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Order of the Eastern Star

“CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY”

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WORTHY GRAND PATRON
2010-2011
SESSION  Christmas in the Country

EMBLEMS  Star in the East

FUN SYMBOLS  
WGM  – Christmas Ornaments – Especially Sleighs and Horses
WGP  – Cowboy Boots and Christmas Bells

MOTTO  Share the spirit of Christmas in the Country throughout the year!

HONOR STATIONS  
WGM  – Electa
WGP  – Warder

FLOWERS  
WGM  – Red Rose, Holly, Poinsettia
WGP  – Red Christmas Amaryllis

COLORS  Cranberry Reds, Forest Greens, Gold and Christmas Plaid

PROJECT  Service Dogs

SCRIPTURES:  
WGM: “You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” Isaiah 55:12

WGP: “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.” Psalms 121:1

SONGS:  
WGM: How Great Thou Art; It Is No Secret; ‘Til the Season Comes “Round Again; O Holy Night; Mary Did You Know?; One Child, One Day; Joy to the World; The First Noel; Star of the East; Sleigh Ride; Winter Wonderland

WGP: These Boots are Made for Walking; Everything is Beautiful; He’s Got the Whole World; May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You; On the Wings of a Dove; His Sheep and I; Winter Wonderland; Star of the East; It Came Upon a Midnight Clear; Twelve Days of Christmas; Joy to the World
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Dist. 8 Lenore Barrett (79)
The Grand Chapter Room was aglow with the warmth of the Christmas season. Around the perimeter of the room, were log pole fences, topped with poinsettia and holly garlands. The fences were made by Worthy Grand Patron Larry and his son Bert, and added to the country ambiance.

A grapevine sleigh and trees were in the West, as though just having arrived, carrying Grand Officers and Grand Escorts. The twinkling lights on the sleigh and trees looked like they had been frosted with new-fallen snow.

In the East, it was a picture of Christmas morning at home, with a beautiful fireplace mantel made by the Worthy Grand Matron’s Dad, James Schill. The mantel was topped with an elegant poinsettia arrangement, and a crackling fire was simulated in the hearth - both created by Sally Tiel. The Grand Officers each placed Christmas stockings on the fireplace mantel during the Sunday Opening. A Christmas tree, decorated by Pam Schill, was also in the East, and bore all of the Christmas ornaments given as gifts during the year to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Behind each Star Point chair was a sled, and a small Christmas tree decorated in star point colors by Mary Baldwin.

Christmas wreaths adorned the Grand Officers’ pedestals and entry doors. On the Grand Secretary’s and Grand Treasurer’s desks, and along the stage, were beautiful sleighs – many of them given to the Worthy Grand Matron as gifts.

The stage was set for a real “Christmas in the Country” celebration. Many thanks to Sally Tiel, Mary Confer and Pam Schill, the Decorating Committee, and to their willing husbands who also pitched in to make the room festive and beautiful.
Musical prelude by Wesley Handbell Choir, Trinity United Methodist Church, Idaho Falls
At 9:00 AM the Sunday morning Devotional Service was called to order by Joanna Davidson, PGM and Stan Barker, PGP.

ENTRANCE OF BIBLE BEARERS
Bible Bearer – Deborah Arnold PM (32/83)
Mary Baldwin PM (65/83)

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 Joanne: Christmas in the country on a Sunday is one of the best times of the year; and to make it even better, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be here with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Stan, to welcome you all to this glorious “Christmas In the Country” Session.

Our devotions this morning will be an inspiration to all. We will also honor those from whom we have been separated as they have journeyed to their heavenly home. As they are honored, we will remember each of them with our love and memories.

A happy and inspiring time will follow as we focus on our youth and their leaders that will bring forth a renewed appreciation of their accomplishments and our justified faith in their futures when our Job’s Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay are introduced and honored and we hear their messages later in the day.

We will again be inspired by the accomplishments of our ESTARL and scholarship recipients. What a joy to know we will be in good hands with these future leaders.

Christmas always gives us a warm heart; and smiles of kindness are everywhere, and I know our Worthy Grand Matron Christy and Worthy Grand Patron Larry and their Grand Family will welcome you all with smiles and an attitude of that warmth. To our worthy leaders, my Christmas wish for you is for a session of productivity as you desire it to be for this beautiful 109th “Christmas in the Country” Session.
PGP Stan: Worthy Grand Matron Christy and Worthy Grand Patron Larry, it is our pleasure to open this Sunday morning session of our Grand Chapter. We eagerly look forward to the events which are planned for the day. It is indeed an honor to be opening this session with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Joanna Davidson. Thank you Sister Christy and Brother Larry for this honor this morning. We wish you a most successful session.

WGM: Sister Joanna and Brother Stan, thank you for opening our “Christmas in the Country” Worship and Memorial Service. Today, we will remember our Sisters and Brothers, honor our Youth and Golden Stars, and present checks to the Service Dog organizations. And, I know you love dogs – especially Scotty Dogs.

Brother Stan, we are so thankful that you and Lorene are feeling better, and able to be with us this morning. Joanna and Stan, you are both dear and long-time friends of my family and it is my honor to begin this Grand Chapter with you standing here with me in the East. Thank you.

WGP: Sister Joanna, thank you so much for opening our Sunday morning worship service. You are one of the first Past Grand Matrons I remember in Idaho. Thank you for doing this for us and for your service to the Order.

Brother Stan, I have known you for many years. It would not seem right if you were not here with Sister Joanna. Thank you.

The WGM introduced the members of the Wesley Handbell Choir who are members of our Order: Sisters Alice Berrey, Beth Brochu, Jan Brown, Gayle Ramirez, Marilyn Taylor and Brother Don Taylor. She thanked them for their beautiful prelude music.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Sister Kimberley Cox, PM (20) sang “Mary, Did You Know?” and was accompanied on the piano by Grand Organist Jan Brown.

WGM: Kimberley and Jan, “Mary, Did You Know?” is my favorite Christmas song, and you performed it beautifully. It is a message of faith, and the sense of having a higher purpose. Thank you.
GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO

WGM: Sisters, Brothers and Friends, I am pleased to welcome you to this Sunday morning worship service. Since our order is founded on the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being who rules the universe for good, it seems fitting that we begin our time together in worship and thankfulness for our many blessings. It is important to remember that at the center of our Christmas celebration, should be the birth of a child more than 2000 years ago.

WGP: What a great day it is to begin our Grand Chapter with a church service. WGM Christy and I are ready to start our “Christmas in the Country” Session and welcome all you dear Sisters and Brothers. We ask our Heavenly Father for love and protection as we go forward.

WGM: At this time, I would like to introduce Brother Jeff Bolstad. Jeff is a dear friend, whom I first met at Sister Darla Redman’s session, and was immediately impressed by this enthusiastic and charismatic gentleman. We became good friends, and Brother Jeff was instrumental in influencing me to make a bigger commitment to Eastern Star.

Jeff is accomplished in his personal and professional life, and a dedicated Mason. He is a Past Grand Patron of Montana, and was the VisionQuest Director for General Grand Chapter.

He has served as the Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Montana since 2003. He was on the Shriners Hospital Board of Governors from 1997-2003, and Shriner of the Year in 1997.

He is the Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Montana in 2011, and the Order of the Purple Cross Recipient.

He is active in a number of community service and sports organizations. And if he isn’t busy enough, he is also a State Farm Insurance Agent, and the Pastor of Valier Lutheran Church.

Jeff Bolstad: Good Morning. Let us pray. Good and gracious God, you promised that when two or more are gathered in your name, you will be there with them. We beseech Thee to look upon this Grand Session with favor that we may delight in Thy will and walk in Thy ways. In the glory of Your Holy Name, Amen.
I want to start out this morning by telling you a story about Brother Don Miller, who you all know very well. Don lived in Glasgow, Montana for a period of time back in the early sixties; and later on I lived in Glasgow myself, after Don left. The locals there were still talking about Don. Apparently he had enjoyed poor health for many years and every doctor that came to town, he’d go see if they might be able to find something wrong with him that they needed to cure. Well, no doctor ever found anything wrong with Don. They always sent him home and told him he was just fine. Then he heard about this new doctor that came to town. He thought he’d better go see him too. When he goes to this doctor’s office, he sees a sign on the door that reads, “First visit $100, all subsequent visits, $20”. Don walks in the room and says, “Hi Doc, good to see you again.” Well, the doctor starts checking him over, he listens to Don’s heart, he shakes his head; he listens to Don’s lungs, shakes his head, murmurs a little bit; taps on Don’s knees, shakes his head some more. Finally, old Don got to thinking maybe there really was something wrong with him. He said, “Well Doc, what should I do?” The Doc said, “Well, just keep on doing the same thing I told you last time you were here.”

I hope I don’t tell you the same thing I told you the last time I was here; but, I might. I am getting older.

WHEN THE MESSIAH COMES: A CHILD WILL BE BORN

It was a cold December afternoon. Rain mixed with snow splashed against the windshield. Overhead dark clouds hovered just above the treetops. All day long two men from the local Eastern Star Chapter had been delivering Christmas boxes. Let’s call them Jerry and Jim. Many of the families who would receive these boxes would get nothing else for Christmas that year. The pickup truck had been loaded when the two men started out on their journey but now, only one box remained. It was covered with an old piece of tarp to protect it from the rain.

The address on the card meant a drive of several miles beyond the city limit. “What do you think?” Jim asked. He was the driver and it was his truck. Jerry knew what Jim was thinking. Why drive way out in the country when we could give this last box to someone close by and be home in thirty minutes? It was a tempting thought.

Jim, however, answered his own question, “Well, let’s give it
a try. If we can’t find the place, we can always come back and
give the box to someone else.”

The rain was pouring down by the time they reached the
address on the card. The old white framed house stood on a
hillside overlooking the valley. It had once been an elegant
place, the centerpiece of a large farm. Now, the farm was gone
and the house had deteriorated over the years.

The two men slipped and slid, huffed and puffed as they
carried the box up the hill. They struggled...they had enjoyed
many Eastern Star potluck dinners and “after-meeting
refreshments” over the years. The red clay offered no foothold
and the box, wet from the rain, was beginning to come apart.
They climbed the high steps to the porch, set the box down
and slid it across the floor. They straightened up just in time to
glimpse the face of a small boy at the window. He had been
watching them coming up the hill. Now, he announced their
arrival with shouts of excitement, “They’re here, Grandma,
they’re here!”

The door opened and an older woman greeted them. Her
gray hair was pulled back in a bun at the back of her neck.
She had on a dark, plain dress with a white apron. She was
drying her hands with a dishtowel and explained to them that
she had been doing the supper dishes. “I told you, they would
come,” a child’s voice said from behind her. A little boy with
black hair and bright dark eyes rushed to the box and began
pulling at the goodies inside.

The woman told them that she and her grandson were all
that was left of her family. The father and mother had divorced
and gone their separate ways. The little boy had been left
behind for Grandma to raise. She said, “Oh, I am so glad you
are here. He was up early this morning looking for you. He
sat by that window all day. I wasn’t sure you would come and
I tried to prepare him for a disappointment. But he just said,
‘Don’t worry, Grandma, I know they will come.’”

That young boy didn’t know it, but, in a sense, he was
speaking for all Christianity. A thankful people, more than one
billion of us around the world, pause for a few moments on
Christmas Eve and pray, “We knew he would come.”

The prophet Isaiah, speaking in behalf of God, had
promised it hundreds of years before, “For to us a child is
born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his
shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” And he has come,
just as promised.
Those are magnificent descriptions of the long-awaited Messiah, are they not? “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

I’m glad that modern writers are not trying to find a word descriptive of Christ. We’ve become so lacking in imagination in this high tech age that any effort we might make would be pitiful in comparison to Isaiah. Nowadays the language of business and computers dominates our daily speech. No frills, just information. And new words are being created, words that we sometimes call “techno-speak”.

The strangest instance of the business mentality spreading beyond reasonable boundaries is a hospital that classifies newborn babies as--are you ready for this?--“obstetric products.” Let me say that again, babies are now “obstetric products.” Can you imagine the angels announcing at Jesus’ birth, “This day there is born to you an ‘obstetric product,’ which is Christ the Lord!” Or Isaiah proclaiming, “For to us an ‘obstetric product’ is born . . .”

No, we will settle for the traditional language: “to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.”

Can there be a more perfect story than the story of the first Christmas?
God entered the world as a tiny babe. That’s impossible for us to get our minds around--yet I can’t imagine any better news in the entire world. The Creator of the universe loved us enough to come into our world, and he did it not in power, but in the most helpless guise possible, that of an infant. There’s just something about a baby, isn’t there, or even a young child?

During the first year and a half of World War II, London was under heavy bombing from German airplanes. Churchill knew that Hitler would win, and England would be destroyed, if he could not unite America as an ally with Britain in the war. Then, on December 7, 1941, Hitler’s ally Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Churchill rushed to Washington to try to get America to help England fight the war.

It was Christmas Eve, 1941. Churchill, a Freemason, was a guest of President Roosevelt, a Freemason, at the White House.

It had been a very busy day for Churchill. That morning he had given an important speech before Congress. He had spent
the rest of that busy day in private interviews and meetings. Afterwards he went to his room in the White House to prepare for a much needed night of rest.

Also staying in the White House that Christmas Eve, was the President’s special assistant, Harry Hopkins, and his nine-year-old daughter Diana. Late in the evening there was a knock on the child's door. She rose from her bed and opened it. There was the White House butler, standing stiffly in his formal dress. He looked down at the little girl and said in a very serious voice, “Miss Hopkins, the Prime Minister wants to see you.” The little girl was frightened as she pulled on her robe and followed the stately butler down a long, dark corridor to the Monroe Bedroom.

The butler knocked on the door, and the girl heard a gruff indistinguishable response from inside. When the door opened the child saw the penetrating eyes of the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, staring down at her. She was shocked when Churchill reached out his arms and embraced her. He paused, and then said, “I’m a lonely old grandfather on Christmas Eve who wanted a little girl to hug.” Then he glanced bashfully at the butler and sent her back to bed.

One of Churchill’s many biographers said, “This is a side of Winston Churchill few people know. Images of Churchill the war leader, the master speechmaker, or the astute politician come easily; but not images of Churchill the devoted father and grandfather--not the kind of man who might need a little girl’s hug on a lonely Christmas Eve.

I guess all of us need a hug on Christmas Eve, particularly from a child. There’s something about a baby or a young child. That’s one reason Christmas Eve is so wonderful--the joy of anticipation that we see in our children’s eyes. God entered the world as a babe in a manger.

Here’s the second thing we need to see: That babe became our Savior.

“And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” There are no adjectives lofty enough to describe our feelings about the man from Nazareth.

Just ask the angels what they think of Jesus, they’ll tell you, “A Savior has been born unto you, He is Christ the Lord.”

Ask John the Baptist and he’ll tell you, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

Ask the demons what they think of Jesus, they will tell you.
“What do you want with us, Son of the Most High God?”
   Ask Judas what he thinks about Jesus, he will tell you, “I have betrayed innocent blood.”
   Ask the Apostle Paul, what he thinks about Jesus. He will tell you, “that nothing compares to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”
   Ask Pilate what he thinks, he will tell you, “I find no fault in this just man.”
   Ask the Roman centurion what he thinks of Jesus, he will tell you. “Surely this is the Son of God.”
   Ask Thomas what he thinks about Jesus, he’ll fall down prostrate before him and cry out, “My Lord and my God.”
   Ask Peter, what do you think about Jesus and he will tell you. “God has made this same Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”
   We celebrate the fact that God became a tiny babe, but we also celebrate that this tiny babe became our Savior
   To me, one of the charms of Christmas in the popular culture is that it is the season of misfits--misfits like “The Littlest Angel” who couldn’t get his halo on properly--or “The Charlie Brown Christmas Special” about that loveable loser, Charlie Brown--And how about Rudolph, the reindeer with the bright shiny nose?
   “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer” is said to be the only 20th century addition to the Santa Claus story. He was first introduced as an advertising gimmick. However, he has become more famous and loved among children than Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. Rudolph turned 71 this year.
   You know his story: There once was a reindeer that was teased by other reindeer because of his big, bright red nose, but he saved Christmas one foggy night when his nose became a beacon that guided Santa’s sled.
   Seventy-one years ago Montgomery Ward--remember them?--gave copies of a poem, “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” to customers for their children. It was an enormous success--the store gave away more than six million copies over the years. In 1946 Montgomery Ward transferred the copyright of the poem back to Robert May, who worked for the department store when he wrote it in 1939. May, who had a sick wife and 6 children to put through school, sold the rights to a children’s book publisher within a month. The book sold more than 100,000 copies.
Then, in 1949, a songwriter friend of May’s wrote a 113 word song based on the poem. It took months to convince anyone to record the song, and when he pitched it to cowboy actor Gene Autry--anybody remember him?(another Freemason, by the way)--he was turned down, politely but firmly. It was Gene Autry’s wife who talked him into recording the song.

Autry said he would record Rudolph only as the B-side on what he thought would be a hit Christmas tune titled “If It Doesn’t Snow on Christmas.” That song has long been forgotten.

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” was introduced by Autry at a Madison Square Garden concert in September 1949. By Christmas, record sales were near 2 million. It has now sold more than 100 million copies, making it second only to “White Christmas” on the all time seasonal hit parade.

Now, why would I spend so much time on this little song about a red-nosed reindeer? Christmas is a time for celebrating misfits because Christ became a misfit in our behalf. He who lived in glory gave it all up to become a tiny babe--and then he became a grown man who suffered and died for the sins of the world. God entered the world as a babe in a manger. That babe became our Savior.

And there was only one reason Christ came--he came because he loved us so much. “God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten son…”

In an old Peanuts comic strip, that other popular misfit Charlie Brown cracks open his piggy bank. He says, “Look, I’ve got $9.11 to spend on Christmas.”

Lucy is not impressed. “You can’t buy something for everyone with $9.11, Charlie Brown,” she responds.

Charlie Brown retorts, “Oh yeah? Well, I’m gonna try!”

“Then,” Lucy continues, “they’re sure gonna be cheap presents.”

“But,” Charlie Brown says with absolute conviction, “nothing is cheap if it costs all that you have.”

That tiny babe gave his all when he became a man, and it was for us; and, for only one reason. God loves us. So have a grand Christmas Eve and a wonderful Christmas Day, and give God thanks. “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.” He came. He loved us so much, he came. We knew he would.

*Brother Jeff sang “O Holy Night”*
OFFERTORY Wesley Handbell Choir played “The Gift of Love” during the collection of the offering which was designated to the ESTARL Fund. The assembly then sang the Doxology.

WGM: Thank you Brother Jeff for your message and song, and thank you Wesley Handbell Choir for the beautiful music.

ESTARL CENTRAL COMMITTEE

ESTARL PRESENTATION

Eleanor Rupp (62/33) Chairman, Don Taylor (85), Carol Austin (35). Assisted by Virginia King, PGM; Stan Barker, PGP

Eleanor Rupp: The award granted this year amounted to $6,000.00. We received two applications, one of which did not meet the guidelines.

As our recipient is unable to attend today due to distance, when I read his name, will a member of Twin Falls Chapter 29 please come forward and accept the award.

Matthew Ray West, $6,000 renewal.

Some of the funding for this award is from The Velda Fairchild Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship has been given for the last four years thanks to Sister Martha Hendrickson’s donation in memory of her special friend, Velda Fairchild from Loyaute Chapter 19 in Weiser. Martha, who lives in Montana, and Velda were friends for over 50 years. Velda was on the Pulpit Committee that selected Martha’s dad to be the Pastor of the Baptist Church in Midvale in 1955. When Martha and her family returned to Montana two years later, she and Velda remained friends and in contact with each other over the years. It was a sad day when Velda passed away and this ESTARL Memorial Scholarship in Velda’s name is how Martha has chosen to remember her Idaho friend.

A special thanks to the ESTARL General Chairman Sister Ellen Hinton, the District Chairmen, and to each chapter in Idaho who made this award possible.

WGM: Thank you to every chapter and individual who contributed to the ESTARL fund. We congratulate our recipient and wish for his continued success in his chosen field. To our chapters, we need to increase our efforts to get the word out in our churches and communities about the ESTARL award, so that we can broaden the reach of this important ministry.
MEMORIAL SERVICE

WGM: 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 and dedicated at Grand Chapter in Moscow, Idaho, June 1948. The WGM’s Bible was retired and the Memorial Bible was reverently placed upon the Altar.

DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

WGM: 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 year we have lost three of our Past Grand Patrons, Brothers Bob Grisham, Eugene Crowley and Wayne Woodward and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke.

We will now have the Memorial Tributes followed by the Memorial Service.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR ROBERT “BOB” GRISHAM, PGP

Ferne Studebaker, PGM

I am honored to deliver this memorial tribute to my own Worthy Grand Patron. We served together at the “Star Trails into the 21st Century” Grand Chapter in 1999/2000 in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Brother Bob was born and raised in a small farming community near Basehor, Kansas on August 30, 1919. He passed away in Boise, Idaho on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at this home. His funeral was Monday, November 1st with interment at the Idaho State Veteran Cemetery.

During Bob’s high school years he played basketball and was honored to play in two championship leagues on the Tri-County League. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was sent to Boise to Gowen Field. He served 5½ years in the Air Corp. During his time at Gowen Field, Bob meet his lovely wife Fonnie Cox. They were married on January 9, 1942. At the time of his passing they were married 68 years. Their love was always true and caring for each other.

While Bob was in the service his daughter, Ilene, was born. When the war ended Bob returned to Boise and his family where they lived until his death. Bob worked at various jobs but he enjoyed the position of parts manager for a heavy
equipment company most and retired in 1980. It was said, if there was a part made, Bob would know its part number, description, and use from memory never making a mistake. He truly found his niche for work.

Bob began his Masonic career in Idaho Lodge 1, AF&AM, in 1975 at Boise, later joining Scottish Rite Bodies where he received the rank of 32nd Degree. He was Past Chieftain of Clan Davison. He was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and El Korah Shrine Temple, where he holds the title of Chief Potentate’s Aide Emeritus and is a veteran member of the Black Light Patrol. He was a 35 year member.

Bob and Fonnie joined the Order of the Eastern Star together. They were initiated June 28, 1976 in Boise Chapter 65. He was a 34 year member. Their daughter Ilene Stittsworth is also a member of Boise 65. He served as Warder for two terms and Worthy Patron of the Chapter in 1980-81. In 1994 Bob was appointed as Grand Representative of Kansas. He enjoyed representing Idaho to his home state. In 1996, Bob was appointed to the office of Grand Warder by PGM Linda Hattrick and PGP Bert Johnson. The following year he was elected to the position of Grand Sentinel, and in 1999, to the office of Worthy Grand Patron of Idaho. Some of Bob’s year as WGP was represented by his fun symbol of golf, which he dearly loved to play. His flower was the rose; honored station was Ruth; songs were “Wings of a Dove”, “One Day at a Time”, “Love Can Build a Bridge”, “He Touched Me”, and “A Room Full of Roses”. PGM Ferne’s and Bob’s special project was the Idaho Children’s Fund for Abused Children. His scripture was Psalms 37:23-24: If the Lord delights in a man’s way, He makes his steps firm; though he stumble he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hands.” He was a member of the Whitney Methodist Church in Boise.

Brother Bob’s closing words were “May the Star of the East, which teaches charity, truth and loving kindness, abide in our hearts and fill us with zeal in the service to humanity.”

I think this poem would say it all for Bob:

I love you in big ways
I love you in small ways
I love you this minute
And I’ll love you always.
MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR EUGENE CROWLEY, PGP
Joanna Davidson, PGM

Brother Gene always greeted me with a, “Hello, Past Grand Matron” and I returned the greeting with, “Hello, Past Grand Patron”. Then we shared a hug. He was a good friend.

Gene was born July 3, 1918 in Caldwell where he grew up and graduated from high school. He graduated with a degree in pharmacy from Idaho State University then served in the United States Navy during World War II and also the Korean War.

He married Clarice Smestad in July 1948 and they lived in Weiser, Idaho all their married life. They started their own pharmacy in 1966. Brother Gene enjoyed photography, traveling, Masonic activities, Eastern Star, Job’s Daughters and DeMolay.

He became associated with the Masonic Fraternity in 1944 when he joined Mount Moriah Lodge 39 in Caldwell. He transferred to Weiser Lodge 23 after relocating to Weiser. Brother Gene served as Master in 1960. He was a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Knights Commander Court of Honor and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Brother Gene’s Eastern Star affiliation began December 23, 1952 when we was initiated into Loyaute Chapter 19 in Weiser. He was a devoted member serving as Worthy Patron nine times and on several Grand Chapter committees. He was WGP assisting WGM Kay Hovren during their 1990-1991 term of “Lights of Christmas” Session held in Idaho Falls. I had the pleasure of being their Associate Grand Conductress, one of the most fun years of my Eastern Star life.

Gene was Associate Guardian for his beloved Job’s Daughters in Weiser and worked with Jobies several years. He was a DeMolay in his younger years in Caldwell and also worked with DeMolay while his son was active in Weiser.

We extend sincere sympathy to Brother Gene’s son, Dr. Mark Crowley, his daughter-in-law Laura, his beloved grandsons Christopher and Andrew, and a sister-in-law Vernita Crowley, and his many friends. Gene will be missed.

Sister Erna McFarland offered the following poem for PMWGM Sister Sayda S. Pettersen at her session in 1991 and with a couple of small changes, it fits perfectly for Brother Gene:

“A lovely memory, dearer than gold,
Of a Brother whose worth can never be told;
Happy and smiling, always content,
Loved and respected wherever he went
To this beautiful life came a peaceful end
He died as he lived, everyone’s friend.”
Brother Eugene E. Crowley, my friend.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR WAYNE WOODWARD, PGP
Glenadene Keister, PGM

Brother Wayne W. Woodward served the Grand Chapter of Idaho as WGP with WGM Erma Maule in 1959-60. Even though he was not born in Idaho, Brother Wayne was an Idaho resident for 69 of his 96 years and might be called Idaho’s ultimate Eastern Star and Masonic brother for he dedicated and served both organizations for over fifty years.

Brother Wayne was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado January 14, 1914, became associated with Western Auto Supply Co. in 1936, married Sister Irene in 1937, moved to Boise in 1941 as Western Auto Co manager, joined the armed services in 1943 serving sixteen months in New Guinea and the Philippines and in 1947 he purchased the Western Auto dealership in Emmett.

In 1948 he joined Butte Lodge 37 in Emmett where he served as Worshipful Master in 1959 and 1966. On February 19, 1949 Brother Wayne and Sister Irene were initiated in Electa 22 where he served as Worthy Patron twelve times.

In 1959, at age 45, he became the WGP of Idaho. At the time of his death not only was he a member of Electa Chapter for 61 years, he became a 50 year PGP of Idaho, an achievement very few have attained.

In addition to being the Worshipful Master of Butte Lodge 37, he served the Grand Lodge of Masons in Idaho in several capacities before becoming Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1975. He was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason and became the Secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Boise in 1982; commuting from his home each work day for 23 years before retiring in 2005 to care for Sister Irene during her last years of life.

To quote Gary West in the Scottish Rite Courier as he wrote about Brother Wayne’s retirement “since serving as Master of his Lodge in Emmett in ’59 and ’66, Wayne performed 100 Masonic funeral ceremonies for his departed Brothers. This record of service to the Fraternity is, by itself, an achievement that few Masons can claim. He served as Associate Guardian
of Bethel 10 JDI and as Chapter Dad and Ritual Advisor of the Emmett Chapter of DeMolay and received the Cross of Honor from International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

In community affairs he served as President of the Emmett Lions Club, was Chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and was chosen as “Man of the Year” in 1962. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking in his earlier years but exchanged these activities for golf which he enjoyed. He served as Secretary of the Gem County Golf Association for a number of years.

Brother Wayne passed away on September 2, 2010 in Emmett, thus ending a life dedicated to his fellow man.

He followed the Star in its splendor
Its light ever brightened his way,
And in living and serving
He came to the land of Eternal Day.
He answered the call of the Master
And entered the Chapter above,
And there in his wondrous glory
He'll finish his labor of love.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR FREDERICK W. CLARKE, MWGP
Jim Grant, PGP

“Our brother has reached the end of his earthly labors. The brittle thread that bound him to earth has been severed. The silver cord is loosed; the golden bowl is broken; the pitcher is broken at the fountain and the wheel is broken at the cistern. The dust has returned to the earth as it was, and the spirit has returned unto God who gave it.”

Our MWGP Frederick W. Clarke, lost his battle with cancer Tuesday, December 28, 2010 in Kentville, Nova Scotia at the age of 79 years. Fred was born in Welsford, Nova Scotia and attended schools in Welsford and Berwick. In 1948 he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served his country for five years. After the service he worked for Fairy Aviation Corporation for two years. He later joined Larsen Packers Ltd and became plant superintendent for 28 years.

In 1955 he married Margaret Anna Larsen and had four sons: Greg, Chris, Mark and David. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, all four sons, eleven grandchildren, one brother and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

With a family of boys, Fred soon became involved in minor sports by coaching hockey and baseball as well as serving
as Assistant Scout Master in the area’s scouting program. He was a volunteer firefighter where he served as Captain of the Ladder Company and also served ten years on the Berwick Town Council. He became Chairman of the Recreation, Fire and Police Commissions and served one term as Deputy Mayor of Berwick. He also served as Trustee on the Board of Stewards for the United Church of Canada in Berwick and New Minas.

In 1958 Fred was initiated into the Masonic Order at Valley Lodge 90, Berwick where he served as Master in 1966. In 1990-91 he served as Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia and in 1991 was Chairman of the Canadian Grand Masters Conference. Brother Fred received the 50 year Jewel, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Erasmus James Phillips Medallion-Nova Scotia and the Christopher Chamlin Medal-Rhode Island. He was an honorary member of the Grand Lodges of Wyoming, Nevada and Minnesota.

He joined Royal Arch Masons in 1966, serving as High Priest in 1987. In 1990 he received the honor of Thrice Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council 10, Royal and Select Masters and received all the privileges of a Cryptic Rite Mason. Fred also belonged to the Scottish Rite-1990, The Royal Order of Scotland and Philae Shrine. In 2002-03, he served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons. Recognizing his service as Master of Valley Lodge 90, High Priest of Cornwallis Chapter 26 Royal Arch Masons, Mt. Zion Preceptory 70 Knights Templar and Adoniram Council 10 Royal and Select Masters, he was nominated for and received the Order of the Purple Cross, which was presented at a special ceremony at his hospital bedside shortly before his passing.

Brother Fred was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star in 1961 at Mayflower Chapter 2, Kingston and became a Charter member of Laurel Chapter 67, Berwick in 1963. He served both Chapters as Worthy Patron. He served as Grand Representative of Alabama 1984-1985 and in 1985 was elected Grand Sentinel, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.

He was installed as Worthy Grand Patron in 1987 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, serving with Worthy Grand Matron Barbara Bowser during their “Mountain of Friendship” term. In 1991 he was appointed as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Fraternal Relations. In 1994 he was elected Right
Worthy Grand Trustee, serving for a full nine year term. In
2003 he was elected as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, and in
2006 he was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. In
2009 he was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron, serving with
Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron, during the
“The Nature of God’s Love Around the World” 47th Triennium
(2009-2012).

He held life membership in Laurel Chapter No. 67
and honorary memberships in many chapters within the
jurisdiction of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, as well
as numerous honorary memberships in Grand Chapters he
visited throughout North America and the world. In 2010, by
Resolution No. 484, he was recognized by the Nova Scotia
House of Assembly for the honor of being elected Most Worthy
Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. Fred was
instrumental in helping establish Eastern Star Chapters in
Romania. For this, in October 2009, he was recognized by the
National Grand Lodge of Romania and received the Diploma
of Honor.

At his installation Brother Fred reflected on his new role as
Most Worthy Grand Patron and his dreams for our beautiful
Order:

“The scriptures say that for every reason there is a season.
I believe that is so right. I think our season is now, a time for
renewal, a time for peace in this world, a time to plant, a time
to harvest, a time to laugh, a time to love and a time to dance,
to speak out, a time to build, a time to keep our traditions
alive. A time to fulfill our responsibilities and a time to fulfill our
obligations and duties.”

Brother Fred and Sister Margaret traveled near and far
over the years attending Eastern Star and Masonic functions.
Our Brother certainly left behind a significant imprint upon our
Order and the Masonic Fraternity. He is missed, but certainly
not forgotten.

“In the garden of remembrance
There’s a little sheltered spot
Fragrant with the bloom and beauty
Of the sweet forget-me-not.
And no flower in life’s garden,
Fairer, brighter grew
Than the little flower that whispered,
Always we will remember you.”

This verse is taken from the “Mountain of Friendship” Memorial
MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dwain Valez, Grand Chaplain

*The assembly sang “This is my Father’s World”*

Little did I realize when I entered this position that it would be an emotional relationship. During the past year, many of our Sisters and Brothers have passed from this life. Grand Chapters in the United States and other Grand Jurisdictions have lost many of their PGMs and PGPs.

It has been the honor and privilege of our Grand Chapter, through the office of Grand Chaplain, to extend our deepest sympathies, love and comfort to all our chapters and families. Idaho Grand Chapter, and its 36 constituent chapters, saw the passing of 111 members, 67 of whom were Golden Stars. They represented 5,880 years of service.

Letters of condolence and sympathy were sent to 98 Grand Chapters. Though our Golden Chain of Star love has been broken, we must continue to fulfill our obligation to our fellow Stars and press on toward that, “city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

In writing the letters I sent to the chapters, I was impressed by the wide variation of individuals who serve our Order. We see a young man who served us for only eight years, leaving this life at a young age. I was also impressed by a gentleman, a Brother, who served us for 70 years and accomplished much for Eastern Star. I also read an obituary of a Sister who left us at 100 years of age.

It is a tremendous responsibility and honor to read these obituaries and send the letters of condolence back to the chapters to be read at their memorial services.

I’ve asked the bell choir to play for us at this time. *The Wesley Handbell Choir played “Simple Gifts”*

I have the privilege of working as a pastor in a Baptist church in Spokane. It doesn’t seem quite normal not to have a congregational song, so I’ve asked Sister Jan Brown, Grand Organist, to play “This is my Father’s World”. *(The assembly sang)*
NECROLOGY
Dwain Valez, Grand Chaplain

To explain what we'll be doing, I've prepared this display. We have a large cloud and behind it is a receptacle in which the representative of each of the chapters that has lost members this past year will place a battery operated candle. We'll have the lights dimmed at that time so you might see the glowing intensity of the light from that will illuminate the angle sitting above it. On the far side of the display is a Christmas tree adorned by ornaments and each one has a chapter name on it. In addition to the name is the number of new initiations or affiliations received by the chapter during this past term. I wanted to do this because I realized that a memorial service, many times, is sad and we look at the decline of things. But the Christmas tree will lift our spirits, realizing that there are people coming in to Eastern Star to serve and fellowship with us in our attempt to point our Sisters and Brothers to that city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*The list of deceased members appears in the Appendix*

WGM: Brother Dwain has been a wonderful Grand Chaplain, and I know his letters to our chapters have comforted many. Thank you.

*Mizpeh Benediction was repeated by the assembly.*
*Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.*
Musical prelude by PM Christine Celaya (36)
At 1:00 PM the Honor Session was called to order by Andrea Storjohann, PGM and Harlow Kibbey, 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 Andrea and Brother Harlow were extended Grand Honors and a hearty welcome. The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.

PGM Andrea: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers and Merry Christmas! Nobody’s said Merry Christmas yet. It’s a pleasure to be here with you this afternoon and especially to be here with my own WGP, Brother Harlow. It doesn’t seem possible that exactly ten years ago next week, we were installed as WGM and WGP. I told my Grand Officers, I don’t want to brag but, I can still wear the same earrings. It’s a gift.

First of all, I want to say how lucky we are and how blessed we are. There was a good chance that our WGM would not be here and isn’t it a blessing and a miracle to see her here. She truly is a miracle of modern medicine and we are so glad that she’s been here and been able to complete her year. I know it wasn’t maybe the year you planned to have but you certainly have done a great job of handling it and I hope that this session for both you and Larry is everything you’ve ever hoped for.

I think this is an exciting session today because what is Christmas without a new puppy? And all year what have we done but raise money for new puppies for someone else? What a great service project and I’m just so excited to see our new puppies that we brought into this world and have trained.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers. I wish you just the very best for this whole session and it’s a pleasure to see everybody again.

PGP Harlow: The theme “Christmas in the Country” is well suited for this Sunday afternoon meeting. It is a time when we gather as a family to celebrate the present as well as the past and future. Today we celebrate the future and past by honoring our Youth and Golden Stars. May we enjoy this moment.
WGM: Sister Andy and Brother Harlow, thank you for opening our Sunday Afternoon Session. You have been role models of leadership, and an outstanding example of a working partnership. Your leadership has helped to build the sparkling future you celebrated at your Grand Chapter Centennial session. It seems appropriate that you would open the session where we award Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership, one of your Special Projects. Thank you.

Sister Christine, thank you for your beautiful prelude.

WGP: Sister Andy, it is a great pleasure to have you open our Sunday Afternoon Session. I have enjoyed getting to know you over the past few years. Brother Harlow, “Big Guy”. I have really enjoyed working with you and getting to know you. I’m glad you and your WGM were able to open this afternoon session for us. Thanks.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

INVOCATION

PGM Mary Hendrickson Culver: Father God, we praise thy Holy Name and thank you for thy love and guidance of Brother Rob Morris as he wrote the Eastern Star Ritual. We thank all the members who have faithfully passed along the love and teachings of Eastern Star. Today we honor those members who have belonged to this beautiful Order for 50 years or more and the members of the Masonic Youth Groups: Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay. Hopefully the young people will continue their love and service as members of the adult Masonic groups. Please God bless us all as we continue the efforts to do thy will and bidding. Amen.

FLAG CEREMONY

The WGP led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE:

WGM: The organization of the Grand Chapter would be very difficult if it were not for the dedication and service of the chairman of the General Arrangements Committee. This year I have appreciated the hard work of my Sisters, Mary Baldwin and Deborah Arnold and their Committee. Mary and Deb have also been Worthy Matrons of their Chapters, and led the Homecoming planning. They have worked so hard all year long, they probably feel like they’ve been Worthy
Grand Matron, and I love them for it. Please help me welcome Sisters Mary and Deborah who will introduce the rest of the committee.

