you’ll find her racing her Chevy Nova at the Firebird Raceway in Emmett. She used to team rope, sort and pen cattle with her husband, has several belt buckles and all around cowgirl buckles. They used to put on PRCA and junior rodeos.

Her Bible verse is from Matthew: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself.” Matt. 22:37-39

GRAND RUTH, Christine D. Paille is a member of Miriam Chapter #16, Mountain Home. She began her Eastern Star membership in 1991 in Bethlehem Chapter #95, Paso Robles, California. After taking a demit due to work requirements, she jointed...
Miriam Chapter in 2006 after moving to Idaho. She held the station of Ruth before going through the line. She is also a Past Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls and has served as an Advisory Board Member of Friendship Assembly in Mountain Home.

Her Escort is her husband Todd Paille, a member of Miriam Chapter #16.

Both Sister Chris and Brother Todd are retired from careers in the United States Air Force. She now teaches 4th grade in Mountain Home. Chris and Todd also assisted the Mountain Home High School Debate Team by judging both speech and debate tournaments. While in her junior year of high school she was an exchange student to Australia.

Her Bible verse is “Praise ye Him, sun and moon: Praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for He commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them forever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: from Psalms. Ps.148:3-7

**GRAND ADAH, Sondra Cullen** is a 32 year member of Esther Chapter #14 and Ruth Chapter #3 and has been through the line three times and served as Organist many times in addition to holding the offices of Adah, Martha, Electa, Marshal and Chaplain. She held the office of Grand Organist and was also Grand Representative of Tennessee. She served as Honored Queen and Bethel Guardian of Bethel #1 and is a member of Iras Temple No. 40, Daughters of the Nile.

Sister Sondra retired from J.R. Simplot Company after 28 years of service. She was instrumental in starting “Weights for Charity” at the J.R. Simplot Company. She also received the Zonta International Woman of Achievement award from Radiant Chapter #61.

Her Escort is Donna Busacker, also a member of Ruth Chapter #3 and Esther Chapter #14. Sister Donna gave Sister Sondra her first office in Job’s Daughters and they’ve been friends ever since.

She has chosen the 23rd Psalm as her Bible verse, which begins “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”
GRAND ORGANIST, Kathryn Robison is a member of Queen Esther Chapter #12, Coeur d'Alene, a Life Member of Josephine Chapter #26 in Grants Pass, Oregon, and a charter member of Rogue River Daylight Chapter #33, Rogue River, Oregon. She is a 68 year member of Eastern Star, initiated in Rosalind Chapter #165, Los Angeles, California, where she served as Worthy Matron twice. She held all of the line offices and Worthy Matron three times total, and served as Organist many times in all of her chapters.

She is also a member of Zuliema Temple No. 13, Grants Pass, Oregon and El Karnak Temple #6, Spokane, Washington, Daughters of the Nile, and Ladies Oriental Shrine, serving as Musician in all of them.

She is a Life Member of the Professional Musicians and a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Coeur d’Alene.

In her varied careers, she has been a music teacher, a mailman, worked in a café and in nursing homes. She also shared her musical talents in the USO in World War II. She collects old hymnals, so if you have any you don’t want, she’s the one to give them to.

Her Escort is Diane Berger from Adelphia Chapter #188, Spokane, WA.

The Bible verse she has chosen is “Abide in faith, hope, love.” I Cor. 13

GRAND MARSHAL, Peggy Gautschi is from Boise Chapter #65 (originally taking a dual membership in Mystic Star #81) and is also a member of Van Nuys Chapter #338, California. She was initiated in North Hollywood Chapter #403, North Hollywood, California 47 years ago, when her mother-in-law was Conductress. She has served as Ruth, Esther, Martha, Chaplain, Organist, in all of the line offices and as Worthy Matron twice. She was Grand Representative of Louisiana.

Her Masonic life began as a Job’s Daughter in 1959, serving as Honored Queen in Van Nuys, California. She is a Past Bethel Guardian and Member of Honor of Bethel #29, Boise, and Recipient of the Degree of Royal Purple. She also served as a Grand Officer twice. She is a Past Queen of Iras Temple No. 40, Daughters of the Nile.

Her family includes eleven members of Eastern Star spanning four generations.
Her Escort is her husband Howard Gautschi, also a member of Boise Chapter #65. They’ll be married 48 years in July.

Her career was spent in floral design, banking, and business management. She now practices spiritual healing as a Christian Science practitioner.

She has chosen her Bible verse from Matthew: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Matt 5:16

GRAND CHAPLAIN, Mary McKinney is from Clover Chapter #33, Rathdrum and is a 26 year member. She served as Ruth, the line offices and Worthy Matron. She served as Grand Representative of Kentucky. She is also a member of Tigard – Orenomah Chapter #174 Oregon.

She is retired from the Air Force Reserves as an intelligence officer where she gave intelligence briefings to two sitting Presidents of the United States. She holds a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. She owns and operates the Timberlake Litter Control, a small animal clinic in Spirit Lake.

She volunteers on spay and neuter missions to South America, and has been on two missions to Ecuador, where the team performed over 1500 spay and neuter procedures in five days. She is planning for her next mission which will be in St. Lucia.

In her spare time she bakes for the food bank.

Sister Mary is very active in the Lake City Community Church, serving on the church Worship Team where she plays the acoustic guitar and runs the sound board.

Her Bible verse is from Jeremiah: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jer. 29:11.

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS, Joan Heisch has been a member of Eastern Star for 37 years and was initiated into Fairfax Chapter #594, Larkspur, California by her Bethel Guardian. She was a member of Ruby Chapter #9 until they merged with Idaho Chapter #49, St. Maries, and is also a member of Potlatch Chapter #48 in Potlatch. She has held the offices of Adah, Organist, Secretary, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, and has been Worthy Matron seven times. She served as Grand Representative of
New Brunswick and Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, and served as Grand Adah. The last time Sister Joan served as Worthy Matron she was able to help her chapter exemplify the initiation by performing the Worthy Patron’s work from memory.

She is also a Past Honored Queen and Past Bethel Guardian of Job’s Daughters.

She is Office Manager of the Toyota dealership in Pullman, Washington.

Her Escort is her sister Pat McDonald, a member of Wild Lily Chapter #18, Soquel, California.

Her Bible verse is from Psalms: “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” Ps. 98:4

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS, Liz Hughes** is a member of Idaho Chapter #49 and Shoshone Chapter #10. She is also Grand Treasurer Emeritus. She’s been through the line seven times and also held the offices of Secretary, Adah, Ruth, and Martha during her 34 year membership. She has served as Grand Representative of the District of Columbia and also of Australia. She has also served as Grand Chaplain as Grand Treasurer and on the Grand Chapter Board of Trustees.

Sister Liz is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel 37, American Falls, and Past Bethel Guardian of the St. Maries Bethel. She is also Past President of PEO chapter AN and financial secretary of her Presbyterian Church.

Her Escort is Sue Snodderley, a member of Queen Esther Chapter #12, Coeur d’Alene.

Sister Liz and her husband John own an ACE Hardware store.

She chose a Bible verse from Proverbs: “There are friends who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.” Prov. 18:24

**GRAND TREASURER, Jim Grant** is a member of Mizpah Chapter #6 and a Past Grand Patron. He has been a member for 34 years and has held the offices of Sentinel, Warder, Marshal, Associate Patron and Worthy Patron, nine times so far! He has been Worshipful Master of Placer Lodge #3 five times and Secretary 15 times. He has also served 23 years on the Horseshoe Bend School Board.
His Escort is his wife Pauleen Grant, also a member of Mizpah Chapter #6 and Grand Secretary Emeritus. They will celebrate their 45th anniversary in August.

Brother Jim is retired after 29 years of heavy duty truck dealership management at Trebar Kenworth Sales in Boise. One of his many hobbies is his grandkids.

His Bible verse is from Micah: “This is what the Lord asks of you; only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.” Mic. 6:8

**GRAND SECRETARY, Judith Walsborn** has been a member of Queen Esther Chapter #12, Coeur d’Alene for 28 years. She has served her chapter as Esther, Electa, all the line offices, holding the office of Worthy Matron twice and was secretary a total of 16 years. She has also been Grand Deputy for Idaho/Washington International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

Her Escort is her husband Barry Walsborn, also a member of Queen Esther Chapter #12. They’ve been married 46 years this July.

Sister Judith has been writing stories and poems all her life and has a drawer full of unfinished novels. She also enjoys writing speeches. She’s worked in office and secretarial positions and believes that behind every successful business person is a really good secretary.

Her Bible verse is also the 23rd Psalm, which concludes with these verses: “...Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON, William (Bill) Rigoli** is a member of Clover Chapter #33, Pend d’Oreille and Magnolia Chapter #194 in Washington. As a 25 year member he has served as Chaplain, Warder, Secretary, Associate Patron, Worthy Patron, Grand Chaplain and Grand Sentinel. He served as Grand Representative of Wyoming, where he began his Masonic and Eastern Star journey.

Brother Bill has been very active in Scottish Rite Masons, serving as Venerable Master and holds the KCCH degree.
He is retired from his work as a roofing contractor and now has a bike repair shop. Notable about Bill is his write-in candidacy for Governor of Idaho in 2006.

His Escort is his wife Kathy Rigoli, also a member of these chapters. They’ve been married for 32 years.

His Bible verse is from 1 Thessalonians: “Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing; In everything give thanks.”  

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON, Waunda Kibbey is a member of Adah Chapter #8, Boise. She has been a member of Eastern Star for 40 years. She and Brother Harlow were initiated into Trinity Chapter #175, Salem, Oregon in 1974 when her parents were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

She has held every office in her chapter except Treasurer and Esther, including six times as Worthy Matron. She served as Grand Marshal when Brother Harlow was Worthy Grand Patron and also has been Grand Representative of California. Sister Waunda is a fifth generation member of Eastern Star.

She has been active in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, serving as Worthy Advisor, Grand Representative, and Grand Deputy and she holds the Grand Cross of Color. She is also a member of Iras Temple No. 40, Daughters of the Nile.

She is retired from a 32 year career in banking.

Her Escort is her husband Harlow Kibbey PGP, a member of Adah Chapter #8 and a Past Grand Patron. They met in high school and will be married 47 years in July.

Her Bible verse from John is “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”  

WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Rob Troxel is from Silver Star Chapter #83, Homedale and is also a member of Hermosa Chapter #32, Caldwell. He has held the offices of Warder, Treasurer, Associate Patron and Worthy Patron. He has been very active in the Masonic organizations, serving as Master of Silver City Lodge #13, is a Past High Priest of Caldwell Chapter #19, Royal Arch Masons; Illustrious Master of Boise Council #1, Cryptic Masons; Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Idaho; and last but not least, is an El Korah Shrine Clown.
He is the Manager of the Marsing Agricultural Labor Association and the Marsing Housing Authority. He is past president of the Food Producers of Idaho, a Board of Trustees member of Leadership Idaho Agriculture, Board of Directors member of El-Ada Community Action Program and secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Marsing Ambulance Service.

Brother Rob says that he likes to work behind the scenes to make things work, especially in preparing and planning for meetings. Perfect for his new job as Worthy Grand Patron!

His Escort is his wife Barb Troxel, a member of Silver Star Chapter #83 and Hermosa Chapter #32.

His Bible verse “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” is from Proverbs 3:15.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Peggy Miller** is a member of Queen Esther Chapter #12 and Clover Chapter #33. She has held the offices of Electa, Marshal, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron. She has served Grand Chapter as Grand Marshal, Associate Grand Conductress, Conductress and Associate Grand Matron. She is also Past Queen of El Karnak Temple No. 6, Daughters of the Nile, in Spokane and currently serves as their Recorder.

Sister Peggy’s business career in commercial and residential property management started in 1971 and she currently owns and operates a property management business.

She is an active member of Soroptimist International in Coeur d’Alene, having served as President and Treasurer. She is also one of the founders of the Coeur d’Alene Second Chance Pet Rescue and served as Treasurer for ten years.

She is a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Coeur d’Alene and has served as the church moderator for the past eight years.

You might like to know that our Worthy Grand Matron is very interested in archeology and considered a career in that field. She decided, though, that she was more interested in old gold than in old bones!

Her Escort is her good friend Dean Childers of Queen Esther Chapter #12.
Peggy’s Bible verse is the Golden Rule from Matthew: “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”


And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you, because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don’t believe in magic will never find it. Ronald Dahl

**INSTALLATION OF THE 2015-2016 GRAND OFFICERS**

The following Grand Officers were installed using the Ritualistic Ceremony

- **Worthy Grand Matron**: Peggy Miller (12/33)
- **Worthy Grand Patron**: Rob Troxel (83)
- **Associate Grand Matron**: Waunda Kibbey (8)
- **Associate Grand Patron**: Bill Rigoli (33/62)
- **Grand Secretary**: Judith Walsborn (12)
- **Grand Treasurer**: Jim Grant, PGP (6)
- **Grand Conductress**: Liz Hughes (49/10)
- **Associate Grand Conductress**: Joan Heisch (48/49)
- **Grand Chaplain**: Mary McKinney, DVM (33)
- **Grand Marshal**: Peggy Gautschi (85)
- **Grand Organist**: Kathryn Robison (12)
- **Grand Adah**: Sondra Cullen (3/14)
- **Grand Ruth**: Christine Paille (16)
- **Grand Esther**: Debbie Phillips (22)
- **Grand Martha**: Jennifer Marshall (63/8)
- **Grand Electa**: Donna Newcomer (66/65)
- **Grand Warder**: Richard DuClercque (43)
- **Grand Sentinel**: John Hughes (49/10)

The Benediction was given by the Installing Grand Chaplain. The Installing Grand Marshal proclaimed the 2015-2016 Grand officers regularly installed.
ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Peggy Miller: Worthy Grand Patron Rob, Sisters, Brothers and Guests; I can say that the only reason I stand here today as your Worthy Grand Matron is because of John Snodderley. In the year 2000, I was given a petition to join Queen Esther Chapter #12. As you know, or if you didn’t know, I am from New York and in New York Masonic relationship is not required for membership in their Eastern Star. The investigating committee was not having much luck obtaining my Masonic heritage. Then destiny played her hand and sent John on a business trip to Boston. While he was there, he went into the Grand Lodge in New York and obtained from the Grand Lodge Secretary, the verification of my Masonic relationship. Thus, I stand here before you today.

I am a history buff and one of my favorite readings is the proceedings from other Grand Jurisdictions and of course, Idaho. Twenty years ago PGM Carol Wells stood here, as I do today, as Worthy Grand Matron of Idaho. At this moment I know how she felt when she gave her speech. I think I am feeling sort of like Robert Redford in the Candidate, who, when elected to office said, “What do I do now?” I’ve pondered and thought a lot about this position of Worthy Grand Matron and decided it is a lot like becoming a Worthy Matron or a mother, for the first time. You pretend to know what you are doing and by the time it is over, you finally figured out what you should have been doing. But, sincerely, I fully realize the great responsibility I have accepted and I am so proud to serve this wonderful organization as your Worthy Grand Matron.

It is the year 1927. The place is Moscow, Idaho. Past Matron, Maude Armstrong, of Ruby Chapter #9, had just finished organizing the first Past Matrons Club in Idaho. At that first meeting the following poem was read:

Life is a story in volumes three,
The Past, the present and the yet to be;
The past is done and laid away,
The present we are living day to day;
The third and last of the volume three
Is hidden from sight, God holds the key.

Thus our theme for the upcoming year, “A Magical Celebration of The Past, The Present, The Yet to Be.” You will find other
information for the upcoming year on the back of the program and in the Directory.

Worthy Grand Patron Rob and I chose for our Special Project, Idaho Veterans. We will promote the various veterans organizations in Idaho and raise money to be used within our own communities. War is a terrible thing and brings suffering to all. Many of our young men and women are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), injuries and homelessness and need our loving support and help. We can make a difference. I am sure each one of us has had a family member or friend serve, or is still serving in, the armed forces. We know the heartache that these men and women have endured. We need you to stand with us in this worthy cause.

My family, yes I do have one, my husband Bob could not be with me today as he had to stay at home to take care of our business. My son Brian is in Tennessee at an important motor cross race with my grandson Gage. My daughter Adreinne is home nursing my granddaughter Olivia who has a leg injury. I spoke with each of them just before installation and they are here with me in spirit and love.

To the members of Queen Esther and Clover Chapters, the word thank you just does not seem to be enough for all the many hours you have put into this installation and the preparations for the coming year. You have our deepest gratitude.

The Bible on the Altar was given to me by the members of Queen Esther Chapter #12. Thank you for all your support, your friendship and my Bible. I will cherish it always.

To our Installing Officers, thank you for being a part of this special day for Rob and I. Past Grand Matron Yvonne and I have been friends for many years. When I was elected Associate Grand Conductress, I wanted no one else but you to be the Installing Grand Officer. Past Grand Matron Jo Ellen, you were my Worthy Grand Matron and I was one of your crystal snowflakes! Past Grand Matron Sandi, you started me on my way when you asked me to be your Grand Marshal. Past Grand Matron Christy, your move to Spokane brought a wonderful friendship between us. Past Grand Patron Don, I served as your Grand Conductress and Ted Bahr has finely forgiven me for that intimate mistake! Installing Grand Organist Lilynne, your music and singing are very special, thank you for accepting the appointment of Choir Director for our session in Coeur d'Alene. Past Grand Matron Andy, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to do the narration for Rob and me. It is our sincere
hope that in November, Idaho will be blessed with having you as the new Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.