**Mary:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of the General Arrangements Committee and the hostess chapters, we extend a warm glow of Christmas welcome to the “Christmas in the Country” 109th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star in Boise.

**Deb:** We would like to thank the Doubletree and their staff for their help to make your stay this week comfortable and enjoyable. We would especially like to thank Jonathan Wray, Catering Manager, for his enthusiasm and get it done attitude. With his help we have arranged breakfast, lunch, and dinner buffets in Club Max for those not attending banquets. The hotel bar, Club Max, will be open each evening to help keep us happy.

**Mary:** Without the help of the hostess chapters, this Grand Chapter would not be happening. When we call the name of your chapter, would the members please rise and remain standing.

**Deb:** Mizpah 6, Horseshoe Bend
**Mary:** Adah 8, Boise
**Deb:** Miriam 16 Mountain Home
**Mary:** Loyaute 19, Weiser
**Deb:** Lorraine 20, Payette
**Mary:** Electa 22, Emmett
**Deb:** Hermosa 32, Caldwell
**Mary:** Rob Morris 63, Kuna
**Deb:** Boise 65, Boise
**Mary:** Meridian 66, Meridian
**Deb:** Valeria 76, McCall
**Mary:** Silver Star 83, Homedale

**Deb:** These members are special in that they have a pink hostess ribbon on their registration badge. If you have any questions or get lost, please feel free to contact any one of them, except us. (Laugh) Seriously, you can ask any of us if you need help with anything. Please help us thank the hostess chapters for their tireless efforts and cooperation.

**Mary:** We would like to introduce the General Arrangements Committee Chairmen. Would you please rise when your name is called.
Deb: Jan Booe: Treasurer
Mary: Ava Black: Secretary
Deb: Carolyn Patrick & Rebecca Price: Meals
Mary: Pam Hult: Housing
Deb: Valerie Aiken-Sievers: Greeters
Mary: Electa 22 who made Tote Bags
Deb: Stan Barker: Information Table
Mary: Sally Tiel, Mary Confer & Pam Schill: Decorations
Deb: Boise 65: Hostess Badges
Mary: Miriam 16: Tote Bag Distribution
Deb: Keri James: Basket Auction

Please help us thank these members for their service.

Mary: We wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their faith and trust in our abilities to do this job.

Deb: Again, we welcome you to our fair city and hope you have the best Christmas during the non-Christmas season EVER.

WGM: The Hostess Chapters are also a critical part of making a Grand Chapter happen successfully. I have not only been pleased that they have been willing to assume responsibilities, but several of them proactively volunteered to take on major tasks. Electa 22 of Emmett, for example, offered to make all of the tote bags. Thank you to all of the Hostess Chapters.

WELCOMES

City of Boise: letter read by Sister Mary Baldwin: May 27, 2011,
On behalf people of the “City of Trees,” I’m proud to welcome the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star to Boise.

If this is your first visit, prepare to be amazed. Natives and long-time residents know what makes our city unique: the Boise River, one of the most beautiful urban streams in the nation, and the 25-mile-long Greenbelt that runs alongside it; our diverse and attractive neighborhoods; and a thriving arts and cultural community.

Boise also has developed a national reputation as a premier destination for recreation of all kinds – from hiking and mountain biking in the Foothills to winter skiing at Bogus Basin and water skiing at Lucky Peak. No wonder that Outside magazine last year called Boise a “multi-sport Mecca,” crowned us the best town in America.

We also have the most important asset of all: creative, caring people working together to make Boise one of the most
livable cities in the country.

We’re thrilled to be your hosts, and we’re here to make sure you enjoy your convention and your visit. Sincerely, David H. Bieter, Mayor

SERVICE DOG ORGANIZATIONS

WGM: When Brother Larry and I attended Sister Rennie and Brother Fred’s kickoff gathering in San Antonio, Texas about 2 ½ years ago, we were planning a different, and meaningful, special project. But, when they talked about service dogs, Larry looked at me, and said, “it’s not too late to change our minds,” knowing that I am, admittedly, a dog nut! After hearing about the difference these dogs make in people’s lives, we changed our special project. And, we have continued to be inspired by the stories about dogs and people. There’s no doubt in my mind that God put these wonderful creatures in our lives, with all kinds of special talents, to be man’s best friend, and to be a blessing to those who need assistance.

Today, we have representatives from the three service dog organizations we selected to support: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Dogs for the Deaf and Canine Companions for Independence.

Thank you to our Chapters, to our Committee Members, and to our members who have generously supported this project.

It is our pleasure this afternoon to present to each of the service dog groups a check for the money we have raised so far. Part of the fundraising is occurring here at Grand Chapter, with the raffle items, and the basket auction, so there will be a second check sent to each group. My dear Sisters and Brothers, please continue to generously support the project and visit both the raffle items and baskets.

I’m honored to introduce Dick and Carol Deutsche, representing Dogs for the Deaf.

Dick Deutsche: It is a pleasure to be here. Thank you very much. The organization started out in 1977 on a lark. A hearing impaired individual asked an animal trainer in the Hollywood movie and film community if he could train a dog. The trainer took it upon himself and it worked out. Since then, it has exploded.

The firm now is located in Central Point, Oregon. They train 30 to 40 dogs a year; and employ about 60 people, some part time, some volunteers. Only about 30% of the dogs make the grade for a full hearing dog. The other 70% are adopted by
people in the area. Currently there are two dogs that are not working dogs that have been adopted in this area; one is in Eagle and one is in Emmett.

There’s one person in Idaho who has a full hearing dog and she lives in Troy. My wife and I have heard the testimonials she has given of the ways that dog has changed her life. It brings tears to your eyes.

The dogs are trained for any sound: doorbell, telephone, microwave, and teapot. They respond to a reward system. When the dog alerts on a sound, it jumps up on the person who then gives the dog a tidbit. Not too differently than you wives treat us husbands.

The contribution you’ve donated will be greatly appreciated. I’m sure it will go to the fine work they do. If there are any RVers in here, they do have a facility there that you can pull your rig in and camp right on the property and tour the facility. They do appreciate people coming in. Thank you very much.

**WGM**: Now, it’s my pleasure to introduce Diane Rampelberg, Ovelle & Prairie, from Canine Companions for Independence. CCI has a growing presence in Idaho, and a little boy named Sam, from Caldwell, my hometown, just recently completed training and graduated with his CCI service dog.

**Diane Rampelberg**: In Idaho eight years ago a baby boy was born. He weighed just one pound, seven ounces. Due to his premature birth, he had cerebral palsy, a condition that affects his ability to walk, move and speak. Basically, he’s a very bright boy trapped in a body that doesn’t work very well.

In 2006 Sam met my first facility dog, Ovelle, and it was love at first sight. With Ovelle at his side, Sam learned to walk, navigate stairs, speak using sign language and a special speaking computer; even use a regular computer with special equipment. You might ask, “Do dogs play computer games?” You bet they do. Just ask Sam. He also learned how to zip and unzip his coat, put his socks on and off and self feeding skills, all with Ovelle as an interactive part of what he did. Ovelle had over 85 commands, all designed to captivate and entice the children with whom she worked to do things that were hard, hurt and are difficult.

Sam and Ovelle played ball, hide and go seek and lots and lots of games all in the name of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, with the goal of bringing more
independence to Sam. Needless to say, Sam and Ovelle became friends. He even had a stuffed Ovelle that he slept with and he took everywhere with him.

In 2009 my other facility dog appeared and the three Musketeers continued their learning. Now Sam had two dogs to give commands to and to solve problems with. Three weeks ago, Sam received his very own assistance dog from CCI, Galva. Now, he has a real dog to sleep with and a friend to take him where ever he goes.

Without CCI and donors like you, Sam would not be the boy that he is today and becoming. Since 1975, that’s 35 years, CCI has been training highly trained assistance dogs for children and adults with numerous disabilities free of charge along with on going assistance to assure good quality relationships. They are the largest assistance dog organization in the world placing over 3,600 dogs to date.

Right here in Idaho, we have nine assistance dogs. Three service dogs have been placed with adults, three skilled companions placed with children and three facility dogs placed with professionals like myself who use the dogs in their work with disabled individuals. In addition, there are approximately twenty puppy raisers and puppies that one day, hopefully, will become assistance dogs.

We want to thank you. Your donation will help CCI continue to provide exceptional dogs for exceptional people. Thank you.

WGM: And, finally, I have the pleasure of introducing my friends Kate & Nancy Richardson, of Mission: Pawsible – the puppy raising group in this area for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Kate and Nancy have visited a few of our Chapters to share their important story. When they visited Hermosa Chapter in the fall, I was still recuperating from my illness and not able to attend. One of the most memorable moments in my Official Visits was at Adah Chapter 8, when I was surprised by a visit from Kate & Nancy, and Prudy. Nancy works with me at Commerce, so I’ve had the chance to see some of these fabulous puppies grow and mature.

Kate Richardson: Hello, I’m the leader for the Boise Puppy Raising Club for Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. Guide Dogs for the Blind is considered the premier organization for sight dogs. Any guide dog puppy that is working with a sight impaired person provided by this company is completely free of charge. The organization takes ridiculously good care of each puppy that they have. They have about 500 dogs go
through the program each year. They have puppy raisers in
the northwest, California and one club in Texas.

As a puppy raiser, I get to deal with six month old puppies
who like to stand up and stretch when they’re supposed to be
sitting. Prudy has visited three of the chapters. We had a great
time getting to go around and share this amazing organization.
As a puppy raiser, my job is to take a puppy that comes to me
somewhere between the ages of eight and eleven weeks old
and I take this crazy little ball of fur and get to teach it some
things.

One of our puppy raisers who actually started our Boise
Club many years ago, found a newspaper article, in which her
brother was quoted, “Oh, it’s really easy. We just take a dumb
dog and teach it stuff.” That’s basically what we do.

Guide Dogs for the Blind works with black and yellow Labs
and some Golden Retrievers and some Golden Retriever/
Lab crosses. Those are the primary breeds that we work with
because they are considered the most socially acceptable at
this point in time. They’re smart enough to know what to do
and dumb enough to follow commands. It works out really
nicely.

My main job is to socialize this puppy. She gets to go
everywhere with me; restaurants, movies, plays. We’ve had
a great time getting to go around everywhere. The goal is to
have her be comfortable and confident in every situation that
she could be put in. I also get to teach her basic commands
and manners.

Guide Dogs for the Blind is starting to move toward a lot of
food protocols. I have my pockets stuffed with her kibble we
use for rewards. It makes things a lot easier and more fun.
Guide Dogs for the Blind is a very progressive organization
with their training techniques. They have paid staff that are
constantly on the lookout for new ideas and trying to see what
we can do to get more and more dogs to graduate. Right now,
GDB has increased their graduation rate. They’re close to 70%
now.

Any dogs that are not placed as a working guide are
considered for other service work. They can go into police
agencies, search and rescue, diabetes dogs, hearing
assistance, anywhere somebody asks.

Any assistance we can get from the community, be it
monetary or other is spectacular. Thank you for all of the help
you’ve given us, not just monetary but the attention you’ve
brought has lifted our spirits quite a lot. Thank you.  

**WGM:** Please join me in thanking all three of these organizations for being with us today, and for the important work they do.

**INTRODUCTION OF GOLDEN STAR COMMITTEE**

Lucy Meredith PM (32), Chairman, Sue Grant PM (6), Dick Kaiser PGP Advising  

**WGM:** Our Golden Stars are precious, and a shining light in our Chapters and our lives. Thank you, Golden Star Committee, for your work in honoring them.

**WELCOME GOLDEN STARS**

Lucy Meredith: To our Golden Stars: I can only hope to achieve the level of service you have given over your years.  

“The Star Inside your Heart”  

May you always have a light  
like the morning sun inside you  
And through the darkest night  
may a dreaming moon guide you  
May all your hopes be blessed  
and your wishes all come true  
May you have the very best  
this world can offer you  
And whatever roads  
you journey down,  
Whether you fly or dance  
or hug the ground --  
May your every tomorrow  
bring a brave and brand new start  
And may the star you follow  
be the one inside your heart

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**WGM:** Our dear Golden Stars, you inspire us with your examples of dedication and commitment, and challenge us to be better with your gentle words of encouragement and support. Most of you are very active and vital members of your Chapters. You offer words of wisdom in the most unassuming manner, and are role models of friendship and love. Welcome.  

**WGP:** It has been my honor to welcome all the Golden Star members in your respective Chapters within the state during the year. But even better than seeing you, were those hugs
given me. That, I really enjoyed. You are an inspiration to the younger members of the Order. You have served at least 50 years or more. Even to this day, you continue to serve your Chapters. Thank you for being at our Sunday Afternoon Session.

INTRODUCTION OF GOLDEN STARS
Golden Stars introduced were escorted by the state youth leaders and members of the local Masonic youth.

Dorothy Carpenter, Adah 8, Boise, 74 years
Dorothy Hughes, PGM, Idaho 49, St. Maries, 57 years
Gladys Allen, Meridian 66, Meridian, 56 years,
Yvonne Wilbur, PGM, Queen Esther 12, Coeur d’Alene, 59 years
Marthena Sabin, E-Dah-Ho 77, Paul, 58 years
Mary Hendrickson-Culver, PGM, Shoshone 10, Wallace, 60 years
Dean Childers, Queen Esther 12, Coeur d’Alene, 52 years
Mary Finley, Queen Esther 12, Coeur d’Alene, 52 years
Blanche Kuhlman, Rob Morris 63, Kuna, 74 years
Charlotte Jensen, Mizpah 6, Horseshoe Bend, 58 years
Glenadene Keister, Hermosa 32, Caldwell, 62 years,
Lois Jones, Loyaute 19, Weiser, 57 years
Alice Jones, Boise 65, Boise, 58 years
Geraldine Berkey, PGM, Martha 34, Sandpoint, 56 years
Jane Bahr, Cosmopolitan 36, Gooding, 60 years
Bernice Nyblad, Hermosa 32, Caldwell, 59 years
Marion Weitfle, W.M., Idaho Falls 85, Idaho Falls, 66 years
Judy Carroll, Henrietta 21, Idaho Falls, 52 years
Dona Busacker, Ruth 3, Pocatello, 58 years
David Bivens, Lorraine 20, Payette, 56 years
Helen Bivens, Lorraine 20, Payette, 61 years
Nina Strange, Lorraine 20, Payette, 50 years
Gordon Barkley, Electa 22, Emmett, 53 years
Ann Barkley, Electa 22, Emmett, 56 years
Joanna Davidson PGM, Lorraine 20, Payette, 54 years
Shirley Shake, Lorraine 20, Payette, 65 years
Donna Howard, Lorraine 20, Payette, 52 years
Hazel Deen Bollar, Valley 74, Cascade, 54 years
Virginia Boydston, Valeria 76, McCall, 62 years
Olive Louderbough, Valeria 76, McCall, 50 years
Ellen Ikola, Valeria 76, McCall, 66 years
Una Smith, Electa 22, Emmett, 53 years
Delta Holloway, Electa 22, Emmett, 53 years
Nellie Polegay, Twin Falls 29, Twin Falls, 50 years
Laura Smith, Queen Esther 12, Coeur d’Alene, 50 years
Jo Ellen Reynolds, PGM, Shoshone 10, Wallace, 53 years
Shirley Jo Schill, Hermosa 32, Caldwell, 53 years
Donita Lancaster PGM, Star of the West 35, Wendell, 52 years
Billie Reed, Star of the West 35, Wendell, 53 years
Maxine Machamer, PGM, Twin Falls 29, Twin Falls, 56 years
Dick Machamer, Twin Falls 29, Twin Falls, 52 years
Patricia Mason, Clover 33, Rathdrum, 53 years
Rita Webster, Esther 14, Blackfoot, 56 years
Darlene Schiers, PGM, Ruth 3, Pocatello, 63 years
Virginia Peters-King, Boise, 65, Boise, 54 years
Ida Stream, Arlington Heights 992, Illinois, 53 years
Audrey Linde, LaGrange 201, Illinois, 60 years
Janet Jensen-Fullmer, PGM, Liberty 51, Shelley, 55 years
Shirley Butler, PGM, Henrietta 21, Idaho Falls, 58 years
Marilyn Taylor, Idaho Falls 85, Idaho Falls, 57 years
Barbara Nyblad, Rupert 39, Rupert, 50 years
Linda Ousley, Martha 34, Sandpoint, 51 years, 2 months, 3 days

WGM: Aren’t they beautiful, every one of them? And many thanks to those wonderful young men and women who escorted them. We are pleased to have members of DeMolay in Idaho, with a special presentation. Since my Honor Station this year was Electa, the Mother station, it seems a perfect tribute to honor our Mothers and all of our Golden Stars with the “Flower Talk”. My own beautiful Mom, my best friend, is one of our Golden Stars. Please join me in welcoming the DeMolay.

PROGRAM HONORING GOLDEN STARS
Idaho DeMolay “Flower Talk”
Wil Everly, Connor Gibbons

My brothers, you have just been permitted to take upon yourselves the name of one of the world’s most heroic knightly figures. Now you can say, “I am a DeMolay.” To be deemed worthy of the privilege of entering into the comradeship of that great army of youth both here and abroad who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Jacques DeMolay, demonstrates our confidence that the fineness of your purposes will guide
your development into the highest type of manhood. To be accepted as a DeMolay is, therefore, an honor of which any young man can be justly proud.

In being received into our ranks, you have been instructed in the seven cardinal virtues of this great Order. We hope you have been deeply impressed with the lessons they teach. There is no better foundation on which to build your character and future life than the practice of these virtues. The Order of DeMolay teaches many beautiful lessons, but none is more important than honor and true respect for womanhood, and more especially for motherhood. It is fitting, therefore, that you have been called upon to stand again before this altar in a few moments of special emphasis upon the virtue which has been given first place among the jewels adorning the Crown of Youth: Filial Love.

For my purpose now, this altar is dedicated to our mothers, whose love never fails. You may rise to positions of great influence in commercial, political, or professional life, but you can never reach the heights of your mother’s secret hopes for you. You may sink into the lowest depths of infamy and degradation, but never below the reach of her love. The memory of it will always stir your heart. There is no man so entirely base, so completely vile, so utterly low, that he does not hold in his heart a shrine sacred and apart for the memory of his mother’s love.

Were I to draw you a picture of love divine,
   It would not be that of a stately Angel,
      With a form that is full of grace;
   But of a tired and toil worn mother,
      With a grave and tender face.

   It was your mother who loved you before you were born-
      who carried you for long months close to her heart and in the fullness of time took God’s hand in hers and passed through the valley of shadows to give you life. It was she who cared for you during the helpless years of infancy and the scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As you have grown less dependent, she has done the countless, thoughtful, trouble-healing, helpful and encouraging things which somehow only mothers seem to know how to do. You may have accepted these attentions more or less as matters of course, and perhaps without conscious gratitude or any expression of your
appreciation. You are rapidly approaching the time in life when you will be entirely independent of your mother. The ties with which dependency has bound you to her may be severed as you grow older, but the tie of mother-love can never be broken.

Thinking back upon the years of your life when you have reached the threshold of manhood, your mother might well say in the words of the poet:

My body fed your body, son,
   But birth’s a swift thing
Compared to one and twenty years
   Of feeding you with spirit’s tears.
I could not make your mind and soul,
But my glad hands have kept you whole.
   Your groping hands
Bound me to life with ruthless bands.
   And all my living became a prayer,
While all my days built up a stair
   For your young feet that trod behind
That you an aspiring way should find.
Think you that life can give you pain
   Which does not stab in me again?
Think you that life can give you shame
   Which does not make my pride go lame?
And you can do no evil thing
   Which sears not me with poisoned sting.
Because of all that I have done,
   Remember me in life, O son.
Keep that proud body fine and fair.
   My life is monumented there.
For my life make no woman weep,
   For my life hold no woman cheap.
And see you give no woman scorn
   For that dark night when you were born.

These flowers which you see on our altar are symbols of that mother love. The white, the love of the mother who is gone. And the red, the mother who still lives to bless your life.

Far in the dim recesses of her heart
   Where all is hushed and still,
She keeps a shrine.
   ‘Tis here she kneels in prayer
While from above long shafts of light upon her shine.
Her heart is flower fragrant as she prays.  
Aquiver like a candle flame,  
Each prayer takes wing  
To bless the world she works among,  
To leave the radiance of the candles there.

We want each of you to take a flower from the altar. If your mother has passed over to the other shore, you will choose a white flower and keep it always sacred to her memory. May the sight of it always quicken every tender memory of her and strengthen you anew in your efforts to be worthy of her hopes and aspirations for you. If your mother is living, you will choose a red flower. When you go home tonight, give it to your mother. Tell her it is our recognition of God’s best gift to a man: his mother’s love. Take her in your arms and say, “Mother, I’ve learned a great lesson tonight. The ceremonies have helped me realize more fully how much you really mean to me. I’m going to try to show you daily how much I appreciate the sacrifices you have made and the love and care you give me.”  

Someday you’ll find that flower, I know not where, perhaps in her Bible or prayer book or some other sacred place, a silent witness to what this night has meant to the one whose love for you, her son, is beyond the comprehension of any son. My brothers each of you will please take a red or white flower from the altar.

DeMolay can ask no more of you than that you shall endeavor so to live as to be worthy of your mother’s love.

WGM: Thank you Wil and Connor. Many of the finest men I know, including my own Dad and Brother, were DeMolay. And now, my nephew Riley, has joined their ranks. It is the foundation for future success in life, and the launching board to make a difference in the world. Thank you.

The response for the Golden Stars will be given by Sister Dorothy Carpenter, PM and member of Adah Chapter 8. Dorothy is a 74 year member of our Order.

RESPONSE: Dorothy Carpenter, PM (8): Again it is my great pleasure to respond for the Golden Stars. When WGP Larry called, I said, “Surely someone else should do it this time.” But he said I was the most eligible. Guess that means that I am the oldest lady around, so it is an honor.

For many years, we Golden Stars have supported chapters,
been officers, cooked meals and pies and cookies. Many of us have been Matrons and Patrons, sometimes many times. We have gained, and our lives have been better for it. I hope that all of you (especially the Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay) will become members of our beloved order and follow in our footsteps. Just don’t break a bone along the way like I did.

**WGM:** Sister Dorothy, thank you. We know you have the fountain of youth hidden in your back yard, and we want to come over for a dip in it. We love you!

I wanted to let you know that we had 2,931 beautiful years represented today in our Golden Stars.

**HONOR YOUTH**
Youth Committee: Brenda Windous PM (14), Chairman and Deidre Votaw PM (3/16)

**WGM:** Thank you Sisters Brenda and Diedre for your service on the Youth Committee and thank you Diedre for our youngest Eastern Star.

**Brenda Windous:** It is with pleasure that we welcome the Idaho Masonic Youth to our Grand Chapter “Christmas in the Country” Session. We recognize their devotion to their organizations and appreciate the time they are giving to us with their presence. On behalf of the Youth Committee, we hope you enjoy your time here.

**INTRODUCTION OF STATE YOUTH LEADERS**
Wil Everly, State Master Councilor ID DeMolay; Sydney Gill, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Idaho JDI; Kristina Knutson, Grand Worthy Advisor, WA/ID IORG

**WGP:** WGM Christy and I thank you for taking time to be here today. We know our Job’s Daughters and Rainbow Girls are preparing for your Grand Sessions. We are proud of you and your work. To our DeMolay, thank you for your work and dedication to the Order of DeMolay. The young men of Idaho use you as role models. Keep up the wonderful work.

**William Everly:** It is an honor to be here with you today. I have been given a great opportunity as State Master Councilor to represent Idaho DeMolay. It is an experience I am truly grateful for. DeMolay has transformed my life and I hope to be part of transforming the futures of other young people.

I’ve had a chance to visit with a few of you over the last
few weeks. I performed the Ceremony of Light to one of the Eastern Star chapters in Idaho Falls and the next day my chapter had a little “ice cream bar” set up before their meeting. I think it’s important for us to get to know each other as a Masonic family and support each other with our goals.

Speaking of goals, I have big ones for Idaho DeMolay. I am aware that most young people in my town don’t even know what DeMolay is. We need to make ourselves known and show how we support the community as well as benefiting young people if we are going to grow. We need stronger existing chapters and new chapters. To do this we need advisors and members. If any of you have anything to say or are interested, let me know.

I love the interconnectedness of the Masonic bodies. How I can come talk with people I have never met and have conversations. Even in other states, last month I went to Oregon DeMolay’s Conclave and stayed with their State Master Councilor Bryan, and I felt right at home, like I could be myself. Being yourself is the first step in allowing a transformation to take place. It’s a powerful idea, transformation. It can be defined as a marked change in appearance or character, for the better. This is the idea I hold for all of DeMolay and for each member.

I want to share a quote with you from a strong leader of not so long ago, Nelson Mandela. “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. It’s not just in some of us; it’s in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

I liked the message of this quote before I was in DeMolay. Its message connected with something inside me. After I joined DeMolay, I grew even more attached to these ideas when I heard the ritual work, especially the Ceremony of Light, for the first time. The reason is because one of the themes of the Ceremony of Light is similar, and that is the internal fire. It’s like transforming through the liberation of our own light. Here’s
a little joke, if you give a man fire he’ll stay warm for a week, but if you set a man on fire he’ll be warm for the rest of his life. Everyone has a flame inside, and everyone has the ability to transform light into a fire. Let me encourage you to start a fire for Idaho DeMolay and see our membership explode.

Thank you for inviting me to your Grand Chapter, I love seeing all of you and I look forward to meeting more of you. Thank you.

**WGM:** Thank you Wil. I love a handsome young man who brings me flowers.

**Sydney Gill:** Even though my year is coming to a close in the next couple of weeks, I’ve met some amazing people and have had the chance to grow as an individual. Also at the end of my term I will reach the age of majority. I think when youth are involved in activities like Job’s Daughters, that’s when you get to see them grow as individuals. Without Eastern Star, I know Job’s Daughters wouldn’t exist because we wouldn’t have the support we do now.

As I started becoming more active in Job’s Daughters, I realized what I loved to do. As Honored Queen, I loved leading the meetings, I loved planning events and I loved speaking in front of big crowds. I also loved helping organizations like Shriners and KITE.

Recently I started college at Boise State University and I’m majoring in Communications and Public Relations with the goal of becoming a PR director for a non-profit. I’m hoping to be working at a Shriner’s Hospital. I think it would tie in with Job’s Daughters and what I’ve learned so far.

Thank you again. You’ve made many lives in Job’s Daughters, DeMolay and Rainbow possible. You’ve helped me become the person I am today doing what I love to do.

**WGM:** Thank you Sydney. Job’s Daughters was an important part of my growing up and it certainly helped to shape my professional and personal life. It is a pleasure to have you here today.

**Kristina Knutson:** It is such a pleasure to lead not only one jurisdiction but two. It makes it double the fun to lead one group of people as well as another. When we come together and see people from both Washington and Idaho, it makes the bond much stronger and better.

I was very excited to learn the theme of your Grand
Session. Washington/Idaho’s theme has been “Swinging to the Sounds of the Season.” We have been promoting keeping the spirit of Rainbow in our hearts all year long and forever. It is very nice to see all the decorations and the lovely people here.

Eastern Star has a special place in my heart as I am a third generation Eastern Star member and a proud member of Centralia Chapter in Washington.

Speaking of special places, do you have a special place that you love to go to? A special place that you can relax, have fun and just be yourself? It might be a restaurant, a vacation spot, your church, your chapter, or that hidden place you had when you were a kid? Close your eyes and imagine this place. Imagine what it looks like, what it feels like, what it smells like and all the joy it brings every time you go there.

Now imagine that place is gone. I’m sure many of you have opened your eyes by now, surprised at the thought of that place ever going away. For many girls their Rainbow assemblies are that place. It’s the place where they can go to hang out with their friends, be themselves, receive love and encouragement while gaining lifelong skills and confidence.

Can you ever imagine Rainbow being gone? I know I can. I’m sure there are many of you out there who have been positively influenced by what Rainbow can do and you can never imagine Rainbow being gone either. Unfortunately, there are many assemblies closing, but it doesn’t have to happen. We have one assembly here in Idaho and they are strong and are ready to build more assemblies, but we need you. We need supportive, positive, committed adults who will be there for the girls to help mold and grow the leaders of tomorrow. If you want Eastern Star to continue to grow, men and women to join Eastern Star in the future, become active in their lives today. The more you show them the fun you can have in their organizations, the more they’ll want to join your organization.

I thank you for the support you have given in supporting the youth organizations now. I’ve seen many of you there in my travels. I so enjoyed coming here. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of Rainbow. I invite you to our Grand Assembly Session July 8-10 in Yakima.

Kristina sang her invitation to the tune of Walking in a Winter Wonderland.

WGM: Thank you Kristina. I attended my first Grand Assembly last year as WGM of Idaho. It was breathtakingly beautiful and fun. All of that. It is a pleasure to have you here today.
INTRODUCTION OF ADULT YOUTH LEADERS
Barbara Mahoney, Grand Guardian, ID Grand Council, JDI
Barbara Brown, Supreme Inspector, WA/ID, IORG
Greg Kimberling, Executive Officer, Idaho Order of DeMolay
Mel Brown, Grand Inner Guard, ID Grand Council, JDI
Dan Voorhees, State Rainbow Dad, WA/ID, IORG
Jennie Davis, Idaho Grand Deputy, IORG

WGM: Thank you for all you do with our Youth Organizations.

INTRODUCTION OF AREA YOUTH LEADERS AND ADULT ADVISORS
Connor Gibbons, Master Councilor, Treasure Valley Chapter, DeMolay
Madison Senecal, Sweetheart, Treasure Valley Chapter, DeMolay
Margaret Kazyaka, Worthy Advisor, Friendship Assembly 9, IORG
Jordan Mahar, Honored Queen, Bethel 6, JDI
Madison Johnson, Honored Queen, Bethel 8, JDI
Kate Jacobson, Honored Queen, Bethel 29, JDI
Ginger Reagan, Guardian, Bethel 29, JDI
Alan Wolf, Associate Guardian, Bethel 29, JDI
Amber Gillin, Guardian, Bethel 48, JDI
Greg Shoemaker, Chapter Advisor, Treasure Valley Chapter, DeMolay
Paul Remaley, Associate Guardian, Bethel 43, JDI

WGM: Thank you for being here today, to support your State Leaders, and to escort our Golden Stars. We appreciate it very much.

WGM: I would like to have all those who are actively engaged in a Masonic Youth Group at this time to please stand. Now, would all those who have ever worked with a youth group please stand.

It has been a pleasure to have the State Youth Leaders and Adult Youth Leaders here today. It is reassuring to know that our future is in such good hands.
SCHOLARSHIPS
INTRODUCTION OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Yvonne Wilbur. PGM, Chairman; Maxine Machamer, PGM

WGM: As someone who went to school for a long time, I understand what a difference a scholarship can make. I really appreciate what you have done.

PGM Yvonne: It gives me a great deal of regret that Brother Jack Sage’s health did not permit him to take the trip down to Grand Chapter.

It was this committee’s commitment to try to make our decisions on the awarding of these scholarships as fair as possible. We do have a number of guidelines and prerequisites to consider when awarding these funds to students.

We would like to thank the members in all our chapters for continuing to donate to this cause for the good will and aide that it generates.

Our allotted funds were $11,562.24. We were able to allow bigger awards this year due to having only seven applicants. The special awards, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron awards, were $2,500 each. They were awarded to Laura Hughes, a member of Idaho Chapter 49 and Katherine Jarvis, sponsored by Electa Chapter 22.

We have awarded three applicants with $1,500, Shenelle Pugh, a member of Idaho Chapter 49, Lisa Nolan, sponsored by Idaho 49 and Stephanie Hamblin, sponsored by Martha Chapter 34.

The remaining two will receive $1,000 each. They are Jennifer Butt, sponsored by Shoshone Chapter 10 and Victoria L. Pyle, sponsored by Valeria Chapter 76, for a total of $11,500.00.

We are leaving the remaining $62.24 for seed to start funds growing for next year.

This committee thanks you for allowing us to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor.

WGM: Congratulations to all of you for receiving these awards. We wish you the best. And, thanks to the Scholarship Committee for reviewing all of the applications, and for your care and consideration in determining the awards.

In February, the Grand Chapter of Idaho, was honored by Idaho State University, with induction into the Gem Society. PGM Hazel Sutton represented us at the event.
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY,
GEM LEGACY SOCIETY AWARD

PGM Hazel: Idaho State University has a President’s Annual Donor Recognition Dinner commending the members of the Gem Legacy Society. At this time they honor persons and organizations who have given scholarship money to their students. Idaho Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, was inducted into this prestigious body with a Garnet level indicating that it has given between $20,000 and $49,999 to ISU students.

Sister Christy asked me to represent you in receiving this award. I would like to present this plaque to the Grand Chapter. It says “Grand Chapter of Idaho Order of Eastern Star is recognized for generous support of Idaho State University as a Member of the Gem Legacy Garnet Society. February 25, 2011.”

I might add that the dinner Brother Mike and I attended was first class all the way. We were seated with another donor and several ISU professors. ISU music students entertained us: Evan Heath, pianist and Samantha Parkinson, vocalist. We were hosted to a gourmet meal served at the Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center. I was very proud to receive this recognition for all of you.

WGM: I thank you Sister Hazel for representing us at the award banquet and I couldn’t think of a better person to represent us – someone who has given so much of herself over the years to learning and to students.

Benediction by PGM Mary Hanson: Let us pray. Our heavenly Father, as we close this Sunday afternoon session, we thank you for the friendship and service of all those we have honored here today.

We ask your blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Patron as they preside over this Grand Chapter. We gratuitously ask your blessing upon our beautiful Order and its members so it will continue to prosper and grow. All this we ask in Thy name’s sake. Amen.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.
The session was closed by the WGM and everyone invited to return at 7:00 p.m. for the Informal Opening.
The Grand Officers retired.

At 7:00 PM the session was called to order by PGM Virginia Peters King and PGP George Strange.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE, EMBLEMS AND GRAND OFFICERS
Narrated by Karen Cameron PM (32)

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, as we reverently prepare to begin our Grand Chapter, we pause to honor our precious emblems and to rest them lovingly in their appointed places.

The sword and delicate blue veil of Adah is gently carried by Sister Barb Troxel of Silver Star Chapter 83. It speaks to us of the spirit of integrity at all costs. Adah’s inner strength of soul gave her determination to honor her father’s words and to find peace in her heart with her own decision.

The sheath of Ruth, which has been gleaned from the harvest fields, is carried by Sister Vicki Reynolds of Victory Chapter 60 and Adah Chapter 8. It speaks to each of us of the need for the spirit of constant devotion and humility to face daily responsibilities with patience and calm acceptance as did Ruth.

The crown and scepter united, which speaks to us of a spirit of loyalty, is carried by Sister Jeanne Jennings, Junior Past Matron of Lorraine Chapter 20. Even though Esther, as a queen, wore a crown, her real duty was to her own people. Outstanding courage can make even perilous adventures safe and secure.

The broken column of Martha, with its uneven face, is presented by Sister Barbara Bonham, Past Matron of Crescent Chapter 43. Martha provides each of us with quiet inspiration. That spirit of peace and serenity came to her from the Lord’s promise of eternal life, if she believed in him.

The cup of Electa is our constant reminder of the spirit of hospitality and loving kindness, charity and caring for those in need and a wellspring of courage, especially in difficult times. It is lovingly placed by Sister Michelle Smith, Past Matron of Mizpah Chapter 6 and Adah Chapter 8. Of all these lovely symbols, the most precious one of all is the open Holy Bible at
the center of our star. It is reverently placed by Sisters Mary Baldwin of Silver Star Chapter 83 and Deborah Arnold of Hermosa Chapter 32. As its holy rays beam outward, our lives are touched by their glow. During the next few days, throughout our deliberations, may each of us draw strength from the pages of God’s word and know that He meets every need.

Introduction of Grand Officers and Escorts
Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year;
More than a season of joy and good cheer.
Christmas is really God’s pattern for living
To be followed all year by unselfish giving.
For the holiday season awakens good cheer
And draws each closer to those we hold dear.
As we open our hearts and find it is good
To live among men as we always should.

The beautiful paint-horse drawn Christmas sleigh has arrived outside the door of our Grand Chapter room after a glorious tour around Idaho. Our Grand Officers are eager to share the spirit of “Christmas in the Country” with their Eastern Star sisters and brothers from this Grand Jurisdiction and others.

The first to arrive is Brother Gary Lemarr, Grand Sentinel. He is a Past Patron and member of Golden Rod Chapter 64. We’re delighted to have Brother Gary serving to protect our Grand Chapter session from untimely interruptions and will perform the duties of Grand Sentinel with the prompt and faithful attention they require.

Gary says in his Christmas stocking is an answered prayer: his chapter, Golden Rod 64, had one of Christy’s first Official Visits after her illness; answering ten weeks of prayer. God does hear prayer and answers it. And, thankfully, has restored many of our Sisters and Brothers to health. Gary is escorted by his lovely wife, Robbie, who is also a Past Matron of Golden Rod Chapter.

Next to arrive is Brother Roland Webster, Grand Warder. He is a member of Esther Chapter 14 and while he stated his favorite office is Warder, he has served his chapter as Worthy Patron eight times. We are grateful that the duties of Grand Warder, for the secrecy of our proceedings and ceremonies without interruption, are in such capable hands.
Roland’s Christmas stocking is filled with great memories from this past year – of good times with old friends and making new ones. Great memories of the official visits, friendship nights, exchanges and even, Jan and Mel Brown’s installation; although Roland admits being a bit nervous as their Installing Chaplain. We’re certain he did a great job.

Roland is being escorted by his lovely wife, Rita.

Arriving now is Sister Gladys Allen, Grand Electa. She is a dual member of Boise Chapter 65 and Meridian Chapter 6, and has served as Worthy Matron four times. She is a Past Queen of Sapphira Temple 79, Daughters of the Nile in Helena, Montana.

We are also proud that she is a Golden Star with 56 years of service to our order. Gladys is an ideal choice to represent the mother’s sign of Electa, as she is devoted to her family. Her faith and her hospitality are legendary. She is also proud and feels richly blessed indeed to have served this year with her husband, Larry, who will arrive soon as our Worthy Grand Patron.

Gladys’s Christmas stocking is filled with the fulfillment of a wish – the power to give all of our members, and the world, peace and stability; freedom from persecution and love for each other. The realization of the values portrayed by our heroine, Electa. Gladys is escorted by her good friend, Sister Bonnie Lawrence, Worthy Matron of Boise Chapter 65.

Next to arrive is Sister Martie Stamm, Grand Martha. She is a member of Crescent Chapter 43 and served as Worthy Matron three times. She doesn’t have a favorite office, she loves them all. That she prefers you call her Martie is evidence of her joyful spirit, love of people and for lending a hand whenever it is needed. The sisterly sign of Martha could not be better represented.

Since Martie has been a very good girl this year, Santa has filled her stocking with pierced earrings and lots of them, in all colors and styles to accessorize all of her outfits. Since John and Martie like to travel in their RV, it’s easy to pack a huge wardrobe of earrings so Martie can be stylish where ever she goes.

Martie is being escorted by her dear companion and traveler, John Timperley of Crescent Chapter 43.

Our next arrival is Sister Bernice Nyblad, Grand Esther. Sister Bernice is a sixty year member of Hermosa Chapter 32. She is also a member of Honored Ladies, Daughters of the
Nile and Caldwell Past Matrons.  

Bernice has served this Grand Chapter with the dedication, grace and loyalty that described Esther and added the brilliant shine of a golden star. Although a Golden Star, Bunny is young in heart, mind and spirit.  

Her Christmas stocking is filled with lots of candy. She admits to having somewhat of a sweet tooth. It takes her back to growing up in the thirties, when it was always wonderful to find an orange in her stocking. She’d also like to wake up on Christmas morning to find that Santa had left the formula for world peace.  

Bernice is being escorted by her lovely daughter, Jana Westlund. Jana and our Worthy Grand Matron, Christy, are both almost Christmas babies being born on December 12.  

The next eager arrival is Sister Terry Rowe, Grand Ruth. She is a member of Twin Falls Chapter 29 and has served as Worthy Matron three times. Terry was initiated in Star of the West Chapter 35 in 1969. With Terry’s constant faith, her devotion and honor of family, she will exemplify the patience of Ruth.  

Terry remembers the true meaning of Christmas and her Christmas stocking has been blessed with the story of the Christ Child, Jesus; born in a manger in humble beginnings. There would also be a lamp reminding her that Christ lights her way and a cross because Christ defeated death and lived so that we too shall live.  

Terry is escorted by her best friend and the love of her life, her husband Rick. The Christmas season is aglow with celebration in the Rowe home. Terry’s and Rick’s wedding anniversary is December 26.  

Arriving now is Sister Teresa Carlson, Grand Adah. She was initiated in 1973 into Liberty Chapter 51 and has served as Worthy Matron twice. She has also been active in Job’s Daughters and DeMolay.  

We know Teresa has represented the faith and fidelity of Adah, the daughter sign, by the examples shown to her daughter, from the one set by her mother.  

Teresa’s Christmas stocking is filled with a lifetime of wonderful Eastern Star friendships and an angel watching out for all we do. It’s also brimming with a few other meaningful gifts – gloves to keep our hands warm so our hands always have work to do in His name and hot chocolate to warm us up on the inside so that we may always have a glow from within.
Teresa is being escorted by her mom, Janet Jensen-Fullmer, Past Grand Matron of Idaho.

Our next arrival is Sister Jan Brown, Grand Organist. She is a member and currently Worthy Matron of Henrietta Chapter 21 and a dual member in Idaho Falls Chapter 85. Her favorite office is Organist, not just because she can share music with everyone, but there isn’t a lot of memory work.

We know the ceremonies and work of Grand Chapter will be beautiful and more impressive with Jan at the piano.

Jan’s Christmas stocking contains the hope that she has been able to add a little music and harmony to the lives of others and the wish that we all keep a song in our hearts and a smile on our faces. After all, a friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.

Jan feels blessed by the friendships she has renewed and the new ones made this year. Jan is being escorted by her daughter, Gail Ramirez, also a member of Henrietta Chapter.

Arriving now is Sister Susan Snodderley, Grand Marshall. She was initiated into Queen Esther Chapter 12 in 1987 and has served as Worthy Matron twice. She is also a dual member of Idaho Chapter 49. Susan has been active in Job’s Daughters, Daughters of the Nile and, for three years, was the Grand Escort to John, our Past Grand Patron.

Earning a degree in Geography and, later, one in Nursing, Susan has brought that same commitment, responsibility and ample amounts of fun to the duties of Grand Marshal.

Susan’s Christmas stocking is bulging with a little red convertible sports car so that she can zip around the country taking beautiful photographs and capturing more memories. Susan is being escorted by her husband, Past Grand Patron John Snodderley. My, how your hair has grown back in a year, John!

Next to arrive is Brother Dwain Valez, Grand Chaplain. He’s a dual member of Pend d’Oreille Chapter 62 in Priest River and Zilla Chapter 111 in Newport, Washington. He has served as Worthy Patron five times, which luckily is his favorite office. He is also active in his Masonic Lodge, Kaniksu 97.

Brother Dwain is the Interim Pastor of the Baptist Church in Post Falls. Dwain’s touching and beautiful letters have provided comfort to chapters and members who have lost loved ones.

In his Christmas stocking are the precious memories of the
members who have gone to that city not made with hands and the hope of a bright future for our order, including at least two new members for each chapter in the coming years.

Dwain is being escorted by Sister Melissa Main, also a member of Pend d'Oreille Chapter.

Next to arrive is Sister Sue Warner, Associate Grand Conductress. She is a Past Matron and member of Loyaute Chapter 19 and a Past Honored Queen of Job’s Daughters in Cambridge. Sister Sue has brought the duties of Associate Grand Conductress the necessary commitment and dedication it requires and merits the confidence and respect placed in her. We look forward to her leadership in this Grand Chapter.

Sue’s Christmas stocking is overflowing with precious memories of family and friends, along with special times spent with Oscar and Eva, her grandchildren.

Sue is being escorted by her friend, Sister Sue Foster, a dedicated Eastern Star member and multiple Past Matron of both Loyaute 19 and Valeria 76.

Arriving now is Sister Karen Juell, Grand Conductress. She is a member of Henrietta Chapter 21 and served as Worthy Matron three times. She credits being in Job’s Daughters as the most significant activity of her youth and was Honored Queen of Bethel 22, later serving as their Guardian. Currently she is a proud DeMolay mom.

Karen has performed the duties of Grand Conductress with the same courtesy, dignity and positive outlook that she always displays in her life.

Karen’s Christmas stocking has a few things that she wanted from Santa: an alarm clock to help get her places on time, candles because she’s been burning them at both ends and the $125 she won at the slots on the way home from the Nevada/Idaho Exchange.

Karen is being escorted by Sister Maureen Collaer, a member of Esther Chapter 14.

Next to arrive is Sister Elizabeth Hughes, Grand Treasurer. Liz is a member of Idaho Chapter 49 and has served as Worthy Matron six times, although she lists Conductress as her favorite office. She is also a dual member in Shoshone Chapter 10.

Liz is completing her tenth year of service to this Grand Chapter and we remain indebted to Liz for her constant, faithful and conscience performance of the vital duties of Grand Treasurer.
Liz looks forward to some relaxation time and Santa has filled her stocking with a few things to help: a large closet for storing ten years of Grand Officer dresses, invitations to formal events so she can wear those dresses, magazine subscriptions to replace the bank statements and investment reports in her mail box, a fake nose and glasses disguise to wear while serving as chapter secretary this year, a note pad for making John a honey-do list, a heavy-duty deck chair and a nice bottle of wine (see deck chair above).

Liz is being escorted by John Hughes, her husband and best friend.

Arriving now is Sister Denise Hunt, Grand Secretary. She is a member and Past Matron of Adah Chapter 8. Although Eastern Star is the first priority for her time, she is also a member of Amaranth and Daughters of the Nile.

Denise is serving as Grand Secretary for the seventh time and we are extremely grateful for the diligence and integrity she brings to such important work.

Having learned a few lessons from her dad, who had no hobbies and was hard to shop for, his one request for a gift was peace of mind. So Santa is happy to put a little peace of mind in Denise’s stocking and also a puppy dog. She says Dave won’t let her have one. But Santa has a soft spot for all dogs, especially service dogs.

Denise is being escorted by her dear friend, Sister Jennifer Marshall, also a member of Adah Chapter 8, and the recently installed first time Worthy Matron.

Arriving next is Brother Bob Barclay, Associate Grand Patron. He is a member of Adah Chapter 8 and recently completed his second term as their Worthy Patron. We’re fortunate to have Bob serving this Grand Chapter and know he will bring the same dedication and enthusiasm he gives to any task.

Bob has a long list of Masonic groups he is involved with. Just a few of his are: his Masonic Lodge, DeMolay, member of the Board of Governors for Shiners Hospital, five research lodges and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Since Bob is involved in so many worthwhile organizations, and likes to stay connected, Santa is putting a nifty iphone 5 in Bob’s Christmas stocking. We had no idea this dashing fellow was such a techie.

Bob is very happy and proud to be escorted by his daughter, Heather Barclay. Heather is a fourth generation
member of Adah Chapter 8 and also on active duty in the United States Navy as an E2 Squadron based in Norfolk, Virginia. Heather, thanks for your service to our country and for escorting your dad.

Arriving now is Sister Sandi Shoemaker, Associate Grand Matron. She is a member of both Boise Chapter 65 and Rob Morris Chapter 63. She has served as Worthy Matron six times. She is also a member of the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine and the Social Order of Beauceant. We are grateful to have Sandi serving, for not only does she live the principles of our order, but the effulgent sun of the Associate Grand Matron may have to compete with her beautiful, bright effulgent smile. We are thankful for Sandi’s dedication to our order and appreciate the great job she did while filling in for our Worthy Grand Matron.

Sandi’s Christmas stocking contains a beautiful collectible Santa Claus as a memento of this year and a winning lottery ticket. That’s the only way she’ll get one because she never buys them. And, of course, her stocking contains a photo of her precious grandchildren, her most prized gift.

Sandi is being escorted by the light and love of her life, her husband Art, Past Grand Patron of Idaho.

After driving the sleigh to our chapters in Idaho and other Grand Jurisdictions, now arriving is Brother Larry G. Allen, Worthy Grand Patron. He is a member of both Boise Chapter 65 and Meridian Chapter 66. Including both chapters, he has served as Worthy Patron ten times.

Larry’s Christmas stocking looks very much like a cowboy boot. Santa has filled his stocking with all of Larry’s Christmas wishes: an unlimited supply of hugs, continued love from his Eastern Star sisters and brothers and a grateful heart for all of the honors he has been given.

Larry is being escorted by his friend, Sister Jan Booe, a member of Boise Chapter 65 and our Past Grand Marshal.

She has been out feeding and grooming the paint horses that are drawing the sleigh but arriving now is Sister Christy Schill-Newbold, Worthy Grand Matron. She was initiated into Hermosa Chapter 32 in 1974 when her parents were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. She is also a member of Silver Star Chapter 83 and has served as Worthy Matron of Hermosa Chapter twice.

Christy’s dream journey began four years ago when she started dreaming about her year of celebrating Christmas in
the Country. Appreciation of the simple pleasures of country life, family and friends are even more precious after this past year.

Christy’s Christmas stocking in Christmas plaid, is shaped like a dog bone. It’s overflowing with apples and carrots for her fifteen horses, bacon treats for her six dogs and a good book to read on her back porch as she enjoys the babbling of Rush Creek and the view of majestic Cuddy Mountain.

Christy is being escorted by her mom and best buddy, Sister Shirley Jo Schill, a member of Hermosa Chapter 32.

Sisters, Brothers, Friends and Visitors, as each Grand Officer has arrived, they formed a part of this special Christmas gift. Now completed, these Grand Officers present the gift of love, peace and joy to you all that it may symbolize the spirit of “Christmas in the Country” we hold in our hearts.

For let us live Christmas each day as we should
And make it our aim to always do good.
We’ll find the lost key to meaningful living
That comes not from getting but from unselfish giving
And we’ll know the great joy of peace upon earth
Which was the real purpose of our Savior’s birth.
For in the glad tiding of the first Christmas night,
God showed us the way, the truth and the light.
Merry “Christmas in the Country”

PGM Virginia: What a wonderful opportunity to be asked to open your “Christmas in the Country” Session this evening.

I would like to extend a very hearty welcome to our distinguished guests, leaders of other Masonic groups, members, friends and visitors from near and far away. May your time spent with us be very pleasant and enjoyable and make you want to return to be with us again. Your trip through “Christmas in the Country” is just beginning. Sit back and enjoy the trip our Worthy Grand Matron has planned for you.

Our Supreme Being answered our prayers, Christy, for your full recovery from the aneurysm that befell you last June. It was meant to be that you were to lead our chapters through a very successful year with your loving kindness and guidance.

Christy, you and your family have been my dear friends for many years. Your grandmother Betty and I served our respective chapters as Worthy Matrons in 1965-66. Your grandfather James (Jim) Wheelock and I were very active in
scheduling buses to take Eastern Star members around the state for many official visitations.

Christy, I watched you grow up with leadership qualities, which you have put to outstanding use this past year. You brought knowledge, peace, joy, and the Christmas spirit back to our chapters all over the great State of Idaho this year. Your grandparents and parents are very proud of your accomplishments. Well done Christy, well done.

Larry, I’ve seen both you and Christy grow into the highest positions Idaho’s Grand Chapter could elect you to. What a great couple you have shown to the betterment and leadership of our Order. Our beloved Boise Chapter 65 has been very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Worthy Grand Matron, Christy, I want to thank you for including my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Strange in opening your session tonight. George, it was 35 years ago that we started our “Diamond Reflections” 75th anniversary year in Idaho’s Grand Chapter. It is a pleasure to have you by my side tonight in opening Christy’s and Larry’s “Christmas in the Country” Session. Thank you, dear friend.

PGP George: To begin with, it’s kind of hard to follow your Worthy Grand Matron in a speech because she has the opportunity to say a lot of things that I had on my mind. Worthy Grand Matron Christy, I’ve considered your family friends for many years. Like Virginia said, we remember your grandfather, Jim Wheelock and Betty and considered them friends at that time.

Brother Larry, Worthy Grand Patron, I haven’t known you as a friend for as many years as our Worthy Grand Matron, but I can remember one of the times when I was Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, you were on my committee and we got pretty well acquainted. Larry gave me kind of a bad time that year.

Christmas always has been a time of giving and receiving gifts but, at this time of year, what better gift could one receive than to see all your friends from years ago and also many new friends.

It is a great pleasure to be in the Grand Chapter East with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia, for this informal opening of Grand Chapter. At 88 years of age, I am very fortunate to be physically and mentally able to be here. Many of our Old Timers are gone and it certainly leaves a sad and empty feeling for me.
What a great theme for Grand Chapter - “Christmas in the Country”. When I was a kid, what a thrill it was to receive some small gift and get to unwrap it. Now, in my old age I am not quite so excited about Christmas gifts. Three or four years ago, our four kids and Nina and I decided that instead of buying a gift for each other as we always had, we would make a donation to a chosen charitable organization. I think this is money well spent as each one of those organizations does great work and needs financial aid. Of course, Grandma always takes good care of the children in our family.

Again, how great it is to be here for this Sunday evening opening of the “Christmas in the Country” Grand Chapter session. In closing, I am going to use an excerpt from a poem our Worthy Grand Matron used in one of her letters

“Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year,
More than a season of joy and good cheer.
Christmas is really God’s pattern for living
To be followed all year by unselfish giving.”

Friends, I hope you have a joyous Christmas here in June at this Grand Chapter session.

WGM: Sister Virginia and Brother George, thank you for opening the Sunday evening session of the 109th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho. Your “Diamond Gem Reflections” Session in 1977 was not long after I became a member of Eastern Star, and at your Official Visit to Hermosa Chapter, I was our Chapter’s Esther, and I remember how nervous I was to be in the presence of such dignified and important people. I don’t feel much different, tonight. You were both dear friends of my Grandparents, Jim and Betty Wheelock, and I know they are smiling to know you are here with me. Thank you.

WGP: Sister Virginia and Brother George, thank you for opening this informal session. Sister Virginia, thanks for nominating me three years ago and for your support and friendship. Brother George, thank you for your friendship and fine example you have set for our order.

WELCOME

WGP: Sisters, Brothers and Friends – welcome to the “Christmas in the Country” Session. Sister Christy and I are glad you could find time to be with us this evening. Your being here makes the night special for us. I hope it becomes special for you.

*The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.*
Invocation by Darlene Schiers, PGM: Our kind and loving Heavenly Father, we are grateful for this opportunity to gather with our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers from far and near as they join the “Christmas in the Country” session. We pray for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished guests and all members, including those who are not able to be with us. May your watchwords of love, peace and joy be a guide for us as we pursue the business and activities of the next few days. Bless us with your love and may the session be one of harmony and successful accomplishments. All of this we pray in the name of our precious Savior. Amen.

FLAG PRESENTATION

The flags were presented under the direction of Bob Barclay, AGP. At the direction of Brother Bob, El Korah Shrine Center Black Light Patrol presented the colors.

AGP: The Flag of the United States of America is presented at the Altar. It is escorted by James and Shirley Jo Schill, Past Matron and Past Patron of Hermosa Chapter 32, and the parents of the Worthy Grand Matron. Brother Jim is also a Korean War Veteran, having served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Cavalier.

The assembly repeated the “Pledge of Allegiance.” The flag was posted in the Grand East and the assembly then sang the National Anthem.

The Flag of Canada is presented west of the Altar and posted in the Grand East. It is escorted by Launa Lee of Ruth Chapter 3, Grand Representative of Manitoba in Idaho, and by Kenneth Warren, Grand Representative of Idaho in Manitoba.

The assembly sang “O’Canada.”

The Flag of the State of Idaho is presented west of the Altar and posted in the Grand East. It is escorted by Jennifer Marshall and Jesse Laduke, first-time Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Adah Chapter 8.

The assembly sang “Here We Have Idaho.”

The Eastern Star Flag is presented west of the Altar and posted in the Grand East. It is escorted by Alice Rowe and Crawford Barkley, first-time Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Electa Chapter 22.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in The Eastern Star Flag Salute. “I salute the Eastern Star Flag and the Order for which it stands, dedicated to charity, truth, and loving kindness.”
The Christian Flag is presented west of the Altar and posted in the Grand East. It is escorted by Wayne Smith, Grand Representative of Rhode Island in Idaho and Chaplain of Boise Chapter 65, and his daughter Viki Smith, serving as Adah of Boise Chapter 65.

The Choir leads the assembly in “Onward Christian Soldiers” after the flag is posted.

The DeMolay Flag is presented west of the Altar and posted in the Grand East by Wil Everly, Idaho State Master Councilor. He is escorted by Greg Kimberling, Executive Officer of DeMolay in Idaho.

DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives. Basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experience, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today. DeMolay combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide.

The Job’s Daughters flag is presented west of the Altar and posted in the Grand East by Sidney Gill, Honored Queen of the Grand Bethel of Idaho. She is escorted by Barbara Mahoney, Grand Guardian of Idaho, International Order of Job’s Daughters.

Job’s Daughters International is an organization of young women with members in the United States, Canada, Australia, the Philippines and Brazil. They have fun together at activities such as swimming parties, dances, family picnics, slumber parties, miniature golf, marching in parades and so much more. Members perform service projects to help their community and the less fortunate, actively supporting the Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment (HIKE) Fund, which purchases hearing assistive devices for hearing impaired children. They can qualify for various scholarships that are offered on state and national levels. Job’s Daughters also gain valuable leadership experience, serve as part of a team, and learn democratic principles as they run their own meetings, decide our own activities, and plan their own events. In short, Job’s Daughters International offers the qualities that today’s young women want and need from organizations that earn their commitment: fun, friendship, helping others and the chance to learn organizational and leadership skills.

Rainbow Girls is an organization that encourages a young woman to adopt good core values that assist in making good life decisions. Service is an important component of Rainbow Girls and teaches the members to extend a loving hand to members in the community through service to others. Rainbow allows its members to travel to different cities, and even states, to meet other girls with similar interests. Older girls are able to interact with and mentor the younger girls. The members of each assembly are responsible for the financial affairs, correspondence, learn parliamentary procedures, and not only plan but execute all of the activities of the assembly. Girls learn to do all of this while accepting each other for who they are - strengths and weaknesses and all. Rainbow teaches leadership, public speaking, poise, social graces, promotes a healthy self-esteem and confidence, as well as a sense of accomplishment.

The Black Light Patrol, the elite unit of El Korah Shrine Center, will now present the flags of the United States Military. The flags of the United States Military are presented in the order in which their respective services were established.

I would ask that members with military service stand when the flag of their respective service is presented. The words for each military song are printed in the program, and we encourage you to sing along.

The Army flag is presented in the west to “*The Army Goes Rolling Along*.” The Army flag is white with a replica of the official seal of the War Office. Beneath the seal is a broad scarlet scroll bearing the inscription “United States Army” in white letters. Beneath the scroll in blue numbers is “1775,” the year in which the Army was founded.

The Marine Corps flag is presented in the west to the “*Marine Corps Hymn*.” The Marine Corps flag is scarlet with the Corps emblem in grey and gold. The emblem consists of a spread American bald eagle, a globe showing the western hemisphere, and a fouled anchor. The words “United States Marine Corps,” are in scarlet within a white scroll beneath the emblem.

The Navy flag is presented in the west to “*Anchors*
Aweigh.” The flag is dark blue. In the center is a pictorial presentation of the seal of the Department of the Navy with the exception that a continuation of the sea has been substituted for the land area in its proper colors within a circular yellow rope edging. Below the seal is a yellow scroll inscribed with the words “United States Navy” in dark blue letters.

The Air Force flag is presented in the west to the “Air Force Song.” The Air Force Flag consists of the Air Force coat of arms and the encircling thirteen stars of the Air Force seal on an ultramarine blue field centered on the flag. The crest is made up of the eagle wreath and the cloud form. Beneath the coat of arms is a scroll inscribed with the words “United States Air Force.”

The Coast Guard flag is presented to the “Coast Guard Anthem: Semper Paratus.” The flag of the United States Coast Guard is white with a centered dark blue Great Seal of the United States. Inscribed in an arc above the seal are the words “United States Coast Guard.” Below the seal in an arc is the Coast Guard motto “Semper Paratus,” or “Always Ready,” and beneath that are the numerals “1790,” the year the Coast Guard was founded. All inscriptions are in dark blue.

The Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag is presented in silence. In 1971, the wife of MIA serviceman Michael Hoft recognized the need for a symbol for the POW/MIAs, and contacted Norman Rivkees, of Annin & Company to make a flag. The company commissioned Newton Heisley, a creative director for an advertising firm in New Jersey, to design the flag. A former World War II pilot, Heisley sketched several designs based on his wartime memories. The design that was chosen depicted a silhouette of a man’s head with barbed wire and a watchtower in the background. Below the design are the words “You Are Not Forgotten.”

Since its inception, this stark black and white flag, which was designed on behalf of American POW/MIAs from the Vietnam War, has come to represent our missing countrymen and women from all wars. In 1990 Congress officially recognized the POW/MIA flag, designating it “the symbol of our Nation’s concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for the families and the Nation.”

The POW/MIA flag’s importance lies in the continued visibility of this symbol as a constant reminder of the plight of
America’s prisoners and missing. Other than “Old Glory,” the POW/MIA flag is the only flag to fly over the White House, and has flown in this place of honor on every POW/MIA Recognition Day since 1982. In addition, the POW/MIA flag flies over our nation’s capital on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. This very distinctive and special flag also flies over the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial, as well as other military memorials across the country; on Federal and State buildings, at each National Cemetery, and at military installations worldwide. It also flies at countless additional locations throughout the nation every day of the year.

WGP, this completes the flag ceremony.

WGM: Thank you Brother Bob and thank you to everyone who participated in the flag ceremony. It was really beautiful.

The Choir sang “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”

WGM: Thank you Grand Chapter Choir and a special thanks to Sister Pete for directing. What would a Christmas season be without carolers? Very nice, thank you.

**Cavalcade of Flags** under the direction of Grand Conductress Karen Juell.

*The flags of other Grand Jurisdictions are presented by the Grand Representatives. They march in around the Grand Chapter room, pause, and march out.*

**INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

WGM:

Remember the thrill of the old-fashioned sleigh ride,
The stretch of the country o’er which we must go,
The meadows so white, and the houses so scattered,
The songs that we sang as we sped through the snow?

Remember the thrill of the old fashioned sleigh ride,
The lap robes of fur kept us cozy and warm,
The light in the window that beckoned us onward,
The Hall when we reached it, its quaintness and charm?

It is our pleasure to welcome our Distinguished Guests, with Christmas greetings, and a bit of country wisdom.
GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF IDAHO, AF & AM
Art Shoemaker, Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon,
representing David “Skip” Owen, Most Worshipful Grand Master
Stan Barker, RW Grand Treasurer
Monte Bollar, RW Grand Secretary
William K. Curtis Jr., Senior Grand Steward
C. Nick Nealis, W Grand Chaplain
Robert Troxel, W Grand Pursuivant
J. Sherwin Wilson, W Grand Organist
Ed Bonham, District Deputy, Tenth District
Jesse Laduke, District Deputy, Seventh District

WGM:     We are always happy to have you come.
          Our appreciation to you for all you have done.
          May these days be happy ones for you
          And the Spirit of Christmas light your pathways too.

            Welcome, Grand Lodge Officers.
WGP: Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
     
     Brother Art Shoemaker was escorted to the Grand East.

LEADERS OF OTHER MASONIC BODIES
Joe Alexander, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Idaho,
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
Sally McDonald, Queen, Iras Temple 40, Daughters of the Nile
Orion W. “Bucky” Finley, Noble, representing R. Dale Brown,
Potentate, Calam Shrine
Ron Berto, Right Excellent Grand King, representing John W.
Zeller, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter,
Royal Arch Masons of Idaho
Jerry Parsons, District Deputy Grand Master, representing
Arthur F. Easley, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council,
Cryptic Masons of Idaho
William K. Curtis Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Idaho
Anna Votaw, Grand Royal Matron, Grand Court of Idaho,
Order of the Amaranth, Inc.
Ron Lowe, Grand Royal Patron, Grand Court of Idaho, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.
James Herndon, Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine of the United States
WGM: Christmas is a true reflection
Of the Faith of all who believe,
May you enjoy each recollection
Of the friendship you receive.

We welcome you to our “Christmas in the Country Session”.

WGP: Always read things that will make you look good, if you die in the middle of it.

WGM: At this time, we will be pleased to hear from Brother Art Shoemaker, representative of Brother Skip Owen, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Art Shoemaker: I bring you greetings from our Most Worshipful Grand Master David “Skip” Owen. Brother Skip is in New York City tonight. The Lodge of Fiat Lux in NYC has an annual Idaho night where the Grand Master of Idaho is invited back to New York each year. Because the Idaho Grand Chapter is moved up a week, the two happen to fall on the same week. Brother Skip extends his greetings and wishes Sister Christy and Brother Larry a most enjoyable Grand Session.

First of all, I would like to thank the Eastern Star for the support of Masonic activities throughout this state. There’s no doubt that where the Eastern Star is active, and works closely with our Masonic Lodges, our Masonic Lodges are stronger. Part of that must be the cooking. There’s no doubt in my mind that if there’s a meal associated with a man’s activities, there’s more brothers who come out to those types of meetings. So, I thank you very much. And I’ve heard different stories, while I’ve been here the last couple of days of, “you know, since the ladies started cooking at the stated meetings, the turnout is much higher.” I thank you very much.

I wanted to mention the Idaho Masonic CHIP identification program. That’s a program that began here in Idaho in 2008 when two of the lodges purchased the equipment to get started. The two lodges were Oriental 60 here in Boise and Washoe 28 in Payette. Since then there’s been sixty to seventy events that we’ve attended and provided CHIP identification for parents.

The purpose of it is to provide parents with information regarding their children. It’s on a CD that’s given to the parents that contains the child’s fingerprints, a photo and, in
some cases, there’s a little bit of audio discussion with the child. We’ve been told that even as a child ages, some of the mannerisms they have do not change, so to have that digital interview with them is invaluable. The primary part is if the child is abducted or is lost, it facilitates the Amber Alert that much quicker. The parents can go to the police and give them the CD with the information of their child.

The reason I wanted to bring that up tonight was that a year ago, the chapter I belong to in Kuna, Rob Morris 63, worked with Oriental 60. Rob Morris put on the child identification program at Kuna Days and during that single event, they provided information on 54 different children. I think it’s something Eastern Star may want to look at working with our Masonic bodies.

Oriental 60 made that equipment available to Rob Morris. Eight members went through about three hours of training and they’re the ones who actually conducted the service. They divided up into two shifts. That was a way for Rob Morris to get out into the community, show some support and meet a need that we have out there.

I know that the Brothers at Washoe Lodge have worked with the Eastern Star there on some of their activities.

The Idaho Masonic Newsletter is a letter that is sent out by email every Wednesday. I offer it to the Eastern Star to advertise their special events, whether it’s to honor a Mason, a fund raiser, this may be a way for you to increase the awareness of other members and Masons throughout the state. There’s over 800 Masons that are signed up throughout the state.

A lot of times I hear that the Masonic family is the worst communicators in the world.

Information on the CHIP program and the newsletter can be obtained from the Grand Lodge office. Contact Brother Monte Bollar who is our Grand Secretary.

On behalf of Brother Skip, I thank you for the invitation to participate in your session. On behalf of all the Idaho Masons, I wish you a very merry “Christmas in the Country” Grand Session.

WGM: Thanks Brother Art for representing Brother Skip and I can assure you that it’s not my cooking that would bring out the Masons.
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND APPOINTEES

Joanna Davidson, Chapter Restoration, PGM of Idaho  
Brian Gross, Eastern Star Journal, PGP of Grand Chapter of Washington  
Diane Bargfrede, Eastern Star Journal, PGM of Grand Chapter of Iowa  
Bert Johnson, Public Relations, PGP of Grand Chapter of Idaho

WGM: We are so pleased to welcome you  
May the Christmas spirit shine true  
For the General Grand work you faithfully do  
We want to thank and encourage you.

Welcome.

WGP: If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.

_The General Grand Chapter Committee Members were escorted to the Grand Near East and accorded Grand Honors._

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Sisters:  
Barbara “Barbie” Holmes, NV  
Connie Harris, OR  
Carla Carmain-Herret, UT  
Linda Runyan, WA

Brothers:  
Rick Ransdell, MT  
Dick Weigel, WA  
Gary Kiel, WY

WGM: To our dear Sisters and Brothers, we have been honored to have been on this journey with you, and treasure the lifetime friendships we have formed.

May your days reflect the warmth of Christmas cheer,  
It’s good to welcome each of you here;  
May the Christmas spirit go everywhere with you  
And follow you warmly the whole year through.

WGP: This is particularly for the Worthy Grand Patrons: There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither one works.

_WGMs and WGPs were escorted to the Grand Near East and accorded Grand Honors._
GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
Sisters:
Donna Ransdell, MT
Nancy Evans, NV
Darlene Wanker, OR
Brothers:
Norman Parham, BC&Y
Jerry Evans, NV

WGM:
Candlelight, fir and holly,
Deck the world once more,
Friendship warm and greetings jolly,
As you enter our Grand Chapter door.
Welcome to Idaho!

WGP: Always drink upstream from a herd.
The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were escorted to the Grand Near East and accorded Grand Honors.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF IDAHO
Sisters:
Glenadene Keister
Darlene Schiers
Virginia Peters-King
Shirley Butler
Maxine Machamer
Dorothy Hughes
Janet Jensen-Fullmer
Geraldine Berkey
Donita Lancaster
Yvonne Wilbur
Joanna Davidson
Mary H. Culver
Ferne Studebaker
Mary Hanson
Andrea Storjohann
Mary Stowell
Darla Redman
Nancy Ross
Jo Ellen Reynolds
Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis
Hazel Sutton
Lucy Miller

Brothers:
George Strange
Stan Barker
Bert Johnson
Dick Kaiser
Harlow Kibbey
Art Shoemaker
Marvin Gerking
Le Roy Austin
Jim Grant
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

WGM: You are beautiful and handsome!
    Christmas is a spirit, 
    Within each and every heart
    And those who know Christmas
    First with love must start.
    The message that is Christmas 
    Will live on throughout this year
    May you know within your heart
    That we’re thankful you are here.

Welcome, our much-loved Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons!

WGP: Everything is funny as long as it’s happening to somebody else.

RESPONSE for Past Grand Matrons by Sister Glenedene Kiester:
What a privilege it is for me, who has known your family and you for most of your life, to respond on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons of Idaho.

    Each year we look forward to Grand Chapter like coming home for Christmas; but this year it is special to come home to “Christmas in the Country”.
    May this Grand Chapter session bring you much happiness and satisfaction as you conclude your year of service to our Order.
    As we so often say, “life’s experiences coming thick and fast are the soul’s appointed means of growth.” You have grown so much in our admiration as you met your health problems, and with determination and dedication, carried out your responsibilities to the Grand Chapter of Idaho. WGM, you are our Grand Chapter Christmas gift and we look forward to welcoming you into our august group as our Junior PGM.

RESPONSE for Past Grand Patrons by Brother Stan Barker:
On behalf of the Past Grand Patrons, thank you for your warm and gracious welcome. Sister Christy we have the honor of belonging to the same chapter, and Brother Larry we each served the same chapter also. Sister Christy we have certainly all enjoyed being able to spread the Christmas Spirit with you and all the members across our beautiful state in all kinds of weather. Brother Larry some of us do enjoy wearing our cowboy boots, regardless of the setting.
Thank you for allowing me the honor of responding on behalf of this very distinguished group of Idaho Past Grand Patrons.
The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Idaho were escorted to the Grand Near East and accorded Grand Honors.

GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Sisters:
- Janet Vick, Associate Grand Matron, NV
- Ann Thomas, Associate Grand Conductress, OR
- Lohree Kottke, Grand Chaplain, OR
- Shanna Minert, Grand Secretary, UT
- Nancy Lancaster, Grand Martha, UT
- Karen Whipple, Grand Marshal, WA
- Pamela Lee, Grand Organist, WA
- Alice Hughes, Grand Warder, WA

Brothers:
- John Testi, Associate Grand Patron, UT
- Frank Pascoe, Associate Grand Patron, WA
- Harold Hill, Grand Chaplain, WA

WGM: Wishing you Christmas joys and blessings new,
      We are so pleased to have you here
      May the Christmas spirit last this whole year through
      And fill your heart with cheer.

Welcome.

WGP: We can’t all be heroes, because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.

WGM: We will now be honored by a song from one of our beautiful Past Grand Matron, and her handsome husband, my dear friends, Don & Lucy Miller. “It Is No Secret” was my Grandfather, Jim Wheelock’s song, when he served as Worthy Grand Patron of Idaho in 1963, with Sister Kathryn Dyer.

Lucy Miller PGM and Don Miller PP (16/66) “It Is No Secret”

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF IDAHO IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS AND OTHER VISITING GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

- Moira Blanton, Idaho in Arizona
- Patricia Alge, Idaho in Arkansas
- Sandy Bell, Idaho in California
- Helein Hitchcock, Idaho in Florida
- Audrey Linde, Idaho in Illinois
- Janice Alger, Idaho in Iowa
Kenneth Warren, Idaho in Manitoba
Faye Swanstrom, Idaho in Minnesota
Margie Matovich, Idaho in Montana
Roberta Shontz, Idaho in New Jersey
Wanelle Mikeworth, Idaho in Texas
Joanne Conroy, Idaho in Wyoming
Joann Moon, Utah in Arkansas

WGM: Christmas greetings and blessings too,
Grand Representatives the best to you,
May this year bring joy and peace,
And the Christmas spirit -- may it never cease.

WGP: Humor don’t stay put as long as truth.

The Grand Representatives were conducted to the Grand Near
East and accorded Grand Honors.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND
JURISDICTIONS IN IDAHO
Marilyn Taylor, President of Idaho Grand Representatives
Assoc.
Sarah Austin, AL          Nancy Diaz, MO
Lorelei Dickman, AZ       Jim Schill, MT
Gene Foster, AR           Jane Bahr, NE
Will Votaw, Bolivia       Jessie Michaelson, NV
Berta Smith, CA           Michelle Bollar, NM
Barbara Noss, FL          Delta Holloway, NY
Kim Leverenz, KS          Vicki Straw, QC
Jan Booe, KY              Wayne Smith, RI
Nellie Shea, ME           Judy Carroll, Scotland
Launa Lee, MB             Rick Rowe, TX
J. Sherwin Wilson, MD     Lois Jones, UT
Evelyn Strand, MA         Barbara Bonham, WI
Patricia Mason, MN

WGM: It is the custom in Idaho that the Associate Grand
Conductress gives the welcome to the Grand Representatives.
AGC Sue Warner: To our own Idaho Grand Representatives,
welcome. Thank you to all who have accepted this special
appointment. You are our good will ambassadors and we
are so proud of you. Being a Grand Representative is both a
rewarding and exciting appointment. Take the time to enjoy
your appointment and to get to know your counterpart and
their jurisdiction. I hope you will all be able to visit sometime during your appointment. The rewards last a lifetime. Thank you to all of you who have corresponded with me and have sent me a report about your visits and counterparts.

From home to home
And heart to heart,
From one place to another,
The warmth and joy of Christmas
Brings us closer to each other

RESPONSE by Sister Marilyn Taylor (85): It’s a delight to be a Grand Representative. I’ve had the opportunity twice. It’s a good chance for us to get to know people from other jurisdictions and to get to visit the other jurisdictions or your counterpart visits you. It’s one of the most special times that you’ll ever have in your life.