I want to thank our Bible bearers; PGM Sue Warner and her escort, Jeanne Jennings. Our Emblem bearers; Past Grand Matrons: Geraldine Berkey, Mary Lynne (Pete) Nealis, Karen Juell, Shirley Butler and Lucy Miller. You made our Installation very special.

To our Grand Family, thank you for accepting your respective appointments. Congratulations to all the elected Grand Officers. You are our magicians and we hope you will spread the magic of Eastern Star as you travel in the coming year. Savor each moment of the coming year for the days will pass quickly and before you know it, the year will be gone.

To my magic totter, my escort Dean, who does all the work, all the driving, makes all the reservations and carries all the bags. Thank you for all your support and mentoring but, most of all, your friendship.

“I have learned that people will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelo

Thank you Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, for electing me your Worthy Grand Matron for the coming year. I will do all that is in my power to uphold the honor and responsibility that you have bestowed upon me. Let the Magic begin!

One Day at a Time was sung by Brother Ed Bonham, accompanied by Kathryn Robison, Grand Organist.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Rob Troxel: Worthy Grand Matron Peggy, Sisters, Brothers and friends:

You will never know how happy, proud, and humble I feel as I stand before you as the Worthy Grand Patron of this truly Grand Chapter.

I can never repay you all for your kindesses and encouragement, and for all the good things you have done for me on my journey to the Grand East.

This office holds many responsibilities and wonderful opportunities for service. I pray that I may prove worthy of this opportunity and the honor you have conferred upon me.

Worthy Grand Matron Peggy, I am so happy to be able to sit in the East with you. I congratulate you on your advancement to this,
the highest office attainable in this Grand Jurisdiction. I pledge to you my support for all of those things which are for the good and betterment of the Order. I hope this can be the happiest year of your life. It is my sincere wish that our friendship will continue to grow throughout the coming years. At the end of our year in the East, may we look back on our efforts and say that the Order of the Eastern Star in Idaho has made progress by having us pass this way together.

This coming twelve months cannot help but be a successful year with the support of those elected and appointed Grand Officers installed today. We will have but one short year to work toward our ideals. Time is a deposit we have, we can withdraw on it, but we never know what our balance is. May this year be filled with peace and harmony.

Would the members of my home chapters, Silver Star #83, and Hermosa Chapter #32 please rise. I am so pleased to share with you the honor of this office; it is yours as well as mine. I want you to know how much I appreciate your friendship and loyalty. Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome.

That group included my wife Barb. I could not do this without her love and support. She is a constant source of love and encouragement and I thank her for all the things she does for me. I love you dearly.

I wish to thank the Installing Officers for a most impressive ceremony today. Brother Don, you have been a good friend for many years. I was proud to serve as your Grand Sentinel and I have appreciated your words of encouragement and advice as I have travelled to the Grand East. Thank you!

And a special thank you to Installing Marshal, Sister Christy. Little did I know when you sat down beside me at a Grand Chapter banquet four years ago and asked me if I would be interested in serving the Grand Chapter that I would be standing here today. Thank you for the confidence you have shown in me.

To the Past Grand Patrons, thank you for paving the way, and all the good advice, counsel, and guidance. I want to especially thank Past Grand Patron, Brother Stan Barker. Brother Stan, I would not be here today without your words of encouragement and confidence that you have shown in me. You have constantly been a good example for me to emulate and conduct myself, not only in Eastern Star, but also in Freemasonry and life in general.
Sister Jan, Junior Past Grand Matron. You have had a very successful year. It was a privilege to serve as Associate Grand Patron during your year. You were kind and thoughtful and I enjoyed the many times we were able to meet together.

Brother Dwain, Junior Past Grand Patron. There have been years to equal but none to surpass the past year. I appreciate not only the opportunity to serve with you, but becoming better acquainted through our associations.

This afternoon shall remain one of the proudest and happiest moments of my life, not because you have given me the title of Worthy Grand Patron, but because I know that it is with the respect, goodwill and fellowship of you, the members of this, Grand Jurisdiction of Idaho, that I have this station. I shall always be grateful to you for the honor to serve the Grand Chapter and I shall endeavor to serve you faithfully. Thank You!

Job’s Daughters of Bethel #59, accompanied by Mark Borland on the piano, sang *Amazing Grace to Thee*. Their own beautiful and unique arrangement of *Amazing Grace* and *Nearer My God to Thee* melded together.

**PRESENTATION OF JEWELS**

**JPGM Jan:** Worthy Grand Matron, Peggy, it is a pleasure to present you with the Worthy Grand Matrons traveling jewel. This jewel was presented to Grand Chapter by Twin Falls Chapter #29. The pin was first worn by Maude McRoberts, the first WGM from Twin Falls Chapter #29 in 1920, so that makes the pin 95 years old. Beulah Malone wore it in 1930, Grace Johnson in 1946 and Maxine Machamer in 1982. I have enjoyed wearing this pin and I am delighted to give it to you.

I know that you and Rob will have a wonderful year. I am also placing Teddy into your loving care to wear the pins you collect. I am also giving to you all the books and items required for your office.

**JPGP: Dwain:** Worthy Grand Patron Rob, I am most pleased to present you with the Worthy Grand Patron’s traveling pin. Wear it with pride, along with PGP Jack Sage’s tie tack. These items are historic emblems which are to be handed down to your successor; Congratulations and all the best for your coming journey. I must also
comment on the very unique and colorful vest you are wearing adorned with clowns. I’m wearing a vest with gold threads, but I’d gladly trade if you’re willing.

**Presentation of Junior Past Grand Matron Pin**

**PGM Sue Warner:** Sister Jan, it is my great pleasure to present you with the Junior Past Grand Matron jewel and I hope you enjoy wearing it as much as I have.

The WGP, Rob presented WGM, Peggy with a beautiful Onyx wooden gavel shaped as a top hat and sounding block with OES star in the center.

The WGM received congratulations and best wishes for a successful year, along with a monetary gift from Queen Esther Chapter #12 and Clover Chapter #33.

**PGP Stan Barker** presented WGM, Peggy with a silk beaded Bible marker made by Mabel Rosa and presented to him in 1993.

The WGP, Rob was presented with a monetary gift from Silver Star Chapter #83 and congratulations on being Silver Star’s first WGP.

The WGM received a handmade quilt from Barbara Troxel.

**STANDING COMMITTEES WERE ANNOUNCED**

*The list of Committees follows this session.*
CLOSING
The assembly repeated the Mizpah Benediction
The Grand Conductress closed the Bible
The Grand Marshal proclaimed the 113th Session of the Grand
Chapter of Idaho closed to reconvene June 10-14, 2016 in Coeur
d’Alene Idaho.

The Grand Officers retired as Dean Childers and Mary Lynne ‘Pete’
Nealis, PGM sang This Little Star of Ours, accompanied by Kathryn
Robison, Grand Organist, on the piano.

Peggy Miller
Worthy Grand Matron

Rob Troxel
Worthy Grand Patron

Attest: Judith Walsborn
Grand Secretary
STANDING COMMITTEES 2015-2016

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES
Laura Smith (12) Chairman
Coleen Kinloch (13)
Wayne Smith (65)
Sandi Shoemaker (PGM) Asst.
Joanne Davidson (PGM) Asst.

BENEVOLENT BOARD
2016 Mary Stowell (PGM)
2017 Bucky Finley (PGP/WY)
2018 Susan Warner (PGM)

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS
Alice Rowe (6) Chairman
Allen Simmons (85)
Cary Tuggle (79)
Shirley Butler (PGM) Asst.
JoEllen Reynolds (PGM) Asst.

ESTARL
2016 Vicki Chamberlain (33)
2017 Martie Stamm (43/11)
2018 Suzanne Buchan (21)
Lucy Miller (PGM) Asst.
Marvin Gerking (PGP) Asst.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
2016 David Jennings (20)
2017 Glenn Kinloch (13)
2018 Stan Barker PGP (63/83)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
Joan Heisch (48) AGC, Chrm.
Liz Hughes (49/10) GC
Waunda Kibbey (8) AGM

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS
Co-Chairman:
Vicki Chamberlain (33)
John Chamberlain (33)

GOLDEN STARS
1 year Susan Snodderley (12), Chrm.
2 year Angie Nealis (63)
3 year Gayle Worthington (48)
Karen Juell, PGM Asst.
Carol Burbank, PGM Asst.

HISTORIAN
Bonnie Fenton (77)

JURISPRUDENCE
2016 Yvonne Wilbur PGM
2016 Mary Finley (12)
2016 Ron James (3)
2017 Darla Redman PGM
2017 Jan Booe (65)
2017 Dale Leslie (77)
2018 Gary Lemarr PGP (64)
2018 Rick Holloway (22)
2018 Barbara Hopkins (21)

LIBRARY
Rosie Mews (8)

REGISTRATION
1 year Diedra Votaw (3/16)
1 year Paul Ousley (34)
2 year Brenda Knudson (14)
2 year Kari James (3)
3 year Sharon Short (64)
3 year Valeria Aikens (65)
Hazel Sutton (PGM) Asst
Janet Jensen-Fullmer, PGM Asst
SCHOLARSHIP
2016 Christy Schill-Newbold PGM
2017 Linda Angel PGM
2018 Don Miller PGP

STAR INFORMATION
Jane Simmons (85)

TELLERS
1 year Carol Austin (35)
2 year Johnny Lynch (3)
3 year Jerry Lynch (3)

VENDORS
1 year Marlene Wallerstedt (3)
2 year Linda Angel PGM (33/34)

YOUTH
1 year Diana Bush (66)
2 year Will Votaw (16/66)
3 year Heather Wells (13/48)
To the Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star.

This journey has been an experience I will cherish forever. I thank you for the confidence placed in me when you elected me to oversee the welfare and prosperity of this Grand Chapter. I have tried to the best of my ability to safeguard its interest and encourage enthusiasm and adaptability to our ever changing world with the hope of increasing membership and community awareness. I have the satisfaction of knowing I have been faithful to the trust invested in me and to the performance of my duties. It was an honor and a privilege to visit every chapter this year, where we were warmly welcomed by the members, graciously greeting, entertaining, and feeding us. The chapter members should be proud of the work they do and it was so uplifting to see the chapters perform balloting and initiation so beautifully. I extend heartfelt thanks for always making sure I left each visit was memories, stories, and friendships to last a lifetime. The beliefs we share, as well as the wonderful friendships, have made this journey priceless. One of the most rewarding things has been making a connection with members of each chapter and who have personally shared their experiences, pictures of their families, stories, and beliefs.

WELCOME

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome you to our “Believe in the Journey” session. To our members, I hope you will enjoy the time spent with your sisters and brothers as we work for the Good of our Order. To those who are attending for the very first time, I extend a special welcome and hope you will gain a better understanding of our beautiful Order and this Grand Chapter. To our distinguished guests and guests from other jurisdictions, I am honored with your presence and extend a warm “Idaho Hospitality” and hope that you will return in the years to come.

DEDICATION

I would like to dedicate this year to my family. You have supported me in this journey and at times, sacrificed many things to make it happen. As many of you heard throughout the year, my Mom and Dad were very influential, with Mom giving me my love of
numbers and Dad for giving me my love for red and fire trucks. Mom has been there every step of the way helping with whatever she could, and Dad, although passed on, has been by my side and guided me through the year. We have four beautiful daughters, whom we are very proud of, as well as four delightful grandchildren. You are the light of my life! I love you so very much...and Mel. Words are so inadequate. You have literally been by my side for over 40 years. I consider myself very blessed to be surrounded by such incredible people.

IN MEMORIAM

The Day God Called You Home

God looked around his Garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon his earth and saw your loving face.
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
His Garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain.
And knew that you would never get well on earth again.
He saw your path was difficult, he closed your tired eyes,
He whispered to you "Peace be Thine" and gave you wings to fly.
When we saw you sleeping so calm and free of pain,
We would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again.
You've left us precious memories, your love will be our guide,
You live on through your children, you're always by our side.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you on the day God called you home.

Author ~ Unknown

We pause to mourn the passing of our loved ones and give thanks for those special people who touched our lives. May we carry their memories with us, forever.

Our beautiful Idaho Grand Chapter was saddened by the loss of Past Grand Matron Kathleen Hovren (1990-1991) and Past Grand Patrons Lavell Paige (1983-1984), Jack Sage (2000-2001), and Larry Allen (1937-2015). They will be greatly missed and we extend our sincerest sympathies to their families and their chapters. We also extend sympathy to the members of our subordinate chapters for the loss of family and chapter members. Their devotion and contributions to our order will always be remembered.
My first official act was to appoint a wonderful group of Grand Officers to serve with those elected. This was one of the most difficult tasks I have ever had to do. There are so many sisters and brothers that have not been a Grand Officer and are so deserving. I tried to be fair and just in my choices, and selected members from every part of the state whom I believe exhibited enthusiasm and dedication to our Order and exemplified the traits of Eastern Star members. These officers have traveled around the state when they were able and to other Grand jurisdiction. They have represented our Grand Chapter faithfully, giving dignity to their high office wherever they went. I thank you for accepting these important positions, for the many miles traveled, and for all the support and kindness given throughout the state this year.

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I could not have asked for better officers this year. Thank you and I love you all.
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

My next task was recommending individuals to represent other Grand Jurisdictions in Idaho. The following individuals were selected to represent other Grand Jurisdictions in Idaho. This a special honor for dedicated members and their chapters. I hope each of you enjoys this appointment and you will be able to attend their Grand Chapter and develop lifelong friendships. The notes of gratitude and thanks which I have received from many of these Grand Representatives indicate that they will enjoy their position and represent Idaho well.

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IDAHO IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

I received many thank you notes from the individuals appointed to represent Idaho in other Grand Jurisdictions. Based on their excitement and enthusiasm, Idaho representatives will certainly enjoy corresponding with and getting to know these delightful Sisters and Brothers.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Standing committee appointments were made at installation on June 10, 2014 as required by the Idaho Code and Digest. All other special and session appointments were made and given to the Grand
Secretary for distribution in the Secretary packets; the Worthy Matrons’ packets; and printed in the directory. I want to thank everyone for accepting these appointments.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

During the year, sixteen dispensations were granted.

- Four to initiate within two (2) weeks of the candidate being elected, provided three (3) days elapsed since their election to receive the degrees of our Order:
  - Boise #65  
  - Golden Rod #64  
  - Hermosa #32  
  - Ruth #3  
  - Boise  
  - Soda Springs  
  - Caldwell  
  - Pocatello

- One to install elective officers out-of-time at a stated or special meeting:
  - Golden Rod #64  
  - Soda Springs

- Eleven to change the place of the meeting:
  - Clover #33  
  - To move the Charter to Sandpoint for the Official Visit on June 14, 2014
  - Pend d’Oreille #62  
  - To move the Charter to Sandpoint for the Official Visit on June 14, 2014
  - Loyaute #19  
  - To move the Charter to Payette for the Official Visit on June 28, 2014
  - Mountain Queen #11  
  - To move the Charter to Kamiah for the Official Visit on September 6, 2014
  - Idaho #49  
  - To move the Charter to Moscow for their annual traveling friendship meeting on September 22, 2014
  - Loyaute #19  
  - Weiser
To move the Charter to Salubria Hall in Cambridge on June 15, 2014  
- Hugh Duncan #2  Salmon  
- To move the Charter to Challis for the Official Visit on November 1, 2014  
- Pend d’Oreille #62  Priest River  
- To move the Charter to a secured area at the Village Kitchen for the meetings of December 9, 2014 and February 24, 2015 due to heating issues  
- Star of the West #35  Wendell  
- To move the Charter to Gooding for their meeting of December 9, 2014  
- Star of the West #35  Wendell  
- To move the Charter to Gooding for the Official Visit on January 17, 2015  
- E-dah-ho #77  Paul  
- To move the Charter to Burley for the Official Visit on February 28, 2015

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION

During the year, I received one request to grant a waiver so one of our Idaho residents could join a chapter in Oregon. I also requested two Waivers of Jurisdiction: One from Oregon to allow a candidate to be initiated into Hermosa #32 in Caldwell and one from Washington to allow a candidate to be initiated into Queen Esther in Coeur d’Alene.

OFFICIAL VISITS

The Grand Chapter of Idaho has 34 chapters, so scheduling Official Visits can be quite a challenge, especially with all the other activities and Masonic organizations which our members are involved with. I decided that I would devote a Saturday to each chapter whenever possible to allow those that work the opportunity to attend an Official Visit on Saturday. Although this required many trips to the North on my Fridays off, I believe it was worth the effort. Mel, my wonderful companion and escort, put in 15,300 miles worth of windshield time to make sure I made all my visits safely and on time,
and, except for one minor mishap involving my wardrobe, with everything I needed for each exciting stop on this journey of a lifetime.

The year started just four days after our installation with a tri-chapter visit in Sandpoint, where Clover #33, Martha #34, and Pend d’Oreille #62 joined together for a fun-filled visit. We had five dual chapter visits: Loyaute #19 joined Lorraine #20 in Payette in June, Mountain Queen #11 joined Crescent #43 in Kamiah in September; Hugh Duncan #2 joined Florence #79 in Challis during November; Star of the West joined Cosmopolitan #36 in Gooding in January; and in February, Rupert #39 joined E-dah-ho #77 in Burley. Then we visited the remaining 21 chapters individually. Mizpah #6 hosted us in July and we met with Queen Esther #12 in August. In September, we visited Valeria #76 and Shoshone #10.

Things picked up a little in October, when we were welcomed by Twin Falls #29, Golden Rod #64, Idaho #49 and Ruth #3.

November was a busy month with visits to Esther #14, Boise #65, Adah #8, and Idaho Falls #85. Who would have thought that a freak winter snow storm in the Boise area would prevent us from visiting Electa #22 in Emmett on November 15. Their visit was rescheduled for March 13, 2015. We didn’t schedule any visits for December or most of January for fear the weather wouldn’t cooperate. January ended with our visit to Miriam #16 in Mt. Home. Coming down the home stretch in February found us visiting Meridian #66, Henrietta #21, Hermosa #32, and Silver Star #83. Last, but not least, we were hosted by Potlatch #48, Electa #22, Rob Morris #63, and Laurel #13.

During the schools, often times sporting pink sneakers, I walked around the chapter floor rather than standing in the East. Throughout the schools, I encouraged feedback from chapter members, and asked the attendees questions about various things regarding our ritualistic work. This created great dialogues, many questions, and good discussions between me and the chapter members. It was encouraging and we shared stories and ideas to increase our membership and adapt to the ever changing times. I learned so much! Among the items we discussed were common etiquette, symbols, duties and responsibilities for each office, star point emblems, balloting, marching, dress, community service, symbols, and increasing membership, as well as membership retention.
I appreciate all the chapters and the hard work they do to make our order so beautiful. Thank you to all the members for making our visits so enjoyable, and sharing your smiles, talents, and love for the Order.

OTHER VISITS

In addition to our Idaho Grand Chapter visits, our journeys took us to many other places. I had the privilege of representing this great state at other Masonic events. June had us traveling to the Grand Chapter of Oregon in Pendleton, Idaho Job’s Daughters Grand Session in Boise, and Washington Grand Chapter in Yakima. The Idaho/Washington Grand Assembly for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Yakima was held in July. August found us in Spokane for the Job’s Daughters International Supreme Session, where Mel proudly represented Idaho as Supreme Junior Custodian. Grand Lodge of Idaho A.F. & A.M. was held in Coeur d’Alene in September, as was Nevada Grand Chapter in Las Vegas. I attended the Grand Court of Amaranth in Boise and Utah Grand Chapter in Salt Lake City in October. The York Rite Bodies gathered in Twin Falls in April and Mel (Idaho’s new Grand Representative to Kansas) and I had the opportunity to go to Kansas Grand Chapter. We had a wonderful time! I have enjoyed spending time with my counterparts, incoming and outgoing, and sharing thoughts, ideas, and stories. In all, we traveled another 8,750 road miles, plus a couple airline trips.

Due to other obligations, I was unable to attend Montana’s Grand Chapter in Helena in June, Wyoming’s Grand Chapter in Casper in August, and Idaho DeMolay Conclave in Boise in March, but know that Idaho was well represented. I enjoyed getting to know other OES members from other Jurisdictions, as well as visiting with other Masonic family members.

EXCHANGE VISITS

To help promote the welfare and prosperity of our Order, we share special get-togethers with other Jurisdictions. Traditionally, we have the Idaho/Montana Exchange, Idaho/Nevada Exchange, Tri-State which is Idaho/Utah/Wyoming, and then Hands Across the Border, the International Exchange with Washington, Oregon, Alberta, British Columbia, and Montana. I attended the ID/MT exchange in Missoula, the ID/NV exchange in Las Vegas, Hands Across the Border in Worley where I was able to announce the next trienniums” General Grand Chapter Committee Members, and Tri-State in Ft. Hall. We had an enjoyable time at each, visiting with old
friends and making new ones, not to mention the wonderful skits and performances as each.

This year Idaho hosted the Tri-State Exchange in Ft. Hall, which is just North of Pocatello. We had a great turnout, with over 100 attendees. Thank you, Daveta Ulrich and Ruth Chapter #3 for taking care of all these arrangements. Everything was perfect and we received many compliments.

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

Idaho’s All Membership Picnic was held on September 14 in Meridian. We had wonderful music, good food, and plenty of fellowship. Thank you Pam Schill and members of Hermosa #32 for taking care of all the arrangements.

On March 28, WGP Dwain and I had a joint Homecoming in Idaho Falls. The evening was truly delightful with over 100 people in attendance. Entertainment was provided by Don and Lucy Miller, as well as the Grand Chapter Officer’s bell ringing group known as the Bovine Dingers. I thank you Henrietta #21 and Priest River #62 for pulling everything together, as well as the Grand Officers. I could not have asked for a better homecoming. It is fun to travel, but like Dorothy said, “There’s no place like home!”

On May 7, about 20 of us will board the Carnival Legend for an 11-day Hawaiian Island hopping cruise. What better way to end the year than a week and a half in this tropical paradise and on the beautiful blue waters of Hawaii. I am looking forward to a couple weeks of rest and relaxation where my biggest decision will be what to drink and what excursions should we take, if any. We are hoping to do a couple scuba dives and once again, enjoy God’s wondrous creatures within the depths of the ocean.

**CHAPTER MERGERS AND DISSOLUTIONS**

I have not received any notices that any chapters are considering any mergers or dissolutions at the present time, although due to declining membership, several may need to consider these actions in the future.

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

Honorary memberships are only given by unanimous consent of the chapter members. During the year, I was humbly blessed with receiving 27 of these special honors. I thank the members for bestowing upon me such an honor. I also received a Life Membership from Henrietta Chapter #21. This, too, was such a surprise and honor. Thank you! I look forward to many years of
continued friendships with members of Idaho Grand Chapter. During my visit to Oregon, I received an honorary membership and while attending the Idaho/Nevada Exchange, I attended two of their Official Visits and received an honorary membership from Pack Chapter #26 and North Star #33, both in Las Vegas.

A special thank you is sent to Queen Esther #12 in Coeur d’Alene. They presented Mel with an Honorary Membership for his devotion to the Order as well as all his efforts as Associate Grand Guardian with Job’s Daughters International. Words cannot express our gratitude to the members of Queen Esther #12 for their support to both Mel and I and for sharing Melody with us is truly a gift from God.

**AMMENDMENTS APPROVED**

During the year, I approved four Chapter By-Law Amendments:

**Shoshone # 10**

*Article III- Hour of Meeting.* Amended to read: The hour of meeting shall as specified below: 7:00 p.m.

*Article VII – Relief Committee Emergency Money Amount, Section 2.* Amended to read: The Relief Committee shall investigate all applications for relief made to the Chapter and report the circumstances of the case at the first stated meeting thereafter. If the case be one requiring immediate relief, the Worthy Matron may, a majority of the Committee concurring, draw on the Treasurer for an amount not to exceed $100 dollars in any one case and the order so drawn shall be sufficient voucher to the Treasurer to pay the same. The Committee may take such measures to employ watchers and nurses to wait upon the sick, etc., coming under their jurisdiction as any contingency may demand. (Rules and Regulations, Article VII, Section 7)

Housekeeping changes, which according to the Code and Digest, changes to subordinate chapter by-laws that are required to conform to legislative changes enacted by the Grand Chapter of Idaho can be read by the Secretary and forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron for approval without chapter votes.

*Article IX – Fees and Dues, Section 4.* Amended to read: A fee of $5.00 (five dollars) for the International Temple Fund shall be paid by all petitioners for the degrees and by all plural and affiliate members.
Article IX – Fees, Section 5. Amended to read: No fee shall be charged for affiliation or plural membership other than the required dues.

**Boise # 65**

Article II – Meetings, Section 1. Amended to read: This Chapter shall hold stated meetings each month on the second Wednesday, except the June meeting will be held the fourth Wednesday and we will not hold a meeting in July or August. The first four officers, Secretary and Treasurer will conduct all business during the months of July and August, and pay all approved bills.

- a. There shall be no regular meeting held on the night of Installation of Officers.
- b. There shall be no meetings held on Sunday, except for Open Installation of Officers, or a special occasion, such as honoring a Grand Officer or celebrating a Chapter anniversary.
- c. Article IX – Fees and Dues, Section 5. Amended to read: Affiliated or plural memberships are required to pay the required dues in addition to the fees for the International Temple Fund.

**Esther# 14**

Article VII - Salaries, Section 1. Amended to read: Dues shall be remitted for the Secretary.

**Idaho # 49**

Article II – Meetings, Section 2. Amended to read: This Chapter shall hold stated meetings each month on the second and fourth Mondays with the following exceptions: No meetings in January and July; no first meeting in June and August; no second meeting in May and December.

Article VIII – Fees and Dues, Section 1. Amended to read: The Salary of the Secretary of this Chapter shall be $25.00 (twenty-five dollars) per annum and dues.

**IRREGULARITIES**

As in the past, the list of irregularities is much the same. I encourage all members to become familiar with the Idaho Code and Digest and their chapter’s by-laws. Most of the irregularities we saw this year are instructions that can be found in the Code and Digest,
which is now available online. However, we did see some from the small print of our Ritual. I would like to see all members have a current copy of Idaho’s Code and Digest. There is a lot of helpful information within those pages. As I mentioned in my schools, every member of a chapter should have a copy of the Code and Digest, along with a current Ritual and a copy of the Chapter’s current By-laws. It is important that we comply with the instructions in our Code and Digest and our Ritual. Encourage practices and mentoring. Make sure the officers are thoroughly instructed in their duties.

My listing of irregularities is a little longer than in the past, but these are some little things I noted on a regular basis. And, if we do not know about something, we cannot improve upon it. References to our Ritual or Code & Digest is listed also so these can be read and better understood. Although it seems like a long list, they are small compared to all the things that were performed beautifully and done to perfection!

Secretaries and Minutes

The Secretaries have a difficult and responsible job. All of the secretaries did a great job and provided the minutes and by-laws as requested. I asked for two years’ worth of minutes because due to the timing of Official Visits, the Worthy Grand Matrons may not always get a view of the entire chapter year. If the minutes are only requested since the last Worthy Grand Matron’s visit, it may only include three or four months of activities. I enjoyed reading all of them and seeing the many activities our chapters do. We should be proud of the charitable purposes we are involved with and the many lives we touch. The chapters also have so many fun activities, not only for chapter members, but for their families as well. Keep up the good work!

General Irregularities

- Warder gives raps before member is released by the Worthy Matron or presiding officer – Ritual, page 16
- Warder answers an alarm without obtaining permission from the presiding officer – Ritual, page 16
- Members entering or leaving without giving the sign or being released by presiding officer (just walking out) while the meeting is in session – Ritual, page 16
- The officers assuming their stations without forming the box – Ritual, page 24
• Worthy Matrons not waiting for officers to respond with “Worthy Matron”, Ritual
• Copying pages from the ritual to use for chapter meetings, initiation, and installation – Ritual, page 165
• Not performing or exemplifying two initiations per year – C&D, By-Laws & Rules, Art VII, Sec 2 (B)(1)(c), page 16
• Not having the 7 required offices filled at each meeting when a quorum is present – C&D, R&R, Art II, Sec 1 (B), page 37
• Not presenting the Obligation, General Regulations, or Landmarks annually – C&D, R&R, Art II, Sec 8, page 38
• Not reading the grand chapter reports, irregularities, questions and answers, and legislation prior to November 1 or sending notice to the Worthy Grand Matron that they were reviewed in chapter – C&D, R&R, Art II, Sec 9, page 38
• Not appointing the required committees at installation – C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 2 (D), page 41
• Not having a financial review report given prior to or at the first stated meeting in June – C&D, R&R, Art VII, Sec 4, page 47
• Opening the Bible incorrectly or to the wrong page – C&D, BOI, Art IV, Sec 7 (B), page 67
• The Bible marker is adjusted before the Salutation Sign is given – C&D, BOI, Art IV, Sec 7 (B), page 67-68
• People other than the Warder, opening or closing the doors – C&D, BOI, Sec 12, page 69
• Not calling on all orders of business at stated meetings – C&D, BOI, Art VI, Sec 2, page 71
• The flags are not always positioned correctly – C&D, BOI, Art IX, page 74
• Worthy Matron asking the Worthy Patron to “preside” over the flag ceremony – C&D, BOI, Art IX, page 74
• No evidence that the investigating committee report was read – C&D, BOI, Art XIX, page 79
By-laws are not updated to reflect Grand Chapter legislation. Many of them still say “dual” membership, rather than “plural”.

Minutes were not always read at the next stated meeting (and without explanation) – C&D, R&R, Art II, Sec 9, page 38

Not noting in the minutes that the Worthy Matron received the Charter, a current Code & Digest, or Chapter bylaws at installation – C&D, R&R, Art IV, Sec 7, page 39

Secret work is not recorded in the minutes as being checked in or out – C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 8, page 40

No noting that the Worthy Matron appointed ESTARL, Finance, Relief, and Sick & Visiting committees at installation – C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 2 (d), page 41

Minutes listing the chapter officers, but not listing protem officers or those that are absent until later on in minutes. C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 6, page 42

No all minutes were sealed with the Chapter seal – C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 6 (B), page 42-43

The minutes show the results (favorable or unfavorable) of the investigating committee – C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 6, page 42 & page 43

No record that the names of members whose current year dues will be in arrears on January 1 of the following year (should be read the last stated meeting in October – C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 7, page 45

No record that the names of members suspended for non-payment of dues were read (should be read the first stated meeting in January – C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec U, page 45

Minutes do not show that the Scholarship Fund, ESTARL Fund, or Benevolent Fund was promoted during their respective months – C&D, R&R, Sec VII, Sec 1-5, Page 47

Honorary or Life Memberships were granted, but the minutes do not reflect that a motion was made – C&D, R&R, Art XVII, Sec 7, page 57

Attachments were found in minute books – C&D, BOI, Art IV, Sec 5 (C), page 67
• Not all minutes were signed by the Worthy Matron, Secretary, or sealed – C&D, BOI, Art IV, Sec 5 (C), page 67
• The place of the meeting or the type of meeting held is not always recorded

**Balloting**

• Worthy Matron not declaring the ballot open or closed at the appropriate time – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 80, Ritual, page 14
• Worthy Matron not giving information to the Sentinel of the results of the Investigating Committee report – Ritual, page 14
• Worthy Matron not destroying the ballot box after announcing if the petitioner has been elected or rejected and rapping the gavel – Ritual, page 14
• Marshal fails to hand the petition to the Worthy Matron before balloting beings – C&D, BOI, Art IV, Sec 9 (D), page 69
• WM/WP only examining one side/part of the ballot box prior to balloting – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 80
• Worthy Matron not handing the ballot box to the Associate Conductress – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 80
• Associate Conductress no presenting the ballot box to members unable to ballot at the Altar while facing the direction she was proceeding – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 80
• Worthy Matron rapping the gavel once, calling up members on the North to ballot before everyone on the South has returned to their seats in the chapter room – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 80
• Associate Conductress forgetting to stop and have the Organist ballot – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 80
• Giving the wrong sign at the Altar before balloting – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 81
• Worthy Matron not inviting the Sentinel into ballot – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 81
• The Sentinel enters before their replacement is outside the door, leaving no one guarding the outer door – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 81
Members entering the labyrinth between Esther and Martha rather than Ruth and Esther – C&D, BOI, Art XX, Sec 3, page 81

Initiation

- Worthy Matron does not invite other members to enter the chapter room when the Conductress doesn’t ask the Associate conductress if the candidates are properly prepared – Ritual, page 52
- Candidates are left alone upon entering the Chapter room when the Associate Conductress returns to close the preparation room door and the Conductress steps in front of the candidates to give her lecture – Ritual, page 53 and C&D, BOI, page 83
- Associate Matron forgets to tell the Worthy Matron that the candidates’ petitions have been approved and desires to be initiate – Ritual, page 56
- The conductresses join hands with the new members before the words “the golden chain thus lengthened” – Ritual, page 79
- Worthy Matron drops her hands early (before “each link shall”) in the prayer circle – Ritual, page 79, C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 12, page 84
- WM, instead of the WP, seats the chapter after the prayer circle – Ritual, page 80
- Worthy Patron does not give the gavel back to the Worthy Matron – Ritual, page 92, C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 14, page 85
- Warder not using the verbiage found in the C&D for when the AC wishes to enter to give her report after ascertaining if there are candidates in waiting– C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 4, page 82
- Worthy Matron does not hand the gavel to the Worthy Patron to preside, just moves it – C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 6, page 83
- Worthy Matron, rather than the Worthy Patron, uses the gavel during initiation after saying “Let us unite in prayer” – C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 6, page 83
• Conductresses not standing between the Altar and Electa’s station or the Altar and Adah’s station to demonstrate holding the bible—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 7, page 83
• Worthy Patrons reading the obligation
• Conductresses handing the Bibles to the candidates and taking the Bibles from the candidates from the incorrect side—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 7, page 83
• Worthy Patron not stepping back between Adah and Electa’s stations after assisting the new members up after the obligation—C&D, BOI, Act XXII, Sec 8, page 83
• The Conductress leaving the Altar with the new member before the Worthy Patron gets back to his station and seats the chapter after the obligation—C&D, BOI, Act XXII, Sec 8, page 83
• Conductresses not stepping back to allow the Star Point and the new members to form a triangle—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 9, page 84
• Adah and Ruth pick up their emblems with their left hands rather than their right—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 10, page 84
• Star points not giving their signs during their lecture or not holding their signs until the pass is given during point lectures—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 10, page 84
• Star points not stepping in front of their chair to get the ribbon and talk about the color and explain their emblems—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 10, page 84
• Star points not waiting until the new members and the Conductresses are behind them to place their emblems back on the pedestals—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 10, page 84
• Conductress forgets to stop so the Marshal can take the ribbons from the new members—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 11, page 84
• The officers not joining hands once the Chaplain is at the Altar and prior to the new members joining the prayer circle or joining hands with the new members prior to “golden chain”—C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 12, page 84
• Prayer circle breaking up prior to the Conductresses and new members are facing East – C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 12, page 84
• Conductress doesn’t address the new members as the cabalistic word and motto are given – C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 13, page 84
• Conductress passes in front of new members, rather than behind, to return to her position after giving the grip of the order – C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 13, page 84

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

During our schools of instruction, the members had many great questions. The answers to most of them could be found in the Ritual, particularly the small print, and in our Idaho Code and Digest. We discussed a lot of things and I know I learned a lot and received many great ideas from our members. However, there were several unique questions that I answered, but then followed up with an official ruling from Jurisprudence. These included:

• Can a chapter have an open meeting and invite the public? The answer to this is no. Only those members found to be legally entitled to attend a meeting and witness the secret work may be admitted (Ritual, page 103-104). However, the chapter can call a recess and have non-members enter, provided no secret work is conducted (Code & Digest, Book of Instructions, Article XXX, Section 2). Once the non-members leave, the Associate Matron must be vouch for all present to ensure only those present are members of the Order of the Eastern Star (C&D, BOI, Art XXX, Section 3).