Thank you for the appointments you made this year, and thank you for the appointments of the previous WGM and WGP. I know we all appreciate them.

By the way, the meeting is tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. in the Northstar Room and the banquet is at 5:00 p.m. in the Tamarack Room. Thank you very much.

WGP: Wow, you have a lot of flies buzzing ‘round your horses and cows. Do you ever shoo them? No, we just let them go barefoot.

The Grand Representatives were conducted to the Grand Near East and accorded Grand Honors.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DISTRICT DEPUTIES
Darla Redman (77) PGM, Chairman
Joanne Galbraith (21)
Nancy Ross (3) PGM
Paul Remaley (29)
Harlow Kibbey (8) PGP
John Hughes (49/10)
Rose Mary Mews, (8/6)
Liz Hughes (49) Grand Treasurer
Charles Rose (12)
Denise Hunt (8) Grand Secretary
Barbara Hopkins (21)
Keith Mikeworth, Bd of Directors, TX
WGM: Sing hey! Sing hey!
    For Christmas Day;
    Twine mistletoe and holly.
    For a friendship glows
    In winter snows,
    And so let’s all be jolly!

WGP: Things will get better – despite our efforts to improve them.

GRAND EMERITUS MEMBERS OF IDAHO
    Harlow Kibbey, PGP, Grand Treasurer Emeritus

WGM: So once again we welcome you,
    Dear friend, mid holly and pine.
    For the happy years of friendship
    And the days of auld lang syne.

Thank you for your years of service to Grand Chapter!

WGP: Keep your words soft and smooth, in case you have to eat them.

WELCOME TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS by Lucy Miller, JPGM: Welcome to the 109th “Christmas in the Country” session of the Idaho Grand Chapter. We hope that your stay with us will be enjoyable. The best things that we gain in the Eastern Star are the friendships we build over the years. This year we have seventy guests from fifteen states and two Canadian Provinces.

We hope that the Love, Peace and Joy of this session and the spirit of “Christmas in the Country” will go with you when you return safely to your homes.

WGM: Thank you, Sister Lucy. I have always felt blessed that I followed you, and you were so willing to share your knowledge with me.

RESPONSE FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS by Carla Carmain-Herrett, WGM, UT: Hello Idaho. On behalf of the distinguished guests, I am most honored to respond to your generosity and your warmth. You know, we’re all drawn to Idaho. We’re here because of you, because of our years of friendships and connections; but particularly, WGM, when we first met, it was instant – the little pinky finger thing that we did and she was quick to point out the hyphen in our names.

I love the Christmas songs your singing and I’m reminded
of a few words of one of the songs. Those words are, “And the soul felt its worth.” We as Eastern Stars stand here doing our work in your Grand Session. You will show all this work you have done for the betterment of humankind and we admire that a lot, we wish you well and a successful session.

On behalf of your distinguished guests, WGM, we have a little love gift we’d to present to you.

WGP, also on behalf of the distinguished guests, we have a love gift we would like to present to you.

**WGM**: Thank you, Distinguished Guests, for the gift. Sister Carla, thank you for responding for the Distinguished Guests. We have much in common beyond being WGMs at the same time – our hyphenated names, love of education and global experiences, singing husbands, and of course, dogs! I am blessed that you are my friend.

**WGP**: Thank you, Distinguished Guests, for being here. It makes our Grand Chapter all worth the effort and a whole lot better. In about two days, Sister Christy and I will be freer to travel to your jurisdictions. Thank you for being here.

**RECOGNITION OF SESSION ASSISTANTS**
The WGM asked the following appointees to stand for recognition: Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, Parliamentarian, Bible Bearers, Emblem Bearers, Flag Bearers and Escorts, Narrator, Assistants to the Grand Organist, the Grand Secretary and the photographer; Memory and Scrap Book Editors, Sound Crew, Choir Director and Choir Members, and all Grand Chapter Committee Members.

**WGM**: Thank you for all the work you have done to make this Grand Chapter successful.

> May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
> The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
> The warmth of Christmas grant you love

**WGP**: Why did the bowlegged cowboy get fired? Because he couldn’t keep his calves together?

**RESPONSE FOR SESSION ASSISTANTS** by Harriet Heinrich (76), Chairman: It is our Christmas joy to be serving the two of you during your session. We are here to aid and support you in any way that we can. Sort of like Santa’s elves.
IDAHO GRAND CHAPTER ESCORTS
Worthy Grand Matron: Shirley Jo Schill (32)
Worthy Grand Patron: Jan Booe (65)
Associate Grand Matron: Art Shoemaker (65/63)
Associate Grand Patron: Heather Barclay (8)
Grand Secretary: Jennifer Marshall (8)
Grand Treasurer: John Hughes (49/10)
Grand Conductress: Maureen Collaer (14)
Associate Gr. Conductress: Susan Foster (19/76)
Grand Chaplain: Melissa Main (62)
Grand Marshal: John Snodderley, PGP (12)
Grand Organist: Gayle Ramirez (21)
Grand Adah: Janet Jensen-Fullmer, PGM (51)
Grand Ruth: Rick Rowe (29)
Grand Esther: Jana Westlund (32)
Grand Martha: John Timperley (43)
Grand Electa: Bonnie Lawrence (65)
Grand Warder: Rita Webster (14)
Grand Sentinel: Robbie Lemarr (64)

WGM: There’s much more to friendship
     Than candlelight and cheer
     It’s the spirit of sweet friendship
     That brightens all the year!

Our dear Grand Escorts, thank you for all you have done
all year to brighten our journey!

WGP: Don’t squat with your spurs on.

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

Thank you, Sister Jan, Don & Lucy, and Choir for all of your fabulous music.

Benediction by Darla Redman, PGM: Our Father in Heaven, thank you for this beautiful Eastern Star day which we have enjoyed. Thank you for giving us the privilege of worship and fellowship. We are thankful for our organization and the friendships we enjoy. We ask thy blessing for all who are in distress or sadness and help them to find peace and comfort. Please bless those who are in the armed services for our country. Bless our WGM and WGP with strength and good health that they may complete their duties for this Grand Chapter. May the Lord watch between me and thee while we
are absent one from the other. Amen

The **Grand Conductress** attended at the Altar.

**Grand Marshal**: By order of the WGM, I proclaim this Informal Session of Grand Chapter called from labor to repose, to reconvene at 8:00 AM Monday morning, June 14.

The Grand Officers retired.
Musical prelude by PGM Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis.

At 8:00 AM the Monday morning formal session was called to order by Sister Dorothy Hughes, PGM and Brother Lavell Paige, PGP.

**ENTRANCE OF THE GRAND OFFICERS**

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East, introductions were made and Grand Honors extended. Sister Dottie and Brother Lavell were extended Grand Honors and a hearty welcome. The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.

**PGM Dorothy:** This is the beginning of the end of a long road that you have traveled to get here; and that road has had some pretty steep hills, but you have traveled well and come to the final session in very good shape. May the rest of the session be enjoyable for you.

Sister Christy, I’d like to take a little trip down memory lane. In 1963-64 I had the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter in the Grand Family of your grandfather, Jim Wheelock and Kathryn Dyer. It was a wonderful year of the “Elect Lady Session.” Your grandmother, Betty Wheelock, was the Elect Lady. I was Grand Adah that year and it was a wonderful experience that I will always remember. It was then that I met your mother and father and gained new friends.

Brother Larry, I have enjoyed getting to know you and Sister Gladys. You have served the Order with love and dedication for many years. Thank you for your friendship.

As always, it is with pleasure and pride that I share the Grand East with my good friend and own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lavell Paige. He and his wife, Kittie, have become very good friends through the years and I love them both. Lavell, I couldn’t have done it without you.

Our wish for you, Sister Christy and Brother Larry, is that your grand session will be all that you hope for and that your memories are really great ones. Merry Christmas!

**PGP Lavell:** Good Morning!! Sister Dottie, it is my pleasure to once again share with you the Grand East of this Grand Chapter. We have had many Christmases pass since our journey from “The Garden of Friendship”, haven’t we?

Sister Christy, Brother Larry, we wish you only the best as you conduct the business of this Grand Chapter and complete
your own journey. Our congratulations to you and your officers, for a term well done. I wish you all a Country Merry Christmas!!

To Sister Sandi, Brother Bob and their Officers, we extend our best wishes.

**WGM**: Sister Dottie, as you said, you were Grand Adah for my Grandfather Jim Wheelock, and Kathryn Dyer and believe it or not, I was there at your installation as Grand Adah, a little younger then. Your “Garden of Friendship” Session in Twin Falls left a meaningful and lasting impression on me, where we were all able to live, love, laugh and learn. It was at the conclusion of that session that I was installed as Grand Adah.

Brother Lavell, you are a fine example of a Southern Gentleman, and I have been blessed by your friendship and encouragement throughout the years. We’ve shared more than a couple of fishing stories! Thank you to both of you!

**WGP**: Sister Dottie and Brother Lavell, how fitting that you open our formal session. I consider you both special friends. I respect and honor the knowledge you have brought to this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

**APPRECIATIONS**

**WGM**: Sister Pete, thank you for your beautiful prelude music; I feel presidential now. I feel especially blessed that my first Grand line of office was in your “Singing of Idaho” Grand Family.

I’d like to thank the other people who played the preludes yesterday, For the afternoon session, Sister Carolyn; and Brother J played yesterday evening. Thank you.

I’d like to thank Mary Baldwin and Cyndie Bollar for making the beautiful new altar cloth. The cloth itself was made by Mary and the crocheted top was made by Cyndie Bollar. You should be sure to take a look at that.

To chapter members at Silver Star, Sister Doris Haggard, and Mary, who made all of the wash cloths that were handed out to our distinguished guests during introductions last night.

I want to thank Larry and his son, Burt, for the fence that was made to surround our Grand Chapter room and for doing some major repairs on our beautiful altar so it would look better and work more effectively with the lighting.

To my dad for building the fireplace mantel that we’re enjoying today and also for making my gavel and sounding block that I have enjoyed all year.

To Sally Tiel, Pam Schill, Mary Confer, and their husbands, including my brother, for working on the decorations last
Friday. Isn’t it beautiful? It’s more than I expected.

I’d like to thank Mikki Carr and Gailyn Combs for making our scrap books. If you haven’t seen them yet, please take time to look at them; they’re outside the Grand Chapter room. They’re truly beautiful.

I want to let you know too that yesterday morning, we collected $587.67 for ESTARL grand offering.

Each of the checks to the service dog organizations was $2,400.00 and, of course, we are continuing to raise money here at Grand Chapter and we will send them a second check. Thank you for your generous support of all of the projects that support the service dogs.

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
Teri Nealis PM (63/6), Chairman: The members of the Registration Committee do hereby certify that, at the present time, members from 33 chapters have registered as indicated on the attached list of 36 chartered chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction. Eighteen Grand Officers are present with no Pro-tem Grand Officers. This, therefore, 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 109th 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: Joy to the World
The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter duly opened for the transaction of business.

FLAG CEREMONY
The WGP led all in the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of God Bless America.

CAVALCADE OF CHAPTER FLAGS
WGP: At this time, we will have the presentation of Chapter flags. They represent the dedication of the members of our
GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO

The Grand Chapter Choir sang “It Is No Secret”

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS OF IDAHO 2011-2012

The AGM and AGP were escorted to the East to welcome the 2011-2012 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

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AGM: What a beautiful sight you all are. If we are elected to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we are very anxious to come see you in your own chapters. We wish you a fun-filled, prosperous “Treasured Memories” year. Remember, there’s a time for us to be serious and a time to have fun. When we do our work in a serious manner, we accomplish much and do our work well, then we can have fun.

Thank you for taking on these two important positions, whether it’s the first time, or multiple times and for helping us make “Treasured Memories.”

AGP: It’s wonderful to see so many people here with their smiling faces this morning. We appreciate your attendance at this 109th session of the Grand Chapter.

As Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, you are really the bedrock, the foundation of this Grand Chapter. You are the leaders out there in the field making sure that everything works and this organization maintains its vitality. We appreciate that.

We extend best wishes for the coming year and we look forward to coming and visiting all the chapters and having a lot of fun. Thank you for coming. We appreciate it.

RESPONSE for Worthy Matrons by Bonnie Lawrence (65): As Worthy Matron of Boise Chapter 65, I am proud and honored to respond on behalf of the 2011-2012 Idaho Worthy Matrons across our great state of Idaho. Sister Sandi and Brother Bob, thank you for your kind words of welcome. We wish you both a very happy and successful year as you serve as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron this year. We are looking forward to your visitations in each of our chapters. We will strive for perfection in our work and have some fun when the time comes for your visits to our chapters. We are sure that your visits will have many “Treasured Memories” to place in your “Treasured Memories” Session.

RESPONSE for Worthy Patrons by Jesse Laduke (8): On behalf of the Worthy Patrons of Idaho and as Worthy Patron of Adah Chapter 8, I thank you for the honor to respond this morning. Sister Sandi and Brother Bob, we wish you luck and support on your travels through the state for 2011-2012 and hope to see all your smiling faces at all the official visits.
WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Rebecca Price, Golden Rule 131, OR
Wanelle Mikeworth, Midland 253, TX
Vicki Voorhees, Welcome 40, WA
Diane Gerking, Zillah 111, WA
Keith Mikeworth, Midland 253, TX
Marvin Gerking, Zillah 111, WA
Dan Voorhees, Belfair 241, WA

WGM: Some of you are very familiar faces here in Idaho, Washington and Oregon and some of you are new friends and we welcome all of you to our Grand Chapter “Christmas in the Country” Session. Thank you for being here.

WGP: Welcome, welcome, welcome.

The Grand Choir sang

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS OF IDAHO 2010-2011

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Michelle Smith | Mizpah 6 | Bob Barclay
Waunda Kibbey | Adah 8 | Floyd Culver
Virginia Balser | Queen Esther 12 | Glenn Kinloch
Colleen Kinloch | Laurel 13 | Richard Kaiser
Dona Busacker | Esther 14 | Will Votaw
Anna Votaw | Miriam 16 | Ben Warner
Jeanne Jennings | Lorraine 20 | Mel Brown
Janice Brown | Henrietta 21 | William “Ed” Smith
Terry Rowe | Electa 22 | Rick Rowe
Deborah Arnold | Twin Falls 29 | Jim Schill
Andrea Storjohann, PGM | Hermosa 32 | 
Darlene Neal | Clover 33 | 
Peggy Gulbranson | Star o/t West 35 | Le Roy Austin, PGP
Barbara Bonham | Rupert 39 | Richard DuClercq
Candy Pugh | Crescent 43 | 
Diane Gerking | Idaho 49 | 
Dorothy Lundy | Pend d’Oreille 62 | Marvin Gerking, PGP
Robbie Lemarr | Rob Morris 63 | Art Shoemaker, PGP

Gary Lemarr
WORTHY MATRONS  CHAPTER  WORTHY PATRONS
Valerie Sievers  Boise 65  Max Newcomer
Michelle Bollar  Meridian 66  Max Newcomer
Harriet Hinrich  Valeria 76  Gene Foster
Marthena Sabin  E-dah-ho 77  
Evelyn Strand  Florence 79  
Mary Baldwin  Silver Star 83  Rob Troxel
Jane Simmons  Idaho Falls 85  Allen Simmons

WGM: Beautiful and handsome. Dear Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, every official visit was a delightful event and we appreciate all of the wonderful gifts, special entertainment, delicious meals and warm greetings extended to us. Thank you for your leadership in your chapters. You are making a difference in Eastern Star and we appreciate you. Thank you very much.

WGP: What a group! It was my great pleasure to have served as Worthy Grand Patron when you served as Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of your chapters. You did us a great honor by accepting us at our official visits. The food was too much, the gifts and the love were unbelievable. We had a fantastic year. I hope you did. I missed only one official visit. Some of you had to “soldier on” while our Worthy Grand Matron was down, but you did a great job. You have given me memories that will never fade. Thank you not from the bottom of my heart, but with my whole heart.

AGM: Worthy Grand Matron, I’d like to thank them too for the ten Official Visits I made. They made me feel very welcome. Thank you all for doing that.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES OF IDAHO

Eleanor Rupp, (62) President of the Sec/Treas Assoc.
Launa Lee  Ruth 3
Teri Nealis  Mizpah 6
Vicki Reynolds  Adah 8
Robert Smith  Shoshone 10
Brenda Windous  Esther 14
Sue Warner  Loyaute 19
Nina Strange  Lorraine 20
Joanne Galbraith  Henrietta 21
Maxine Machamer PGM  Twin Falls 29
Mary Confer  Hermosa 32
GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO

Elizabeth Hughes  Idaho 49
Teresa Carlson  Liberty 51
Dawn Barnes  Boise 65
Cyndie Bollar  Meridian 66
Brenda Baker  Valeria 76
Gerry Hostetler  Silver Star 83
Marilyn Taylor  Idaho Falls 85
Vicki Voorhees  Belfair 241, WA
Dan Voorhees  Welcome 40, WA

WELCOME by Denise Hunt: I really like seeing you all there. It is an honor and privilege for me to welcome you to this Grand Chapter Session. You each work hard to keep your respective chapters running smoothly and efficiently all year. Now, it is your turn to sit back and enjoy the meetings without any responsibility – just for a short time.

Thank you for all the courtesies extended to me on Saturday and thank you for your attendance at the School of Instruction.

I wish you more sunshine than shadows
More comfort than trouble,
More grace than greed, more gratitude than need,
More days filled with rainbows than rain.
More joy than money can buy,
More love than the heart can hold,
More laughter than tears, more courage than fears,
More memories than silver or gold.

That is my wish to each of you and may love, peace and joy be yours during this “Christmas in the Country” Session.

RESPONSE by Eleanor Rupp, President, Secretaries/Treasurers Association: On behalf of the Secretaries/Treasurers Association, we thank you for your kind words and warm welcome. Your knowledge, helpfulness and friendship during this past year is greatly appreciated. Your school of instruction on Saturday afternoon was informative and will help each of us in our work.

WGM: Chapter Secretaries, I want to thank all of you for welcoming me in your chapters. It was my pleasure to review your chapter meeting minutes and I know that your chapters are blessed by your service to them. Thank you very much.

And to our Grand Secretary, I couldn’t have done this
without you. You are the best partner and I appreciate your patience with me. I felt like I was behind from the time I got sick and you were such a blessing to me.

READING OF THE MINUTES
It was moved by Grand Secretary Denise Hunt 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.

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES
WGM: Since the publication of my annual report on April 30th, I have taken the following actions to appoint Standing Committee vacancies:

- Financial Review Committee replaced Duane Ramseyer (29) with Mary Baldwin (83).
- Youth Committee replaced Linda Hattrick PGM as Chairperson with Brenda Windous (14)
- Registration Committee replaced Joan Kirshner (33) with Teri Nealis (63/6)

The Grand Choir sang “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

PARLIAMENTARIAN VIRGINIA BALSER (12) was introduced.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
Teri Nealis (63/6), Chairman: The Registration Committee confirms the following information: At the present time we have 246 Idaho members who pre-registered plus 11 on-site registrations for 257 Idaho members. There are 10 pre-registered members who are not present and whose ballots have not been picked up, therefore, we have issued a total of 247 ballots.

The Registration Committee will remain open until 5:00 p.m. today. The rest of the session I will be in the Grand Chapter room. I have asked the Grand Sentinel to find me if anyone needs to enter the Grand Chapter room who has not registered. Signs have been posted at the Registration Room. The final report will be submitted to the Grand Secretary.

WGM: Sister Teri, I have a gift for you for taking on the leadership of the Registration Committee with short notice
and also for continuing the monthly newsletter. Thank you so much. This pillow was cross-stitched by Saundra Bennett (66/6) and the pillows were made by Sister Vicki Straw (32/83).

TELLERS COMMITTEE INTRODUCED
Richard DuClercque PP, Chairman (43), Howard Walker PP (16), Paul Ousley PP (34)

Assistant Tellers:
Dave Hunt (8)  Le Roy Austin PGP (35)
Rosie Mews (8/6)  Ron Lancaster (35)
Merl Mews (8/6)  Stan Barker PGP (63/83)
Rita Webster (14)  Howard Gautschi (65)
Ben Warner (19)  Wayne Smith (65)
Brenda Cox (20)  Gene Foster (76/19)
Kimberley Cox (20)  Rod Troxel (83)
Pamela Woll (29)  Alice Berrey (85)

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:
Sandi Shoemaker, PM (65/63) nominated by Bonnie Lawrence, PM (65)

Worthy Grand Patron:
Bob Barclay, PP (8) nominated by Tyke Carr, PM (6/8)

Associate Grand Matron:
Karen Juell, PM (21) nominated by Jan Brown, PM (21/85)

Associate Grand Patron:
Dr. Gary Lemarr, PP (64) nominated by Robbie Lemarr, PM (64)

Grand Secretary:
Denise Hunt, PM (8) nominated by Harlow Kibbey, PGP (8)

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

When there was more than one nomination, those members were introduced in the Grand West.
**Grand Treasurer:**
Mary Baldwin, PM (65/83) nominated by Vicki Straw, PM (32/83)
Nancy Diaz, PM (14/64) nominated by Marilyn Cicconi, PM (14)
John Snodderley, PGP (12) nominated by Mary Finley, WM (12)
Votes Cast were 209; Votes Received were 111
John Snodderley, receiving more than the required majority needed for election, was elected to the office of Grand Treasurer and accepted this office.

**Grand Conductress:**
Sue Warner PM (19) nominated by Gene Foster PP (76/19)
As no other nominations were presented, the Grand Conductress was elected by acclamation and accepted the office.

**Associate Grand Conductress:**
Carolyn Patrick, PM (22) nominated by Alice Rowe, PM (22)
Janice Brown, PM (21/85) nominated by Shirley Butler, PGM (21)
Waunda Kibbey (8) nominated by Mikki Carr, PM (6/8)
Terry Rowe, PM (29) nominated by Maxine Machamer, PGM (29)
Votes Cast were 211; Votes Received were 124
Janice Brown, receiving more than the required majority needed for election, was elected to the office of Associate Grand Conductress and accepted this office.

**Grand Sentinel:**
Don Miller, PP (16/66) nominated by Lucy Miller, PGM (16/66)
As no other nominations were presented, the Grand Sentinel was elected by acclamation and accepted the office.

**Board of Trustees:**
**Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron for a three year term**
Lucy Miller, PGM nominated by Mary Lynne Nealis, PGM
Andrea Storjohann, PGM nominated Jim Grant, PGP
Votes Cast were 196; Votes Received were 117
Jim Grant, 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.

**Past Patron for a three year term**
Rick Dickman, PP (32) nominated by Lucy Meredith, PM (32)

As no other nominations were presented, Rick Dickman was elected by acclamation and accepted a three year term on the Board of Trustees.

**Past Matron for a three year term**
Gladys Allen, PM (65/66) nominated by Jan Booe, PM (65)
Terry Rowe, PM (29) nominated by Maxine Machamer, PGM (29)
Nancy Diaz, PM (14) nominated by Brenda Windous, PM (14)

Votes Cast were 174; Votes Received were 92

Terry Rowe, 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.

*While waiting for election returns, WGM Christy read the Supplement to her Annual Report, which was adopted. The Annual Reports of the WGM, WGP, GSecretary and GTreasurer, handed out at registration, were all adopted.*

*All Annual Reports are printed following the Tuesday Afternoon Installation Session.*

**BENEVOLENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

Marvin Gerking, PGP, Chairman; Jo Ellen Reynolds, PGM; Hazel Sutton, PGM

Our committee has worked well through e-mail, letters and phone calls. We made every effort to respond to the many requests for assistance in a timely manner.

The demand for assistance has increased this year due to economics and health problems. We had five recipients that were granted a onetime request and six recipients that receive monthly assistance.

The money we have available to pay for assistance requests comes from the interest from the Endowment fund, contributions from the chapters and individuals of our organization. Because of the low interest rates that we are getting from the endowment fund and CDs and the increase in the amount of the requests for assistance, our funds are being depleted. The total spent last year for assistance was $38,074.45, and the total spent this year was $42,949.29. This
was an increase of $4,875.

Through the generosity of the Past Matrons Association of Henrietta Chapter 21 and the Past Matrons and Patrons Club of Ruth Chapter 3, we were able to send monetary Christmas gifts and Easter gifts to our current recipients.

The three wheel chairs and two walkers are scattered across the state and have been very difficult to locate. I did locate one wheel chair in Boise. The three Benevolent Board Members are also scattered across the state and are not able to keep track of these items. These items are usually easy to obtain locally; therefore, I recommend that the Benevolent Board no longer be responsible for them.

The Benevolent Board sends a grateful thank you to Shirley Shake, District Chairman and to those who served Districts 1 through 8 in helping to raise funds for the Benevolent Fund this year.

Very special thanks to Denise Hunt, Grand Secretary, who I consulted with so many times to make sure our recipients were able to receive their funds in a timely manner, and to Liz Hughes, Grand Treasurer, “who truly will be missed”, in helping the Benevolent Board manage their funds, and making sure the recipients were paid promptly.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron it has been a pleasure to serve on this very special committee in extending aid to our members in need of assistance.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
Sue Warner AGC, Chairman: With chestnuts roasting on an open fire and our favorite canine companion at our feet, we settled down to reading. When to our wondering eyes we were guided on our journey to the many Grand Jurisdictions. As members of the same Order, one might expect us to be essentially the same. We found that the differences and similarities are many.

The common thread is our attention to charitable works, although the range is vast. Minnesota committed over 33,000 hours to volunteerism. Several grand chapters had projects to support our troops and returning wounded veterans. West Virginia contributed over $25,000 to the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Fund. They also honored 34 West Virginians who lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Many Jurisdictions have OES homes and support Cancer Research, ESTARL, Scholarships, and our Youth
organizations. Variations on this charitable giving theme has brought Joy to the World, the list is long and truly speaks to the generosity and creativity of our members.

No surprise to anyone will be the declining membership as most of our Jurisdictions have experienced a loss in membership, although there are still a sizable number of initiates. Pennsylvania had 506 new initiates. In Kansas the Associate Grand Conductress’ husband made a challenge if they could initiate 18 members he would join Eastern Star, they initiated 22.

We realized we could be here quite a while if we mentioned all of the notable facts we discovered in our readings. As exciting as that may be, we have chosen a few so we can keep our sleigh ride moving.

British Columbia and Alberta will be celebrating their centennial sessions in 2011. In Florida the Worthy Grand Matron recognized members who showed extraordinary kindness to others. In Indiana the Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal have to be Brothers. Manitoba voted to allow their general membership to be eligible to have a Grand Representative appointment. Maryland raised money and honored sisters and brothers with the Art of Service Award; these are members who have served as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron four or more times. Minnesota continues toward their goal of raising $10 million for their Masonic Cancer Center Pavilion at the University of Minnesota. They also honored members for outstanding service to the order who have never been Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron. The Grand Officers of Missouri did an initiation for 10 members. They also took a trip to Greece. New Hampshire votes on the special projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the year. New York voted to give their general membership the right to vote at Grand Chapter. In North Dakota, each of the Grand Star points has a special project for which they raise funds. Quebec is endeavoring to translate the OES ritual into French. Tennessee gathered Handi-Wipes to send to Haiti. Finally Vermont raised funds for a kids’ cancer camp and built a cabin at the camp.

Some Grand Chapters have large amounts of legislation. Attendance at Grand Chapter ranges from 1,200 in Florida to 125 in Delaware. Surprisingly, some Grand Jurisdictions do not have all of their subordinate chapters represented at Grand Chapter sessions.
We celebrate the Love, Peace and Joy demonstrated throughout our Eastern Star world. I would like to thank Sister Sandi Shoemaker, Associate Grand Matron and Sister Karen Juell, Grand Conductress for all of your time in helping to read and report on the proceedings. Thank you to Sister Denise Hunt, Grand Secretary for keeping us in reading materials.

“Til the Season Comes ‘Round Again”, we thank you for the opportunity of sharing our sleigh ride together.

WGM/WGP SPECIAL PROJECT, SERVICE DOGS
Donna Petersen, Chairman (6): Being the animal lover that I am, it was a perfect fit. I am proud to announce that we have raised almost $8,000 for this worthy project. The money will go towards supporting Guide Dogs for the Blind (the puppy raising program), Dogs for the Deaf and Canine Companions for Independence. Although our donations will go to the projects just mentioned, there are so many other service dogs being used to help our soldiers overseas, police personnel, search dogs, drug dogs and those ever wonderful therapy dogs; such as Dore Stansbury’s little dog, Pixie, who is a rescued shelter dog and now a certified therapy dog who visits a nursing home twice a month and attends the special reading program at Burley Junior High School every week where the students read to her. Dore also had a trainer of two service dogs come to a Chapter meeting to show the various skills they were learning. Star, a black lab and Rufus, a mastiff, were a huge hit.

All Idaho Chapters contributed to this project. The puppy pins were a big success bringing in donations of over $2,000 so far. In addition, almost all of the Chapters contributed their coin drill money collected at Official Visits which amounted to over $3,000. The Grand Officers also had puppy pins available to give for the $10 donation and turned over a little more than $1,000. There were individual donations made, basket auctions, card parties, raffles and other miscellaneous projects.

I thank the District Chairmen who gathered the information from the chapters in their districts and then sent that information on to me.

I thank all who contributed to this worthy cause and encourage all of us to participate in the events here at this Grand Session that will also give additional funds to Service Dogs. It was a pleasure serving as Chairman of this committee.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Submitted to WGP by Grand Secretary: I have reviewed the Proceedings of the 2010 Grand Chapter Session. Sister Tyke Carr, Library Committee, reported Sister Susan Snodderley PM (12) had borrowed a book entitled “The History of the Order of the Eastern Star” by Willis D. Engle from the Grand Chapter Library and that the book was outstanding at the time of the 2010 Grand Chapter. The book was returned to me by Sister Susan. I found no other outstanding business.

PARTIAL REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Andrea Storjohann PGM, Chairman: Barry Walsborn (12) could not attend this year due to work commitments and the last member of our committee, John Chamberlain (33), is attending the United Grand Chapter of Australia sessions as escort to his wife, Vicki, the Grand Representative of Australia in Idaho. It has been a pleasure working with the knowledgeable and dedicated members of the committee. Thanks to the miracle of e-mail, we have been able to get our work done in a timely manner and didn’t have a face to face meeting all year until yesterday morning.

The Jurisprudence Committee submits the following partial report:

Questions And Answers Submitted To Jurisprudence
The Jurisprudence Committee was asked, verbally, the following question:
The current Grand Representative of the District of Columbia in Idaho was issued a demit from her primary (and only) chapter on December 31, 2009. To the knowledge of this committee, she has not affiliated with another chapter and she may have lost her eligibility to serve as a Grand Representative. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends that the new Worthy Grand Matron verify if this is the case, and if it is, that another member be recommended for this appointment.

Worthy Grand Matron’s Annual Report:
Appointments: We approve the appointments of the Grand Representatives. We also approve the other changes in the Standing Committee appointments.
Dispensations Granted: We approve the dispensations granted.
Amendments To Chapter By-Laws: We approve the Worthy Grand Matron’s actions on the Chapter By-Laws.
**Irregularities**: We approve the irregularities as noted. The Committee did verify that the irregularities listed included those noted by the Associate Grand Matron at the Official Visits during the time she served as Acting Worthy Grand Matron.

**Questions And Answers**: We approve the answers given.

**Official Property**: The copy of the Secret Work and the Bond for the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were omitted, but the Worthy Grand Matron has verified that she does have a copy of both.

**Worthy Grand Patron’s Annual Report**: We approve the annual report of the Worthy Grand Patron with the following clarification. We understand that when the Worthy Grand Patron discussed the Life Membership presented to him by Boise Chapter 65 and termed it an ‘honorary life membership’, he more accurately meant he was honored to receive a Life Membership from the Chapter.

**Associate Grand Matron Appointments**: The Jurisprudence Committee approves the eligibility of the proposed appointments of the Grand Officers and the partial list of Standing Committee members received for the year 2011-12 with the exception of the Scholarship Committee and the ESTARL Central Committee which need to have a PM and PGM appointed respectively to be in accordance with the By-Laws and Rules.

The Jurisprudence Committee did not receive from the Associate Grand Matron a complete list of the Benevolent Board, Standing Committees or her other proposed appointments to review, as outlined under duties Article X Grand Chapter Committees I. Jurisprudence, 2 (p.26) of the By-Laws and Rules.

**BENEDICTION**

**Janet Jensen-Fullmer**, PGM: Heavenly Father, thank you for filling our Christmas stocking with the precious gift of belonging to this wonderful Order and the friends we have established over the years and during this “Christmas in The Country” Session.

Be with us in the Christmas spirit as we continue the business of this Grand Chapter. Guide us through our deliberations and help us walk in Your ways, always. In Jesus’ name, Amen
The **Grand Conductress** attended at the Altar. **Grand Marshal**: By order of the WGM, I proclaim this session of Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star called from labor to refreshment, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. The Grand Officers retired.
MONDAY AFTERNOON FORMAL SESSION
June 6, 2011

Musical prelude by Yvonne Wilbur, PGM
At 2:00 PM the Monday Afternoon Formal Session was called to order by Sister Shirley Butler, PGM and Brother Dick Kaiser, PGP.

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

PGM Shirley: Good Afternoon! Thirty-one years ago I stood in this very place as your Worthy Grand Matron. Time has changed our Order somewhat, but what a terrific session this has been thus far.

This morning we watched the introduction of the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2010-2011, our past Chapter leaders, as well as the Chapter leaders for the ensuing year. It is very apparent that Idaho has been and is in good hands.

Election of our Line Officers is always an exciting time for all of us, and we look forward to a great future with their leadership. Congratulations to each of you.

Brother Dick, you are an outstanding member of the Idaho Masonic Family, having served as Grand Master of Masons, Worthy Grand Patron of this Order, Associate Grand Guardian of Jobs Daughters and currently Worthy Patron of Esther Chapter in Blackfoot. I am delighted that you and I were chosen to open this session.

Sister Christy and Brother Larry, what a year you have had, health problems were prevalent, but with the blessing of our Lord, you surpassed all and have risen to a wonderful time of service in our Order. As we have enjoyed this “Christmas in the Country” year, you both have truly been a very special gift to us. Thanks to both of you.

Your special project of “Service Dogs” has been rewarding for all of us and we will continue to see results of it in the future. But, I do need to ask one question. Why don’t blind people like to sky dive? Because it scares their dogs!

PGP Dick: Good afternoon Sisters and Brothers. As Sister Shirley pointed out, I haven’t yet learned how to say ‘no.’ Although at my age, I say, “huh?” when anybody asks me a
question. I was a brand new Master Mason 31 years ago, this month. I joined Eastern Star the following September. So, I didn’t know WGM Shirley, but since we both lived in the same area, and we both enjoyed visiting the different chapters, we soon got to know each other quite well. Now we’re both in the same town, at least as far as chapters, but not the same chapter.

I do remember, Shirley, the first cruise I went on, we meet in the morning when we’d get out to walk the deck a few times to get some exercise before we settled in for a day of eating. WGM, I really enjoyed your service project. I think we need something like that that not many people are familiar with. I wasn’t. But even when I went to a picnic with my Shrine Club last summer, we were at a campground and a couple was nearby and they had two dogs. One was a fully trained search dog, the other was in training. They put on a demonstration for us of what these dogs could do.

Brother Larry, I can remember spending a night or two at your place when we were visiting this part of the state years ago. I hate to think about how many; but you get to the point where you have connections with many wonderful people through the Order of the Eastern Star. These are just three of them that I have encountered. It’s been a blessing in my life, and I hope it’s been a benefit to you.

I have really enjoyed the work that I’ve done in the Masonic fraternity and the other associated bodies. I wouldn’t trade it for a millions bucks. Larry implied that he was kind of anxious to leave when he begged our Associate Grand Patron to accept his election. I always said this kind of thing is a million dollar job, but I wouldn’t give two cents to do it again.

Thank you all for the privilege, thank you for asking me to share the podium with Sister Shirley.

**WGM:** Sister Shirley & Brother Dick, thank you for opening our Monday afternoon session. Sister Shirley, some friendships transcend the bumps in the road of life, and I am thankful that ours is one of those. My first Grand Chapter appointment was as your Honorary Grand Page, even before I was a Worthy Matron, and it was an honor to sit on the stage in the East during your “Harmony of Nature” session, with its shimmering aspen trees.

Brother Dick, I admire and respect you, and appreciated your pioneering leadership as a GGC Visioneer Committee Member, when you inspired us all to a higher level of strategic
vision, goal setting and performance. Thank you both of you.

**WGP:** Sister Shirley, thank you for opening our afternoon session. My first memory of you is from the Board of Trustees. It has been an honor to get to know you and to be friends.

Thank you, Brother Dick. I have long admired you. Thank you for helping us get this afternoon session on the road. I appreciate your dedication to our Order.

**WGM:** Good afternoon, I am happy to welcome you back for the afternoon session and the continuation of our business. Sister Yvonne, thank you for your music. With you at the piano, we always have a “toe-tapping” good time.

**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.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Grand Marshal proclaimed the session from refreshment to labor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Secretary read the following communications:

- An invitation from the Grand Chapter of WA to the Global Gala honoring Acting MWGP John Grobler on June 26, 2011.
- Regrets were received from the following GGC Officers: RWAGM Bobbie White, RWGC Helen Westmoreland, RWAGC Marianne Shenefelt, WGRuth Connie Woodward, and WGEsther Margaret Clarke.
- Thank yous from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and Shriners at Calam Shrine Center and El Korah Shrine Center for the donations they received last year.
- A graduation announcement from Kareena King, who received her degree in Nursing graduating Cum Laude from Boise State University. She included a thank you for the scholarships she received from the Grand Chapter.

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Lucy Miller PGM, Chairman: This committee was honored to welcome to “The Christmas in the Country” grand session seventy guests from fifteen states and two Canadian provinces.

We entertained two General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Diane Bargfrede PGM of Iowa, and Brian Gross PGP of Washington both members of the Eastern Star Journal committee. They joined our own Joanna Davidson PGM on the
Chapter Restoration committee and Bert Johnson, PGP on the Public Relations committee.