• Can a girl’s petition for membership be read before she turns 18, provided the chapter does not ballot on her petition until after her 18th birthday? The answer to this is no. Each female petitioner for the degrees must be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the petition is read at a stated meeting of the Chapter (Ritual, page 165).

• Is a special dispensation need to read a petition and initiate someone from another state? The answer is no. Special dispensations are only required for three reasons: to elect and install officers out of time; change the place of the meeting; and initiate within two weeks of candidate’s election,
providing three days have passed (C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 6 (S) (5)). However, in order to initiate someone from another state, a waiver of grand jurisdiction is obtained (C&D, R&R, Art XII, Sec 3 (B), page 50)

- Can a member who has been a past Associate Conductress, but not a Past Matron, fill in as an Associate Conductress? The answer is yes. The Worthy Matron is responsible for appointing members to fill offices pro tem or ask any officer to fill another position pro tem (C&D, R&R, Art VI, Sec 2 (W), page 41). In addition, if a vacancy in an elected office occurs, the office shall be filled at the discretion of the Worthy Matron (C&D, R&R, Art V, Sec 3 (B), page 40).

- Can an honorary member count as a chapter member in order to have a quorum present and hold a meeting. The answer is no. Honorary memberships are conferred only upon members of another Chapter. Honorary members enjoy all the privileges of membership except those of voting or holding office. (C&D, R&R, Art XVII, Sec 7, page 57) In order to conduct official business, voting is required (such as motions). The Red Book states that Honorary members are not entitled to make motions, enter into discussion unless called upon by the presiding officers, to vote, or hold office in the Chapter (R&R, Sec 60, page 117)

- Can members of the Order purchase their own individual copy of the secret work? The answer is no. Neither the Idaho Code and Digest or the General Grand Chapter Red Book allow for personal purchases of the secret work. Per the Idaho Code and Digest, each chapter is authorized to have four copies of the secret work, which must be checked in and out and recorded in the chapter minutes. (C&D, R&R, Art 1, Sec 1 (D)). There is a $5.00 penalty assessed the chapter for any lost copies of the secret work (C&D, R&R, Art XI, C (3)). In addition, if a chapter merges with another, the charter and copies of the secret work must be turned over to the Worthy Grand Matron (C&D, R&R, Art XIX, I). The Worthy Grand Matron is given a copy of the secret work upon taking office and signed out with the Grand Secretary, but is required to turn it over to her successor (C&D, By-Laws and Rules, Art VII, Sec 2 (B)(11), page 16A).
Red Book, there shall be four copies of the long form of the Secret Work for each subordinate Chapter and in case a copy is lost or destroyed the one responsible for the copy will pay $5.00 (By-Laws, Chapter VII, Sec 4). In addition, the Red Book states that the sale of a copy of the Secret Work of the Order is expressly forbidden to any person or organization except to Grand Secretaries of Grand Chapters of the Order and to Secretaries of Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter (Red Book By-Laws, Chapter VIII, Sec 1 (e), page 79).

- Can another religious book, such as a Quran or Torah, be placed on the Altar if the Worthy Matron is of another religion? The answer is no. The only reference in the Ritual, the Idaho Code & Digest, and the Red Book is that a Bible must be on the Altar. The C&D states that small bibles may be placed on the Altar for use during initiation, but prohibits anything else, including a New Testament only Bible, from being placed on the Altar (C&D, BOI, Art XXII, Sec 2, page 82). Throughout the Ritual and C&D, references are made to the Holy Bible only.

OFFICIAL PROPERTY

I received the following official property from Junior Past Grand Matron, Sue Warner:
1 Worthy Grand Matron jewel
1 Worthy Grand Matron hand seal
1 Worthy Grand Matron desk seal
1 large print Ritual, white cover (2009) with 2012 changes
1 Idaho Code and Digest
1 GGC Constitution (Red Book)
1 Grand Representatives record book

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Three circular letters have been sent out so far this year. I have received many cards and letters from OES members from Idaho and from other jurisdictions regarding Grand Representative Appointments. It has been so fun to read their excitement about their appointments. I have also received phone calls from people personally thanking me. In addition, I have also received cards and notes thanking me for helping them learn more about the Order and
SPECIAL PROJECT, GAEL, BIBLE, BIBLE MARKER, BIBLE VERSE

Most of you have heard my stories about my Bible, the Bible marker, my gavel, and our special project. For those that haven’t, these stories are part of my journey. My faith has been strengthened and I know God walks beside me in everything I do, even if I don’t feel his presence at the time. And, my Father, my hero, passed away in January 2010, but has also been along for the ride and at my side during this entire experience. I will briefly share how each of these emblems became part of this journey.

It is difficult to know where to start. I suppose it started when I was small, when my Dad was Fire Chief. I loved those big red fire trucks and spending time at the fire station. And the excitement when that fire alert went off or the trucks went by blowing their sirens. That’s where I fell in love with red. Today, I still listen to the scanner, enjoy a big fire, and love the smell of the garage where our fire engine is housed. We own the first engine my Dad drove when he joined the Idaho Falls Fire Department; a 1947 American LaFrance Pumper. He restored it to its original state, gold leaf and all.

My OES journey began in 2001, when I was initiated into Henrietta Chapter #21. After several years, I was elected as Associate Conductress and started up the line serving as Worthy Matron with Joe Alexander as my Worthy Patron in 2007-2008. Of course, my lady officers had red dresses and I wore red “hooker” shoes, which became famous around the state. Since I do not come from a Masonic family, I did not have a gavel. Knowing I rang hand bells, Joe had a gavel made for me that resembles a hand bell. Because of our travels, I have had to take a sabbatical from bell ringing, but I always have a bell with me.

My journey in the Grand family started five years ago, just after Dad passed away from thyroid cancer. I was Grand Organist for Christy Schill-Newbold and Larry Allen. Life couldn’t get any better. Or could it? All of a sudden, I was installed as Associated Grand Conductress. That was four years ago in Boise. Mel was one week away from being installed as Associate Grand Guardian for Idaho’s Job’s Daughters, so the next year was going to be busy. We had been traveling the state, so we had a routine down. The day after my installation, we headed home, but instead of gassing up and getting a
coffee before we left town, we stopped in Mountain Home, just 45 minutes down the road. And there, in the gas station parking lot, were three beautiful pink fire trucks, side by side. Wow!!!! Life does get better!

So we talked to the men around the trucks and found out that the Pink Fire Trucks, better known as the Pink Heals Tour, was there in Mountain Home for 15 minutes on their journey through the West. We talked to the founder, Dave Graybill, a retired fire fighter and former professional athlete, and learned more about his crusade. He told us that after golfing across America for sick children, he created the Pink Heals program and drives across the nation in pink fire trucks celebrating women, inspiring hope, and helping communities raise money in the battle against cancer. With him were “Elaine”, “Karen”, and “Tonya”. These fire trucks are signed by cancer survivors and those who have lost loved ones to cancer. After sharing my Dad’s story, he asked if I wanted to sign a truck. Of course I said yes, and signed my Dad’s name on the truck bearing my mom’s name: Elaine. After signing the truck, I looked at Mel through teary eyes and we both knew right then and there that Pink Heals was my project – sent from God and Dad – exactly 24 hours after I was installed as part of the Grand line. To learn more about Pink Heals, go to www.pinkfiretrucks.org.

Thank you to all of those who have supported our special project “Pink Heals.” As Dave Graybill says, we celebrate women, inspire hope, help communities raise money and will someday will the battle against the terrorist called Cancer. I do not know of anyone who has not been affected in some way by cancer. Those we love have been taken from us too early. Increasing awareness and encouraging early screening seems to be a helping. Through pink heals, we can support those with cancer and encourage people to be aware of and seek medical attention early. The sale of pins, along with the coin marches and personal donations have contributed to this effort.

My Bible came from Liberty Chapter #51, who had recently merged with my chapter, Henrietta #21, just before I was installed as Worthy Grand Matron. Henrietta gave me the option of selecting whichever Bible I wanted because they had acquired several through mergers. So, Mel and I went down to choose my Bible. We got all the Bibles out of the closet and I thumbed through each one briefly. I had Mel put several back because I didn’t care for them. After going through each of them several times, I asked Mel to pack them all up
so we could take them home and let them “speak” to me. He shook his head, but like all great escorts, started packing them up, including the ones I had rejected. As he was packing them away, I glanced through the rejected ones and was stopped in my tracks. Mel noticed that I was frozen, so came over to me, and looking over my shoulder understood. He immediately started putting all the other Bibles away in the closet. What had caught my eye was the date the Bible had been given to Liberty #51; March 1926. My Dad was born on March 11, 1926. This was my Bible!

At the next chapter meeting, I asked Janet Jensen-Fullmer, PGM and WM when Liberty merged with Henrietta, if she knew anything about Gertrude Roberts, the WM who had presented the Bible to Liberty Chapter. Janet did not know anything about her, but suggested I look in the 1926 minute book to see if the minutes had anything about her or the Bible. So, Mel and I went to the vault and quickly pulled out the 1926 minute book, looking for the minutes from March 1926. We found the minutes, and again, looking at Mel through teary eyes, I was taken aback. As the minutes stated: “Our Worthy Matron, Sister Gertrude Roberts presented the chapter with a lovely Bible. Our Worthy Patron Brother Oscar Nelson thanked Sister Roberts for this beautiful gift on behalf of the Chapter, and a rising vote of thanks was given.” The date of the minutes was March 11, 1926. Believe it or not!

The Bible marker that has adorned my Bible for the year, was “made by Mabel L Rose, PM and presented by her and Leon B. Rosa, PGP, to Doris Flood, in memory of her husband Robert, Past Grand Patron of Idaho.” Sister Doris (Holm) was serving in the East as WM, along with her husband Harold Holm, PGP, when I was initiated into Henrietta chapter. I grew up with her daughter Lisa. Harold and Doris were a couple of my biggest fans and so happy when I was elected Associate Grand Conductress. Unfortunately, they both passed before I was installed as Worthy Grand Matron, but I know in my heart, they were there. What an honor it was to have Lisa ask me if I wanted to use her Bible marker. Robert Flood served this Grand Chapter in 1979-1980 with Shirley Butler, who is also a member of Henrietta Chapter #21. At our chapter meeting on April 16, 2015, Sister Shirley presents me with another Bible marker which was “made by Mabel L Rosa, PM, and presented to Liberty Chapter #51 on April 24, 1986.” Sister Shirley beautifully beaded the
pentagon around the Star. What a treasurer! Thank you so much. I will cherish it forever.

My Bible verse is one that we all know and love, although it was not the Bible verse I had intended to use. But, again, He had another plan. As I was shopping at Hobby Lobby in Boise, I noticed a framed picture with this Bible verse on it. But, the picture, it was just not me and if I were to buy it, where would it go? It had horses and cowboys in the picture, riding down a hill with a beautiful sunset in the background. Sunsets I can do, but I have never been a fan of horses and cowboys. After looking at the price, I knew that this picture wasn’t for me. But, every time I walked past this framed picture, it caught my attention by yelling at me— I swear! After standing in line to check out for close to five minutes, I gave in to the yelling, got out of line, and went and added it to my acquisitions. I have no explanation, except the words that I will end my stories with: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

**SPECIAL PROJECT PINS**

We had a special project pin again this year, which we sold for $5.00 per pin piece, with the proceeds going toward our special project. The pin was the word BELIEVE, except the “L” was a pink cancer ribbon. Three white stars could be found on the corners. This pin was generic in nature with the thought that anyone could wear it and the message would be clear. We found that these were very popular, and many people purchased them to give to family and friends suffering with cancer.

**TRAVEL PINS**

We had a travel pin again this year. This year’s pin was a black square with gold “Believe in the Journey”, and had a golden path angling across the pin. The dangles were golden footprints, depicting the footprints in the sand and our progress on our journey. The criteria to get these were a little different from prior years. Many of you have earned points for attending the various functions such as our schools of instructions, our Official Visits, friendship nights, Homecoming, chapter installations, being a pro tem for other chapters, attending a youth honor night, or visiting out of state. I look forward to giving more out at Grand Chapter. Traveling around to other chapters and jurisdictions is great fun and a wonderful experience.
DIRECTORIES

We had directories available for sale again this year, except with a slightly different format. These directories contained information about our year, as well as an alphabetical listing with addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of all those listed in the book. I also had all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons listed as to the years they served this Grand Chapter. I believe it is important to recognize all those that served in their capacities. Although they may have passed, they still belong in this special listing. Thank you to all of you who have purchased these directories. The proceeds went to the Benevolent Fund to help our Sisters and Brothers in need.

MEMORY BOOK

Vicki Reynolds of Adah Chapter #8 was in charge of making the covers for our memory books. She is so talented, and when she offered to help, I jumped at the chance. My four daughters have helped me with the Grand Officer biographies and the pages within those beautiful covers. I hope each of our Grand Officers enjoys their book and will have many, many memories of our journey together.

SCRAPBOOK

Again, my four daughters have helped me with my scrapbooks this year. They are all so very busy in their own lives, but I can always count on them to help me out. All of them are very artistic, and we all enjoyed our scrapbook parties where we got together to assemble each page with love. Of course, homemade Bailey’s was always a welcomed participant in our get-togethers, and made the many hours of laugh and labor so enjoyable. Thank you girls!

APPRECIATIONS

As this part of my journey comes to a close, I want to thank the wonderful members of this Grand Chapter for giving me the humble opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron this year. These pink heels have traveled the beautiful state of Idaho and given me an opportunity to meet so many Sisters and Brothers and to enjoy the wondrous scenery we are fortunate to have surround us every day. Words seem so inadequate for all the heartfelt warmth and friendship you have given me throughout the year. I hope that in some small way, I have given something to each of you. I know I have received so much from each of you! I tried to do some things different this year. Some worked better than others, but we took a chance. We have to try new things and think outside the box or we will fail.
Open your hearts and minds and believe in the journey. Remember what Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: “Life is a journey, not a destination.”

Brother Dwain, I am so honored they we were joined together to make this journey. We started our journey in the Grand family when you were Grand Chaplain and I was Grand Organist for Sister Christy and Brother Larry. Neither of us ever thought we would be together sharing the Grand East. But, as we both know, there is an all seeing eye that watches over us and an all-powerful hand that guides us on our way. You have shared with us your wonderful Biblical stories about the different journeys our predecessors took years ago. You have served this Grand Chapter well. Sister Shirlee, thank you for accompanying us on this journey. Your gentle words and smiling face were ever present and I appreciate you sharing your husband with me this year. Despite the many miles between us, I look forward to many more years of friendship.

To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sisters Jo Ellen, Nancy, and Pete and Brother Dave, thank you for all of your support this year. We are all proud of you and your service to this Order. You are all inspirational and I am proud to call you friends.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you have always been there to give your love, support and encouragement to myself and other members of our Order. Your wisdom, advice and tips have been invaluable and certainly made this journey a little easier. However, you have certainly made following in your footsteps challenging, with very large shoes to fill. I appreciate your loyalty and support throughout the years. I called on many of you more than once for assistance and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of you better as the year has progressed. It is my wish that I will be able to extend the same encouragement, support, and friendship to those who follow. Thank you for your continuing commitment and dedication to our Order. A special thank you to Sister Christy and Brother Larry for believing in Dwain and me and allowing us to serve in your Grand family. It is with a very heavy heart and tear-filled eyes that I write the final paragraphs of this report, as I just found out that Brother Larry passed away just a few short hours ago. I know you will continue on this journey with us Larry, but with a whole different perspective.

To our “Believe in the Journey” Grand Family. Wow! You are absolutely the best any Worthy Grand Matron could ask for. We
were truly meant to be together this year. Each of you have shared your talents and your love for this beautiful order everywhere we’ve traveled. You performed your duties faithfully and impartially, representing this Grand Jurisdiction was dignity, and have brought honor to yourself, your chapters, this Grand Chapter, and me. You truly are the faces of Eastern Star. Throughout the year, we have shared laughter and tears, food and drink, and life’s troubles and joys. Sharing this journey together was meant to be. God guided me to you when I was selecting our officers, and I believe that He chose each of you to serve this year for a special reason. Each of you have brought something unique to this Grand family and touched the hearts of so many. Thank you for saying yes when I called. I love each and every one of you and it is my wish that when you remember this year, the memories will bring happiness to your heart and a smile to your face. We will always be family and I will never forget you.

To all our various committee members, Standing, Special, and Session, thanks for graciously accepting your appointments, and for making our Grand Chapter such a great success. You are the ones that make everything happen. As I was selecting people for the various committees, I tried to select someone that may not have served in that capacity before or was relatively young and new to the organization. Only through training and exposing others to these duties and responsibilities, can we ensure our continued success. Although we may face unexpected challenges and stumble along the way, with the helping hands of others, we will all enjoy succeeding in our efforts. All of your hard work is very much appreciated and I look forward to a fun and rewarding Grand Chapter.

To our 2014-2015 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patrons, I congratulate you on a very successful year within your individual chapters. You have worked hard and the rewards are overwhelming. Thank you for taking on the responsibilities associated with these positions. You and your members made each of our visits fun and exciting. You have such imaginations. After all, it is difficult to mesh firetrucks, high heels, blue birds, and the three wise men into a theme. Yet, you succeeded! We thoroughly enjoyed all the fun, friendship, and fellowship we shared. Many of you were first timers! I was so thrilled to see so many of you. Handling your positions and duties like a pro, no one would have ever known. And, likewise, many of you took on the positions for the umpteenth time. Thanks to all of you, for without your guidance and faithfulness to our
organization, we would not be as successful as we are. You embraced our goal of increasing membership, with many chapters initiating new members throughout the year. Keep up the good work.

To Henrietta Chapter #21 and Idaho Falls Chapter #85, thank you for the moral support you have given me this past year. I hope I have represented our chapters well. Whenever I’ve asked for ideas or help, you have been willing to assist me. I know that I can count on you for making my wild ideas become reality. Sometimes I was overwhelmed, and many of you calmed me down, gave me a hug and a smile, and told me things would be okay. You were right. Thank you. Renee, thank you for letting me use you as an example in my schools this year. You are so enthusiastic about all our activities and fundraisers, and your decorating talents are second to known. If it wasn’t for you, we would not have had a decorated Christmas tree at our house this year. And, I would be remiss if I didn’t thank the Ashton Girls. The miles and road conditions keep us from seeing each other often, but your support this year has truly warmed my heart. I cannot express how much that means to me.

To my family: You are the ones that keep me going! I am the luckiest lady to have you in my life. Dayna, Michelle, Gayle, and Diana: You have grown into such lovely young ladies and I am so proud of your accomplishments. The world can be yours, so don’t let anything hold you back! I look forward to sharing in your future.

Camron, Jayda, Keyani, and Sage, you bring so much laughter and sunshine to my life. You are the best grandkids a grandma could ask for. I love you so much! Mom, and Dad, thank you for everything you have given me a great childhood, a good education, my musical abilities, your unending love, my love of numbers, firetrucks, and red, and help in anything and everything.

Last, but not least . . . Mel. It has been a crazy six years for sure. Thank you for taking care of me. I would not have been able to complete this journey if it wasn’t for you. You have given me your endless love and strength, as well as providing me with emotional, physical, and financial support whenever it was needed. Whatever I asked of you, you were there. We’ve been together for over 40 years, and I look forward to another 40! Now we can play a little and take on new adventures. Maybe even clean that one room where everything has accumulated or just permanently lock the door and call it good! If we ever need in there, I know a great locksmith! I look at our life, our kids, our grandkids, and our future and just smile.
How can one person be blessed with so much? We’ve worked hard and, by the grace of God, done this together. Life is good! Thank you. I love you this much, and then some.

CONCLUSION

Thank you to all the members of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star. You have given me so many special memories. I cherish the friendships we have made along the way. I am so grateful for having had this opportunity to represent you and this great state as your Worthy Grand Matron for 2014-2015. It has been a very fulfilling year and a wonderful, unforgettable journey! God bless you all.
The Apostle Paul stated, “I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown…” Truly this can be said of, and by, the members of the Grand family.

We began our journey in Sandpoint with a triple Official Visit. The members of Clover #33, Martha #34 and Pend d’Oreille #62 made the day a real send-off for all of us. From the north we traveled south to Loyaute #19 and Lorraine #20. We learned a great deal about our State as we traveled old Route 95. It is a long rough journey.

The Grand Chapter of Montana at Helena was a pleasant experience. Several new ideas were stored away. Many friendships were renewed as we attended the Washington Grand Chapter at Yakima. The Supreme Council of Job’s Daughters held in Spokane, Washington, was very impressive.

Queen Esther #12, Mountain Queen #11 and Crescent #43 brought us back home to the north. The beauty of McCall was a treat as we visited Valeria #76. We immediately headed south for the all membership picnic and a little relaxation.

The Mason’s Grand Lodge was held in Coeur d’Alene. I had served as Grand Chaplain under Worshipful Grand Master Dan Heberling, and it was my honor to conduct the Memorial Service for 140 Masonic brothers who had passed from our ranks. It was then, just a short hop to Shoshone #10 Official visit in Wallace the following day.

October found the Grand family traveling from Idaho #49 in the north to Twin Falls #29, Golden Rod #64 and Ruth #3 in the south.

November was as busy as one would want it to be, with visits to Hugh Duncan #2, Florence #79, Boise #65 and Idaho Falls #85. There was an interruption in our schedule due to a very early snow storm in the Boise area. The Eastern Star funeral service for our Sister Bobbie Schaffer required my absence from the visit to Adah #8.
December gave the Grand family an opportunity to spend the holidays with family and to catch up on correspondence. A lengthy cold kept me from my visit to Star of the West #35 and Cosmopolitan #36. Then, during the span of three months, we visited eleven chapters from Miriam #16 at Mountain Home to Laurel #13 in Lewiston. We also made up our missed visit to Electa #22 in Emmett.

Shirlee, my wife and escort, and I enjoyed the hospitality, love and gifts showered upon us by every Chapter. We shall never forget you and will carry the memory of you in our hearts. Our Homecoming event at Idaho Falls and the wonderful Hands across the Border in Worley were a great conclusion to our travels.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron, may God bless you all.
I don’t know how, but I’m pretty sure my office is in a ‘warp speed only’ time zone! It seems only days have passed since last Grand Chapter. My second year has been very busy, productive and with far less panic attacks. Being prepared for all the deadlines and duties does make coping with them easier and rewarding. I continue to feel very privileged and blessed to be able to serve this beautiful Order and the Grand Chapter in this position.

Although not as early as I hoped, I was able to compile, complete and distribute the 2013 Proceedings and the 2014 proceedings will be distributed at this Grand session. I know my delay with these proceedings was upsetting to some members and I profoundly apologize for that. I can assure you it will never happen again. I also appreciate your understanding and allowances made, in trying to learn a very complex job.

Along with the Proceedings, I was able to complete the routine tasks on time such as: Distributing Code & Digest changes; the annual report to General Grand Chapter, three circular mailings for the WGM and WGP; request and prepare 29 Idaho Grand Representative Commissions and 30 for Commissions in other Grand jurisdictions; quarterly Tax returns; compiling and distributing the 2014 Roster Supplemental; processing Chapter Annual Reports, computing Returns report, along with the daily duties of answering calls, emails, filling merchandise orders, updating the membership rolls and writing warrants to the Grand Treasurer for payment of bills, Benevolent assistance, salaries, scholarship awards, etc.

One of the hardest jobs was writing Memorials for PGM, Kay Hovren; PGP, Lavell Paige; PGP, Jack Sage and PGP, Larry Allen. The impact and contribution each one had on our Order and Grand Chapter will live on, but these friends and dedicated members will be severely missed.

On May 16, 2015, the Financial Review Committee, the Grand Treasurer and Board of Trustee member, Joan Heisch, met at my home and reviewed the books and investment records of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. It was a most thorough review,
finding all to be in order and balanced and their report will be sent to the Board of Trustees.

My sincere gratitude to the Chapter Secretaries for their efficiency and timely responses of required reports. It is a real pleasure to work with such committed and enthusiastic members. It is truly remarkable knowing that many of the Secretaries also maintain a full time career, a family and household to care for. Their sweet notes and cheerful wishes are always the highlight of my day. Thank you all for a wonderful year.

Many thanks to Jim Grant, PGP and Grand Treasurer. It was great working with you and hard to tell it was your first year as GT! I’m sure your years serving on the Board of Trustees and in other positions in the Grand Chapter gave you the experience that made taking the reins of GT a little easier. You and Pauleen are dear friends and I look forward to you and me growing in our respective jobs together.

Worthy Grand Matron, Jan and Worthy Grand Patron, Dwain, I have really enjoyed being a part of your Grand family and this grand journey! Jan, I love your sense of humor and enthusiasm. It has been a joy to work with you. Dwain, I admire your genuine spirit and always having a bright smile at the ready. I wish you both much happiness and success in all your future journeys.

I am grateful to my grand page, Laura Smith, assistants Vicki Reynolds and Susan Snodderley, for your help (in advance) during this Grand session. You are dear friends and invaluable assistants and I thank you for all your help.

To Peggy and Rob, I look forward to your year and working with you both. I have no doubt it will be a great and magical year.

To Bev McKay, our Web Site wizard, thank you for keeping our site up to date and nagging me when necessary. You are a treasure.

To my Chapter, Queen Esther #12, my heartfelt thanks for your patience, love and support. You are so much more than friends, closer than family and very loved.

To Barry, thank you for enduring this year; more frozen dinners than usual, my bizarre schedule and being in my office more than either of us like. Your love and laughter keep me sane…I adore you.
The past 12 months have been an exciting, interesting, at times challenging, but overall rewarding period for me. However, I expected that to be the case when I took on this task. The learning curve was a little steeper than I anticipated, but I am becoming much more comfortable with the duties of the office. Thank you for allowing me to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Treasurer.

First of all, I would like to report that the overall financial health of the organization is very good. We continue to make reasonable returns on our current investments that help fund our various philanthropic endeavors; i.e., Benevolent, Scholarship, ESTARL and General Fund. The membership and chapters continue to support all of the Grand Chapter Funds and projects and I thank them for their efforts in that regard.

I would like to acknowledge the General Arrangements Committee and the Country Store for a great job at the annual session. GA returned $3,007.54 to the General Fund after covering their expenses. The Country Store income of $1,975.85 was split, as has been the directive for several years, between the WGM Special Project and General Fund Endowment Fund. No Country Store income goes toward General Fund operations and is no longer reflected as such in the GF financial reports.

WGM, Jan and WGP, Dwain, it has been a pleasure being a part of your Believe in the Journey Grand Family and getting to know each of you much better. It has been a fun and rewarding year.

Sister Judith, it has been an interesting year and I thank you for your support as I learned the different aspects of the Treasurer’s job. Now that I am much more knowledgeable with the position, I look forward to another year working together.

To my best friend, confidant and wife, Pauleen; you have always been my rock and biggest supporter. I can’t say “thanks” enough for your continued encouragement and support in all of my endeavors. You are always there; thank you!
Board of Trustees  
Partial Report  
2014-2015  
Jo Ellen Reynolds, GGCCM, Chairman

As I have put in my time, for a better phrase, I have learned something at every meeting I attended. This past year we scheduled two meeting, Horseshoe Bend on July 19th and again in Wallace on March 6th. Due to a lack of a quorum in Horseshoe Bend the Board could only discuss several projects that need to be address in the coming months. I requested that any minor business be handled by email. Thankfully, we only had a few inquiries requiring are attention.

At our meeting in Wallace all but one of the board members was present. Also present were: WGM, Janice, AGM, Peggy, Grand Conductress, Waunda, Assoc. Grand Conductress, Liz, and Grand Sentinel, Bill. Several items were discussed and finalized by the Board.

Item #1 was the 2015-16 budget. The completed budget is attached to this partial report and it is hoped you have reviewed this attachment. Item #2 was the continual decline in membership, which affects our Per Capita amount. Item #3 was the printing and completion of the Proceedings. We have asked the Grand Secretary to discuss with the chapter secretaries whether they needed hard bound copies of the Proceedings or if CD’s would be better for the chapters use. There is a large difference in the cost, plus many of the other Grand Chapters are using CD’s in lieu of hard bound books.

Board of Trustee agreed to have the Grand Secretary have the year she is working on done in spiral bound.

Over the last several years the Board of Trustees has expressed it concerns with funding of the Benevolent Funds. The fund is decreasing at a rapid pace. It was presented at last years Grand Chapter that the individual chapters take a greater responsibility in helping those in need and assisting the Benevolent Committee. We can only hope this is being done.

Grand Secretary Judith reported that there were a few chapters turned their year-end reports in after the dead line. Being a past chapter secretary I know that it is important to keep on schedule. Please assist our Grand Secretary in getting reports in on time.
I want to thank our Grand Treasurer for this impute and dedication to his office. Jim was a great help and support to me. Thank you, also to the members of the Board of Trustees’ for their assistance this past year.
Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES
2014 - 2015 Proposed Budget
Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES
2015 - 2016 Proposed Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

General Fund Income
- Country Store: $800.00
- Fines & Int/Special Use: $10.00
- GF 2% Annual Fee:
  - GF Ben Fund 2% Annual Cont: $200.00
  - GF ESTARL 2% Annual Cont: $140.00
  - GF Scholarship 2% Annual Cont: $150.00
  - GF VPLM 2% of Annual Int: $200.00
- Total GF 2% Annual Fee: $690.00
- GF Int & Invest Income: $1,400.00
- GFE Int & Invest Income: $800.00
- Late Fees: $10.00
- Merchandise Sales: $2,850.00
- Per Capita: $24,200.00
- Postage Rec'd/ Shipping: $200.00
- Proceeding Sales: $-
- Total General Fund Income: $30,960.00

Grand Chapter Session
- General Arrangements Refund: $1,000.00
- Registration Fees: $6,200.00
- Vendor Rent: $600.00
- Total Grand Chapter Session: $7,800.00

Total Income: $38,760.00

Gross Profit: $38,760.00

Expense

General Fund Expense
- Accountant(IRS form 990): $450.00
- Bank Service Charges: $45.00

Committee Expenses
- Benevolent Board: $75.00
- Board of Trustees: $75.00
- ESTARL Central Committee: $50.00
- Golden Stars Committee: $50.00
- Golden Stars Postage: $400.00
- Jurisprudence Committee: $50.00
- Scholarship Committee: $50.00
- Star Information Committee: $50.00
- Youth Committee: $50.00
- Total Committee Expenses: $850.00

Exchange Night: $200.00

GF Projects
- Fixed Asset Purchase: $750.00
- Triennial Travel: $500.00
- Total GF Projects: $1,250.00
### Grand Officer Expenses
- **G Chaplain Postage**: $200.00
- **G Chaplain Stationery**: $150.00
- **G Marshal Expenses**: $50.00
- **WGM Expenses**: $2,600.00
- **WGM PGM Jewel**: $100.00
- **WGP Expenses**: $1,500.00
- **WGP PGP Jewel**: $40.00

**Total Grand Officer Expenses**: $4,640.00

### Grand Secretary Expenses
- **GS Employment Taxes**: $550.00
- **GS Fidelity Bond**: $30.00
- **GS Office Assistant**: $580.00
- **GS Office Supplies**: $600.00
- **GS On-line Backup Annual Fee**: $100.00
- **GS Phone/Fax**: $200.00
- **GS Postage**: $1,750.00
- **GS Rent & Utilities**: $3,000.00
- **GS Safe Deposit Box**: $120.00
- **GS Salary**: $6,000.00

**Total Grand Secretary Expenses**: $12,930.00

### Grand Treasurer Expenses
- **GT Employment Taxes**: $225.00
- **GT Fidelity Bond**: $60.00
- **GT Office Supplies**: $100.00
- **GT Go to My PC Annual Fee**: $100.00
- **GT Postage**: $49.00
- **GT Rent**: $180.00
- **GT Salary**: $2,400.00