Five PGMs, three PGPs, twelve Grand Officers, twenty-four Grand Representatives were present.

We were pleased to have eight Masonic Leaders or their representatives including Idaho Grand Lodge, Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rite, Commandery, Cryptic Masons, Calam Shrine, Iras Temple, Daughters of the Nile, and Idaho Order of the Amaranth.

The Job’s Daughters International was represented by Sydney Gill, GBHQ; Karley Balginy, MIJD; and Barbara Mahoney, GG. International Order of Rainbow for Girls was represented by Kristina Knutson, GWA; Barbara Brown, Supreme Inspector; the Chairman of the Executive Committee and Jennie Davis, Grand Deputy in Idaho. DeMolay was represented by Wil Everly, State Master Councilor and Greg Kimberling, State Executive Officer.

The Idaho Grand Chapter presented twenty four Honorary Memberships at the Distinguished Guests Luncheon and the Grand Representatives Banquet. Approximately 105 guests attended the luncheon, enjoying a delicious meal of roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables and tiramisu dessert. If you missed it, you missed a very good meal.

All out-of-state guests received a jar of Idaho Huckleberry Jam made by the Chairman of the Distinguished Guests Committee.

We have enjoyed working with the Hospitality Committee chaired by Henrietta Andress (22). The Quiet Bar was a great room for the Hospitality Room. A lot of people just came in and out.

I did not know there is a book for all of the Idaho members to sign. In the book, you are to sign under your title, but there’s a place for visiting members and Past Matrons and everything. All these years, I didn’t know about that. I had never signed it until yesterday, and I’m wondering how many others have never gone in there and signed the book as an Idaho member.

From now on, come to the Hospitality Room, wherever we are, and sign the book. We’re not getting everybody.
REGISTRATION COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT  
Teri Nealis, PM (63/6), Chairman: Serving on the registration Committee this year proved to be slightly more challenging than I anticipated, due to the untimely death of Sister Joan Kershner, who was to chair this committee. I was suddenly thrust into the unenviable position of having to run registration, without having served on it before, and therefore having no experience whatsoever.

I would like to thank Sisters Gladys Allen and Barbara Hopkins for all their help and advice regarding the registration procedure. Sister Barbara deserves an extra gold star for jumping in and volunteering to check-in the distinguished guests as the committee was short one person.

My committee members were all terrific and I thank them for their patience and willingness to go with the flow. I would like to extend the same thank you to all the members attending. This year was certainly a learning experience, but I believe everything went as smoothly as it possibly could, again due to the hard work of all those serving on the committee, and I look forward to next year with a more experienced hand.

CHOIR DIRECTOR’S REPORT  
Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis, PGM: I didn’t realize I was going to enjoy this appointment so much. It really has been a lot of fun. I’m not sure how many members I had, maybe 30. They kind of come and go. We sure had a good time. I want to thank all of you for coming and participating. I enjoyed every one of you. Thank you Jan for being our accompanist and Caroline for filling in when I wandered off.

To everyone in the Grand Chapter room, we hope you’ve enjoyed our music because we certainly have enjoyed singing for you. Unless, the WGM kicks us out, we’re not done.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
WGM: We are pleased to have two of Idaho’s very own General Grand Chapter Committee Members here with us today. Two of them could not be with us and our thoughts and prayers are with them. We certainly do miss them.

It is an honor to welcome Sister Joanna (Davidson) and Brother Bert (Johnson) to your own Grand Chapter. Idaho is very proud of both of you. We appreciate the work you’re doing for General Grand Chapter. We’d like to hear a little about what you’re doing.
Chapter Restoration Committee
Joanna Davidson, PGM: Thank you for giving me this opportunity to respond for the General Grand Chapter Restoration Committee. The Chapter Restoration Committee is an honor for me to be a part of, yet restoring Chapters or membership or even participation is a struggle, not only for this committee but for our beloved Order in general. The states assigned to me are Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Last year I obtained “Grass Roots” booklets from our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Alma Bane, one for each chapter in the three states. I gave each also 20 pages of ideas of activities or other idea-starters to help in our endeavors. I asked the Worthy Grand Matrons in each state to appoint a committee in her state to encourage restoration of members and activities of interest to the members. My thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron Christy and Worthy Grand Patron Larry such a committee was appointed in Idaho. I asked for the Districts’ Chairmen to let me know of their activities and accomplishments. Colleen Kinloch sent me a wonderful report of activities in Districts 1 and 2 which included ten chapters, three of these chapters did not respond to her. I did not get a response from Oregon. Washington did not appoint a committee.

Bonnie Fenton, General Chairman of Chapter Restoration in Idaho sent me the reports from Districts 1, 2, 5, 6, 8. I suspect that Chapters that did participate used activities similar to those Districts. The reports have some very good suggestions and I will note many here with the hope many members will be inspired by their efforts.

Passed out applications and brochures to members attending meetings.
Took part in city-wide yard sales and put up big signs and gave out information about OES.
Gave out high school scholarships.
Had picnics and Christmas celebrations with the Masons and wives.
Made efforts to search out possibilities for new and dual members.
Offered to pick up members.
Visited Job’s Daughters telling them about Eastern Star and the scholarships we offer as well as ESTARL scholarships.
Had a “Reunion Tea” for members who have not been
attending to come and visit with long time friends and had entertainment and presented 50 year pins. Collected underwear, socks, sweat pants, mittens, hats, coats and other clothing articles for grade schools needing them; also school supplies. Contributed to the Salvation Army and some helped the Salvation Army with their “Bell Ringing” endeavors. The Officers drew names of local members not attending for a secret pal with instructions to correspond monthly. Even mowed lawns for the elderly or incumbent members. Held card parties with the public invited. Gave money and food to Food Banks and provided holiday meals for needy families. Donated to the “Backpack” food program at the school. Donated box tops and food labels, used cell phones and ink cartridges to the schools. Provided dinners for District Masonic dinners, attended Jobs Daughters, Rainbow and DeMolay events. Held open installations, fun nights and activities to be more visible in community, helped with blood drives, library fund raisers, attended church services as a group, worked with food banks, taught chess, read to children at library events, provided transportation for various functions. Sent Chapter newsletters to members and membership rosters to members. Went to plays and theater events as a group. Presented Chapter history and various symbolism programs. Involved new members as Chapter Officers and in events. Supported many Masonic family activities to bring the families closer.

The General Grand Chapter Restoration Committee has 21 committee members and we have a big job ahead of us. We have until the next triennial session, November 1st through the 9th of 2012, to accomplish this goal for our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton and Acting Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John Grobler. I am challenging each of you here to help us reach the goal of AS MANY current inactive members to become active and AS MANY new members as you can. (I am not going to risk the promise of shaving my head though.) The only compensation I offer is the
pride you will find and feel in this endeavor, the positive effect in our Chapters and our communities and our charities. I ask you also to let me know the methods of your accomplishments and the results. I want to send my Chairman, Brother Dean Wyant, a fantastic report for Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

The Grass Roots Booklets are no longer available from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary but they are available and printable on-line at: http://www.easternstar.org/files/cultivating_grass_roots.pdf

Please see me later for this address, I asked if it could be printed in the directory but have not heard back on that request.

Thank you, Sister Bonnie for your work on behalf of this committee as well as the District Chairmen and the Chapter Members. I think this is a committee that must continue forever, if we are to restore our beloved Order of the Eastern Star.

WGM: I had half of my head shaved, so I think that should inspire all of you to work hard for chapter restoration.

Public Relations
Bert Johnson, PGP: I have four states: Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana. Last year I got to all of them except Washington. This year I will visit Washington. The Chairman of our committee told me that if the MWGM visits a Grand Chapter among my jurisdictions, I’d better be there. So I have reservations for Washington.

If there’s anybody in this room, who wants to know about the other jurisdictions, the Eastern Star Journal showcases the over twenty countries under our General Grand Chapter. They write articles about their jurisdictions in this magazine. It’s a very nice magazine, you get all kinds of information from it. Thank you.

WGM: We have a member of the General Grand Chapter Committee for the Eastern Star Journal here. I don’t know if she’s still here, but I would like to say that there’s an article about an Idaho Chapter, it happens to be Silver Star 83 about the projects we have at Christmas time. Please do capture the activities of your chapter and submit them to the Eastern Star Journal and to the Public Relations Committee because those examples provide inspiration for other chapters.

I would also ask that you remember Brother Jack and Sister Joyce in your prayers. They’re both struggling with health
issues and I know first hand the power of prayer.

**Eastern Star Journal Committee**

**Brian Gross**, PGP WA: Thank you for this unexpected opportunity. We have two members of the Eastern Star Journal Committee here. Not only myself, but Diane Bargfrede, (PGM IA).

The most important thing to remember is that every one of you may have a story to tell and maybe a little picture with it. You just send it directly to our editor. Don’t let anybody get between you and the editor. Send it straight to them and it’s wonderful what they do. They’ll help make sure your article appears in the most beautiful way.

They have many submittals, so yours might or might not show up. But they really do try their best to spread it around the entire world. I know there’s interesting stories right here to tell. Please remember to submit them directly to the Journal.

The place to find where to send them is in a Journal. If you find a copy of the Journal, there’s one page always devoted to just where to send it. It’s on email and there’s also a subscription page right there too. Please consider that and thank you for all the interesting things you do and for the future stories we’re about to see. Thank you.

*The WGM dismissed the Tellers Committee at this time.*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINAL REPORT**

**DARLA REDMAN** PGM, Chairman: The Board met Saturday, June 4 and Monday, June 6, 2011 at Grand Chapter. We discussed our vendors’ contract and after comparison with surrounding states it was decided that our existing contract meets our situation.

We are able to purchase a much needed, new computer for our Grand Secretary. We will be accepting bids in the near future.

The Financial Review Committee report was received and approved by the Board. A special thank you to those members who are willing to give time to this task.

We approved the Grand Secretary’s and Grand Treasurer’s reports. We want to thank Denise and Liz for their many hours of service to this Grand Chapter.

The General Arrangements Committee under the leadership of Deborah Arnold and Mary Baldwin are to be commended for their extreme efforts to make this Grand
Chapter a success. This facility meets our needs and the staff has been very accommodating.

We want to thank Monte Bollar and Nick Nealis for their continued operation of our sound system. They have done all of the maintenance and operating for several years.

We appreciate the service given by Jim Lee and his firm, who prepare our 990 form.

We want to recognize the Country Store Committee for their nice display and quality of merchandise and for their outstanding support of the General Fund Endowment.

The members of the Board would like to express their appreciation for the two members who have served for six years John Hughes, PP and Darla Redman, PGM and to Joanne Galbraith, PM who has served for one term and has chosen not to be reelected. We want to welcome the newly elected members, Jim Grant, Rick Dickman and Terry Rowe. We are looking forward to working with you.

On a personal note it has been a pleasure to work with this very knowledgeable and dedicated group for the past six years. They all gave freely of their time and expense for this Grand Chapter.

LEGISLATION
ANDREA STORJOHANN PGM, Chairman: We’re going to do the legislation in the same format we did last year. You all got a copy of the legislation, you should all have a copy available to you. You will get a brief summary. There were two pieces of legislation submitted. Two members of the committee will read a brief summary and then we’ll tell you how it will read if it was changed. You also will have gotten a Constitutional Amendment. That will be read in session and held over until next year to be acted upon.

Peggy Hess, PM (39):
1 AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS AND RULES
ARTICLE X, GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES, Section 2
Standing Committees, Paragraph F General Arrangements Committee, Page 26

General Arrangements is a Standing Committee and this would change it to a Session Committee.

Delete paragraph F under Section 2 and add a new paragraph C under Section 3, Session Committees. Renumber both sections.
Would then read:

F. General Arrangements Committee: This Committee shall work with the Worthy Grand Matron and the Hostess Chapters to plan the Annual Business Session.

Signed and submitted by Andrea Storjohann, PGM (10/33) and Harlow Kibbey, PGP (8)
The Amendment was adopted.

Graeme Galbraith, PP (21):

2 AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS
ARTICLE I, CHARTERED CHAPTERS, Section 1D, Page 35

This legislation clarifies that only four copies of the Secret Work are in possession of a chapter.

Would then read:

Every chapter is entitled to have four (4) copies of the secret work in its possession. The secret work must not be copied as specified in the Ritual. One or more of the four copies should be given to the prompter(s) to use for prompting during the ritualistic work.

Signed and submitted by Andrea Storjohann, PGM (10/33) and Genevieve Paroni, PM (10)
The Amendment was adopted.

WGP: This completes the legislation. Let’s thank the Jurisprudence Committee for their hard work.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Idaho was submitted at this 2011 Grand Chapter Session.
The amendment was read by the WGP and will be voted on at the 2012 Grand Chapter Session.

1. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE VIII, ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS, Section 2C, Page 8

Now reads: The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall not hold office for more than ten (10) years.

Change to read: The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall not hold office for more than seven (7) years.

Rational: A 10 year commitment to these two Grand Offices is too long. A 7 year term is a more reasonable commitment. A survey of other jurisdictions indicates that 7 years is more the norm. A 7 year term allows the officer to become proficient in
the duties of the office without becoming ‘burned out.’
Signed and submitted by Elizabeth Hughes PM (49) and
Denise Hunt PM (8)

RESOLUTION
    Worthy Grand Patron, I am Andrea Storjohann, Shoshone
Chapter 10 and Clover Chapter 33 and I would like to present
the following resolution for consideration by this Grand
Chapter.
    Whereas, Sister Elizabeth Hughes was elected and
installed as Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter in June
2001 and
    Whereas, Sister Liz has served this Grand Chapter with
distinction for 10 years
    Therefore, be it resolved that Sister Elizabeth Hughes be
granted the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus of the Grand
Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star.
Submitted by:
    Andrea Storjohann        Harlow Kibbey
    Mary Stowell             Art Shoemaker
    Darla Redman
    Nancy Ross               Dave Call
    Jo Ellen Reynolds
    Carol Burbank            Marvin Gerking
    Mary Lynne Nealis        Le Roy Austin
    Hazel Sutton             Jim Grant
    Lucy Miller              John Snodderley
    Christy Schill-Newbold   Larry Allen
    The Resolution passed.

    The Grand Choir sang “Walking in a Winter Wonderland”

Benediction by Maxine Machamer, PGM: 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, return us safely to the final
day of this beautiful “Christmas in the Country” session. Be
with our Worthy Grand Matron Christy and Worthy Grand
Patron Larry, giving them rest 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** attended the Altar. **Grand Marshal** proclaimed the session from labor to repose to reconvene at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. The Grand Officers retired.
Musical prelude by Joanne Galbraith, PM (21).
At 8:00 AM the Tuesday Morning Formal Session was called to order by PGM Lucy Miller and PGP John Snodderley.

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

**PGM Lucy**: Welcome everyone to this final morning of our 109th “Christmas in the Country” Session. Sister Christy and Brother Larry, you have truly shared the Christmas spirit throughout this year. Everyone has enjoyed your visits to the chapters, your words of wisdom, and your service dog presentations. This year has been a great accomplishment for both of you and I hope your wonderful memories will last a lifetime.

Sister Christy, our friendship has grown over the years as we traveled through the Grand Line together. I know that it will only get stronger throughout our lifetime and I cherish that.

Brother Larry, we have been friends for many years and belong to the same chapter. I know you feel as privileged as I did to be in the Grand East this year. I know all in Meridian Chapter are proud of you.

I love you both. Thank you for asking me to open this session this morning with my WGP John Snodderley. It has been a very short year since we stood in the Grand East together.

**PGP John**: I would also like to extend my welcome to this final morning session of the 109th “Christmas in the Country” Session. Sister Christy and Brother Larry, as your year draws to a close I would like to congratulate both of you on a job well done; and I know when you have the opportunity to relax and reflect on your year you will realize all your accomplishments. It has been my privilege to get to know both of you over the last few years. Thank you for your dedication and service, not only to this Grand Chapter, but to Eastern Star in general.

It doesn’t seem like a year has gone by since I’ve had the honor of sharing the Grand East with Sister Lucy. But it has, and I would like to thank you for the honor of sharing the East
with her once more.

As this is the end of one year, it is also the beginning of the next. I would like to wish Sister Sandi and Brother Bob good luck as they start their year later this afternoon.

**WGM**: Sister Lucy and Brother John, it was a privilege and a delight to be part of your “Musical Stars and Stripes” Grand Family. You have both been generous with your knowledge, infectious with your enthusiasm, inspiring with your encouragement, and warm in your friendship. Some would say that it was luck that I got to follow the two of you, but I believe it was God’s plan for me, and I feel blessed. I love you both.

**WGP**: Sister Lucy, thank you for being part of our Tuesday session. As you said, we’ve known each other for quite a few years; we won’t go into the timeframe. I thought maybe you would open with a song. Thank you for your welcome and for being here this morning. I have enjoyed working with you in Grand Chapter.

Brother John, I see neither one of us are perfect. I heard a little bit of Masonic work this morning. Believe me, it’s not the first time I’ve heard that this past year. Who’d have thought a year ago you would be welcoming me to this final session of our Grand Chapter and with a full head of hair? Thank you for joining your Worthy Grand Matron in opening this session.

**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.

The **Grand Conductress** attended at the Altar.

**Invocation** by PGM Donita Lancaster: Our dear Heavenly Father, as we come before You in these closing hours of this Grand Chapter Session, we come with thankful hearts for the accomplishments, decisions and fellowship of our Order of the Eastern Star.

We are mindful of those that are unable to be with us and ask that You bless each and every one. Be with each person here as they go about their duties and grant that all arrive home safely. We are thankful for those friends who have come from other jurisdictions and pray for their continued safe travels.

Our thanks and blessings to our officers and those special people who have given so untiringly and willingly of their time, talent, and knowledge in furthering our beautiful Order.

We ask Your guidance for the new officers who will be
installed this afternoon. May their year be productive, with good health, safety and filled with love. Be with each of them this coming year and bless and guide us all. We ask all of this in Your precious, holy name. Amen.

Grand Marshal proclaimed the session from repose to labor.

WGM: Sister Joanne, thank you for your beautiful music. I trust that Brother Graeme can still carry a tune.

The Grand Chapter Choir sang “How Great Thou Art”

WGM: Thank you Grand Choir. “How Great Thou Art” was Sister Kathryn Dyer’s song when she was Worthy Grand Matron in 1963, with my Grandfather, and it has special meaning to me. Thank you for singing it this morning.

INVITATION TO 2012 GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

Johannah Grant, PM (21): As our Christmas in the Country session concludes later today with the installation of a new group of Grand Officers, we will usher in a new year that will bring us memories to be treasured forever.

On behalf of the south and east Idaho chapters of the Grand Chapter of Idaho and the General Arrangements Committee, we invite all members of the Grand Chapter of Idaho and visiting members of other jurisdictions of the Order of the Eastern Star to visit Idaho Falls next year from June 10th through the 12th, for the 110th Session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

We will meet near the banks of the Snake River at the Shilo Inn and while you are in Idaho Falls, we hope you will take in the sites of the Museum of Idaho - part of which is the old Masonic temple, the Tautphaus Park Zoo, and enjoy a stroll on our greenbelt, right outside our convention center.

We will meet for the “Treasured Memories” Session and along the green belt you might find a treasure chest or in the evening look up at the numerous stars in the sky. The Locals may seem a bit alien, but we promise you will not be abducted - at least not by anyone who is not with Eastern Star.

Please join us in Idaho Falls next June as we remember the treasured memories of a year of traveling throughout our glorious state and make new memories as we meet up again with friends new and old. See you in I.F.

MOTION: Sandi Shoemaker, AGM, moved that the invitation to Idaho Falls for the 2012 Grand Chapter Session be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.
MOTION: Karen Juell, GC moved that Grand Chapter hold an open installation of officers in Idaho Falls on June 12, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS
JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT
Andrea Storjohann, PGM, Chairman: Jurisprudence Committee approves of the changes in committee appointments, Dispensations, Questions & Answers and By-Laws changes as listed in the WGM’s Supplemental Report.

There was one Constitutional Amendment received as per the Constitution that will be read by the Grand Secretary and held over until next year.

We did have two pieces of legislation:
Legislation 1: By-Laws and Rules of the Grand Chapter, Article X, Section 2F, General Arrangements Committee, Page 26 will now change to Article X, Section 3, Session Committees, F. General Arrangements Committee. Page 30 Changes the General Arrangements Committee from a Standing Committee to a Session Committee. This Resolution was adopted.

Legislation 2: Rules and Regulations of the Idaho Subordinate Chapters, Article I Chartered Chapters, Section 1D, Page 35; it will now read: “Every chapter is entitled to have four (4) copies of the secret work in its possession. The secret work must not be written or copied as specified in the Ritual. One or more of the four copies should be given to the prompter(s) to use for prompting during the ritualistic work.”

Clarifies that only four copies of the secret work are to be in the possession of a Chapter and to provide for prompting from the secret work. This Resolution was adopted.

This completes the work of the Jurisprudence Committee.

COUNTRY STORE
Le Roy Austin, PGP: We had a very successful year with the Country Store. This year we had total sales of $1,932.50. Thanks to everyone again for making it a success with their donations and purchasing items from the Country Store.

Be sure to start crafting now to insure a successful year next year and save clothing items for the Cinderella Shop.

I personally would like to thank all those who contributed crafts and clothes for the Country Store. A special thanks to Mary Baldwin and Deborah Arnold for setting up the generous
area for the country store. We all owe a special thanks to Norma Varner and Sheri Pyle for all their work in setting up and maintaining the country store. A special thanks to my wife, Carol, who you always saw there and visited with. She was a hard working lady. Horseshoe Bend thank you for the use of the clothes racks.

Every year I’m amazed to watch the items come in, day after day during Grand Chapter.

Hospitality Committee Report
Henrietta Andress, PM (22) Chairman

June 3rd spent 2-6 p.m. setting all things in order and filling coffee makers to start at 7 a.m. the next morning. Scheduled volunteers to work Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Members of several chapters provided a variety of cookies, granola bars, snack crackers, fruit juices, nuts, etc. I provided paper towels, napkins, coffee (regular and decaf), tea, coffee filters, paper cups, paper plates, crackers and fruit juices.

Expenses:
- Coffee at Albertson’s $9.95
- Coffee at Costco $8.50
- Fred Meyer’s $30.24
- Fred Meyer’s $8.50
- Total $57.19

Our inventory from 2010 in Moscow was very adequate to start with as you can see by our count in April and seconded.

Attendance to our Hospitality for Saturday was approximately 185; for Sunday was 250, approximately. Monday was 200, approximately. Tuesday will be approximately 150. I requested signing our notebook but that wasn’t successful.

Ed Smith from Electa Chapter helped me and volunteers from Silver Star 83, Hermosa 32, and Boise 65 helped.

It was quite an experience for all who participated. Mary Baldwin and Deborah Arnold were available and the Doubletree provided help when we needed to keep the environment neat and clean.

Basket Auction Committee
Keri James, PM (3) Chairman: The basket committee received a total of 54 items for the auction plus one donation (from Idaho Falls 85) of $78. The average price received per basket was $54.87. The highest bid was for $160.00 for the
Vintage Tea Party basket donated by Henrietta 21. The grand total received was $3,041.00 (including the donation). This amount will be divided three ways for the three service dog organizations, who will receive $1,013.66 each. *The business of the Grand Chapter was completed and the WGP returned the gavel to the WGM.*

**PRESENTATION OF WGP’S TRAVELING PLAQUE**  
**WGP:** I must admit as I’ve gone through this year, there have been quite a few surprises. But this was the biggest one. The Grand Secretary called me and said, “Do you know . . .?” and I immediately realized, no, I don’t know.  

We have the Worthy Grand Patron’s Traveling Plaque for the most initiations. This year we did a great job. We had two chapters qualified. The Plaque goes to Twin Falls Chapter 29 and Meridian Chapter 66. They each initiated eleven new members. Now, since I don’t have Solomon’s wisdom, I am going to put it in the hands of Twin Falls 29 for the first half of the year. I ask them to pass it on to Meridian 66 for the second half of the year.  

This plaque was started by Brother Gene Foster of Loyaute 19 and first presented by PGP Dave Call. I want to remind members that the count of new members initiated covers the calendar year not the Grand Chapter term. The results may be a little different than people are expecting.  

*Worthy Matron Terry Rowe represented Twin Falls Chapter and Worthy Matron Michelle Bollar represented Meridian Chapter in accepting the award.*  

**WGM:** I suggest that all of you talk to those two chapters to figure out what they’ve done, because they’re obviously having success and I congratulate both of them.  

I also want to announce that in addition to the fabulous proceeds from the basket auction, the Grand Representatives Association donated $300.00 to our project, so each of the three service dog associations will receive another check for over $1,000.00 in addition to the $2,400 we gave each of them on Sunday. I think that makes a huge difference in their efforts.  

I want to thank all of the people and chapters who donated baskets; and especially, my Silver Star Chapter donated 16 baskets.  

*All Session Committees and appointments whose duties were completed at this Grand Chapter were discharged as well as all members whose terms of office expire at the close of this Grand Chapter.*
Gailyn Combs PM (65): WGP Larry, you’ve struggled a bit the last four days with your emotions. As a member of your chapter, Boise 65, we feel like you need to “cowboy up” and get those things under control. I know your Farewell Address is going to be a big waterworks. With the aid of Sister Jan Booe, your Grand Escort, we are going to appropriately prepare you for your final address. Brother Larry was given a fishing vest equipped with Kleenex and handkerchiefs.

FAREWELL REMARKS
Larry G. Allen, Worthy Grand Patron: The time draws near for us to end this fantastic year! It is my honor to have served you as Worthy Grand Patron. I hope that it has been to your satisfaction. I’ve had a great time. Thank you for letting me work with the “other woman in my life, Sister Christy.” I feel we have made a great team.

Worthy Grand Patron Elect, if you remember a year ago at a meeting of Associate Matrons and Patrons in Caldwell, I said that Sister Christy and I were going to have a year that would be hard to duplicate. Little did I know what the future held. I am so thankful that it has all turned out well.

Worthy Grand Matron, Christy, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. You have made life very simple for this old country boy.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for the warm reception, even on the coldest days. You made this year spectacular. People outside the organization would not understand the hugs and friendship that we enjoy with each other.

I want to give special thanks to my beautiful wife. Thanks, Gladys. Without your love and support, this journey would not have happened. You are the light of my life.

In a few hours my title will change from Worthy Grand Patron to Past Grand Patron. It’s a great title to have. Worthy Grand Patron is good but you can only have that title for one year, then it moves to someone else. I think the Past Grand Patron status is an indication for us to pause and step to the rear.

I used to laugh with PGP Jim Carr when he became emotional. He can laugh at me now. Sisters and Brothers, I love you all and look forward to further service to this Grand Chapter. Farewell.

The Wesley Handbell Choir played “Home On The Range”
Christy Schill-Newbold, Worthy Grand Matron: My dear Sisters and Brothers, as I say farewell to the office of Worthy Grand Matron, I am thankful that I am not saying farewell to you. The blessing of going through a tough time is that you appreciate in a more significant measure the pleasures of every day life. You are grateful for your friends and family for their love, encouragement and support. I have had the blessing this year of experiencing, in an overwhelming manner, the love and caring of my Eastern Star sisters and brothers. I thank you for all you have done to lift me up.

To my Worthy Grand Patron and his lovely wife, Gladys, thank you for being wonderful partners in this grand journey.

To our Grand Family, you have been a delightful part of this journey and I thank you for your dedication to our beautiful order, your service to your chapters and your friendship.

To my chapters, Hermosa 32 and Silver Star 83 you have fulfilled my every hope and dream. And, even surprised me with things I didn’t ask for, but you knew I would like. Every step of the way during the last four years I have felt your friendship, encouragement and love. Thank you.

To my amazing family: my whole life, you have encouraged me to be the best I could be and supported me in my personal and professional dreams and aspirations. Some of those dreams involve a lot of hard work and sacrifice, but you were always my safe harbor and my inspiration. No one could possibly have a more loving family and I love you.

I’d like to close with a poem from my grandfather, Past Grand Patron Jim Wheelock, that he shared at the end of the “Elect Lady” Session in 1964.

Life is sweet because of the friends we have made
And the things in common we share.
We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care.
It is giving and doing for somebody else,
On which all of life’s splendor depends
And the joy of this life, when you’ve summed it all up,
Is found in the MAKING OF FRIENDS.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron and for being my friend.

Sister Christy presented Brother Larry a parting gift of a blanket made by members of her family.

Closing Ode: “Silent Night”
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.

Grand Marshal: By order of the Worthy Grand Matron, I proclaim the Tuesday morning session of the Grand Chapter of Idaho from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. for the Open Installation of the Grand Officers.

BADGE CEREMONY

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the altar and each placed their badge on the Altar while Sister Mary Baldwin PM (65/83) sang “Til the Season Comes ‘Round Again” accompanied by PGM Pete Nealis.

The Grand Officers exited the Grand Chapter room.
TUESDAY AFTERNOON INSTALLATION
June 7, 2011

Musical prelude by Donita Lancaster, PGM
At 2:00 PM the Tuesday Afternoon Session was called to order by WGM Christy Schill-Newbold and WGP Larry G. Allen.

ENTRANCE OF HOLY BIBLE and Emblems
Bible Bearer Mary Stowell, PGM
Adah–Mary Hanson, PGM
Ruth–Nancy Ross, PGM
Esther–Mary Lynne Nealis, PGM
Martha–Joanna Davidson, PGM
Electa – Lucy Miller, PGM

Narrated by Brother John Hughes PP (49), written by Grand Marshal Peggy Miller PM (12).

Good afternoon Sisters, Brothers and guests. Welcome to the 2011-2012 Grand Chapter of Idaho “Treasured Memories” Installation of Grand Officers.

The Book of Books, the Holy Bible, is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord. The Holy Bible is placed on the Altar by Past Grand Matron Mary Stowell.

As Worthy Grand Matron Sandi travels throughout the State this year, she will take with her, the Bible given to her by Valerie and Ray Sievers, and the Bible marker made for her by Past Grand Matron Dorothy Hughes.

The emblems are being presented by Past Grand Matrons of Idaho.

The Sword and Veil united is presented by Past Grand Matron Mary Hanson. The sword and veil united represents Adah, the ideal daughter, because her sense of duty and her devotion to her father so guided her actions that, by her deeds, she exemplified the highest type of filial obedience. The sixth beatitude is associated with Adah, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

The Sheaf is presented by Past Grand Matron Nancy Ross. The sheaf represents Ruth, the ideal widow, because she cherished the family, her faith, and inheritance of her husband above every personal ambition. The third beatitude

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is associated with Ruth, “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

The Crown and Scepter united, is presented by Past Grand Matron Mary Lynn (Pete) Nealis. The crown and scepter, united, represents Esther the ideal wife, because she not only succeeded in fulfilling her duty to her husband, but also maintained her high standards and performed her duty to God and her nation. The seventh beatitude is associated with Esther, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

The Broken Column is presented by Past Grand Matron Joanna Davidson. The broken column represents Martha, the ideal sister. Martha assumed the responsibility for the care and comfort of her brother Lazarus, and her sister Mary. Martha had the fortitude to maintain her faith, even when her brother died by abiding in the word of God. The second beatitude is associated with Martha, “Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

The Cup is presented by Past Grand Matron Lucy Miller. The cup represents Electa the ideal mother because she sacrificed everything to establish a Christian heritage for her children and she fully accepted the responsibility for their spiritual welfare. The eighth beatitude is associated with Electa, “Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

As we enter this new year, may we all apply the meaning of the lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faithfulness and love in our everyday lives.

WGM: Good afternoon Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends. It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the Installation of the Grand Officers for 2011-2012. 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 for each of the Grand Officers to be installed a joyous year, good health, and safe travels.

WGP: Welcome Sisters, Brothers and Visitors to the Installation of the 2011-2012 Grand Officers. I know that Sister Sandi and Brother Bob and their officers appreciate your being here and your support. We wish them well and God speed as they embark upon their journey.
The **Grand Conductress** attended at the Altar.  
*The Lord’s Prayer* was repeated by the assembly.  
The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited to the flag and the **National Anthem** was sung.  
**Ron Lopez**, Pipe Major, Boise Highlanders, played *Amazing Grace* on bagpipes.  

**PRESENTATION OF INSTALLING OFFICERS**  
It is now my pleasure to introduce to you the Installing Officer for the afternoon, PGM Dorothy Hughes, who will introduce the other installing officers.

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**PRESENTATION OF 2011-2012 GRAND OFFICERS**  
*The 2011-2012 Grand Officers were introduced through the following narration.*

Narrated by Brother **John Hughes** PP (49), written by Grand Marshal **Peggy Miller**, PM (12).

Treasure Chests trace the fascinating evolution of boxes that have held the things that people valued most over the centuries. For thousands of years, chests have gone to war, to sea, journeyed with us across entire continents, and held and protected the possessions we hold most dear.

Treasures are stored in the chest of our memories. The 2011-2012 Grand Officers have filled the chest with items of their treasured memories.

As the New Year begins may we all bring to the treasure chest forgiveness of our enemies, tolerance of our opponents, our hearts in friendship, charity to all.

Sisters, Brothers and Guests, entering with their escorts, are the 2011-2012 Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Grand Sentinel Don Miller** is escorted by his wife, Past Grand Matron Lucy. Both are members of Miriam Chapter No. 16 and Meridian Chapter No. 66.

Don has served as Chaplain, Associate Patron and Worthy Patron.
His passion is singing bluegrass and country music. He and Lucy share this passion. When not sing you will find him scouting out the western stores in search of cowboy hats, belts and belt buckles.

Worthy Patron is his favorite office because it gives the opportunity to impress the ritualistic work on the candidates.

The amethyst is the gem stone of the Grand Sentinel. Don brings to the Treasure Chest the amethyst which symbolizes loyalty.

**Grand Warder Glenn Kinloch** is escorted by his wife, Colleen. Both are members of Laurel Chapter No. 13 in Idaho and Vineland Chapter No. 84 in Washington.

Glenn has served as Sentinel, Warder, Chaplain, Treasurer, Associate Patron and Worthy Patron.

When not collecting coins you will find him woodworking or on the golf course.

Warder is his favorite office. It enabled him to observe and learn the ritualistic work as it was being exemplified.

The jacinth is the gem stone of the Grand Warder. Glenn brings to the Treasure Chest the jacinth which symbolizes unchangeableness.

**Grand Electa Delta Holloway** is escorted by her husband, Keith. Delta is a member of Electa Chapter No. 22. She has served as Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.

When not gardening, collecting music boxes, vintage jewelry, elephants, and ladybugs or spending time with her grandchildren, you will find her swooshing through the snow on her snowmobile.

She says, "all of the teachings and lessons taught in our ritualistic work are her favorites.

The ruby is the gem stone of Grand Electa. Delta brings to the Treasure Chest the ruby which symbolizes sacrifice, zeal, love and passion.

**Grand Martha Judy DuClercque** is escorted by her husband, Richard. Both are members Crescent Chapter No. 43.

Judy has served as Ruth, Associate Conductress, Conductress and Worthy Matron.

When not gardening, quilting or playing cards, you can find her searching the antique stores for vintage greenware. She
also collects birdhouses and chickens.

The activities of the offices of Worthy Matron and Conductress are her favorite. She says “this way she gets to talk a lot.”

The emerald is the gem stone of Grand Martha. Judy brings to the Treasure Chest the emerald which symbolizes hope and immortality.

**Grand Esther Brenda Cox** is escorted by her daughter, Kimberley. Both are members of Lorraine Chapter No. 20.

Brenda has served as Adah, Marshal, Chaplain, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.

When not collecting tea cups, sewing or decorating a cake, you will find this ‘biker grandma’ motorcycle riding.

The beautiful lecture of Adah was the first office she held and has always been her favorite.

The white diamond is the gem stone of Grand Esther. Brenda brings to the Treasure Chest the white diamond which symbolizes courage and purity.

**Grand Ruth Goldie Brian** is escorted by her husband, James. Both are members of Mountain Queen Chapter No. 11.

Goldie has served as Adah, Ruth, Secretary, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.

When not knitting, camping, reading, huckleberry picking or hunting, she is out scouting around for old whiskey bottles. Empty ones we presume.

The offices of Secretary and Conductress are her favorites. She says, “That’s where you find out what Eastern Star is all about.”

The yellow topaz is the gem stone of Grand Ruth. Goldie brings to the Treasure Chest the yellow topaz which symbolizes constancy and wisdom.

**Grand Adah Brenda Windous** is escorted by her friend Nancy Diaz. Both are members of Esther Chapter No. 14.

Brenda has served as Adah, Chaplain, Secretary, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.

When not counting cross stitches, quilting or collecting earrings, crosses and whales, her favorite past time is being
with her grandchildren.
   The beautiful prayers of the Chaplain make that her favorite office.
   The turquoise is the gem stone of Grand Adah. Brenda brings to the Treasure Chest the turquoise which symbolizes the spring of life.

Grand Organist Edgar Simmons is escorted by wife, Jane. Both are members of Idaho Falls Chapter No. 85.
   Ed has served as Sentinel, Organist, Marshal, Chaplain, Associate Patron and Worthy Patron.
   When not gardening or listening to the oldies, you might find him looking for figurines, especially lions and lambs.
   The chrysopeleia is the gem stone of the Grand Organist. Ed brings to the Treasure Chest the chrysopeleia which symbolizes constant and cheerful endurance.

Grand Marshal Peggy Miller is escorted by her friend Mary Finley. Both are members of Queen Esther Chapter No. 12.
   Peggy has served as Electa, Marshal, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.
   Camping and fishing are her hobbies when she is not sewing or crafting. But most of all her favorite hobby is singing with the Dazie Sisters and, as she says, “there is no business like show business.”
   The lessons of charity and that we love one another makes Electa her favorite office.
   The beryl is the gem stone of the Grand Marshal. Peggy brings to the Treasure Chest the beryl which symbolizes the love of the Father.