**Total Grand Treasurer Expenses**: $3,114.00

### Insurance
- **Fire Insurance**: $250.00
- **General Liability Ins**: $860.00
- **Worker's Comp Insurance**: $150.00

**Total Insurance**: $1,260.00

### Masonic Family Gifts
- **Grand Lodge of ID Gift**: $50.00
- **ID DeMolay Gift**: $50.00
- **Int'l Job's Gifts**: $50.00
- **Int'l Rainbow Gift**: $50.00

**Total Masonic Family Gifts**: $200.00

### Miscellaneous Expenses
- **Past Grand Memorial to Sub Chap**: $100.00
- **Per Capita $.10 to SF**: $30.00
- **Per Capita $.10 to GGC**: $236.00
- **Per Capita to GGC**: $2,365.00
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## Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES

### Benevolent Fund & Benevolent Endowment Fund

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Apr 30, 15
**Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES**

**Benevolent & Benevolent Endowment Fund**

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May 2014 through April 2015

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**Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES**

**ESTARL Fund & JC ESTARL Fund Balance Sheet**

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**Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES**  
**ESTARL & JC ESTARL Endowment Fund**  
May 2014 through April 2015  
May '14 - Apr 15

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**
- ESTARL Fund Income
  - EF Chapter Contributions: $4,126.05  
  - EF Individual Contributions: $10.00  
  - EF Int & Invest Income: $1.25  
  - JCEEF Int & Invest Inc: $1,248.37  
  - Total ESTARL Fund Income: $5,385.67  
- JC ESTARL Endowment Fund Income
  - JCEEF Chapter Contributions: $100.00  
  - JCEEF Individual Contributions: $15.00  
  - Total JC ESTARL Endowment Fund Income: $115.00  

**Total Income**: $5,500.67

**Gross Profit**: $5,500.67

**Expense**
- ESTARL Fund Expenses
  - EF 2% Admin Fee: $106.82  
  - ESTARL Award Payment: $4,500.00  
  - Total ESTARL Fund Expenses: $4,606.82  
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## Income Statement

May 2014 through April 2015

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WGM Project Income 12,222.51
Total Income 108,342.09
Gross Profit 108,342.09

Expense

Benevolent Fund Expenses
BF 2% Adm Fee 200.00
BF Monthly Assistance 15,600.00
BF Special Assis Pay 3,823.00
Total Benevolent Fund Expenses 19,623.00

ESTARL Fund Expenses
EF 2% Admin Fee 106.82
ESTARL Award Payment 4,500.00
Total ESTARL Fund Expenses 4,606.82

General Fund Expense
Audit, Direct #2 2,000.00
Audit, Direct #1 2,450.00
Accountant(IRIS form 990) 675.00
Bank Service Charges 42.90
Committee Expenses
Golden Stars Committee 43.84
Golden Stars Postage 249.00
Star Information Committee 19.75
Total Committee Expenses 312.59
Exchange Night 100.00

GF Projects
Fixed Asset Purchase 750.00
Triennial Travel 500.00
Total GF Projects 1,250.00

Grand Officer Expenses
G Chaplain Postage 26.50
G Chaplain Stationery 32.42
WGM Expenses 2,600.00
WGM PGM Jewel 100.00
WGP Expenses 2,250.00
WGP PGP Jewel 40.00
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Grand Secretary Expenses
GS Employment Taxes 527.76
GS Fidelity Bond 27.00
GS Office Supplies 702.18
GS On-Line Backup Annual Fee 99.99
GS Phone/Fax 87.42
GS Postage 1,183.93
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GS Rent & Utilities 3,000.00
GS Safe Deposit Box 115.00
GS Salary 6,000.00
Total Grand Secretary Expenses 11,843.23

Grand Treasurer Expenses
GT Employment Taxes 215.98
GT Fidelity Bond 57.00
GT Go To My PC Annual Fee 99.00
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**Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES**  
**Scholarship Fund & Educational Endowment Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of April 30, 2015

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Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES

Special Projects Income Statement
May 2014 through April 2015

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Net Ordinary Income 217.97
Net Income 217.97

Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES

Special Projects Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2015

ASSETS
Current Assets
Checking/Savings
GGC Projects
| GGC Cancer Fund  | 1,363.75 |
| GGC Heart Fund   | 125.00   |
| GGC Internatl Headquarters | 632.94 |
| GGC Youth Committee | 17.56  |
| Total GGC Projects | 2,139.25 |
Other Projects
| History Book Fund         | 159.50   |
| History Book MM 1036      | 2,263.72 |
| Total Other Projects      | 2,423.22 |
| Total Checking/Savings    | 4,562.47 |
| Total Current Assets      | 4,562.47 |
TOTAL ASSETS 4,562.47

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Liabilities
Current Liabilities
Other Current Liabilities
WGM Special Projects 4,153.31
Total Other Current Liabilities 4,153.31
Total Current Liabilities 4,153.31
Total Liabilities 4,153.31
Equity
| Retained Earnings  | 55,644.90   |
| Net Income         | 12,982.76   |
| Total Equity       | 68,627.66   |
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 72,780.97
## VPLM Balance Sheet

**Apr 30, 15**

### ASSETS

**Current Assets**

- **Checking/Savings**
- **VPLM Fund**
  - VPLM AF CIB 5267
  - VPLM AF CIB 5267 Value Change: -6,908.84
  - VPLM AF CIB 5267 - Other: 108,602.77
  - Total VPLM AF CIB 5267: 101,693.93
- **VPLM AF IF 7929**
  - VPLM AF IF 7929 Value Change: 3,477.25
  - VPLM AF IF 7929 - Other: 100,000.00
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- **VPLM Checking**
  - 7,529.61
- **VPLM FT 5027**
  - VPLM FT 5027 Value Change: 36,423.29
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  - Total VPLM FT 5027: 255,423.39
- **Total VPLM Fund**: 468,124.18
- **Total Checking/Savings**: 468,124.18
- **Total Current Assets**: 468,124.18

### TOTAL ASSETS

**468,124.18**

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

**Current Liabilities**

- **Other Current Liabilities**
  - **VPLM Interest Due**: 5,395.75
  - **Total Other Current Liabilities**: 5,395.75
  - **Total Current Liabilities**: 5,395.75

**Total Liabilities**: 5,395.75

#### Equity

- **Retained Earnings**: 55,644.90
- **Net Income**: 12,982.76
- **Total Equity**: 68,627.66

### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

**74,023.41**

## VPLM Income Statement

**Apr 30, 15**

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

- **VPLM Income**
  - Payout of VPLM Int: 18,745.22
  - VPLM Application Fees: 766.00
  - Total VPLM Income: 19,511.22
- **Total Income**: 19,511.22
- **Gross Profit**: 19,511.22

#### Expense

- **VPLM Expense**
  - VPLM 2% Admin Fee: 200.00
  - VPLM Due to Subor Chaptr: 18,242.24
  - Total VPLM Expense: 18,442.24
- **Total Expense**: 18,442.24
- **Net Ordinary Income**: 1,068.98
- **Net Income**: 1,068.98
### Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES

**General Fund & General Fund Endowment Fund**

**Balance Sheet** As of April 30, 2015

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## Ordinary Income/Expense

### Income

**General Fund Endowment Income**
- GFE Individual Contributions: 1,157.56
- GFE Investment Income: 0.11
- Total General Fund Endowment Income: 1,157.67

**General Fund Income**
- Fines & Int/Special Use: 50.90
- GF 2% Annual Fee:
  - GF Ben Fund 2% Annual Cont: 200.00
  - GF ESTARL 2% Annual Cont: 106.82
  - GF Scholarship 2% Annual Cont: 200.00
  - GF VPLM 2% of Annual Int: 200.00
- Total GF 2% Annual Fee: 706.82
- GF Int & Invest Income: 1,676.17
- GFE Int & Invest Income: 1,048.61
- Late Fees: 194.75
- Merchandise Sales: 4,053.35
- Misc Receipts/Refunds: 0.00
- Per Capita: 26,015.00
- Postage Rec’d/ Shipping: 198.72
- Total General Fund Income: 33,944.32

**Grand Chapter Session**
- General Arrangements Refund: 3,007.54
- Registration Fees: 7,140.00
- Vendor Rent: 800.00
- Total Grand Chapter Session: 10,947.54

**Total Income**: 46,049.53

### Gross Profit**: 46,049.53

### Expense

**General Fund Expense**
- Audit, Direct #2: 2,000.00
- Audit, Direct #1: 2,450.00
- Accountant(IRS form 990): 675.00
- Bank Service Charges: 42.90

**Committee Expenses**
- Golden Stars Committee: 43.84
- Golden Stars Postage: 249.00
- Star Information Committee: 19.75
- Total Committee Expenses: 312.59

**Exchange Night**: 100.00

**GF Projects**
- Fixed Asset Purchase: 750.00
- Triennial Travel: 500.00
- Total GF Projects: 1,250.00

**Grand Officer Expenses**
- G Chaplain Postage: 26.50
- G Chaplain Stationery: 32.42
- WGM Expenses: 2,600.00
- WGM PGM Jewel: 100.00
- WGP Expenses: 2,250.00
- WGP PGP Jewel: 40.00
- Total Grand Officer Expenses: 5,048.92

**Grand Secretary Expenses**
- GS Employment Taxes: 527.76
- GS Fidelity Bond: 27.00
- GS Office Supplies: 702.18
- GS On-Line Backup Annual Fee: 99.99
General Fund & General Fund Endowment Fund

Income Statement – cont.

- GS Postage: 1,183.93
- GS Postage Annual Fee: 99.95
- GS Rent & Utilities: 3,000.00
- GS Safe Deposit Box: 115.00
- GS Salary: 6,000.00
- Total Grand Secretary Expenses: 11,843.23

Grand Treasurer Expenses
- GT Employment Taxes: 215.98
- GT Fidelity Bond: 57.00
- GT Go To My PC Annual Fee: 99.00
- GT Office Supplies: 78.73
- GT Rent: 180.00
- GT Salary: 2,400.00
- Total Grand Treasurer Expenses: 3,030.71

Insurance
- Fire Insurance: 226.00
- General Liability Ins: 848.00
- Worker's Comp Insurance: 150.00
- Total Insurance: 1,224.00

Masonic Family Gifts
- ID DeMolay Gift: 50.00
- Int'l Job's Gifts: 50.00
- Int'l Rainbow Gift: 50.00
- Total Masonic Family Gifts: 150.00

Past Grand Memorial to GFE: 120.00

Per Capita $.10 to SF: 236.50

Per Capita to GGC: 2,487.00

Printing Expense
- Copier Maintenance & Repair: 184.33
- Itineraries/Committ: 57.52
- Membership Roster & Update: 301.40
- Paper Expense: 301.40
- Proceedings: 2,403.20
- Total Printing Expense: 3,206.89

Purchase of Merchandise: 2,814.02

Web Page idahooes.org: 64.95

Total General Fund Expenses: 37,056.71

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- General Arrangements: 900.00
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Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES  
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IN MEMORIAM

This Page Is Lovingly Dedicated
To The Memory Of

KATHLEEN ‘KAY’ HOVREN
Worthy Grand Matron 1963-1964

DARVELL LAVELL PAIGE
Worthy Grand Patron 1983-1984

JACK OTHEL SAGE
Worthy Grand Patron 2000-2001

LARRY GALE ALLEN
Worthy Grand Patron 2010-2011

We do not lose the ones we love,
They only go before
Where there is everlasting life
Where sorrow is no more;
And there the soul will always live
And peace is everywhere;
We do not lose the friends we love
God takes them in His care.
IN MEMORIAM

LOVINGLY DEDICATED

TO THE MEMORY OF THE

SISTERS AND BROTHERS

OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

SISTER JURISDICTIONS,

AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

WHO ENTERED THE HIGHER LIFE

2014-2015

In the garden of remembrance
There’s a little sheltered spot,
Fragrant with the bloom of beauty
Of the sweet forget-me-nots,
And no flowers in the garden
Fairer, brighter ever grew
Than the little flower that whispers,
Always, we’ll remember you.
# NECROLOGY
Judy Taylor, Grand Chaplain 2014-2015

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE REPORT
Liz Hughes, AGC, Chairman; Waunda Kibbey, Grand Conductress; Peggy Miller, Associate Grand Matron

Grand Chapter of Alabama

The 113th Peace on Earth Grand Session was held at Birmingham on October 10-13, 2013 with WGM, Ginger Owen and WGP, Marvin Thrasher presiding. Total number of Chapters is 99. Total membership 6104. Total number attending Grand Chapter was 335. There were no Idaho Members in attendance.

Of special Interest was that Alabama had a loss of 3 chapters and 5 chapters consolidated. Special project was Parkinson Association.

The 114th Pride and Joy Grand Session will be held in Birmingham on October 9-12, 2014 with WGM, Deborah Clark and WGP, Bill Belcher presiding.

Grand Chapter of Alabama

The 114th All Things Bright and Beautiful Grand Session was held in Birmingham on October 9-12, 2014 with WGM, Deborah Clark and WGP, Bill Belcher presiding. The total number of Chapters is 92. The total number of members is 5572. Total number attending Grand Chapter is 335.

Special projects included ESTARL, Cancer, Heart Fund, Support our Military and Children’s Harbor.

The 115th Grand Session will be held in Birmingham on October 8-11, 2015 with WGM, Madron Ramey and WGP, Dwight Headrick presiding.

Grand Chapter of Alberta – Unable to read the disc

The 103rd Garden of Life Grand Session was held in Red Deer on June 6-8, 2014. No other information was available on the CD.

Grand Chapter of Arizona

The 112th Follow Your Dreams was held in Glendale on August 1-4, 2012 with WGM Jane Glair Garcia and WGP Earl Wunder presiding.

Their membership is 3420. Attending from Idaho was Andrea Storjohann, PGM.

Special projects were Cancer, Diabetes and Heart. Special notes: The State of Arizona celebrated its’ 100th birthday on February 14, 2012.
The 113th *Bridges of Faith* Grand Session will be in Phoenix on July 31-Aug 3, 2013 with WGM, Linda Heberling and WGP, Joseph Leininger presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Arizona**

The 113th *Bridges of Faith* Grand Session was held in Phoenix on July 31-Aug 3, 2013 with WGM, Linda Heberling and WGP, Joseph Leininger presiding. The membership is 3,251. Attending from Idaho was Mary Lynne Nealis, GGCCM Registration Committee PGM; Linda Hattrick, PGM; Donita Lancaster, PGM; Ron Lancaster, GR of Arizona in Idaho; Nick Nealis, GR of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Idaho.

Special projects were Cancer, Crisis, Diabetes and Estarl. Special note: Dave Hattrick of Meridian #66 in Idaho was elected Grand Sentinel.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Arizona is Violet Hanson, Sedona Chapter #7 and Grand Representative of Arizona in Idaho: Ron Lancaster, Star of the West #35.

The 114th Grand Session will be held on August 1, 2014 with WGM, Mary Jackson and WGP, Jack Wade presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Australia**

The 13th Biennial Session was held June 9-11, 2011 with MWGM, Lois Allen and MWGP, James Beck presiding. There are 92 Chapters and the total membership is 2292.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Australia was PMWGP, John Fitzgerald and Grand Representative of Australia in Idaho was Liz Hughes, Idaho #49, St. Maries.

The 14th Biennial Session will be held in Hobart, Tasmania on June 6-9, 2013 with MWGM, Janet Beck and MWGP, Stuart Lang presiding.

**Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon**

The 102nd *Winter Wonderland* Grand Session was held in Kamloops on May 27-29, 2013 with WGM, Jacqui Wowk and WGP, Jim Firbank presiding. Total number of Chapters is 49 with a total membership of 3219.

Special projects were the BC and Yukon Firefighters Burn Camp. Idaho members attending were Bob Barclay, WGP; JoEllen Reynolds, GGCCM Cancer; Lucy Miller, PGM; Andrea Storjohann, PGM; and Don Miller, AGP.

The 103rd Grand Session will be held in Whitehorse with WGM, Glenis Allen and WGP, Ken Knuttila presiding.
Grand Chapter of Delaware

The 92nd Garden of Precious Moments Grand Session was held in Dover Downs on May 11-13, 2013 with WGM, Kathleen Anderson and WGP, Bryan A. Ware presiding. There are 11 chapters with a membership of 1,105.

Special projects were Alzheimer’s, Cancer, Community and Heart.

The 93rd Butterflies are Free Grand Session will be held in Dover Downs on May 11-13, 2014 with WGM, Doris Egbert and WGP, Stephen Tolbert presiding.

Grand Chapter of Delaware

The 93rd Butterflies are Free Grand Session was held in Dover Downs on May 11-13, 2014 with WGM, Doris Egbert and WGP, Stephen Tolbert presiding. The total membership is 1,068 in 11 chapters. Total number attending Grand Chapter is 98.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Delaware is Sheryl Peters and the Grand Representative of Delaware in Idaho is Marie Hall.