Grand Chaplain Valerie Aiken-Sievers is escorted by her husband Ray Sievers. Both are members of Boise Chapter No. 65.
   Valerie has served as Sentinel, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Electa, Secretary, Treasurer, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.
   She loves to read and when not reading you will find her tole painting, cross stitching, crafting and gardening when the rain stops.
   The floor work, introductions and initiation of the Conductress makes that her favorite office.
   The olivine topaz is the gem stone of the Grand Chaplain.
Valerie brings to the Treasure Chest the olivine topaz which symbolizes benevolence.

**Associate Grand Conductress Jan Brown** is escorted by her husband, Mel of Henrietta Chapter No. 21.

Jan is a member of Henrietta Chapter No. 21 and Idaho Falls Chapter No. 85. She has served as Adah, Esther, Electa, Organist, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.

When not collecting snow babies, you can find her collecting grand pianos and fire trucks in which to bring them home.

Since scuba diving is her hobby, we wonder if she can cross-stitch and needle point under water.

Sharing her love of music and bringing harmony and song to everyone makes Organist her favorite office.

The sardius is the gem stone of the Associate Grand Conductress. Jan brings to the Treasure Chest the sardius which symbolizes loyalty to Christ.

**Grand Conductress Sue Warner** is escorted by her friend Susan Foster of Loyaute Chapter No. 19 and Valeria Chapter No. 76.

Sue is a member of Loyaute Chapter No. 19. She has served as Adah, Ruth, Electa, Chaplain, Secretary, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.

When not camping, cooking or sewing, you might find her scouting around looking for Santa Clauses and bears.

Keeping in touch with chapter members makes Secretary her favorite office. She has served in this position six times.

The chrysolite is the gem stone of the Grand Conductress. Sue brings to the Treasure Chest the chrysolite which symbolizes heavenly wisdom.

**Grand Treasurer John Snodderley**, PGP of Idaho, is escorted by his wife, Susan of Queen Esther Chapter No. 12 and Idaho Chapter No. 49.

John is a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 12 and has served as Sentinel, Marshal, Chaplain, Associate Patron and Worthy Patron.

He has traveled to Europe and the Orient where he has utilized his love and passion for photography.
His favorite office is Associate Patron because he loves giving the beautiful lecture of the Associate Patron to new members.

The sardonyx is the gem stone of the Grand Treasurer. John brings to the Treasure Chest the sardonyx which symbolizes humility and purity.

**Grand Secretary Denise Hunt** is escorted by her friend Jessie Michaelson. Both are members of Adah Chapter No. 8.

Denise has served as Ruth, Electa, Esther, Chaplain, Marshal, Warder, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, Worthy Matron and Secretary.

Her hobby is Eastern Star. All others have been put on hold for the time being.

Her favorite office is Secretary because, as she said in her profile, “it fits me.”

The emerald is also the gem stone of the Grand Secretary. Denise brings to the Treasure Chest the emerald which symbolizes deathlessness.

**Associate Grand Patron Gary Lemarr** is escorted by his wife, Robbie. Both are members of Golden Rod Chapter No. 64.

Gary has served as Worthy Patron thirteen times and Associate Patron nine times. Gary has been a member for twenty three years. When you do the math, somewhere in there he got a year off for good behavior.

When not target shooting, you can find him scouting out the antique stores for old wind up clocks.

The beautiful lecture of the Associate Patron has made that office his favorite.

The chalcedony is the gem stone of Associate Grand Patron. Gary brings to the Treasure Chest the chalcedony which symbolizes obedience to God.

**Associate Grand Matron Karen Juell** is escorted by her friend Maureen Collaer of Esther Chapter No. 14. Karen is a member of Henrietta Chapter No. 21. She has served as Adah, Esther, Electa, Chaplain, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron and Worthy Matron.

She is so busy that her hobbies have been put on hold for a couple of years. When she has time to look, she collects Snoopy and Peanuts characters. Maybe we can get Margaret
or Linus to shop for her.

The spiritual sentiments expressed in the Chaplain’s prayers have made Chaplain her favorite office.

The chalcedony is also the gem stone of the Associate Grand Matron. Karen brings to the Treasure Chest the chalcedony which symbolizes obedience to God.

**Worthy Grand Patron Robert (Bob) Barclay** is escorted by his daughter, Heather, who is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. Both are members of Adah Chapter No. 8.

Bob was initiated in 2003. He has served his chapter as Marshal, Warder, Sentinel, Associate Patron, and twice as Worthy Patron.

He is a collector of stamps, preferably stamps of the United States. ‘E.T.’ opened the world to the possibility of other life forms. Bob’s passion is for the extraterrestrial. We wonder if he has made any contact, perhaps he will let us know.

Walking is his hobby, but I don’t know if any of us can keep up with this former track champion.

The office of Sentinel is his favorite. He says “you get to talk to everyone outside the door.”

The sapphire is the gem stone of the Worthy Grand Patron. Bob brings to the Treasure Chest the sapphire which symbolizes faithfulness toward all creatures of God.

**Worthy Grand Matron Sandra (Sandi) Shoemaker** is escorted by the most precious jewels of her treasure chest, her grandchildren. Ashlee and Noah who are each age six and Gavin, who is age two.

Sandi and Art Shoemaker have been married for forty four years. They have three sons, Phil, Jeff and Greg and three daughters-in-law, Brandi, Amber and Briana. They have three grandchildren with one little precious girl DUE ANY MINUTE!!!!!!!

Sandi was initiated on Sept 28, 1977 in Boise Chapter No. 65. She later joined Rob Morris Chapter No. 63. She has served her chapters as Ruth, Martha, Chaplain, Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, and as Worthy Matron five times.

Her hobbies include bowling, cross stitching and needlework. Elves, dwarfs and gnomes are the shoemakers of her infamous sneakers.

She has very bad allergies to that sweet smelling stuff!!!!!
So please, no perfume.

The jasper is the gem stone of the Worth Grand Matron. Sandi brings to the Treasure Chest the jasper which symbolizes perfection, knowledge and God’s glory.

It is with pleasure I present to you the 2011-2012 Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star. As the new grand officers traverse our state, we wish them a year filled with good health, safe travels, and treasured memories. When you hear the piper coming through the glen, it will be the start of the Grand Officers embarking on a new year.

*Grand Officers were escorted into the Grand Chapter room to bagpipes played by Ron Lopez, Pipe Major, Boise Highlanders.*

**INSTALLATION OF 2011-2012 GRAND OFFICERS**

The following officers were installed using the Ritualistic Ceremony:

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The Benediction was given by the Installing Grand Chaplain.

The Installing Grand Marshal proclaimed the 2011-2012 Grand Officers regularly installed.
ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sandi Shoemaker: “Worthy Grand Patron”, how does that sound, Brother Bob? Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends,

My address is 5724 East Oak Street in Nampa and has been for the past 15 years

I don’t have the lengthy Masonic relationship that some of my predecessors had. My Masonic relationship came from my brother, Kenney Emert, who also signed my petition for Boise Chapter 65.

I want to thank each and every one of you for taking the time out of your very busy schedules to come and share this afternoon with us. It means a lot to Bob and me to have you here.

Didn’t the Installing Officers do a wonderful job? They were all chosen for a special reason. Between Boise 65, Rob Morris 63, Nampa 30, and Beth Arabah 24 in Utah, I have served as Worthy Matron seven times. Six of the PGMs who assisted today were my WGMs and I was Grand Martha for Sister Mary Stowell. Thank you all so very much. Sister Dottie, “Mom,” thank you for being our Installing Officer. You were my first WGM and I just had to have you here today.

Brother Art, when I was first elected to the grand line I asked you to be prepared to install me. I knew it would be different, but I had to have you do it. It was only right. You are not only my best friend and husband but the light of my life and I love you. Thank you for all the support that you have given, not only to me, but to Bob as we start this amazing journey that you have already taken.

Sister Donita, thank you for your beautiful music. To Harlow, Bucky, Donita and Ferne, the other Installing Officers, you all know how much I love you and admire you. Thank you for the time that you have spent helping us this afternoon; and our chapters in general. Brother John Hughes, thank you for the beautiful narration. You are like a brother to me. I say that because he lets me share his mother. Thank you for all of your support and, of course, Liz’s too.

The Emblem Bearers all were my WGMs. Sisters Mary Hanson, Nancy Ross, Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis and Lucy Miller. Sister Joanna Davidson was WGM when I served as WM in Utah and she said that she would claim me as one of hers. I had asked Marvel Leader of Utah who was my WGM to assist us today but she was unable to attend.
To the Grand Officers and their escorts, what a sight you are. Thank you just doesn’t say it all. All of you will make this a special and memorable year for us. Thank you for accepting the position for which you were chosen. Sister Peggy, I never dreamt when I asked you to be our Marshal that you were so very talented at writing. The narration was fantastic. It was even more than I expected. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Where have the last three years gone? It seems like just last week Sister Hazel and Brother Jim were installed into these positions and now Bob and I stand before you as the WGM and WGP of this Grand Jurisdiction.

When I was elected Associate Grand Conductress, several people said, “You and Art are the first couple to serve as WGM and WGP of Idaho. Wrong. I knew that there were others but I was not sure how many. After doing some research I found four other wives and husbands. The first was Susan A. Needham from Laurel 13 in 1905-1906. Her husband Daniel Needham served as WGP in 1911-1912. The second, and I think most interesting, was Margaret J. Gagnon, Esther 14 in 1906-1907 and George F. Gagnon in 1912-1913. Both served the very next year after the Needhams. The third couple was Margaret E. Pike, Adah 8, in 1921-1922 and Curtis F. Pike in 1931-1932. The fourth was Dr. Noel M. Leavitt, Lily 27 of Genesee in 1943-1944 and Helen Leavitt in 1950-1951. One of the couples was married after they served but I have not been able to find out which one. If any one knows, I would like the information. It has been a long time since Idaho has had a husband and wife who have both served in the Grand East.

Everyone keeps asking me why I chose the Treasure Chest. It is quite simple – we live in the Treasure Valley and I pray that we all have some “Memories that we Treasure”. You have seen three of my Treasured Memories here this afternoon, my grandchildren, Ashlee, Noah and Gavin. They are my shining stars and every minute that I get to spend with them is a “Treasured Memory”.

I want to thank this Grand Chapter for the faith you have entrusted in electing me to serve in this honored position and for electing this wonderful man to make this journey with me. Brother Bob, we did not know each other very well when we started this journey but I promised him, and this Grand Chapter, that I would do all in my power to make our friendship grow each and every day and that we would finish our year
as good, or better friends than when we started. I also ask
the Lord, our God, to help me perform the work of this Grand
Chapter to the satisfaction and honor that it requires.

Our theme this year is, “OES, it’s out of this world.”
Our charity is the Portland Shrine Hospital Cleft Lip and
Palate Program for Idaho Children. Bob will explain both
of these in his address. My fun symbols are the Elves and
the Shoemaker, gnomes and dwarfs, and the all important
sneaker. I chose these for the reason that some people have
trouble remembering how to spell my last name. When I
say, “like the Elves and the Shoemaker,” they understand.
The sneaker, because I wear them and they represent the
shoemaker. Our colors are yellow, green, black and white.

My scriptures are Matthew 6:21, “For where your treasure
is, there will be your heart also,” and Matthew 19:21, “Jesus
said unto him, ‘If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou
hast, and give to the poor, and thou shall have treasure in
heaven; and come and follow me’”

My songs are Amazing Grace, God Bless America, He,
I Believe, How Far is Heaven, Are You the One Who is to
Come?

My Bible was given to me by a couple of dear friends, with
whom we share our wedding anniversary date, Sister Valerie
and Brother Ray Sievers. My Bible marker was made for me
by my first WGM and very special friend, Dottie Hughes. It is
beautiful. Please look at it. Thanks to all of you for these very
special gifts.

My gavel started out as a joke. PGP Le Roy Austin made
it. And when I found it in the country store, I thought it was
perfect for the “Elves and the Shoemaker.” It is in the shape of
a hammer. Of course, I had to have a block of wood with a nail
being driven into if for the sounding block and Brother Le Roy
made that also. Thank you Brother Le Roy.

We will have one Official Visit this summer. It will be in
Horseshoe Bend on Saturday, August 6. The Grand Family
Picnic will be the next day, Sunday, August 7 at Winstead Park
here in Boise at 1:00 p.m.

We will also be doing the Travel Pins again this year and
the Chapter of Excellence.

Will the members of Boise 65 and Rob Morris 63 please
stand? These are the members of my chapters. Thank you
all for coming and for supporting me these last three years. I
know you will continue to support me this coming year. Would you please join me in extending these members a hearty welcome?

_The Worthy Grand Matron’s family was presented in the West for introduction._

**WGM:** Standing next to the Grand Conductress is our middle son, Jeff. Next to him is Art’s sister, Lois Guidinger, who lives in Caldwell; our youngest son, Greg who is the father of Ashley and our youngest grandson, Gavin. They have another baby due almost any day. Next is “Mr.” Noah. Noah is six and he is the son of our oldest son, Phil and this is his mom, Brandi. Thank you, Brandi, for coming and bringing Noah and helping with the other two; and for taking the pictures. Of course, everyone knows the love of my life, Brother Art.

**ADDRESS OF WORTHY GRAND PATRON**  
**Bob Barclay:** I would like to thank the Grand Chapter for bestowing on me the honor of being your Worthy Grand Patron. I will do my utmost to affirm your confidence in me. It is truly an honor to be in this position.

Sister Sandi, it has been a pleasure getting to know you and Brother Art these past few years, and I look forward to sharing this year with you. I know that we will have a wonderful time as we travel this great state.

I would like to thank the Sisters and Brothers who have accepted Grand Offices this year. I know only too well the time and commitment it requires.

I would like to thank the Installing Officers for the beautiful ceremony. While the majority of us have seen it before, it’s always wonderful to see it done with such feeling.

I would also like to thank Pipe Major Ron Lopez of the Boise Highlanders for playing today; it was simply beautiful.

I would like to thank my counterparts for coming today. You will all be installed in the coming weeks, and I look forward to working with each of you for the betterment of our Order.

Would the Sisters and Brothers of Adah Chapter please stand. I have always been proud to say that I am a member of Adah 8. You have supported me during my tenures as Worthy Patron, and during the past two years that I have traveled to the Grand East. I sincerely appreciate your support, and am confident that you will be there in the future, not only for me, but also for the Grand Chapter.
I would be remiss not to thank my family for the support that they have given me over the years in my Masonic endeavors, especially my Mother. From the days she hauled my sisters and I to Job’s Daughters and DeMolay meetings respectively, she has been there with unconditional support.

I would also like to thank my daughter Heather, who traveled from her home port of Norfolk, Virginia to be here, and who incidentally is a fourth generation member of Adah Chapter. I wonder how her shipmates in VAW-120 are getting along without her.

Would my family please stand. I would like to introduce my mother, Edithe Barclay, my sisters Carol Hoidal, Cheryl Knighton, and Judy Dickson, and Judy’s husband Rich Dickson.

Sandi has asked me to cover a few things that we will be doing this year.

We will continue the Travel Pin. The Pin this year is a Treasure Chest with five hanging stars in Star Point colors. The Pin represents our Emblem and “Treasured Memories” theme. We have added several more opportunities to get points. Your Secretaries have all the details.

We will also continue the “Chapter of Excellence Award.” Again, your Secretaries have the new guidelines for this year.

Our Charity for this year is the Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland, Oregon, and the support the Hospital provides Idaho children.

The Portland Hospital has one of the few Cleft Lip and Palate Programs within the Shrine Hospital System. It is also one of the few multi-faceted programs located in the Northwest involving plastic surgeons, ENT physicians, dentists, orthodontists, nurse care coordinators, speech therapists, and other ancillary disciplines. Currently thirty-six children from Idaho are being served in that multi-disciplinary clinic.

Children born with cleft lip and palate have a wide variety of medical challenges including severe facial disfigurement. All, however, will undergo a minimum of three or four surgical interventions in their pediatric lifetime. From the simplest cleft lip, a child will have an early lip repair, ear tubes, and lip revisions after the face has stopped its growth. More complicated cases involving cleft palate will involve both palate and lip repairs early in infancy, fistula repairs and/or pharyngeal flaps, ear tubes, lip revisions with alveolar grafts, orthodontia treatment, mid-face advancements in
adolescence, and rhinoplasty/lip revisions again after facial growth ends.

When patients reach the age of ten or eleven, orthodontic services are frequently required – the extent of which is dependent upon the severity of the child’s cleft palate. The hospital does not offer orthodontic services, although they do consult with an orthodontist for treatment recommendations. The Portland Hospital is also unable to pay for these treatments – all patients are advised that this is not a covered service when treatment begins. The hospital, however, does attempt to utilize the patient’s insurance when available, and routinely appeals any denial of services. When that fails, the hospital’s Nurse Care Coordinator will attempt to find charitable funding for them. However, this is usually not successful and these children will not receive the needed care and cannot complete the rest of their surgical treatment plan without orthodontic intervention. These orthodontic costs vary between $1,500 and $8,000 depending on the length and complexity of the treatment required. Even with insurance, many patients cannot afford the copayment required by their insurance companies. Typically, only forty to fifty percent of the orthodontic treatment costs may be covered by insurance companies.

The purpose of our charity this year is to provide the Portland Shrine Hospital’s Cleft Lip and Palate Program with monies to specifically fund orthodontic care for those Idaho patients without insurance or without the funds to pay the costs associated with their orthodontic treatment plan. For some patients, treatment will remain incomplete without this funding, and they will be unable to attain some degree of normalcy to their facial disfigurement through the hospital’s surgical interventions.

As the primary fund raiser to support this year’s charity, the Grand Chapter will be selling distinctive Alien/UFO over Idaho pins for five dollars each. This is the only pin being sold by the Grand Chapter this year and reflects our Motto, “OES, IT’S OUT OF THIS WORLD.”

Representations of both the travel pin and the fund raising pin can be seen on the cover of the Installation Program.

Again, thank you for the honor of being your Worthy Grand Patron.
PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF WGM JEWEL

JPGM Christy: Worthy Grand Matron Sandi, it is a pleasure to present you with the Worthy Grand Matron’s 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 in 1920, so that makes the pin 91 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 Bob will have a wonderful year.

I am also placing Teddy into your loving care. Teddy was found on a bus, a traveling star bus. My grandfather was the wagon master. I believe Helen Thomas found him and felt that we should give him a loving home. He has traveled with Worthy Grand Matrons and has, on his cute little outfit, one of our pins for each year.

I also have a few other things here that you will need as you perform your duties as our Worthy Grand Matron.

WGM: Thank you Christy. You have been a really wonderful Worthy Grand Matron and have worked really hard all year.

PRESENTATION OF WGP JEWEL

JPGP Larry: Worthy Grand Patron Bob, I am most pleased to present you with the Worthy Grand Patron’s traveling pin. This small jewel has a nice little diamond in it. I know you will wear it with pride. There is also a tie tack that was presented to PGP Jack Sage and has been handed down each year as well. Enjoy your year.

WGP: Brother Larry, I really enjoyed traveling around the state with you this year. I look forward to seeing you on the road.

PRESENTATION OF JPGM PIN

PGM Lucy Miller: Sister Christy, it is my pleasure to present you this Past Grand Matron’s jewel which is given to the Junior Past Grand Matron to wear for the year and then you will pass it on. (Grace Johnson pin)

Sister Sandi was presented her gavel by her grandchildren. It had been engraved. She read, “Sandi Shoemaker, Worthy Grand Matron, OES Idaho, 2011-12.” She was also given her sounding block which is a piece of wood with a nail being driven in to it.
Jennifer Marshall, WM (8), on behalf of Adah Chapter, presented WGP Bob a pair of black socks from PGP Harlow Kibbey and a briefcase embroidered with his name and title.

Rob Morris Chapter 63 presented Worthy Grand Matron Sandi with a treasure chest containing a monetary donation.

WGM: I want to thank Brother Dan Voorhees for taking our pictures these past twelve years. You have spoiled us and we will miss you.

STANDING COMMITTEES WERE ANNOUNCED
The list of committees follows this session.

CLOSING
The assembly repeated the Mizpeh Benediction.
The Grand Conductress attended the Altar.

The Grand Officers retired to playing of bagpipes. A reception followed the Installation Ceremony

Christy Schill-Newbold
Worthy Grand Matron

Larry G. Allen
Worthy Grand Patron

Attest: Denise Hunt
Grand Secretary
# COMMITTEES 2011-2012

## Appeals and Grievances
Anita Randall (8), Chmn  
Mike Sutton (3)  
Bonnie Lawrence (65)  
Assisting:  
Darla Redman PGM  
Dave Call PGP

## Golden Stars
Sue Grant (6) Chmn  
Lisa Brett (51) 2 yrs  
Gladys Merrill, 3 yrs

## Historian
Mary Stowell, PGM

## Dispensations and Charters
Donna Petersen (6), Chmn  
Dore Stansbury (77)  
Roland Webster (14)  
Assisting:  
Donita Lancaster PGM  
Lavell Paige PGP

## Jurisprudence
Bucky Finley PGP Chmn  
Peggy Hess (39) 1 yr  
Graeme Galbraith (21) 1 yr  
Janet Jensen-Fullmer PGM 2 yrs  
Sue Remaley (29) 2 yrs  
John Chamberlain (33) 2 yrs  
Mary Lynne Nealis PGM 3 yrs  
Lucy Meredith (32) 3 yrs  
Ted Bahr (8) 3 yrs

## ESTARL Central
Don Taylor (85) Chmn  
Carol Austin (35) 2 yrs  
Dwain Valez (62) 3 yrs  
Assisting  
Virginia King PGM  
Stan Barker PGP

## Library
Donna Newcomer (65/66)

## Financial Review
Gailyn Combs (65) Chmn  
Duane Ramseyer (29) 2 yrs  
Dale Winch (66) 3 yrs

## Registration
Teri Nealis (63/6) Chmn  
Merl Mews (8) 1 yr  
Cyndie Bollar (66) 2 yrs  
Max Newcomer (66) 2 yrs  
Penny Morrison (35) 3 yrs  
Barry Walsborn (12) 3 yrs  
Assisting:  
Ferne Studebaker PGM  
Bert Johnson PGP

## Fraternal Correspondence
Jan Brown AGC, Chmn  
Sue Warner GC, 2 yrs  
Karen Juell AGM, 1 yr

## Scholarships
Jan Brown AGC, Chmn  
Sue Warner GC, 2 yrs  
Karen Juell AGM, 1 yr

## General Arrangements
Suzanne Buchan (21) Chmn  
Judith Walsborn (12) 2 yrs  
Mikki Carr (6/8) 3 yrs

## Scholarship
Jack Sage PGP Chmn  
Maxine Machamer PGM 2 yrs  
Jim Grant PGP 3 yrs

## Star Information
Marthena Sabin (77)
Tellers
Richard DuClercque (43) Chmn
Paul Ousley (34) 2 yrs
Howard Walker (16) 3 yrs

Vendors
Cary Tuggle (79) Chmn
Davita Ulrich (3)

Youth
Diedre Votaw (3/16) Chmn
Janice Brown (21/85)
David Jennings (20)

The Special Committees will be announced as needed.
Annual Report
Of The Worthy Grand Matron
Christy Schill-Newbold
2010-2011

To the Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star:

WELCOME
Welcome to all who are attending our “Christmas in the Country” Grand Chapter Session. We hope that it will be a time for creating wonderful, warm memories. At our Installation in June, we shared a poem about the meaning of Christmas, “Let Us Live Christmas Every Day”, and we believe the poem captures the spirit we hope to celebrate all year long. The poem begins:

Christmas is more than a day
At the end of the year,
More than a season
Of joy and good cheer,
Christmas is really
God’s pattern for living
To be followed all year
By unselfish giving…

DEDICATION and APPRECIATION
It would have been impossible to fulfill the responsibilities of this role without the complete support of my family. My Mom, Shirley Jo, has taken care of dozens of small details that make everything run smoothly. She has toted, recorded, collected, organized, refilled and listened. I think I have the very best parents in the world, and it has been a special pleasure to experience this with my Mom.

Mom and Dad have been there on all kinds of special projects – making 650 bookmarks, removing and re-packaging 750 travel pin dangles, loading and unloading the Jeep dozens of times, hauling “stuff” back and forth between their house and my Caldwell house, and so many other tasks. Dad made my gavel, all of the sleighs that were used at Hermosa’s Official Visit and Homecoming, and a fireplace mantel that you will see at Grand Chapter. He’s a very handy and talented fellow, who has not yet learned to run or hide when
his daughter says, “I have an idea”. He’s also held down the fort and taken care of the dog and cat, while Mom and I were trotting around the countryside.

When I told my husband, Brett, that I wanted to make a bigger commitment to Eastern Star, he said, “whatever makes you happy, sweetie” -- not knowing that it meant four years on the road and a big financial commitment. He has kept it all together at home taking care of the critters (we have lots of them -- 6 dogs, 2 cats, 15 horses) and providing a relaxing refuge for me when I did make it home for a couple of days. He took great care of me when I was sick, and I am so thankful to have him in my life.

My two chapters, Hermosa 32 and Silver Star 83, have been wonderfully supportive in this grand adventure. When a person agrees to serve in the Grand Line, she is also committing her entire chapter in order to make it all happen and successful. In my case, I had Sisters and Brothers in two chapters who said “yes” to everything I asked, and even anticipated my needs and delightfully surprised me in other ways to make everything perfect. I love them all!!!

To my friends, Deborah Arnold and Mary Baldwin -- these two very special ladies have worked hard this year to make everything so special and perfect. They have not only acted as Worthy Matrons of their own chapters, Hermosa 32 and Silver Star 83, they are the Co-Chairpersons for General Arrangements 2011, and played the lead in pulling together the Homecoming. Because Mary has been able to travel with me quite a bit this year, she has also experienced the fact that a Worthy Grand Matron has STUFF, and she has toted lots of it! They are my dear, dear friends and this year has been more special because they were part of the experience.

We are blessed to have Denise Hunt as our Grand Secretary. Denise very patiently answered my barrage of questions, and made sure I was on track with everything. She made so many trips to the Hall of Mirrors building where my office is located to drop off and pick up items, they probably think she works here.

I have been honored to have Liz Hughes, as part of our Grand Family, and serving in her 10th year as our Grand Treasurer. She works quietly behind the scenes to be certain that our financial resources are invested in the best possible place, and that we can meet our obligations. Her expertise in handling the financial affairs of our Grand Chapter is very much appreciated.
When you elected Larry Allen to be Worthy Grand Patron, I got the added bonus of getting another wonderful partner, in his wife Gladys. They have both been eager and willing partners in this Grand Journey. Larry and Gladys – I thank you for your commitment to our Order and for your support of me.

I will be forever thankful to Associate Grand Matron, Sandi Shoemaker, for so willingly and ably filling in for me while I was in the hospital and recuperating at home.

I am thankful for the prayers and well wishes of all of our members. I believe in the power of prayer. When I visit with my doctors, they all say it is a miracle that I am alive and that I survived such a serious brain aneurysm without any significant mental deficit. I know that it is because my Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers were praying for my recovery, and asking all of their friends and relatives to pray for me. Never doubt that God hears and answers prayers. I give thanks to our Lord every day for restoring my health, and allowing me to continue on this wonderful journey.

To our Grand Family -- thank you accepting your elected or appointed office, and for embracing your responsibilities so joyfully. We selected our appointed Grand Officers because of their service to their Chapters and their commitment to Eastern Star, and also because we thought it would be enjoyable to spend a year with them. We were right!

I selected my Honor Station, Electa, as a tribute to my Grandparents, Jim & Betty Wheelock, and PGM Kathryn Dyer. My Grandfather was Worthy Grand Patron in Idaho in 1963, with Kathryn as his Worthy Grand Matron. Theirs was the "Elect Lady" Session, and my Grandmother, Betty, portrayed the Elect Lady. She was not yet a Past Matron, and not eligible to be a Grand Officer, but was beautiful and elegant, and certainly appropriate as the Elect Lady. She wore a beautiful red dress, and carried a silver cup with red roses to open their session. It’s also a tribute to my own wonderful Mom, who has been such a positive role model for me, and my best friend.

Bible and Gavel

My Bible was a gift to my family from the family of Ruby Taber. Ruby was Grand Guardian of Idaho Job’s Daughters, and the Secretary of Hermosa Chapter for 25 years. Ruby used the Bible as Grand Guardian, and it is signed by the Bethel Librarians, including our very own Teresa Carlson. The Bible marker was commissioned by my Grandmother for
her beloved Rainbow 80, and made by Mabel Rosa, a dual member of Hermosa 32 and Golden Rod 64. When Rainbow 80 merged with Nampa 30, they gave the Bible marker back to my family. The Bible cover was made by my dear friend Mary Baldwin. I have enjoyed taking the Bible around the state with me in a beautiful, hand-tooled leather case given to me at Installation by Larry and Gladys. My gavel and sounding block were made by my very talented Dad, using wood from a fallen walnut tree that stood in the yard of the original homestead on the south side of Cuddy Mountain, where our ranch is located. It has been a special pleasure to use all of them this year, and they are more treasured because of the memories associated with them.

Grand Chapter Committee Members & Session Assistants

Thank you to all who accepted committee and special appointments, and for taking seriously your responsibilities. An organization is only as great as those who work tirelessly in support of its goals and objectives, and we are blessed to have members who work to fulfill our vision and purpose.

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened by the passing of three of our Past Grand Patrons this last year – Brothers Bob Grisham, Eugene Crowley, and Wayne Woodward. We extend sincere sympathy to their families and chapter members. I was honored to be able to attend the funeral services for Brother Bob Grisham and Brother Eugene Crowley. They were all wonderful gentlemen, dedicated to Masonry and to the Order of the Eastern Star, and will be missed. Our subordinate chapters have also lost many of their beautiful members throughout the year, and we extend our sympathy to them and to the families of the members.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Appointed Grand Officers

Our first official act was to select a great group of appointed Grand Officers. They have all shown dedication to their chapters and to our beautiful Order. We started the year with a retreat for all of our Grand Officers, held in Cambridge, and on our ranch, where we got a chance to share the plans for the year, get to know each other and have FUN! They are a group of loving and kind individuals, and we have been
honored to spend a year with them in the service of this Grand Chapter.

Grand Chaplain  Dwain Valez  Pend d’Oreille 62
Grand Marshal  Susan Snodderley  Queen Esther 12
Grand Organist  Janice Brown  Henrietta 21
Grand Adah  Teresa Carlson  Liberty 51
Grand Ruth  Terry Rowe  Twin Falls 29
Grand Esther  Bernice Nyblad  Hermosa 32
Grand Martha  Martie Stamm  Crescent 43
Grand Electa  Gladys Allen  Boise 65
Grand Warder  Roland Webster  Esther 14

Grand Representatives

In Idaho

I was delighted to be able to recommend the following individuals to represent other Grand Jurisdictions in Idaho. I have not served as a Grand Representative, but know what a meaningful appointment it is from friends and family who have enjoyed their commissions, and have life-long friendships from their time in this capacity. I’ve also heard from other Worthy Grand Matrons that appointing a Grand Representative is one of the nicest and most rewarding things you do, and now I know it to be true!

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Idaho in Other Grand Jurisdictions

I received many thank you notes from the individuals appointed to represent Idaho in other Grand Jurisdictions. I can tell from the sincerity and enthusiasm of their notes, that their counterparts will enjoy corresponding with and getting to know these delightful Sisters and Brothers.

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Standing Committees

Youth
Linda Hattrick resigned. Replacement pending.

Tellers
Patrick Murphy resigned. Appointed Howard Walker (16) to fill the position on the Teller’s Committee.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Sandi Shoemaker, acting on my behalf, granted the following Special Dispensations:

- Laurel 13 – change place of meeting (September 2, 2010)
- Idaho 49 – change place of meeting (September 2, 2010)
- Pend d’Oreille 62 – elect officers out of time at a stated meeting; install elective officers out of time at a stated or special meeting (September 22, 2010)

I granted the following Special Dispensations:

- Valeria 76 – install elected officers out of time (June 19, 2010)
- Star of the West 35 – change place of meeting (June 25, 2010)
- Adah 8 – initiate within two weeks, three days having elapsed (September 21, 2010)
- Laurel 13 – change place of meeting (November 22, 2010)
- Silver Star 83 – initiate within two weeks, three days having elapsed (January 22, 2011)
- Silver Star 83 – initiate within two weeks, three days having elapsed (March 18, 2011)
- Esther 14 – install elected officers out of time (April 30, 2011)

WAIVER OF GRAND JURISDICTION

I was contacted by Sister Connie Harris, Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon, on October 26, 2010 and asked to grant a Waiver of Jurisdiction to allow a member who resides in Caldwell, Idaho to be initiated in her family’s chapter, Hope
13 in LaGrande, Oregon. Her family has been active in this chapter for seven generations. I granted the waiver on November 10, 2010.

OFFICIAL VISITS
Each Official Visit is a treasured memory in our hearts. We thank all of the chapters who worked so hard to make them special. Your exemplification of our ritualistic work was beautiful. The luncheons, dinners and refreshments were delicious. The decorations were festive, entertainment delightful and we often felt like we were waking up Christmas morning surrounded by wonderful gifts.

After our first Official Visit at Star of the West Chapter 35 (the meeting was held in Gooding), I promptly took a 5 week spa break at St. Alphonsus Hospital, and our Associate Grand Matron, Sandi Shoemaker, and Worthy Grand Patron, carried on without me. I hear that they did a great job of conducting Schools of Instruction and Official Visits at ten chapters.

I was able to re-engage by early October, at the Official Visit to Liberty Chapter 51 in Shelley. It was probably a little too early for me, but it was particularly important to me to attend the Official Visit at the chapter of our Past Grand Matron, Janet Jensen-Fullmer and our Grand Adah, Teresa Carlson. I was Grand Adah for Sister Janet during her year as Worthy Grand Matron, and the “Jensen girls” have been friends for many years.

Our Worthy Grand Patron and I were able to complete 24 Official Visits, with our Worthy Grand Patron missing only one due to illness. We experienced our Grand Jurisdiction’s first Joint Official Visit. Hugh Duncan 2 of Salmon and Florence 79 of Challis were the pioneering chapters who planned and beautifully executed this first Joint Official Visit. I think it was a fun experience for both chapters, and I know it was for all who attended.

CHAPTER MERGERS & DISSOLUTIONS
There were no chapter mergers during this year. I have received notification from one chapter that they were considering closing, but at this point, the members have not been notified, and a vote has not occurred.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS
We received honorary memberships from many of the
chapters we visited, and were humbled and honored with each one received. Thank you for making us part of your Eastern Star Chapter family!

**AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED**

I approved the following Chapter By-Law revisions:

**Queen Esther 12**
- Article VIII, Section 4 – make donation to Benevolent Fund a budgeted amount
- Article V, Section 2 – modify section to conform to Grand Chapter legislation allowing for nomination and election by acclamation
- Article V, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 – add entire election procedure consistent with Code & Digest
- Article VI, Section 1 – financial review report to occur at first meeting in June

**Hermosa 32**
- Article V, Section 1 – changed election procedure to confirm with process adopted by Grand Chapter, allowing for nomination and election by acclamation
- Article IX, Section 1 – Initiation fee shall be $25.00 and includes dues and ritual
- Article IX, Section 2 – $5.00 fee for International Temple Fund shall be paid by new members, dual members, and affiliated members

**Laurel 3**
- Article III, Section 3 – absent members may be elected only if they have sent written notice of willingness to serve
- Article III, Section 4 – the Worthy Patron or his pro-tem will preside over the elections
- Article III, Section 5 – office of Secretary will have a term limit of five consecutive years; office of Treasurer will have a term limit of six consecutive years
- Article VI, Section 1 – dues shall be $20 per year
- Article VI, Section 3 – dues for a new member shall be prorated; fees will include International Temple Fund of $5 and initiation fee of $20, and present a ritual
- Article IX, Section 2 – outgoing Finance Committee shall audit the books; incoming Finance Committee shall devise budget
- Article X, Section 1 – annual honorarium of $300 for Secretary and $75 for Treasurer to be presented when all official duties are completed
Idaho Falls 85
Article VIII, Section 1 – changed to read “the compensation of the Secretary of this chapter shall be $50.00 (fifty dollars) per month and dues shall be remitted.
Article VIII, Section 3 – changed to read “the Worthy Matron of this chapter shall be allowed $100.00 (one hundred dollars) toward expenses when she attends Grand Chapter plus an amount equal to $.25 (twenty five cents) per highway mile”
Article IX, Section 4 – changed to read “a fee of $5.00 (five dollars) for the International Temple Fund, or the current fee, shall be paid by all petitioners for the degrees”
Idaho 49
Article III, Page 2 – hour of meeting changed to 7 pm

Adah 8
Article IX, Section 1 – add words to clarify that dues are collected at the time a petition is received
Article IX, Section 3 – add new section to pro-rate dues during the second half of the year
Article IX, Section 5 – to clarify existing practices regarding presentation of monetary gifts to the retiring Worthy Matron and retiring Worthy Patron in amount not to exceed $50.00 and $40.00 respectively, at the end of their term

Henrietta 21
Article II, Section 1 – no meeting on Maundy Thursday

IRREGULARITIES
During our Schools of Instruction, we focused on “back to the basics”, since we have seen the same irregularities for several years, and also because several of our chapters have new members and requested this focus. Each chapter listened intently, asked clarifying questions, and put forward their best effort to implement our recommendations and reinforcement of the Ritual and Code & Digest. We were impressed by your sincere desire to learn, and to exemplify the beauty, grace and meaning of our Ritual.

Chapter Opening & Closing
1. Improper raps given by Warder & Sentinel
2. Warder opened door without direction from the Worthy Matron
3. Star Points not holding sign until pass is given
Balloting
1. Associate Conductress did not properly prepare the ballot box
2. Associate Conductress passed the ballot in the incorrect order
3. Worthy Matron did not declare ballot open and closed, and did not destroy ballot
4. Reverent attitude rather than salutation sign given to Bible before balloting at Altar

Initiation
1. Conductress incorrectly entered labyrinth during Initiation for obligation
2. Adah incorrectly winding veil on sword during Initiation lecture
3. Gestures not given by Star Points during initiation lecture
4. Worthy Patron joined Prayer Circle during Initiation
5. Conductresses did not countermarch new members to enter prayer circle
6. Conductress and new member entered prayer circle before it was fully formed
7. Worthy Matron dropped new member’s hand too early during prayer circle

General
1. No annual Treasurer’s Report
2. Copying from the ritual

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
1. Question: We are going to have an Initiation for a new member at our Official Visit. Since our Official Visit will occur on our regular meeting night, we are concerned that it will make the meeting very late. Is it possible to open our chapter meeting during the School of Instruction, in the afternoon, and then declare a recess, and continue the meeting including Initiation in the evening?

Answer: To begin your meeting at a time other than the time stated in your By-Laws would mean that you are holding a special meeting. In order to hold a special meeting, you would need to notify all resident members of the change (C&D pg. 37, Art. II, Sec. 2). The special meeting would be opened in regular form, and closed with one rap of the gavel. The stated meeting would be opened with one rap of the gavel. The Associate Matron would need to vouch for all present to be certain that no members have entered during the break, who
are not properly vouched for.

2. **Question:** One of our members recently saw a person who had taken a demit from our chapter more than 10 years ago. She has not placed her membership with another chapter in the interim. She would like to visit our chapter. What does she need to do?

**Answer:** According to our Code & Digest (Pg. 54, Art. XV, Sec. 6), a demitted member is not permitted to visit on a demit after one year from the date of issuance, except to petition for affiliation. In order to visit your chapter, where she was a member, she should petition for reinstatement, and would not be able to visit until the petition has been balloted upon and approved.

3. **Question:** We have a couple of members from other chapters who are regular pro-tems in offices in our chapter. We do not have enough of our own members to fill all of the offices, and these individuals are not able to become members of our chapter, because they are already members in two chapters. Is it possible for them to participate in our Installation ceremony, as recognition of their ongoing contribution to our chapter, by listing them as pro-tem when being introduced during Installation?

**Answer:** Although they cannot be officially installed into an office in your chapter, since they are not members, I understand your desire to recognize their valuable, ongoing contribution to your chapter by including them in the Installation ceremony. Our ritual says “It is not legal to appoint and install a non-member of a chapter as an officer.” They would not be able to truthfully participate in the Obligation of Officers, nor would they be able to answer the Installing Officer’s question in support of the Worthy Matron-Elect.

Based on the direction in our ritual, it seems inappropriate for them to participate in the ceremony.

4. **Question:** Can an officer of another chapter be installed at an Installation? One of our members is a dual member in another nearby chapter. She has been elected as Associate Matron of that chapter, but will not be able to attend their installation due to surgery. Our installation occurs later than their installation. Is it possible for her to be installed as Associate Matron of the other chapter, at our Installation?

**Answer:** Her dual chapter should request a special dispensation from the Worthy Grand Matron to install an elected officer out of time at the first stated meeting she feels
healthy enough to attend.

5. **Question:** I have three members who have not paid their dues, and am somewhat confused by the form and Code as they seem to contradict each other. The Code states that a notice of suspension should be issued on December 31st. The notice states “at a regular meeting of this chapter, held on its hall on (date), you were suspended.” Since our chapter meeting does not occur until the first week of January, I’m not certain what date to use.

**Answer:** Our Code indicates that suspension occurs on December 31st, that the Secretary should issue notices of suspension on December 31st and at the first stated meeting in January of each year, report those members suspended for non-payment (Pg. 45, Art. VI, Sec. 6, S,T). I believe the form should be revised to reflect the automatic suspension on December 31st and the issuance of the notice on the same date.

**OFFICIAL PROPERTY**

I received the following official property from Junior Past Grand Matron, Lucy Miller:
- 1 Worthy Grand Matron jewel
- 1 Worthy Grand Matron hand seal
- 1 Worthy Grand Matron desk seal
- 1 large print Ritual, white cover (2009)
- 1 Idaho Code and Digest
- 1 GGC Constitution (Red Book)
- 1 Price List of all material available
- 1 Grand Representatives record book
- 1 blue notebook containing courtesy initiation and waiver of jurisdiction, certificates and securities

**VISITATIONS**

**Other Masonic Organizations**

It was my honor to represent the Grand Chapter of Idaho, OES at the following events:

- Job’s Daughters International Grand Session in Twin Falls, Idaho on June 24, 2010
- International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Yakima, Washington, June 9
- DeMolay State Conclave in Boise, Idaho on April 1, 2011
- York Rite Grand Session in Lewiston, Idaho on April 15, 2011
I regret that I was unable to attend the Grand Lodge of Idaho held in Nampa in September, as I was recuperating from my illness.

**Other OES Grand Jurisdictions**

I was also honored to attend the following Grand Chapter sessions in other states:

- Grand Chapter of Montana in Missoula, June 17-19. This was a special honor, since my parents accompanied me, and my Dad is the Grand Representative of Montana in Idaho. It was a great time for him to get acquainted with his counterpart, Margie Matovich.
- Grand Chapter of Oregon in Pendleton, June 21-23. Another wonderful experience, to watch our very own Rebecca Price (we claim her, too) presiding.
- Grand Chapter of Washington in Yakima, June 28-30.
- Grand Chapter of Utah in Salt Lake City, October 15.
- Grand Chapter of Nevada in Las Vegas, October 4-6.

I regret that I was unable to attend the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, since I was still in the hospital at that time.

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS**

The All Membership Picnic was held in Boise, at Winstead Park on July 18th, 2010. The event was hosted and organized by the chapters of the WGM and WGP – Boise 65, Meridian 66, Hermosa 32, and Silver Star 83. The WGP’s chapters played the lead in organizing the event, with all of the Grand Officers’ chapters contributing funds to cover the cost of the event. Entertainment was provided by Brother Wiley Smith and his family – it was fabulous! His son, daughter-in-law and their three children came to serenade us with guitar and fiddle music, and Wiley on keyboard, of course. What a talented family! Bar-b-quad beef was prepared by Carlas Brown of “Brother Brown’s BBQ”. Carlas is the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Affiliate Lodge, and a friend of the Worthy Grand Matron.

**Exchanges**

Our first Exchange was held with our Sisters and Brother in Montana. The event was hosted by the chapter in Hamilton, and included a lunch and entertainment. The exchange had special meaning because our Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Electa have ties to Montana, and started their Masonic journey in that state. My Dad is also Grand Representative of Montana in Idaho, and was born in Moore, Montana. We received a Special Project donation from the Montana Grand Officers.
Thirty-eight years ago, the idea of an exchange with another Grand Jurisdiction was formed by Sister Glenadene Keister and her Nevada counterpart, Hazel Mae Tipton. Both were Worthy Grand Matrons in their respective states at the time. Idaho invited the Nevada Grand Officers to attend the Homecoming of WGP Ralph Kromer in Boise, starting a wonderful exchange between the two Grand Jurisdictions. Sister Hazel Mae passed away this past year, and she is missed by her many friends in both states. This year’s Nevada/Idaho Exchange was hosted by Myrtle Chapter 14 in Fallon, and was a celebration of Sister Hazel Mae’s life. We had a lovely meeting, including the Official Visit to Myrtle Chapter of Barbie Holmes, WGM and Jay Dini, WGP. Our Nevada friends also celebrated Sister Glenadene’s 90th birthday! Following the meeting, we were treated to a delicious soup and salad dinner, with scrumptious desserts. We received a Special Project donation from the Nevada members. That evening, we played Bingo with some of our Nevada friends, and a couple of our Idaho members were winners! A big thanks to PGM Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis for organizing a bus trip for our Idaho members. Thirty-three of us enjoyed the ride, with more snacks and Bingo prizes than you could possibly imagine. We had a “mobile worship service” on the way home.

We look forward to the International Exchange in Worley, Idaho on May 7th, and to the Tri-State Exchange with Wyoming and Utah in Jackson, Wyoming on May 14th.

Homecoming
A spectacular Homecoming event for the Worthy Grand Patron and me was held at the Nampa Civic Center on March 26, 2011. 139 members and friends attended the event. We were entertained by a barbershop quartet of four talented gentlemen. It was a wonderful surprise when my counterpart, Carla Carmain-Herrit from Utah, and her husband, Tom, walked through the door. I have learned that my friends and family are quite good at keeping secrets from me!

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE
Circular letters
We created and distributed two circular letters this year – one with Christmas and New Year greetings, and one with Grand chapter details.

TRAVEL PINS
We continued the tradition of awarding travel pins to
members who participated in a variety of events. Our travel pin was a Christmas tree, with dangles in the form of Christmas gifts in each of the star point colors. We think the tradition started by Sister Pete Nealis and Brother Le Roy Austin was a fabulous idea, and it was our pleasure to award them to our Sisters and Brothers around the state.

SPECIAL PROJECT
We were inspired by MWGM Rennie Ofton’s selection of “Service Dogs” as her special project, and decided to commit our fund raising efforts to the support of three service dog organizations: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Dogs for the Deaf, and Canine Companions for Independence. Thanks to the chapters who raised money through the sale of pins, special projects and who hosted educational programs on service dogs.

MEMORY BOOKS
I love people who show initiative and volunteer for projects even before you ask them. Jennifer Marshall is one of those people! She volunteered to create the memory books for our Grand Officers this year, and it has been no small task to gather all of the pieces from our busy Grand Family. I know that Jen is a talented person, and that we will all treasure this special memento of our year in the “Christmas in the Country” Grand Family.

SCRAPBOOK
Sister Mikki Carr volunteered a couple of years ago to create my Worthy Grand Matron’s scrapbook, and I am so thankful for her creativity and hard work. Thanks to my Mom for the photos and organizing all of the items in the envelopes and getting them to Mikki! And, thanks to my buddy, Mary Baldwin for the many photos, and also gathering up items. I have learned that when you want to get something important done, you should just turn it over to dear friends like Mikki, Jen, Mary, Deborah and Mom – and then get out of the way!

CONCLUSION
Thank you for a wonderful year, filled with beautiful memories. It has been my honor to be your Worthy Grand Matron.

Fraternally submitted,
Christy Schill-Newbold
Worthy Grand Matron
Order of the Eastern Star

Annual Report
Of The Worthy Grand Patron
Larry G. Allen
2010-2011

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, members and visitors of the Grand Chapter of Idaho, Order of the Eastern Star:

I want to join Sister Christy in welcoming each of you to our "Christmas in the Country" Session. We have a full program planned for our five days in Boise. Sisters, I hope you can find some time for shopping and Brothers, I hope you will do your part to help the ladies enjoy their stay. I look forward to a busy time and a lot of fun. Sisters, I don’t charge for hugs.

What a marvelous sleigh ride the last year has been. As Worthy Grand Patron, it has been my great pleasure to represent the members of Idaho Grand Chapter when attending the local chapters as well as other Grand Jurisdictions. What a GREAT journey! The memories and friendships shared along the way are priceless. They will be with me forever.

Our Grand Family was installed in Moscow on June 15, 2010. From there I headed to Montana Grand Chapter in Missoula. Old home week for your Worthy Grand Patron. Home one night, and then on to Oregon Grand Chapter where Rebecca Price (Electa 22) was Worthy Grand Matron. Next was Grand Bethel in Twin Falls. What great young ladies I met there. The end of June was a trip to Yakima for Washington Grand Chapter. I returned to Yakima again on July 9 for Rainbow Grand Assembly where the young ladies in their full skirts floated across the floor.

Christy and I had our first Official Visit on July 17 with Star of the West 35. We had a very warm welcome. The next day was the All Membership Picnic at Winstead Park in Boise. We had BBQ Beef and all the fixings with entertainment by Wiley Smith and his family. What a great time!

July 19 our Worthy Grand Matron put a real scare into all of us. She took an unplanned vacation at St. Al’s Hospital. I’m very thankful she recovered and is with us at this Grand Chapter.

August saw me really get down to work. With the help of Sandi Shoemaker, Associate Grand Matron, we continued the
schedule of Official Visits. I thank Sandi for all her help and work while Christy was getting back on her feet.

We visited Shoshone 10 (Wallace) and then Idaho 49 (home of our Grand Treasurer) in St. Maries. I attended Wyoming Grand Chapter. It was great fun and great people. On August 28 we traveled to Sandpoint for the Official Visit of Martha 34. It was in this chapter many years ago that I had the honor of being a candidate for the first time at an Official Visit.

September visits started in the north: Potlatch 48, Mountain Queen 11, Pend d’Oreille 62 (Grand Chaplain) and Laurel 13. September 16-17 saw me in Nampa at Grand Lodge where Brother Skip Owen was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master. Continued visits were: Mizpah 6, Valeria 76, and Electa 22. We closed September by attending Amaranth Grand Court in Boise.

The fall colors were beautiful as we traveled in October and the best part was that Christy was able to join us. Great Day! We visited Liberty 51 (home of our Grand Adah). This was followed by attending Nevada Grand Chapter. I saw what happens to an Associate Grand Patron when a Worthy Grand Patron becomes ill. Attended the Past Grand’s Banquet. What a pleasure. Saw lots of old friends and had a great time, but came home sick. Because of this I missed attending the Official Visit of Miriam 16. It was the only one I missed, but did not want to share the bug. October 16 saw me at the Official Visit of Golden Rod 64 (Grand Sentinel). We traveled to Kamiah for Crescent 43, home of our Grand Martha. The end of October was Esther 14, Blackfoot (Grand Warder).

November visits: Idaho Falls 85, and Rupert 39. We held the first combined Official Visit for Florence 79, Challis and Hugh Duncan 2, Salmon. It worked out very well. It was followed the next day by the Montana/Idaho Exchange in Hamilton, Montana. They had a special memorial program in honor of PGP Leo Thomas of Montana. He was a talented musician and his signature piano selection was “Alley Cat”. November 30 was the visit of Loyaute 19 (Associate Grand Conductress). We were fortunate in our travels, as the weather and roads were good throughout the month.

December was a break in the schedule and gave everyone an opportunity to enjoy the holiday with their families. The Grand Family Christmas Party was held at our home and we enjoyed having them.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We resumed our visits with Henrietta 21, the primary chapter of our Grand Conductress and Grand Organist. They had a program by the Idaho Falls Pipe and Drum Corp. They were all members of the Fire Department. We traveled to Ruth 3, Lorraine 20 and E-dah-ho 77. Good weather and good friends.

February 2 was a rescheduled visit for Victory 60 followed by Silver Star 83. We traveled north to Clover 33 where we had the pleasure of hearing the Worthy Matron give most of the Worthy Patron’s work without using the book. Great job by Andrea Storjohann, PGM. Queen Esther 12 (home of Grand Marshal) had very good ritualistic work and lots of laughter. In Adah 8 the Worthy Patron is Associate Grand Patron and the Warder is Grand Secretary. They had a special program about guide dogs. February 19 was a rescheduled visit for Twin Falls 29. The Worthy Matron is our Grand Ruth. Rob Morris 83 brought the month to a close.

Mary Lynne Nealis, PGM organized a bus trip to Fallon, Nevada for the Nevada/Idaho Exchange. Thanks, Pete. We all had a good time. It was fun to meet our friends from Nevada again.

Boise 65, home chapter of mine, Associate Grand Matron and Grand Electa, had their visit on March 9. We had a short School of Instruction because we had an active candidate for initiation at the meeting. We have had the opportunity to see several meeting initiations this year. Always glad to see new members entering our chapters. Boise 65 presented me with an Honorary Life Membership. What an honor! Of course, they gave me a little roast with the presentation. This will continue at the end of our Grand Chapter Session.

We visited Cosmopolitan 36 and then Meridian 66, my secondary chapter. In Meridian, PGP Art Shoemaker was protem Worthy Patron on short notice. The Worthy Patron had been in the hospital the night before. He’s better now, but it’s sure nice to have our members fill in when needed. The Worthy Matron was appointed as my page in Grand Chapter.

March 25 was the last Official Visit held at Hermosa 32 in Caldwell and home chapter of our Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Esther. There was a large crowd to help us celebrate. I got a beautiful rock painted with boots and a western hat. This should help hold me down.

March 26 was the Joint Homecoming of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. This affair was held at
the Nampa Civic Center. We had members from all over the state. I really appreciated everyone who attended. We had an excellent barbershop quartet for entertainment. A big THANK YOU to all.

April 8 I attended the Demolay Conclave in Boise. Good to see those young men dressed up and doing their work. There is hope for the future. In May, I plan to attend the International Hands Across the Border in Worley as well as the Official Visit and Tri-State Exchange in Wyoming.

There were no requests for dispensations to form new chapters and there were no new chapters chartered in this Grand Jurisdiction this year. There was no need to convene any special session of the Grand Chapter.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve in the Grand East with Worthy Grand Matron, Christy. We have known each other for close to twenty years. I know I am hard to get along with at times, but hope it hasn’t been too tough. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me an active part in the schools of instruction.

To members of Boise 65 and Meridian 66: Thank you for all you have done to help me, not only this year, but also in the past several years. You’ve always been there for me.

To my “Christmas in the Country” Grand Family: It is always a difficult decision to choose individuals out of our state’s membership. Our bonding started at the retreat in Cambridge and continues to this day. You have responded well. Each of you is special to me.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Thank you for your friendship, guidance and support. I always enjoyed seeing you at the events.

Grand Representatives, what a pleasure it has been to present our appointments. Some of you have even teared-up. Enjoy your appointments and I’m sure you will build many memories and friends.

To our Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and all chapter members, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You guys are the workers. Without you, nothing would happen. I am truly amazed at the ability of our membership. Your presentations have been unreal. I thank you for the honorary memberships. It still chokes me up when I think about them.

To my Grand Escort, Jan Booe, thank you for your help and for traveling with us. It has been a lot of fun. To the Light of My Life, Gladys, it is thanks to you that I am where I am as
Worthy Grand Patron. You always had faith in me, even when I wavered. I am glad you were able to travel with me all these years. Thank you for keeping my wardrobe ready and for the final check before show time. You have truly been my steady rock for 54 years. I love you dearly.

In closing I will mention my fun symbol, “Boots”. When I was elected to serve as Associate Patron one of the sisters told me boots were not acceptable. My comment was “No boots, no Larry”.

In looking back, it is hard to believe that the time has gone so quickly. Worthy Grand Matron, it is time that we continue our sleigh ride into the Winter Wonderland. I wish all of you much success in the future.

Sincerely and Fraternally Submitted,
Larry. G. Allen
Worthy Grand Patron
To the Members of the Grand Chapter of Idaho,

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Grand Secretary again this past year. I enjoy the duties and responsibilities that go along with serving in this position and endeavored to fulfill all of them to the best of my ability. The routine duties of the office were performed daily with as little delay as possible. They included filling orders, printing the itinerary, printing Code & Digest revisions, compiling the proceedings, issuing and receiving Grand Representative appointments, receiving memorials from other jurisdictions, writing memorials for our own deceased Past Grand Patrons, sending out mailings to the Chapter Secretaries, Grand Officers, Past Grands and other Grand Jurisdictions, issuing VPLMs (we now have 2,807), mailing the registration materials and printing the program and annual reports for this Grand Session.

The 8½ x 11 format of annual reports you’re holding is another cost-cutting measure authorized by the Board of Trustees.

I am thankful that WGM Christy and WGP Larry had their year so well planned in advance of Sister Christy’s medical emergency. Because of that, I was able to carry on the business of the Grand Chapter office with only a few challenges and some slight delays during her absence.

During this past calendar year, we were saddened by the loss of 126 members, three of whom were Past Grand Patrons, Brothers Gene Crowley, Bob Grisham and Wayne Woodward.


**Membership Statistics:**

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Membership as of December 31, 2010 2,880

We are continuing our working relationship with the Print Shop at the Idaho Correctional Facility. 2011 is was the year the Membership Roster is reprinted, every third year. The Print Shop was able to provide us with the same product we have had in the past at a third of the cost three years ago.

I am happy to report that members in this Grand Jurisdiction were awarded twelve Rob Morris Membership Jewels and five bars by the GGC Membership Committee. To earn a jewel, a member must accumulate 300 points by signing their name on the top line of a petition for the degrees (100 points), signing on the second line (50 points) or signing either line of a reinstatement petition (50 points). After a jewel has been earned, bars may be earned to hang below the jewel for each additional 300 points. The program runs through the triennium. There’s still time to earn yours. The form is available on our website (www.idahooes.org) under the “Resources” tab.

GGC has created the “Legacy Project” which is recycling of ‘gently used but dearly loved’ OES paraphernalia to assist an Eastern Star Chapter rebuild and resume its meetings. In light of the horrible weather events that have beset the Midwest and southern states, if your chapter has extra items in storage due to consolidation and the chapter would like to contribute them to the Legacy Project, please contact Right Worthy Grand Secretary Alma Bane for further information/instruction. Sister Alma may be reached at www.rwgsecretary@easternstar.org
or 800-648-1182.

Once again I want to acknowledge the Chapter Secretaries and express my heartfelt thanks for all the notes, cards, emails and phone calls. The dedication to your duties reflects in your work and makes your chapters run smoothly and in turn makes my work easier. Your job in your chapters is an important one. Thank you for all that you do.

To my friends, Jen and Jessie, and my Grand Page Valerie, I say an early thank you for the work and help I’ll be needing from you during the Grand Session. Without your willing assistance, I would not be able to do the many tasks required of a Grand Secretary during a Grand Session and I would be so far behind when I return to my office. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sister Liz, I am very thankful to have worked with such a dedicated partner the past seven years. We established a good working relationship from the start, which made both of our jobs much easier. You were so helpful when I was elected which made the transition smooth for me. I have truly enjoyed working with you and I wish you the very best in your many endeavors. You are a special friend. I’m looking forward to working with you in your new capacity as Chapter Secretary. Now you’ll get to see “how the other half lives”. Thank you for everything.

Sister Christy and Brother Larry, I have enjoyed being a member of your “Christmas in the Country” Grand Family. I hope I have been of some assistance to each of you. I wish you both success in all your future endeavors.

Sister Sandi and Brother Bob, best wishes to you both as you prepare to assume the leadership of this Grand Chapter. I look forward to working with you in the year to come.

To the members of Adah Chapter and Idaho, thank you for supporting me as Grand Secretary. I will try to continue providing you with the best possible service.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hunt
Grand Secretary
What a difference a year makes. We started the year with interest rates that were the lowest in years and then they got worse. Fortunately, the bears on Wall Street have helped push our investments higher. Stock prices are up and companies are paying dividends and those things have helped all of our projects, especially VPLMs.

In spite of the strong stock market, our projects were hurt by a sharp reduction in the amount of money being contributed by our Chapters and individuals. I’m not sure what the reason is for this drop in donations, but I’m blaming the elephant in the room, our national economy. I’m hopeful that as the economy continues its long slow climb back to health, our donations will return to previous levels.

Worthy Grand Matron Christy, and Worthy Grand Patron Larry, thank you for a wonderful year. Your encouragement and support have made my last year in this office as memorable as the first. Denise, as always, thank you for your hard work and friendship. You and Dave have become good friends and I look forward to getting together when we won’t have to “go get some work done”.

Since 2001 I have served as your Grand Treasurer. During these last ten years a lot has changed and not just interest rates and the economy. I’ve worked with two outstanding Grand Secretaries, Pauleen and Denise, and have been a part of ten remarkable Grand Families. The Boards of Trustees that I’ve worked with have been supportive, always challenging me to explore the depths of the job. During my tenure I have made lots of friends and have lost a few and I’ve watched as our membership has declined, in spite of the good work we do. I’ve watched my kids grow up and become members of this wonderful organization and I’ve watched John earn more than a few grey hairs.

Now as I transition out of this position that I’ve come to love, I want to thank the Grand Chapter for their support over the last ten years. Being re-elected every year proved to me that you had confidence in me and that was comforting during those times when the job got a little overwhelming. I
am leaving with mixed emotions. I will miss the office and the people that I got to work with. I’m not sure what I’ll do with my free time. John assures me, however, that we’ll figure it out.

Fraternally,
Elizabeth Hughes
Grand Treasurer
### General Fund and General Fund Endowment Fund

#### Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2011

#### ASSETS

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Total GF Projects: 2,692.98

**TOTAL ASSETS**: 99,423.24

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

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Total Taxes Payable: 220.02

Travel for GGC Triennial: 1,000.00

**Total Liabilities**: 4,785.98

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**: 4,785.98
# General Fund Income & Expenses

**May 2010 through April 2011**

## General Fund Endowment Income
- **GFE Chapter Contributions**: 25.00
- **GFE Individual Contributions**: 944.00
- **Total General Fund Endowment Income**: 969.00

## Income
### General Fund Income
- **C&D Sales**: 110.00
- **Checking Interest**: 507.24
- **Country Store**: 859.89
- **Fines & Int/Special Use**: 20.00
- **GF 2% Annual Fee**
  - GF Ben Fund 2% Annual Cont: 163.42
  - GF ESTARL 2% Annual Cont: 131.75
  - GF Scholarship 2% Annual Cont: 165.93
  - GF VPLM 2% of Annual Int: 200.00
- **Total GF 2% Annual Fee**: 661.10
- **GF Interest**: 1,083.02
- **GFE Interest**: 303.67
- **Membership Roster**: 4.25
- **Merchandise Sales**: 11,199.40
- **Misc. Receipts/Refunds**: 42.91
- **Per Capita**: 31,680.00
- **Postage Rec’d/ Shipping**: 256.09
- **Proceeding Sales**: 155.00
- **Vendor Rent**: 600.00
- **Total General Fund Income**: 47,482.57

### Grand Chapter Session
- **General Arrangements Refund**: 651.51
- **Registration Fees**: 7,420.00
- **Total Grand Chapter Session**: 8,071.51

### Total Income
- **Total Income**: 56,523.08

## Expense
### General Fund Expense
- **Accountant (IRS Form 990)**: 300.00
- **Committee Expenses**
  - Benevolent Board: 19.49
  - Golden Stars Committee: 26.69
  - Golden Stars Postage: 352.00
- **Total Committee Expenses**: 398.18
- **Fixed Asset Purchase**: 1,000.00
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- BF Chapter Contributions 3,979.29
- BF Individual Contribution 40.00
- BF Interest 1,798.65
Total Benevolent Fund Income 12,190.13

Expense
Benevolent Fund Expenses
- BF 2% Admin Fee 163.42
- BF Monthly Assistance 30,100.00
- BF Special Assist Pay 12,686.00
Total Benevolent Fund Expenses 42,949.42

Net Income -30,759.29

Benevolent Fund & Benevolent Endowment Fund
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2011

ASSETS
Benevolent Endowment Fund
- BEF AF CIB 5265 88,995.79
- BEF AF IF 5265 22,000.00
- BEF AF IF 7929 67,000.00
- BEF Checking 99,129.83
- BEF Money Market 80.65
Total Benevolent Endowment Fund 277,206.27

Benevolent Fund
- BF AF CIB 5160 30,401.81
- BF AF CIB 5265 606.98
- BF AF IF 5160 13,000.00
- BF CD AWB 5716 50,546.42
- BF Checking 4,489.43
- BF Money Market 9,508.27
Total Benevolent Fund 108,552.91

TOTAL ASSETS 385,759.18
ESTARL & JC ESTARL Endowment Fund
Income Statement
May 2010 through April 2011

INCOME
ESTARL Fund Income
   EF Chapter Contributions  3,362.02
   EF Individual Contributions  2,050.00
   EF Interest  3.93
   JCEEF Interest  711.27
Total ESTARL Fund Income  6,127.22

JC ESTARL Endowment Fund Income
   JCEEF Chapter Contributions  460.00
Total JC ESTARL Endowment Fund Income  460.00

Total Income  6,587.22

EXPENSE
ESTARL Fund Expenses
   EF 2% Admin Fee  131.75
   ESTARL Award Payment  7,000.00
Total Expense  7,131.75

NET INCOME  -544.53

ESTARL & JC ESTARL Endowment Fund
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2011

ASSETS
ESTARL Fund
   EF Checking  5,413.10
   EF Money Market 1036  862.07
Total ESTARL Fund  6,275.17

JC ESTARL Endowment Fund
   JCEEF AF CIB 7929  10,930.70
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   JCEEF CD AWB 5718  10,409.29
   JCEEF Checking  1,216.52
   JCEEF Money Market 1036  38.59
Total JC ESTARL Endowment Fund  33,364.40

TOTAL ASSETS  39,639.57
Scholarship Fund & Educational Endowment Fund
Income Statement
May 2010 through April 2011

INCOME
Educational Endowment Fund Income
   EEF Individual Contributions     244.74
Total Educational Endowment Fund Income      244.74
Scholarship Fund Income
   EEF Interest   1,882.12
   SF Chapter Contributions   5,311.10
   SF Individual Contributions      855.00
   SF Interest          3.44
   SF per capita @ .10      288.00
Total Scholarship Fund Income    8,339.66
Total Income   8,584.40

EXPENSE
Scholarship Fund Expense
   Scholarship Payments 10,700.00
   SF 2% Admin Fee      165.93
Total Scholarship Fund Expense 10,865.93

NET INCOME
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Scholarship Fund & Educational Endowment Fund
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2011

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Educational Endowment Fund
   EEF AF CIB 5261 51,000.00
   EEF AF IF 5261 13,000.00
   EEF AF IF 7929  6,000.00
   EEF Checking   1,566.21
   EEF Money Market 1036 70.67
Total Educational Endowment Fund 71,636.88

Scholarship Fund
   SF AF 5261     1,004.61
   SF Checking   7,279.17
   SF Money Market 1036 752.19
Total Scholarship Fund         9,035.97

TOTAL ASSETS 80,672.85
## GRAND CHAPTER OF IDAHO

### Special Projects Income Statement
**May 2010 through April 2011**

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Special Projects Balance Sheet  
As of April 30, 2011

ASSETS

GGC Projects
- GGC Cancer Fund: 115.00
- GGC ESTARL Fund: 679.65
- GGC Heart Fund: 25.00
- GGC Internat’l Headquarters: 517.00
- GGC Shrine Hospital Fund: 250.01
- GGC Special Projects: 200.00
- GGC Youth Committee: 17.56
Total GGC Projects: 1,604.22

Other Projects
- History Book Fund: 159.50
- History Book MM 1036: 2,246.27
- WGM Project Christy S: 7,167.26
Total Other Projects: 9,573.03

TOTAL ASSETS: 11,177.25

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities
- WGM Special Projects: 7,167.26

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY: 7,167.26
VPLM Income Statement
January through December 2010

INCOME
VPLM Income
  Payout of VPLM Int 1-10  10,333.10
  VPLM Application Fees  4,070.00
Total Income  14,403.10

EXPENSE
VPLM Expense
  VPLM 2% Admin Fee  200.00
  VPLM Due to Sub Chapter  10,130.10
Total VPLM Expense  10,330.10

NET INCOME
  4,073.00

VPLM Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010

ASSETS
VPLM Fund
  VPLM AF CIB 5267  108,602.77
  VPLM AF IF 7929  100,000.00
  VPLM FT 5027  145,000.00
  VPLM Annuity  52,728.47
  VPLM Checking  17,917.25
  VPLM Money Market  4,344.60
Total VPLM Fund  428,593.09

LIABILITIES
Current Liabilities
  VPLM Interest Due  13,099.59
Total Liabilities  13,099.59
The Board of Trustees members are: Darla Redman, PGM, Chairman; Joanne Galbraith, PM, Secretary; John Hughes, PP (2011); Nancy Ross, PGM; Rose Mary Mews, PM; Charles Rose, PP (2012); Harlow Kibbey, PGP; Barbara Hopkins, PM; Paul Remaley, PP (2013); and Denise Hunt, Grand Secretary and Liz Hughes, Grand Treasurer.

The Board held two meetings this term: June 15 in Moscow, following the close of Grand Chapter, and March 26, 2011 at Nancy Ross's home in Star. There were no decisions made by e-mail but we answered questions from the 2011 General Arrangements Committee and shared information.

The Board has approved future Grand Chapter Session for 2012 at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls and for 2013 at the Coeur d'Alene Inn in Coeur d'Alene. 2014 will be in the Boise area.

We continue to search for satisfactory interest rates for the investments. Grand Treasurer Liz has been an integral part of this search. The VPLM did have a 3.12% return this year or $3.12 for each $100 dollars invested. That is an increase of $0.65 over last year. We thank the Grand Chapter for having the foresight to pass the per capita and registration legislation that will help solidify our financial viability.

We would like to recognize Elizabeth Hughes for her outstanding work as Grand Treasurer. She has devoted her time and expertise to this Grand Chapter and has been the guardian of your investments for the last ten years. Thank you Liz.

The Board will be losing two members this year. John Hughes who has served two consecutive terms and given freely of his time and business expertise. He has been an asset to the Board in many ways. Thank you John. Darla Redman, PGM has also completed two consecutive terms.

We would like to thank our secretary for this year, Joanne Galbraith. We appreciate your prompt and precise minutes and record keeping. We also appreciate the many hours spent by the Grand Secretary, Denise Hunt and Grand Treasurer, Liz Hughes.

Darla Redman, PGM
Chairman
Proposed Budget
May 2011 through April 2012

1 Income
2 General Fund Income
3 C&D Sales 50.00
4 Checking Interest 400.00
5 Country Store 500.00
6 GF 2% Annual Fee
7 GF Ben Fund 2% Annual Cont 200.00
8 GF ESTARL 2% Annual Cont 125.00
9 GF Scholarship 2% Annual Cont 125.00
10 GF VPLM 2% of Annual Int 200.00
11 Total GF 2% Annual Fee 650.00
12 GF Interest 750.00
13 GFE Interest 300.00
14 Merchandise Sales 3,800.00
15 Per Capita 30,030.00
16 Postage Rec’d/ Shipping 250.00
17 Proceedings Sales 100.00
18 Vendor Rent 1,000.00
19 Total General Fund Income 37,830.00
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21 Grand Chapter Session
22 Registration Fees 8,000.00
23 Total Grand Chapter Session 8,000.00
24 Total Income 45,830.00
25 General Fund Expense
26 General Fund Expenses
27 Accountant(IRS Form 990) 300.00
28 Committee Expenses
29 Benevolent Board 50.00
30 Board of Trustees 50.00
31 ESTARL Central Committee 50.00
32 Golden Stars Committee 50.00
33 Golden Stars Postage 400.00
34 Jurisprudence Committee 50.00
35 Scholarship Committee 50.00
36 Star Information Committee 50.00
37 Youth Committee 50.00
38 Total Committee Expenses 800.00
39 Exchange Night 300.00
40 Fixed Asset Purchase 3,500.00
41 Grand Officer Expenses
42 G Chaplain Postage 150.00
43 G Marshal Expenses 50.00
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1999-2000

EUGENE CROWLEY
PAST GRAND PATRON OF IDAHO
1990-1991

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TO THE MEMORY OF THE
SISTERS AND BROTHERS
OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
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AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

WHO ENTERED THE HIGHER LIFE

2010-2011

Those we love remain with us,
for love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
because a loved one’s gone...

Those we love can never be
more than a thought apart,
For a long as there is memory
they’ll live on in the heart.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES
Betty Ringquist PM (85), Chairman: The Appeals and Grievances Committee would like to report that there has not been an appeal or grievance filed for the 2010-2011 Grand Chapter year.

DISTRICT REPORT BENEVOLENT FUND
Shirley Shake PM (20), Chairman: The response from the 36 chapters for Benevolent was very good, I felt. The money was contributed in many ways, from donating the collection from one or more coin marches, other donations, special collections and taking money from the general fund.

Some of the fundraisers included the following: baked food sales, card party and bingo night, dinners, breakfast for Masons, sale of OES key chains, white elephant sale, yard sale, harvest auction, and quilt raffle.

Six chapters sent letters to their members, which in cases met with very good results. One chapter letter told of a $50.00 bill that was to be raffled. With each dollar donated their name was written on a coupon and placed in the drawing. Needless to say, this netted the largest contribution from all chapters.

Listed below are the total contributions from each district:
District 1&2 $578.75
District 3 $648.24
District 4 $526.25
District 5 $329.00
District 6 $267.00
District 7 $863.67
District 8 $560.00
Total $3,772.91

I want to thank the seven District Chairmen for the Benevolent Fund. They all did a fine job and were so pleasant to work with.

CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS were awarded during the All Membership Banquet by Sandi Shoemaker, AGM:

Adah #8, Boise
Shoshone #10, Wallace
Laurel #13, Lewiston
Electa #22, Emmett
Twin Falls #29, Twin Falls
Hermosa #32, Caldwell
Star of the West #35, Wendell
Boise #65, Boise
E-dah-ho #77, Paul
Silver Star #83, Homedale

Congratulations to everyone!

DISPENSATIONS & CHARTERS
Mary Finley PM (12), Chairman: There being no new Charters or Dispensations issued during the year of 2010 through 2011, this committee has nothing to report.

DISTRICT REPORT CHAPTER RESTORATION COMMITTEE
Bonnie Fenton PM (77), Chairman: This year our Worthy Grand Matron gave each Worthy Matron a booklet from GGC, “Cultivating Grass Roots for Growth,” along with lists of ideas for promoting Chapter attendance and growth compiled by PGM Joanna Davidson, GGCCM Chapter Restoration. Each Worthy Matron was asked to try on idea per month and to share what worked and what did not. Chapters were further challenged to participate in the Award for Excellence incorporating these ideas and other requirements into their year’s program.

District Chairmen were contacted the first of the year to contact the Worthy Matrons in their districts to report back to them before their year in the East ended. We asked them for what ideas they had tried and what successes they had. A reminder was sent in April as the Worthy Matrons’ years were coming to an end. Five out of eight districts responded and some of those did not hear from all of their Chapters.

Some chapters, especially, in smaller towns, are struggling just to achieve a quorum. This is due to many factors: older members do not go out at night, some members work at night or after a full day’s work are too tired to go out, some members (sometimes due to mergers) live too far away to attend regularly, some members go south from fall to spring, and some younger members are busy with their children having lessons, sports or other activities in the evening.

Although some community activities have brought Eastern Star Chapters into the public eye and this has resulted in some interest to join our Order, some of these people do not
have proper affiliation. For example, a woman who was very interested in joining Eastern Star, had a grandfather who was a Mason and lived to be 98 years old. He defaulted on his dues about eight years before he died and he was suspended. She thinks that he did not realize that he was delinquent on his dues and it was just due to old age. However, he was not a Mason in good standing at the time of his death so, sadly, she was not able to join.