Special projects were Cancer Research and Heart. Special Notes: 99 OES license plates have been issued by the state of Delaware.

The 94th Garden of Memories Grand Session will be held in Dover Downs on May 11-13, 2015 with WGM, Vickie Nicklas and WGP, Eddie Morris presiding.

Grand Chapter of Florida

The 109th The Radiant Rays of Friendship Grand Session was held in St. Augustine on April 8 - 10, 2014 with WGM, Judith E. Covey and WGP, Joe Earnliardt presiding. There are 122 chapters with a membership of 12,230; as of April 8, 2014.

Special projects were Moffitt Cancer Center, SE Guide Dogs, Masonic Youth Organizations (Job’s Daughters, Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay).

The 110th Grand Session will be held in St. Augustine on April 21 – 23, 2015 with WGM, Floye Hyslop and WGP, Jim Marshall presiding.

Grand Chapter of Indiana

The 139th Paradise of Faith Grand Session was held in Indianapolis on June 7-9, 2013 with WGM, Sonda Schapson and WGP, Cary Hetrick presiding. The total number of Chapters is 178 with a total membership of 25,473. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 816.
The members raised $22,355.54 for their Special Project ‘Wings of Hope’ which provides ambulance service for children. Special interest was a Baby Dedication Service. WGM tied the star point colors with explanations of each color on the wrist of Roman Octavies Kayne Hetrick, the grandson of WGP Cary Hetrick.

The 140th Basket of Dreams Grand Session will be held in Indianapolis on June 13-15, 2014 with WGM, Elizabeth Lashley and WGP, Darrell Arthur presiding.

Grand Chapter of Iowa

The 136th Enjoy Life’s Little Things Grand Session was held in Altoona on October 24-26, 2013 with WGM, Cynde Lemly and WGP, Carl Yonder presiding. The total number of Chapters is 99 with a total membership of 7,892. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 427.

Special Projects were Down Syndrome Awareness Center. The membership raised $46,000. Special Interest: The Iowa Eastern Star home was the first in the world, established Oct. 18, 1905 located in Boone. The original home burned down in 1912 a second home was reconstructed at a new location in 1914.

The 137th The Candle Lighters Grand Session will be held in Ankeny on November 2-4, 2014 with WGM, Nancy Ramthun and WGP, Jerry Jones presiding.

Grand Chapter of Kentucky

The 111th Melody of Love Grand Session was held in Louisville on Sept. 9-11, 2013 with WGM, Linda Stepp and WGP, Michael Martin presiding. The number of Chapters is 161 with a total membership of 12,243. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 769.

Idaho members in attendance were PGM Andres Storjohann, and Mary McKinney GR of Kentucky.

Special Projects were Alzheimer’s, Cancer, Heart, Shrine Charities, Military and Youth. Of special interest was PGP, Adrian Cavannah, gave a tribute to Dr. Robert Morris, written by Dr. Robert Fitch great grandson of Dr. Robert Morris on “Dr. Robert Morris the Soldier”

The 112th Gods Greatest Gifts Grand Session will be held in Louisville on Sept. 15-17, 2014 with WGM, Melva Dukes and WGP, Melvin Stull presiding.
Grand Chapter of Kentucky

The 112<sup>th</sup> *Gods Greatest Gifts* Grand Session was held in Louisville on Sept. 15-17, 2014 with WGM, Melva Dukes and WGP, Melvin Stull presiding. They have 158 chapters with a membership of 11,552. Special projects was Knights Templar membership, Public Relations, Alzheimer’s, Cancer, Community Service, Heart, Scottish Rite Charities, Shriners Charities, Support our Military and Youth.

The 113<sup>th</sup> *With God All Things are Possible* Grand Session to be held in Louisville on September 2015 with WGM, Rose Davis and WGP, Robby Binion presiding.

Grand Chapter of Louisiana

The 114<sup>TH</sup> *A Journey of the Heart* Grand Session was held on March 25-27, 2013 with WGM, Shirley Boone and WGP, Guynes ”Gene” Cagle presiding. The total number of Chapters is 88 with a total membership of 5,945. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 881.

The Special Project was “It’s All About Kids.” The WGM designed pins to be sold for Multiple Sclerosis, Shrine Transportation, St Jude’s Research and the Grand Lodge Dyslexia. The membership raised $7,429. Of Special Interest was WGM Shirley received a certificate stating that a brick in her honor was placed in the Dr. Robert Morris Walkway at the Little Red School House, Birthplace of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The 115<sup>th</sup> *The Colors of Life* Grand Session will be held in Baton Rouge on March 26-28, 2014 with WGM, Linn McNary and WGP, Otto Beverly presiding.

Grand Chapter of Maine

The 122<sup>nd</sup> *Heroines of Faith and Courage* Grand Session was held in Augusta on May 18-21, 2014 with WGM, Rebecca E. St. Pierre and WGP, Bernald W. ‘Ben’ Tufts presiding. They have 6,492 members in 66 chapters.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Maine is Roger Bouchard of Sherman and Grand Representative of Maine in Idaho is Sam Wilkins of Clarkston.

Special project were Cancer Research and Education, Heart Committee, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and Pillow Cases for Military Families.

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Grand Session will be held in Augusta with WGM, Rebecca D. Johnson and WGP, Larry W. Smith presiding.
Grand Chapter of Manitoba

The 91st Sunshine and Rainbows Grand Session was held in Winnipeg on May 26-29, 2013 with WGM, Jean Hutchison and WGP, Frank Toporowski presiding. They have 843 members in 10 chapters.

Special projects were Eastern Star Chalet, ESTARL, The Dream Factory (formerly Rainbow Society), Soft Toys for Tots and Children’s Breakfast Program.

The 92nd Canada Manitoba Grand Session will be held in Winnipeg on May 26, 2014 with WGM, Nancy Drewniak and WGP, Jim Finlayson presiding.

Grand Chapter of Manitoba

The 92nd Canada Manitoba Grand Session was held in Winnipeg on May 25-28, 2014 with WGM, Nancy Drewniak and WGP, Jim Finlayson presiding.

The Grand Representative of Idaho in Manitoba is Arleen Crone and the Grand Representative of Manitoba in Idaho is Debra Basterrechea.

The special projects were Eastern Star Chalet, Masonic Foundation Cancer Care Drivers, Partners for Life, Breakfast Program and Children’s Breakfast Program.

The 93rd Spirit of Faith and Harmony Grand Session will be held in Winnipeg on May 25, 2015 with WGM, Chris Porter and WGP, Milton Goble presiding.

Grand Chapter of Massachusetts

The 137th Safe at Home Grand Session was held in Lowell on May 16-18, 2013 with WGM, Donna M. Russo and WGP, Thomas A Dalton, Sr. presiding. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 443 members and 56 chapters. Their total membership is 6,183.

Attending from Idaho was Martha Taggart, Grand Representative of Massachusetts in Idaho.

The special project was the Hugs Project, supporting our active troops serving in extreme temperatures.

The 138th Diamond Stars Grand Session will be held in Lowell on May 15-17, 2014 with WGM, F. Ellen McKay and WGP, Robert B. McKay presiding.

Grand Chapter of Michigan

The 147th Faith, Freedom and Friendship Grand Session was held in Battlecreek on October 8-10, 2013 with WGM, Alma Hunnicutt and
WGP, William Kennedy presiding. There are 121 chapters with a membership of 12,685.

Attending from Idaho was Dore Stansbury, GR of Michigan in Idaho.

A special note: Michigan is known as the “Oldest Grand Jurisdiction in the World.

The 148th Our World of Knowledge Grand Session will be held with WGM, Norma Wojack and WGP, Frederick Miller presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Minnesota**

The 135th Celebrate Grand Session was held in St Cloud on May 2-4, 2013 with WGM, Cynthia McDonald and WGP, Curt Speller presiding. There are 65 chapters with a membership of 5,483.

Special projects were Survivorship (Cancer), membership, Stewardship, Citizenship and Friendship.

The 136th Grand Session will be held St Cloud on May 1-3, 2014 with WGM, Barbara Brihn and WGP, Harold Olson presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Minnesota**

The 136th Simple Gifts Grand Session was held in St. Cloud on May 1-3, 2014 with WGM, Barb Brihn and WGP, Hal Olson presiding. The total number of Chapters is 61 with a membership of 5078. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 227.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Minnesota is Don Grossman of White Bear Chapter #200 and the Grand Representative of Minnesota in Idaho is Amber Gillin.

Special Note: The WGM started all welcomes with the popular Minnesota phrase “Uf Da”.

The 137th Family Heritage Grand Session will be held in St. Cloud on April 30, May 1-2, 2015 with WGM, Tracy Keeling and WGP, Richard (Dick) McGinnis presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Montana**

The 125th Visions of Treasured Heritage Grand Session was held in Helena on June 18-21, 2014 with WGM, Diane Lockey and WGP, Carl ‘Rob’ Robinson presiding. The total membership is 4.153 members in 45 chapters. Total number attending Grand Chapter is 371.

Attending from Idaho was Dwain Valez, WGP; JoEllen Reynolds, GGCCM Cancer, PGM; Darla Redman, PGM; Andrea Storjohann, PGM; Peggy Miller, AGM; Liz Hughes, AGC; Doris Alexander, GR of Montana in Idaho; John Chamberlain, GR of British Columbia and the Yukon.
Grand Representative of Idaho in Montana is Diana Deyo and Elaine Robinson and Grand Representative of Montana in Idaho is Doris Alexander, Shoshone Chapter#10.

Their special projects were Youth and Membership. Special note: Darla Redman, PGM of Idaho was on the 1st place golf team.

The 126th *Our Journey of Friendship* Grand Session will be held in Bozeman on June 18-21, 2015 with WGM, Bonnie Anderson and WGP, Earl Nilsen presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Nebraska**

The 139th *Stars Across the Prairie* Grand Session was held in Kearney on May 13-15, 2014 with WGM, Beverly Donham and WGP, Jim Dusch presiding. There are a total of 7,323 members in 81 chapters.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Nebraska is Robert Schellpeper and Grand Representative of Nebraska in Idaho is Max Hammert.

Their special project was Alzheimer’s.

The 140th *Music of the Stars* Grand Session will be held in Kearney on May 12-14, 2015 with WGM, Sharlene Coulter and WGP, Deloyt Young presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Nevada**

The 108th *Spirit of Peace, Light of Hope* Grand Session was held in Reno on Sept 29-Oct 2, 2013 with WGM, Ruth Fitzgerald and WGP, S. Barton Jacksa presiding. The total membership is 1,917 with the number attending Grand Chapter of 266, with 176 from Nevada. They represented 20 chapters.

Attending from Idaho was Sue Warner, WGM; Don Miller, WGP; Mary Lynne Nealis, GGCCM, Registration and PGM; Lucy Miller, PGM; Bob Barclay, PGP; Angie Nealis, Grand Organist; Sue Foster, Grand Esther; and Nick Nealis, GR of Nova Scotia and PEI;

Grand Representative of Idaho in Nevada is Michelle Rogers, Myrtle Chapter #12 and the Grand Representative of Nevada in Idaho is Ann Barkley.

Their special projects are UNR Cancer and Alzheimer’s. Special Note: Sister Patricia Yensen is a PGM of Nevada who currently lives in Chubbuck, Idaho.

The 109th *Starfish Solution* Grand Session will be held in Las Vegas on September 28 – October 1, 2014 with WGM, Elizabeth Sidford and WGP, George Lang presiding.
Grand Chapter of New Jersey (Independent Sovereign Grand Chapter)

The 143rd *Let Your Heart be Crowned* Grand Session was held on May 14-16, 2013 with MWGM, Carole Moore and MWGP, David Wack presiding. They have 59 Chapters with a total membership of 2145. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 606.

Their special projects were Building Hearts for our Eastern Star Home.

The 144th *Celebrate the Season* Grand Session will be held in Atlantic City on May 13-15, 2014 with MWGM, Joan Smith and MWGP, Harry Anderson Jr presiding.

Grand Chapter of New Hampshire

The 123rd *Believe in Faith and Love* Grand Session was held in Manchester, NH on August 22-24, 2103 with WGM, Patricia L. Hamel and WGP, E. William Rohr presiding. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 359.

Veronica Boudle of Olive Chapter #1, Lancaster, NH is the Grand Representative of Idaho in New Hampshire. Her counterpart is Gerald Riggs, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Idaho.

Their special projects were Pancreatic Cancer Research at Dartmouth, and CHaD.

The 124th *Northern Lights* Grand Session will be held in Manchester, NH on August 22-03, 2014 with WGM, Judith Lewis and WGP, Michael F. Ripberger presiding.

Grand Chapter of New York (Independent Sovereign Grand Chapter)

The 144th *Believe and Communicate* Grand Session was held in Oriskany on October 10-12, 2013 with RWGM, Keri J. Rebergen and RWGP, Kenneth R. Milner presiding. There are 197 chapters with a total membership of 20,638. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 835.

Idaho Member in attendance was Jeanne Jennings Grand Representative.

Special Projects were the Masonic Medical Research Lab and Food Bank and Food Pantry’s. Special Interest: Through the sale of pins the membership raised $10,000.00 to apply to the Honor Flights for veterans.

The 145th *Every Heart Counts* Grand Session will be held in Binghamton on October 9th, 10th, 11th, 2014 with RWGM, Sylvia D. Morenia and RWGP, Bruce G. Whitmore presiding.
Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

The 66th Grand Session was held in Truro, Nova Scotia on July 8-10, 2013, with WGM, Mary Lou Higgins and WGP, Ralph Swinamer presiding.

Attending from Idaho was Mary Lynne Nealis, GGCCM Registration, PGM and Nick Nealis, GR Nova Scotia and PEI.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Nova Scotia and PEI was Marilyn Jean Page.

Grand Chapter of Ohio

The 124th Just Believe Grand Session was held in Dayton, OH on September 27-29, 2013 with WGM, Barbara Pelfrey and WGP, Ronald Keller presiding. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 1277.

Mary Funk, GR of Ohio in Idaho reported on her visit to Idaho Grand Chapter and that she was proud to carry the Idaho flag with her counterpart Susan Walker, who carried the Ohio flag at the informal opening. The new GR of Idaho in Ohio is Kathie Hill of Chapter # 246. Her counterpart is Christine Nielsen, the GR of Ohio in Idaho.

Idaho members in attendance for the installation of the Grand Officers were Hazel Sutton, PGM, Lois Jones, Grand Electa, and Christine Nielsen, GR of Ohio in Idaho.

Special projects were Pitch in the for Kitchen, Parkinson’s research, and Youth scholarships.

The 125th Journey of Life Grand Session will be in Dayton, OH on September 26-28, 2014 with WGM, Gail Walsh and WGP, Steve Farus presiding.

Grand Chapter of Oregon

The 125th Expect a Miracle: Build for Tomorrow Grand Session was held in Pendleton on June 15-18, 2014 with WGM, G Ann Thomas and WGP, Craig Sipp presiding.

Attending from Idaho were Nancy Ross, GGCCM OES Journal; Mary Lynne Nealis, GGCCM Registration; Jan Brown, WGM; Andrea Storjohann, PGM; Sue Warner, PGM; Harlow Kibbey, PGP; Bob Barclay, PGP; Peggy Miller, AGM; Waunda Kibbey, GC; James Brian, GR of Oregon in Idaho; Mary McKinney, GR of Kentucky in Idaho; Nick Nealis GR of Nova Scotia/PEI in Idaho; John Chamberlain, GR of BC and Yukon in Idaho.

Their special projects were Cancer Research and all of the MWGM’s projects.
The 126th Grand Session will be held in Pendleton, OR on June 2015 with WGM, Lohree Kottke and WGP, Don Broxson presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania**

The 119th *Shining in God’s Light* Grand Session was held in York, PA on June 22-28, 2013 with WGM, Anna H Miller and WGP, B Monte Kemmler presiding. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 156 chapters were represented by 777 delegates.

Their special projects were the Charity Committee – benefiting MS, Cancer, Veterans Outreach and Youth.

The 120th *Threads of Tradition* Grand Session will be held in York, PA on June 23-25, 2014 with WGM, Virginia L Plyer and WGP, Edward C Seiter presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania**

The 120th *Threads of Tradition* Grand Session was held in York, PA on Date: June 23-25, 2014 WGM, Virginia L Plyer and WGP, Edward C. Seiter presiding. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 154 chapters were represented by 826 delegates.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Pennsylvania is Zelda G Steward of Altoona Chapter #290 and Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Idaho is Lewis Town.

Their special projects were the Charity Committee – benefiting MS, Cancer, Heart and Youth.

The 121st Grand Session will be held in York, PA on June 22-24, 2015 with WGM, Helen Beth G Vilcek and WGP, Frank L Einsel presiding.

**Grand Chapter of Rhode Island**

The 118th *Circle of Friendship* Grand Session was held on October 11-12, 2013 with WGM, Hazel I. Arruda and WGP, William LaCross presiding. They have 7 Chapters with a total membership of 928. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 131.

They raised $13,700.00 for Breast Cancer, Am. Heart Fund. The St. James and No. Smithfield, RI Community, Bristol and Cranston, Food Banks. Special Interest: All candidates for elected offices are required to present their credentials (time limit is 3 minutes) to the Grand Chapter prior to elections.

The 119th Grand Session will be held in Warlick on October 10th, 11th, 2014 with WGM, Kimberly Harrison and WGP, Richard Therrein presiding.
Grand Chapter of Texas

The 131st Love, Unity and Peace Grand Session was held in Arlington, TX on August 15-17, 2013 with WGM, Annette Curry and WGP, Bill Crews presiding. They have 345 Chapters with a total membership of 27,108. Total number attending Grand Chapter was 2,041.

$51,000.00 was distributed in Scholarships, 65,587.00 was distributed to Benevolont. Special Interests: 539 members participated in the Ritualistic Completion.

The 132nd United We Stand Grand Session will be held in Waco, TX on August 7-9, 2014 with WGM, Jayne Yenger and WGP, Trey Smith presiding.

Grand Chapter of Utah

The 108th Dreams – Vision – Hopes Grand Session was held at the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City on October 10-11, 2013 with WGM, Patricia R. Kay and WGP, Jerry W. Runnels presiding. They have 10 Chapters with a total membership of 941. The total number attending Grand Chapter was 258.

Idaho members in attendance were Sue Warner; WGM; Don Miller, WGP; Andrea Storjohann, PGM; Darla Redmond, PGM; Lucy Miller, PGM; Karen Juell, PGM; Waunda Kibbey, AGC; Angie Nealis, Grand Organist; Sue Foster, Grand Esther; Jane Simmons, Grand Martha; and Becky Proter, GR.

They raised $20,749.63 for the Scottish Learning Center, El Kalah Shrine Transportation Fund, Heart Research, Cancer Research, and Education Fund.

The 109th Connection, Mentoring, Membership Grand Session will be held at the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City on October 9-10, 2014 with WGM, Pamela Peters and WGP, James D. Woodard presiding.

Grand Chapter of Virginia

The 110th Forget Not our Obligation was held in Roanoke on May 19-21, 2014 with WGM, Paula B Swansey and WGP, Vernon L Dockins presiding. They have 8835 members in 110 chapters.

Grand Representative of Idaho in Virginia was Susa Hall and the Grand Representative of Virginia in Idaho was Sally Hoeck.

Their special projects were Cancer Research, Parkinson Research and the General Fund

The 111th Believe in Angels Grand Session will be held in Roanoke on May 18, 2015 with WGM, Barbara M Davis-Flanagan and WGP, Lyle N Garrette, Jr. presiding.
Grand Chapter of Washington

The 125th Beacon of the Stars was held in Yakima, WA on June 24-26, 2013 with WGM, Gerry Mosler and WGP, Robert Bieza presiding. They have 84 chapters with a membership of 7,819.

Attending from Idaho were Sue Warner, WGM; Don Miller, WGP; Andrea Storjohann, PGM; Mary Stowell, PGM; Lucy Miller, PGM; Karen Juell, PGM; Peggy Miller, Grand Conductress; Angie Nealis, Grand Organist; Susan Foster, Grand Esther; Lois Jones, Grand Electa; Dean Childers, GR of Washington in Idaho; and Nick Nealis, GR of Nova Scotia and PEI in Idaho.

Their special projects were Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Washington and El Katif Shriners Hospital Transportation Fund.

The 126th Grand Session will be held at Yakima on June 29 – July 1, 2014 with WGM, Stephanie Hoye and WGP, Rodger Collins presiding.

Grand Chapter of Washington

The 126th Stars of the Heartland County Fair was held at Yakima, WA on June 29- July 1, 2014 with WGM, Stephanie Hoye and WGP, Rodger Collins presiding. The total number of Washington members attending Grand Chapter was 638 representing 83 chapters.

Attending from Idaho were Jan Brown, WGM; Dwain Valez, WGP; Sue Warner, PGM; Andrea Storjohann, PGM; Christy Schill-Newbold, PGM; Lucy Miller, PGM; Marvin Gerking, PGP; Leroy Austin, PGP; Bob Barclay, PGP Don Miller, PGP; Peggy Miller, AGM; Kim Cox, Grand Marshal; Lilynne Davis, Grand Organist; Mary McKinney, GR of Kentucky in Idaho; and John Chamberlain, GR of British Columbia and Yukon. The Grand Representative of Idaho in Washington is Mitzi Davis, Magnolia Chapter and the Grand Representative of Washington in Idaho is Betty Davis.

Their special projects were Northwest Harvest and Local Food Banks, and the Children’s Hospital, Ben Towne Center for Childhood Cancer Research.

The 127th Grand Session will be held in Yakima, WA on June 29-July 1, 2015 with WGM, Mary Ann Fergusson and WGP, Jim Iversen presiding.
MARYA MORRISON AND LEANN OWEN, CO-CHAIRMAN:

The Grand Chapter of Idaho’s “Believe in the Journey Session” was held at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls from June 13 to June 16, 2015. The contract, which had been negotiated with the hotel and convention center by the Board of Trustees, assured us the full usage of the facility at no additional charge if we met the required minimum of meals served. Fortunately, we did meet the minimum as negotiated.

Our meals chairman, Jackie Boskoff, was able to plan and ensure that the meals of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, as directed by the Idaho Code and Digest, were covered by the committee’s budget and a bill will not be submitted to Grand Chapter. Some individuals were unable to attend their selected banquets and we were able to resell those tickets allowing for a small profit to be made.

We started the year with a checkbook balance of $100, which was money left in the account to keep it active and open, and another $900 of seed money was requested from Grand Chapter. We requested from each of the twelve hostess chapters $100 to supplement the seed money. All of the Chapters responded to our request, which brought our beginning balance to $2,200.

The expenses we incurred other than meals include the following:
- $582.82 for the tote bags
- $68 for a proof correction debit on May 18 from a deposit inaccuracy
- $40 for Registration for 2 (amount was included in payment of a meals check)
- $80 for Piano Tuning by Jerry F. Clark
- $187 for Rental of Baby Grand and Upright Piano’s (half of total amount of $350 split with JDI of ID)
- $150 for risers for photos to Skyline High School

Prior to making the payments for meals the total in the bank account is $16,005.72.

The balance due to Keefer’s Island Restaurant and Catering to date is $13,361.22.

Each of the Hostess Chapters supplied a check for $100 of seed money, of which any excess shall be refunded. The General Arrangements account will be left with the $100, to keep the account open.
active and open, as a beginning balance for the 2016 committee and a balance of $1,666.00 will now be sent to Grand Chapter. Robin Mason, the Treasurer for our General Arrangements committee, did a wonderful job in keeping our finances on the straight and narrow. Her final report (attached) has been submitted.

The arrangements with the hotel division of the Shilo Inn granted us “comped” rooms for the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, with no charge to The Grand Chapter. The hotel gave us the usage of the area used by the vendors, including all of the set-up, at no additional charge. Barbara Hopkins, the Housing Chairmen for our General Arrangements committee, spent many hours to coordinate all of our guests’ needs with the available facilities of the hotel and ensured that everyone was able to enjoy their stay during Grand Chapter.

We had four outside vendors this year. All contract monies from these vendors was paid to the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

The Co-Chairwomen would like to offer the following suggestions and notes for the 2016 General Arrangements Committee and the Board of Trustees:

~ That the General Arrangements Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer come from a close geographic area to facilitate good communication during the planning of Grand Chapter
~ That there be a turn over meeting between the old and new Chair, Secretary, and Treasurers be held
~ Develop a checklist for the General Arrangements committee members for what their responsibilities are and when certain actions are to be performed to ensure that things are not missed in the planning of Grand Chapter
~ That those attending the General Arrangements committee meetings be able to attend all meetings
~ Send reminders for each General Arrangements meeting to those whom need to attend
~ Steps for our shorter members to be able to use the facility provided podiums should be a part of the supplies in the Grand Chapter trailer
~ The arch in the trailer is not complete and should be replaced

We would like to thank the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to learn and grow by serving the Idaho Grand Chapter.
GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
Marya Morrison (21) and Leann Owens (21) Co-Chairman,
Robin Mason, Treasurer:

INCOME:
($100 dollars left in Checking account and $900 requested later)

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NET INCOME: 784.32

Needed to write 9 counter checks to send seed money back to hostess chapters because ran out of checks and could not locate the other packet the bank says we have. The counter checks cost $2 each as they run through the account so total cost for those will be $18.00

Total turned back to Grand Chapter........... $1,666.00
Leaving $118.00 in the account to cover the counter checks and leave a $100 dollars in the account. Checks 117 and 119 voided

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE – TOTE BAG REPORT
Submitted by Karol LeMoyne, Bag Chairman:

Karol LeMoyne, that’s me, researched bags, sent pictures to the Worthy Grand Matron, Jan Brown, Marya Morrison and Leann Owens co-chairman of the General Arrangements Committee for their approval. We went with the tri-color choice and WGM, Janice, sent me the artwork to put on the bag. I then ordered 400 copies of the chosen bag from 4 Imprint, approved their placement of the art, and crossed my fingers! About a week later they arrived.
After sending a letter soliciting help to the hostess chapters, we met May 9th at St Luke’s Episcopal Church in Idaho Falls to stuff goodies into those bags. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of Don & Marilyn Taylor. They arranged the place for us to work, got us organized, and then stored the bags when completed. The other players in this effort were Marya Morrison, Leeann Owens, Karol LeMoyne, Leroy & Carol Austin, Barbara Hopkins, Berdell & Paul Lesneski with their son Orion, Sylvia Burkle, PGM Karen Juell and Elaine Flatland.

We got organized at noon and as soon as we got the goodies spread out on two lines of tables, it only took about 30 minutes for us to have 400 bags plus filled with surprises for our members and guests I want to thank everyone who helped in this effort. It was a very smooth operation because we had sufficient help.

BANQUETS AND LUNCHEONS

PAST GRAND MATRONS’-PAST GRAND PATRONS’ BANQUET

Submitted by Maxine Machamer, Secretary: The Past Grand’s Banquet was held June 14, 2015 in the Boise Room at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls, with approximately 65 members and visitors attending.

The President, Nancy Ross, PGM, welcomed all and introduced the head table: Most Worthy Grand Patron, John Grobler and his wife Barbara; Paula Argus, Chrm. GGC Trustees; Mariann Shenefelt, RWGC; Nancy Ross, GGCCM Eastern Star Journal; Dave Call, GGCCM Community Service; Maxine Machamer, PGM, Secretary and Lucy Miller, PGM, Rose Fund Chairman.

Other special guests introduced were: Sandy Sorani, Worthy Grand Marshal; Jo Ellen Reynolds, GGCCM Cancer and Mary Lynne ‘Pete” Nealis, GGCCM Registration who introduced the visiting GGCCM’s.

The Memorial candles were lighted in memory of Kay Hovern, PGM, by Joanna Davidson; Lavell Page, PGP, by Lucy Miller; Jack Sage, PGP, by Mary Hansen and Larry Allen, PGP by Christy Schill-Newbold.

The Invocation was given by Dave Call. He also gave a tribute to the flag since this was National Flag Day, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
A note was read from Darla Redman, PGM, who is on a trip to Paris, France.

President Nancy presented Andy Storjohann with a $1,000.00 check from the Past Grand’s Association for her campaign at General Grand Chapter in November.

We had two unidentified guests who sat at the table alone. They looked like Sue Warner, Jr. PGM and Don Miller, Jr. PGP. So, Dave all gave them a written test to see what they knew. They only passed about half the questions but we decided they could become members of our Association anyway. President Nancy read the initiation, written by Lula T. Carpenter.

“Ornery” memberships were given to several Past Grands from other Jurisdictions, who were visiting us for the first time.

The Memorial candles were extinguished and the Mizpah Benediction repeated.

Don and Lucy Miller entertained us with humorous songs which were enjoyed by all.

**ALL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET**

Waunda Kibbey, Grand Conductress, Chairman: A large gathering of Sisters and Brothers attended the All Membership Banquet, June 13, 2015, at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls. Grand Conductress, Waunda Kibbey and Associate Grand Conductress Liz Hughes were the hostesses for the evening. The diners enjoyed Roast Pork Loin or Chicken Astoria.

Pink was the color of the evening with high heels and firemen hats decorating the tables.

Special guests for the evening were Most Worthy Grand Matron, Bobbi White and Most Worthy Grand Patron, John Grobler and his wife Barbara.

A fun gift of bicycle planters for their patio was presented to Jan Brown, WGM and Dwain Valez, WGP. The line officers presented Associate Grand Matron Peggy Miller and Associate Grand Patron Rob Troxel with guest books for their year.

The evening was a hit with the bank ‘American Spice’ playing during dinner and many danced afterwards. “One of the best all membership banquet Idaho has had” was heard from many guests.
SECRETARY-TREASURER ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

Gerry Hostetler, President: Secretaries-Treasurers and guests. Thank you so much for the privilege of serving as your President this past year. Each of you is an important asset to your Chapter. Thank you for your dedication to Eastern Star. You make my job very easy.

Our Association Secretary, Nancy Smith sent invitations to all our guests, including: Grand Secretary, Judith Walsborn; Grand Treasurer, PGP Jim Grant; Grand Secretaries Emeritus, Wanda Hinrichs, Denise Hunt and Pauleen Grant; Treasurers Emeritus; Harlow Kibbey and Elizabeth Hughes; Associate Grand Matron, Peggy Miller and Associate Grand Patron, Rob Troxel. Thank you Nancy, for all your hard work. Nancy also designed the programs for our meeting.

Thank you Judith Walsborn, Grand Secretary, for all you do for the Secretaries and for Eastern Star.

I do have to apologize to all the Secretaries for not sending out the two copies of the By-Laws that we changed last year. The year slipped by and as you can see, I have had surgery and other family matters kept me busy. I do feel very bad about this. In closing, I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your President and I will do better next year!
DATES OF FUTURE
GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS

2016 SESSION
June 11-14
Best Western Coeur d’Alene Inn
Coeur d’Alene

2017 SESSION
June 10-13
The Riverside Hotel
Boise

2018 SESSION
June 9 – 12
Shilo Inn and Convention Center
Idaho Falls
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1975-76  Mrs. Darlene Schiers (Ruth 3)
         670 Redman St., Pocatello 83202
1976-77  Mrs. Virginia M. King (Boise 65)
         2060 Crystal Way, Boise 83706
1977-78  Mrs. Mary Ramseyer (Filer 40)
         2236 E. 4300 N., Filer 83328
1979-80  Mrs. Shirley Butler (Gem 50)
         924 Highway 32, Ashton 83420
1981-82  Mrs. Maxine Machamer (Twin Falls 29)
         1441 Targhee., Twin Falls 83301
1984-85  Mrs. Janet Jensen-Fullmer (Liberty 51)
         1855 Carmel Drive, Idaho Falls 83402
1985-86  Mrs. Rose Bolton (Hugh Duncan 2)
         171 Corbett Lane, Salmon 83467
1987-88  Mrs. Geraldine Berkey (Martha 34)
         30 E. Gordon Ave., Spokane, WA 99207
1988-89  Mrs. Donita Lancaster (Star of the West 35)
         212 Settlers Way West, Jerome 83338
1989-90  Mrs. Josephine Spraker (Harmony 44)
         2652 N. 3300 W., Arco 83213
1991-92  Mrs. Inez Crothers (Lincoln 42)
         P. O. Box 374, Shoshone 83352
1992-93  Mrs. Yvonne Wilbur (Queen Esther 12)
         6609 E Maplewood Drive, Post Falls 83854
1993-94  Mrs. Joanna Davidson (Lorraine 20)
         1674 Baker Lane, Payette 83661
1994-95  Mrs. Joyce Roland (Buhl 38)
         708 - 13th Avenue N., Buhl 83316
1995-96  Mrs. Carol Wells (Mizpah 6)
         P. O. Box 396, Thornton CA 95686
1996-97  Mrs. Linda Hattrick (Meridian 66)
         P. O. Box 6098, Kingman AZ 86402
1997-98  Mrs. Mary Hendrickson-Culver (Shoshone 10)
         P. O. Box 152, Smelterville 83848
1998-99  Mrs. Linda Angel (Clover 33 and Martha 34)
         511 Juneberry Lane, Priest River, 83856
1999-2000  Mrs. Ferne Studebaker (Radiant 61)
        12968 W. Tyhee Road, Tyhee 83202
2000-2001  Mrs. Mary Hanson (Mizpah 6)
        P. O. Box 27, Horseshoe Bend 83629
2001-2002  Mrs. Andrea Storjohann (Shoshone 10, Clover 33)
        16458 N. Sitka Road, Rathdrum 83858
2002-2003  Mrs. Mary Stowell (Valeria 76 and Valley 74)
        P. O. Box 854, McCall 83638
2003-2004  Mrs. Darla Redman (E-dah-ho 77)
        P. O. Box 22, Albion 83311
2004-2005  Mrs. Nancy Ross (Ruth 3)
        1833 N. Willow Glen Place, Star 83669
2005-2006  Mrs. JoEllen Reynolds (Shoshone 10 and Idaho 49)
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2008-2009  Mrs. Hazel Sutton (Pend d'Oreille 62 and Ruth 3)
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