Some of the chapters tried some of the suggested ideas and many have been doing some of these things already. Some chapters held activities during the year with the Masons and/or Job’s Daughters or in conjunction with other chapters in their area. The chapters made donations to schools needing supplies, to food pantries, and to the Salvation Army. Members read to children in schools and libraries. They provided transportation for people in the community who needed rides to doctor’s appointments or to the grocery store. Newsletters were sent out several times a year, cards were sent to members not seen in a while and transportation was offered. Education and social nights were held during the year. Masons were honored and Masonic family picnics were held. There were several chapters who participated in the Award for Excellence and these chapters throughout the state did a lot of work. Some chapters, especially those in larger population areas, saw positive results from their efforts, but others did not. Some chapters are struggling just to be able to send in their per capita tax to Grand Chapter due to many VPLM and 50-year Life Members who do not pay dues, and the members are too old to have money-making activities.

I do want to thank all those chapters who tried new ideas and continued with the tried and true. I especially want to thank the District Chairmen who helped me to compile the information for this report: Districts 1 & 2 Colleen Kinloch, District 3 Jennifer Marshall, District 4 Naomi Field, District 5 Debbie Basterrechea, District 6 Marianne Bohon, District 7 Daveta Ulrich, and District 8 Shirley Butler, PGM. Special thanks goes to Joanna Davidson, PGM and GGCCM Chapter Restoration, for her advice and encouragement.

COUNTRY STORE PARTIAL REPORT

Norma Varner PM (22), Chairman: I was assisted not only by Sheri Pyle and Le Roy Austin but also by Carol and Sarah Austin and my husband George Welch and others. I thank
them very much for their assistance.

All sales receipts from the Country Store and Cinderella Shop will go to the Grand Chapter General Fund Endowment Fund. The interest of this fund will help with expenses of Grand Chapter each year.

We want to thank all the Eastern Star members, who have donated craft items, books, pins, and other items to sell at the Country Store and all who brought clothing for the Cinderella Shop. We also would like to thank all who have purchased items from us. You are very important to the success of the Country Store. As of Sunday evening we had total sales of $1,155.00. We still have today, Monday, to sell items, please come and purchase whatever you can.

DISTRICT REPORT ESTARL FUND

Ellen Hinton PM (49), Chairman: The District Chairmen who assisted me and the reported amounts donated are as follows:

- District 1 & 2 – Dean Childers $1,204.75
- District 3 – Lorene Barker $393.40
- District 4 – Nina Strange $1,770.12
- District 5 – Judy Demaray $477.00
- District 6 – Marthena Sabin $338.75
- District 7 – Sue Hunzeker $275.00
- District 8 – Ingrid Ray $434.00
- Other $60.00
- Total $4,953.02

The top fundraisers deserve recognition. They were Loyaute Chapter 19 with $1,500.00. They received a large donation in memory of Velda Fairchild. Queen Esther Chapter 12 donated $560.50 from various activities.

I would like to extend my thanks to the District Chairmen who reported the amounts and activities for the chapters. Our chapters were quite inventive in the ways in which they raised money for this fund. Among them were auctions, raffles, card and bingo parties, coin marches, yard sales, and appeal letters to the members. I appreciate the time and effort that everyone devoted to this project.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

Sue Warner AGC, Chairman

Alabama’s 110th Grand Chapter session, “A New Beginning,” was held in Birmingham, Oct. 7-10, 2010. Louise Champion, WGM presided with Carl Pyron, WGP. Alabama
Alabama has 116 chapters and 7,526 members. Attendance at this session was 376. This was the first year that Alabama members met in a shortened session in a permanent location; hence it was “A New Beginning.” Special projects included cancer research and Downs Syndrome at the Children’s Hospital. Alabama supports its General Fund with a 365 Penny-a-Day project that encourages members to donate $3.65 to the General Fund each year. The 111th Grand Session will be held in Birmingham Oct. 13-16, 2011 with WGM Cherry Pickett and WGP Leon Brown presiding.

Alberta held its 99th “Celebrate the Seasons” session June 4-6, 2010 in Lethbridge. WGM Linda Groot presided with WGP Douglas Brown. WGM Isabel McPherson died in February 2010. She had battled lung cancer since shortly after she was elected Associate Grand Conductress. She was able to make 13 of her visits, and Sister Linda carried on with Sister Isabel’s plans, including Sister Isabel’s project, the Cancer BRIDGES Survivors Network. Alberta has 46 chapters and 2,926 members. Attendance at this session totaled 464. The centennial session of Alberta’s Grand Chapter will be at the Glenmore Inn in Calgary June 3-5, 2011 with WGM Linda Groot presiding alongside WGP David Johnson. Alberta is planning to write a 100-year history book to mark its centennial.

Arizona held their 109th Grand Chapter “A Journey of Friendship” session in Glendale on August 5-8, 2009. WGM Billie Bradfield presided with Ken DuBois, WGP. Arizona has 37 chapters and a membership of 3,908 members. Attendance at this session was 634. PGMs Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis, Nancy Ross and Hazel Sutton attended from Idaho. PGM Hazel gave the response for the distinguished guests. Their special projects were Scholarship, Knights Templar Foundation, Crisis Centers in our Neighborhoods and Project Linus. The 110th annual session will be held in Glendale on August 4-7, 2010 with WGM Sue Peterson presiding with Gerald Benham as WGP.

Arkansas’ 134th “Joyful Symphony” Grand Chapter session was held in Little Rock Dec. 2-4, 2009. Carol Ann Roberson, WGM presided with WGP Sherrill Baker. Arkansas has 101 chapters and 6,575 members. There were 628 members present, including Idaho members Rebecca Price, WGM of Oregon and Carolyn Patrick, Grand Marshal of Oregon. Members of the Arkansas Grand Chapter made a
bus trip to the Grand Canyon. Chapters had various special projects, including helping food banks, assisting schools with school supplies and in reading programs, and sponsoring a boy and girl for Boys and Girls State. The 135th Grand Chapter session was Dec 1-3, 2010 with WGM Lois Swafford and WGP Thomas Thompson presiding.

**British Columbia** held its 99th “Welcome to Our World” session May 26-28, 2010 in Penticton. WGM Marjorie Pettigrew presided with WGP Bill Crook. British Columbia has 53 chapters and 3,983 members. Attendance at this Grand Session totaled 487. Idaho members in attendance were Rebecca Price, WGM of Oregon, and Carolyn Patrick, Grand Marshal of Oregon. Members raised $24,286 for the WGM’s special project, which was the purchase of a Dosimetry Plus System for a cancer hospital in Kelowna. The centennial Grand Chapter was held May 29-June 1, 2011 in Langley with Stacey Jordan-Knox, WGM and Robert McSween, WGP.

**Delaware’s** 88th Grand Chapter session, “It’s a Small World,” was held May 10-12, 2009 in Dover with Deborah Dale Good, WGM presiding with WGP Robert R. Hiddeman. Delaware’s 12 chapters have a total of 1,328 members. There were 125 voting members in attendance at this Grand Chapter session. The Grand Chapter held benefits for special needs children. They also have OES license plates. The 89th Grand Chapter session, with the theme “Proud to Be an American,” was held May 10-11, 2010 in Dover with WGM Marlene Sumper presiding alongside WGP R. Dale Gladden.

**Florida’s** 105th Grand Chapter session was held April 20-22, 2010 in St. Augustine. WGM Sylvia Morrow presided with WGP James McCann for the “Angels Among Us” session. Florida has 138 chapters and 4,490 members. Among the 1,234 members in attendance were Idaho PGMs Andrea Storjohann, Darla Redman and Jo Ellen Reynolds. Among the Grand Chapter projects were Alzheimer’s Research, Hospice and Palliative Care, Cancer, and Heart. The WGM recognized “Angels Among Us” who showed extraordinary kindness to others. The project, not intended to be a fund-raiser, nevertheless brought in $1,766. The 106th Grand Chapter session was set for April 19-21, 2011 with WGM Lois Ann Wolfe presiding with WGP Robert Lundy.

**Georgia** held their 107th “World of Wonders” session on June 12-15 2008 in Columbus. WGM Betsy Nebeck presided along with WGP Rick Smalley. Georgia has 137 chapters and
10,549 members. Their Grand Chapter has a label project entitled “Letters from Home”. The Grand Sentinel does not automatically move up the line. During the Flag presentation they have a flag that honors Helen R. Cox PMWGM. The 108th “Color of Life” session will be held June 13-15, 2009 in Columbus.

**Illinois**’ “We Believe in our Future” 135th session was held October 5-7, 2009 in Springfield. WGM Gretchen Burgess presided with WGP Alvin Green. The Illinois Worthy Matrons’ Club presented a Bible to the WGM that was used at each official visit and signed by the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. Illinois has 179 chapters and a membership of 20,572. Sister Darla Redman PGM and GGCCM Benevolent attended. Their special projects include Diabetes Education and Food Pantry Project for which they raised $15,000. The 136th Annual session will be held in Springfield October 5-6, 2010. Susie Lonzeotti will serve as WGM with Harlan Sanders as WGP.

**Indiana**’s 135th “Garden of Faith” session was held June 12-14, 2009 in Indianapolis. WGM Sherry Johnson presided with WGP Henry Huff. Their membership totaled 32,671 and they have 210 chapters. Special project was cancer “Leap for the Cure” for which $8,388.28 was collected by selling bracelets. Another project, “Serenity Garden” at the Indiana Masonic Home, raised $24,929.88. The stations of Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal have to be brothers and their Grand Representatives are not necessarily Past Matrons or Past Patrons. The 136th session will be held June 11-13, 2010 in Indianapolis with Patricia “Pat” Endsley as WGM and Gregory “Greg” Onken, WGP.

**Kansas** held its 133rd “Family of God” session April 20-22, 2009 in Topeka. Karen J. Adams, WGM and David L. Rake, WGP presided. They have a membership of 13,382 and 101 chapters. Their ESTARL awards totaled $27,500 for 10 awards, and they gave $17,840 in scholarships. Their special projects include spinal cord injury research, heart disease research and Ronald McDonald “Tabby Tops”. Unique to Kansas is that the Grand Sentinel is appointed. The Associate Grand Conductress’s husband offered a challenge to initiate 18 new members and he would join Eastern Star; they initiated 22. The 134th “Stars Across Kansas” session will be held April 19-21, 2010 with WGM Trudy Riddle and WGP James Billings presiding.
Kentucky’s 107th “Stars on the Move” session was held in Louisville on October 14-17, 2009. Presiding were WGM Diane Ford Gilroy, and WGP Wesdie Lee Webb. Kentucky has 169 chapters. The special project, Alzheimer’s, raised $3,984.20. Idaho members attending and introduced were Linda Hattrick Worthy Grand Esther and PGM of Idaho and Darla Redman GGCCM Benevolent and PGM of Idaho. The 108th “Stars in Harmony-Stay the Course” session will be held September 13-16, 2010 in Louisville with Sherry Whitt WGM and Cole Younger WGP.

Louisiana held its 110th “Miracles of Life” session in Alexandria, La., March 23-25, 2009, with WGM Juanita Wilkinson presiding alongside WGP Merton L. Mestler. Louisiana has 103 chapters and 7,438 members. Attendance at this Grand Session totaled 584, with 442 Louisiana members and 142 guests. Members voted to raise the pay for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and passed a resolution to allow Grand Representatives to also serve on Grand Chapter committees. More than $52,000 was raised to support special projects, including the Scottish Rite Foundation, Alzheimer’s Research and Shriner’s Hospital Transportation. The 111th Grand Chapter session was scheduled for March 22-24, 2010 in Alexandria with Mary Howell, WGM and George Wright Barker, WGP presiding.

Manitoba’s 88th “Northern Lights, Let the Magic Begin” session was held in Winnipeg on May 30-June 2, 2010. WGM Linda Spina presided with WGP Ron Hodge. Manitoba has 13 chapters and a membership of 1,169. Attendance totaled 277. Manitoba voted to allow their general membership be eligible for a Grand Representative appointment. Special projects included Manitoba Eastern Star Chalet, ESTARL, Rehabilitation Foundation for Children, Penny Mile a children’s Breakfast program. Next year the 89th session will be held May 29-June 1, 2011 in Winnipeg with WGM Phyllis Dyck and WGP Herb Solmundson.

“The World is a Carousel of Colors” was the theme of the 111th session of Maryland. WGM Leslie Gilliam presided alongside WGP Terry Herling at the session held in Ocean City, April 26-29, 2009. There were 487 members in attendance. Maryland has 46 chapters and a membership of 6,671. During their term, the WGM and WGP raised money for Operation Second Chance, honored sisters and brothers who served four or more terms as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron.
of their chapters with the Art of Service Award, and presented Phoebe Awards to sisters who had supported their chapters without ever serving in the East. They also had trips to Niagara Falls, Canada and Hawaii. The 2010 Grand Chapter session in Ocean City was presided over by WGM Pearl Johnson and WGP LeRoy W. Dill.

**Michigan** held its 143rd “Back to the Future” session Oct. 13-15, 2009 in Battle Creek with WGM Priscilla Hankins and WGP Gordon Schroeder presiding. Attendance totaled 896, including Brenda Cox, Grand Representative of Michigan in Idaho. Michigan has 150 chapters and a membership of 17,676. A sock hop kicked off the session. During the proceedings, Florence Adair, PMWGM and PGM of Michigan, presented a Grand Historian’s report that included a list of famous OES members. Among those she mentioned were President Harry S. Truman, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, actress Colleen Dewhurst and author Laura Ingalls Wilder. During their term, the WGM and WGP raised money for Armed Services charities and domestic violence shelters. The 144th Grand Chapter session was set for Oct. 12-14, 2010, in Battle Creek with Sheryl L. Morrison, WGM and Richard L. Ward, WGP presiding.

“Flight of Fancy” was the theme of **Minnesota’s 131st** Grand Chapter session in St. Cloud on April 30-May 2, 2009. WGM Arleen Steele presided with WGP Roger Schmid. There were 471 Minnesota delegates and 124 visitors in attendance. During their term, the WGM and WGP continued support for the Masonic Cancer Center Pavilion at the University of Minnesota with a $46,781 donation for clinical trials and cancer research. The Grand Chapter has committed to raising $10 million for the Center. The sale of dragonfly and loon jewelry brought in $3,500 for the project. They also encouraged members to keep track of volunteer hours. 18 chapters committed more than 3,300 hours to volunteerism. There are 78 chapters in Minnesota, and 7,631 members. During the Grand Chapter session, members approved an EMERA Award to honor members who have given outstanding service to the Order and never served as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron. Each chapter may nominate one member annually for the award. The 132nd session of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was set for May 6-8, 2010 in St. Cloud with WGM Sue Bay and WGP James Morris presiding.
Missouri held its 135th “Our Journey of Friendship” session in Columbia on Oct. 13-15, 2009 with WGM Patty Crotty and WGP David Bachhuber presiding. Attendance totaled 767. During the session, delegates voted to reduce the number of districts. Missouri has 199 chapters and a membership of 17,479. The fun symbols WGM Patty and WGP David chose for their term were hinged boxes holding secrets of the heart and trains reminding us to never give up and bringing back childhood memories. During their term, the Grand Officers did a courtesy initiation for 10 candidates in a chapter. They took a trip to Greece with 34 members. The Grand Chapter mourned the passing of Grand Conductress Karen Knight. The 136th Grand Session was set for Oct. 12-14, 2010 in Joplin with WGM Amy Tripi and WGP Leonard Stephenson presiding.

“Precious Moments in Star” was the theme of Nevada’s 104th session in Winnemucca on Oct. 5-7, 2009. WGM Carol Drawer and WGP Eddie Michael presided. Attendance totaled 262, including the following Idaho members: PGM Ferne Studebaker, GGCCM ESTARL; PGP Art Shoemaker, GGCCCM Knights Templar Eye Foundation; WGM Lucy Miller, AGP Larry Allen, Grand Conductress Sandi Shoemaker, and PGMs Mary Lynne Nealis and Hazel Sutton. A motion to hold Grand Sessions from 2012 to 2016 at the Winnemucca Convention Center was tabled indefinitely. Nevada has 21 chapters with 2,195 members. The 105th Grand Chapter session was scheduled for Oct. 4-6, 2010 at the Tuscany Hotel in Las Vegas with WGM Debbie Tanner and WGP Lester Shaw presiding.

New Brunswick held its 79th “Golden Chain of Friendship” session July 9-11, 2009 in Fredericton. WGM Linda Cogswell presided with WGP Bob King. Attendance totaled 352. New Brunswick has 24 chapters and 1,592 members. Special Projects were the Kidney Foundation, Cancer Society and Scottish Rite Learning Centre. WGM Lynn Hutchin and WGP Ebby Kuhn, were to preside over the 80th Grand Chapter session in Fredericton on July 8-10, 2010.

The 119th session of New Hampshire was held August 20-22, 2009 in Manchester. WGM Barbara M. Bona presided with WGP Harold M. Chase. New Hampshire has 27 chapters and 3,113 members. There were 502 members in attendance at this Grand Session, including Linda Hattrick, Worthy Grand Esther and PGM of Idaho. Members of the 2008-2009 Grand Family called themselves Bearmericans and dedicated
the patriotic theme of their term to supporting the troops. In addition, the WGM’s Special Project was the Tufts New England Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Unit ($5,000) and the WGP’s Special Project was the Windy Row Dyslexic Learning Center ($2,000). Grand Chapter members vote on the selected special projects each year. At this Grand Session, members voted to reduce the number of Schools of Instruction to two from three. The 120th Grand Chapter session was set for Aug. 26-28, 2010 in Manchester with D. Gayle Furber presiding as WGM and Jeffrey L. Brown as WGP.

New Mexico had its 107th “Treasures on the Tree” session Oct. 14-17, 2009 in Albuquerque. Georgia “Kitt” McKown presided as WGM along with WGP Dan Irick. Attendance at this Grand Session totaled 284. New Mexico has 34 chapters and a membership of 3,219. During the term, the Grand Chapter supported several veterans’ projects, including the Hallelujah (service) Dogs. Members collected 7,999 coupons for military families and sent them to a commissary in Germany. The More Masons Project was initiated to interest Masons in joining OES. The 108th Grand Chapter session was set for Oct. 20-23, 2010 in Albuquerque with WGM Pamela R. James and WGP Wayne Walker presiding.

New York is an independent sovereign Grand Jurisdiction. They held their Grand Chapter October 16, 2009 in Binghamton. RWGM Sharon Haase and RWGP Blake Buckner presided. Their special projects included a walk-a-thon that raised $14,000 for Masonic Youth Groups. The RWGP’s special project raised over $21,000 for wounded veterans returning home. There are 248 chapters and a membership of 21,870. Idaho members attending were Howard and Peggy Gautschi. Howard was the Grand Representative of New York in Idaho. Karin Marshall, RWGM will preside with Robert Sharpe, RWGP at their next session.

“Fan the Flames of Fraternalism” was the theme of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina’s 104th Grand Session June 8-10, 2009 in Durham. WGM Frieda M. Nellis presided with WGP John P. Masson. There were 1,067 members in attendance representing 177 chapters and 11,114 members. During the term, members were urged to fan the flame by keeping in touch with members. A Home Chapter at the White Stone OES Home was established with 50 active members. The Grand Chapter of North Carolina provides a new car to the WGM to be used during her term. WGM Donna Chessen
and WGP Thomas Jackson will preside at the 105th “Footprints in the Sand” Grand Chapter session in 2010.

**North Dakota**’s Grand Chapter 115th “Our Giving Tree” was held in Fargo on June 8-10, 2009. WGM Janis Hoffmann presided with WGP Fred Larson. North Dakota has 20 chapters and a membership of 1,318. Attendance totaled 153. Special projects included a quilt raffle. Each of the Grand Star points has a special project for which they raise monies. These include the Shrine Hospitals, Scottish Rite Learning Centers, ESTARL, Masonic Youth, International Peace Garden, pin sales for their OES Foundation and new and used books for the Shrine Hospital. The 116th session will be held in Mandan on June 17-19, 2010 with WGM Kathy Pratt and WGP Richard Suggs.

**Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island** held their “Memories of Christmas” session on July 6-8, 2009 in Halifax. Edith Conrod, WGM and Tabor Caulier, WGP presided. Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island has 42 chapters and 2,218 members. 387 attended Grand Chapter. They initiated 34 new members in 2009. The WGM’s Special Project was the Alzheimer’s Society and they raised $5,841. Brother Fred Clarke, RWAGP attended. The 63rd “Romancing the Sea” session was to be July 5-7, 2010 in Digby.

**Ohio** held its 120th “Star Love” session in Dayton on September 25-27, 2009 with WGM Peg Reiterman and WGP Kenneth Scott presiding. Ohio has 42,946 members and 246 chapters. A special two year project raised over $100,000 to buy a bus for their Eastern Star Home in Mt Vernon. To honor chapters in Ohio who have reached 100 years in 2009 an evergreen tree was planted at the Eastern Star home for each one. 12 chapters turned 100. The 121st annual session will be held in Dayton on September 24-26, 2010. WGM Janice Goerss and WGP Bruce Ailes will be presiding.

**Oklahoma**’s 99th Grand Chapter session was held Oct. 13-17, 2007 at the Scottish Rite Center in Guthrie. WGM Ann D. Barnes and WGP William C. “Bill” Barnes chose “To God Be the Glory” as the theme for their session. Attendance totaled 675, including Worthy Grand Esther Linda Hattrick, PGM of Idaho. Oklahoma has 114 chapters and 12,279 members. In addition to supporting several Eastern Star and Masonic charities, the Grand Chapter members raised $9,446 for the Oklahoma Downs Syndrome Association and $10,663 for the Jimmy Everest Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders in
Children, two charities with personal meaning for Sister Ann and Brother Bill. JOY pins were awarded to members who demonstrated the priorities of “Jesus, others and yourself” in their lives through their service. Traveling Lambs in each district were presented to chapters with the most visitors.

**Pennsylvania’s 116th** “The Applause Of Heaven” session was held on June 21-23, 2010 in York. WGM Shirley B. Capo and WGP Harvey F. Fishel presided. Pennsylvania has 32,806 members only 1,800 are men. They initiated 302 new members. There are 24 chapters that do not have an installed Worthy Patron and they have 194 chapters. Their special project was whistles that they sold and raised $57, 618.80 for asthma. The 117th Session will be held in York on June 22-24, 2011. WGM Paula Kauffman and WGP John Berger presiding.

**Quebec’s 87th** “Lamb of Love” session was held in Granby, Oct. 8-9, 2009. WGM Beverly Sanborn and WGP Doug Black presided. Attendance totaled 206. Quebec has 11 chapters and 1,483 members. Quebec is endeavoring to translate the Ritual into French. At the time, the opening and half the initiation ceremony had been translated. During their term Sister Beverly and Brother Doug raised money for breast cancer awareness through Cedars Breast Clinic. The 88th Grand Session was scheduled for Oct. 14-15 with WGM Huguette Daguerre and WGP Armand Lono presiding.

“Circle of Friends” was the title of **Saskatchewan’s 94th** session April 29-May 1, 2010 in Regina. Wanda Hibbard, WGM presided alongside Ray Moffatt, WGP. There were 248 members in attendance, representing Saskatchewan’s 19 chapters and 1,398 members. At this session, members honored the 25th anniversary Grand Family. Members sent knitted “Izzy” dolls to children’s hospitals and to Afghanistan. The Grand Chapter was set to gather again April 28-30, 2011 in Moose Jaw for the 95th Grand Session with WGM Bev Otsuka and WGP Maurice Casavant presiding.

The **Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland** met for half-yearly sessions Oct. 10, 2009 and April 10, 2010 in Dundee. Betty Spaulding, MWGM and Andrew Robinson, MWGP presided at both sessions. The Supreme Grand Chapter has 36 chapters, including 8 in New Zealand, and has been increasing the numbers of initiates each year since 2008. At the 2010-2011 sessions MWGM Christine McConnell and MWGP Alex McGregor will preside.
South Dakota’s 121st session “The Circle of Life” session was held in Pierre on October 8-10, 2009. WGM Janet Gruening presided with WGP Robert Steptoe. South Dakota has 50 chapters and a membership of 3,682. 424 attended Grand Chapter. Their Special Project is ACTS, dental and orthodontic care to children in South Dakota. The 122nd session will be held in Pierre on October 7-9, 2010. WGM Teri Parlet and WGP Jack Frantz will preside.

Members of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee boarded the “Strawberry Express” for the 109th Grand Session in Nashville April 25-28, 2010. WGM Deborah Linson presided with WGP Bobby Scott. Attendance totaled 680. Tennessee has 153 chapters and 18,497 members. During their term Sister Deborah and Brother Bobby supported Tennessee Donor Services, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, Shriners Hospitals and St. Jude’s Hospital. Members also sent Handi-Wipes to Haiti. The 110th Grand Chapter session will be held in Memphis April 17-20, 2011 with WGM Johnnie Mae Bixler and WGP Temple Pugh presiding.

Texas held their 127th “Peace in His Kingdom” session August 6-9, 2009 in Arlington. WGM Joyce Nickles and WGP Ray Hertenberger presided. They had the Lion and the Lamb as emblems. Texas has 405 chapters and a membership of 35,370. A total of 34 scholarships were given and 21 ESTARL awards were given. This totaled $37,500 in awards. The 128th “Love and Friendship” session will be presided over by Bess Caldwell, WGM and Bill Wyatt, WGP.

Vermont celebrated the “Circle of Life” at its 138th Grand Session June 3-5, 2010 in South Burlington. WGM Sheila C. Eddy presided with WGP James R. Benett. There were 327 members in attendance. Vermont has 37 chapters and a membership of 2,624. The special project for the year was Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, a camp for kids with cancer. After raising $28,485 and taking an additional $2,000 from the Benevolent Fund, 100 OES members and friends built the first cabin at the camp in one weekend. The 139th Grand Session will be June 2-4, 2011. WGM Kathleen G. Sjolander and WGP Alec D. Porter will preside.

West Virginia’s 106th session celebrated “Nature’s Life and Beauty” in Charleston, Oct. 1-3, 2009. WGM Dawn Fox and WGP Robert Lawrence presided. There were 443 members in attendance. West Virginia is the home jurisdiction of Barbara “Bobbi” White, RWAGM and has 96 chapters and
13,279 members. During this term, West Virginia’s sisters and brothers contributed $25,469 to the Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans Fund and $21,075 to the Rural Hospital Equipment Fund. In addition, they honored 34 West Virginians who died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The first Ritualistic Competition was held in connection with the Ritual School and drew 39 participants. Members took a trip to Alaska. The 107th Grand Session was set for Oct. 7-9, 2010 in Charleston with WGM Pat Kennedy presiding alongside WGP Paul Boyd.

**Washington** held its 122nd “To Everything There is a Season” session on June 28-30, 2010 in Yakima. WGM Marge Ramsdell, and WGP Dennis Okicich presided. Idaho members attending included WGM Christy Shill-Newbold, WGP Larry Allen, Grand Marshal Susan Snodderley, Grand Electa Gladys Allen, PGMs Lucy Miller and Mary Lynn “Pete” Nealis, and PGP’s Marvin Gerking and Le Roy Austin. Washington has a membership of 9,461 and 95 chapters. Their special project was Lou Gehrig’s Disease. It will hold its 123rd session on June 27-29, 2011 in Yakima with WGM Lynda Runyan and WGP Richard Weigel presiding.

WGM Andrea Stamp and WGP Chris Briggs presided over **Wyoming’s** 113th “Journey of Life” session August 11-15, 2010 in Casper. Attendance totaled 377, including Idaho members AWGM Sandi Shoemaker, WGP Larry Allen, Grand Sentinel Gary Lemarr, Grand Electa Gladys Allen, PGMs Lucy Miller and Andrea Storjohann; PGP Arthur Shoemaker. Wyoming has 31 chapters and a membership of 2,772. In addition to supporting the Wyoming Youth Scholarship Fund, members collected activity supplies for nursing homes and senior centers. The 114th Grand Chapter session will be Aug. 10-14, 2011 in Casper with WGM Vicki Wood and WGP Gary Keil presiding.

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Richard Machamer** PP (29), Chairman: During this year, our committee Rob Troxel (83), Carolyn Bollar (76) and I have observed interaction between the Masonic Organizations. Many of our members are active in Masonic Grand Lodge, Blue Lodges, Shrine, Eastern Star and Job’s Daughters. Jobies have held shadow meetings, box dinners, and installations with both Masons and Eastern Stars attending. They have also supported Job’s Daughters with financial and volunteer help in their various fundraisers.
Eastern Star has had some special Masonic nights, invited them to picnics, and attended their installations. Some chapters and Masonic lodges give annual scholarships to relatives of members, Jobies and DeMolay.

I’m sure there are many other examples of fraternal interaction that are going unreported, but always the feeling of goodwill does prevail. My thanks to the members of this committee for their input.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE
2011 Financial Report

Income
- Grand Chapter 1,000.00
- Chapter Seed Money 1,200.00
- Meals 17,746.50
Total Income 19,946.50

Expense
- Meals 15,533.76
- Refunds 564.50
- Various Bank Fees 69.31
- Printer Cartridges 84.78
- Supplies for Meals/Paper 25.00
- Decorations 136.73
- Tote Bags Ribbons 38.25
- Distinguished Guests Lunch Exp 10.85
- Phone Rental for Banquets 152.72
Total Expenses 16,615.90

Balance in Checking Account 3,330.60
Return Chapter Seed Money 1,200.00
Balance in Checking Account 2,130.60
Funds Returned to Grand Chapter 1,130.60
Funds left in GAC Checking Acct. 1,000.00

GOLDEN STARS COMMITTEE REPORT
Lucy Meredith PM (32), Chairman: We had 52 Golden Stars in attendance at our Golden Star honor session on Sunday. They were escorted by the youth of Idaho: Job’s Daughters, DeMolay, and Rainbow Girls. I mailed requests to secretaries asking for a list of their chapter’s Golden Stars. Sister Sue
Grant was very helpful in making sure invitations were sent out.

We gave handmade star magnets and lovely lotions to the ladies and a multi-tool to the gentlemen. All were wrapped in shiny gold bags. Wil Everly, State Master Councilor of Idaho DeMolay, gave the “Flower Talk” as entertainment.

I enjoyed meeting and greeting all of these wonderful, dedicated members.

HISTORIAN’S REPORT
Linda Ousley PM (32), Grand Chapter Historian: I have so enjoyed serving Grand Chapter as Historian for the last five years. Our chapters, though low in membership, are active and philanthropic. This year we had 25 chapters out of 36 reporting. I thank all those who took the time and effort to turn in their chapter’s history so that these events can continue to be recorded for Grand Chapter. As always, we gained some new members and, unfortunately, lost many others. We also gained some new Golden Stars and our members had lots of honors given.

It was another amazing year for our members. The chapters had so many interesting activities and were so innovative. They had music concerts and pajama parties, Adah Chapter’s “Women’s Celebration” and Boise Chapter’s “Wear Your Slippers” night. Lorraine Chapter even had a demonstration of Service Dogs.

Many chapters are quite involved with their local Masonic Lodges in making and serving dinners and giving financial assistance. Our chapters have given donations to many charities in their communities and through our Grand Chapter. Many have helped local schools by giving clothing, food and supplies and also helped local food banks. Martha Chapter gave funds to the Back Pack program at local schools and helped Relay For Life for cancer. Queen Esther Chapter sent Prepaid Phone Cards to the troops. Some chapters have helped clean highways and helped the Shrine Hospitals.

Chapters made money in interesting ways too, like Henrietta’s “Take Note Silly Tax”; Golden Rod’s selling poinsettias and Star of the West’s wine raffle, in addition to the typical bazaars, cake walks, raffles, yard sales and bingo nights. We should all be very proud of our members and chapters and what they have accomplished. I know I am, and I thank you so much.
FINAL REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT  
Teri Nealis PM (63/6), Chairman

Grand Officers 18
Pro-tem Grand Officers 0
Total Grand Officers 18

Idaho Members Pre-registered (Incl GO Officers) 246
Idaho Members Registered On-Site 11
Total Idaho Members Attending (Ballots Issued) 245

Out of State (DG) Pre-registered 64
Out of State Registered On-Site 7
Total Out of State (Dist Guests) Attending 66

Total Number Registered For The 109th Annual “Christmas In The Country” Session 328
Total Number Attending The 109th Annual “Christmas In The Country” Session 311
Total Registrations Not Picked Up 17

Number of “No Chg” Distinguished Guests 0
Total number of paid reservations 328
Total monies received for registration @ $20 ea $6,560.00

This amount has been turned over to the Grand Secretary.

RITUAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT  
Stefanie Kazyaka PM, Chairman

I will begin with the written test
Third place Angie Nealis
Second place Karen Cameron
First place Jeanne Jennings.

Associate Patron’s Lecture
Second place Edgar Simmons
First place Rick Dickman.

Worthy Matron’s Lecture
Fourth place Colleen Kinloch
Third place Angie Nealis  
Second place Jeanne Jennings  
First place Mary Baldwin.  

Star Point Lecture teams  
Third place Andrea Storjohann, Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis, Lucy Miller, Mary Stowell and Hazel Sutton, all Past Grand Matrons.  
Second place Patti Gillin, Amber Gillin, Angie Nealis, Janise Walker and Elizabeth Baker  
First place Mikki Carr, Teri Nealis, Jeanne Jennings, Diedre Votaw and Deborah Arnold.  
Congratulations to all who participated.

DISTRICT REPORT SCHOLARSHIP FUND  

Ferne Studebaker PGM, Chairman: I wish to thank the district chairmen for gathering their chapters’ information as I know much effort was put forth to get reports from their chapters. The following is an incomplete report of the funds obtained as many chapters either did not do a project or send a report.  
I notified District Chairmen in July to prepare a letter and mail by August as many chapters would select September for their scholarship month and the chapter chairmen would need to be reminded to plan ahead and be ready for their first meeting. I thank all of you for sending your chapters notice of the months scholarship fundraising can be used. I would remind everyone that only one of the months of September, November or December is to be used, not all three months. I thank each chapter that participated in some fundraiser for this worthwhile fund. We all know someone who is struggling to afford the cost of a college education and we are a great help to many of those students. So be proud that you are generous with what funds God has given to you. He will bless your kindness and generosity.  

District 1 &2 $1,933.50, District 3 $283.00, District 4 $466.00, District 5 $587.00, District 6 $411.00, District 7 $784.56, District 8 $576.00. Grand total $5,041.06.  

The chapters raised funds by various kinds of auctions, different types of letters, dividing their VPLM interest among the fundraisers, dinners, nut sales, general fund, raffles, yard sales, donations, card parties, coin drills, entertainment books, bingo, and grab bags.  
I would like to recognize Potlatch #48 as they were the largest contributors. For a small chapter, I say, “Great job” to all of you.
STAR INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT
Elaine Gordon PM (39), Chairman

Two mailings were done to all 36 Chapters. One mailing was done in Sept.-Oct. and a second mailing/E-mailing in February. Only 21 Chapters responded. They were as follows:

- Hugh Duncan #2
- Ruth #3
- Shoshone #10
- Laurel #13
- Esther #14
- Loyaute #19
- Lorraine #20
- Henrietta #21
- Electa #22
- Twin Falls #29
- Clover #33
- Rupert #39
- Crescent #43
- Potlatch #48
- Idaho #49
- Pend d’Oreille #62
- Boise #65
- Meridian #66
- Valeria #76
- E-dah-ho #77
- Idaho Falls #85

After I received the boxes of index cards in February, I realized that they had not been up-dated since 2005. Using the information given to me by the chapters and also information from the Membership Roster 2011, I have attempted to remove those members no longer listed. After 10 mergers since 2005 and some chapters not providing any information, I have done my best to clean up the index boxes of Chapters and the alphabetizing. As soon as I receive a list of Jurisdictions, I will try and clean up that box also. Based on the 2011 Membership Roster, over 200 cards were removed. I will be adding about 25-30 new Sojourners to the boxes.

A complete report will be added to the Star Information box. My only hope is that the next appointee takes the appointment seriously and updates as appropriate.

VENDORS COMMITTEE
Karen Cameron PM (32), Chairman, I have truly enjoyed my year on this committee. I would like to thank Judith Walsborn, last year’s chairman, for forwarding me a large packet of last year’s contracts, invitation letter and contact information for each vendor who participated with her. This information was invaluable to me and made my job much easier.

A special thank you to Darla Redman, PGM and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. She played an integral role in helping with the contract information and working with me to compose
a survey which we handed out to our vendors to get a better idea of how their needs are being met.

Thank you also to Sisters Mary Baldwin PM (83) and Deborah Arnold PM (32) for working with me and taking the requests of our vendors back to the Doubletree and making those requests a reality. The space and tables provided were excellent. The invitation letter, contract and survey were given to the WGM for approval before being sent to our vendors. After receipt of the contracts and space rental fee, I forwarded them to the Grand Secretary, Denise.

The following vendors were in attendance:
Linda Cunningham, Leah-Ruth Co.
Dale Young, A.S. Carter Co.
Scott and Sheryl Sarvis, Styles Extended

A new vendor joined us this year. They are based out of Idaho Falls. Sister Renee Westervelt, a 25 year Eastern Star member from California, and her business partner and best friend Deb of Renee’s.

These vendors were some of the nicest people to work with. I hope you have all had a chance to go out and see their products.

YOUTH COMMITTEE
Brenda Windous PM (14), Chairman: It was a great pleasure to see and hear about the activities of our youth in the State of Idaho.

The Guests representing the International Order of Rainbow for Girls: Supreme Inspector, Barbara Brown; Grand Deputy in Idaho, Jennie Davis; Grand Worthy Advisor, Kristina Knutson; representing Job’s Daughters International: Grand Guardian, Barbara Mahoney; Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Sydney Gill; and Miss Idaho Job’s Daughter, Karley Balginy; representing DeMolay: Idaho Executive Officer, Greg Kimberling and State Master Counselor, Wil Everly.

State Master Counselor Wil gave the Demolay Flower Talk at the Altar for all in attendance to observe and enjoy.

BANQUETS AND LUNCHEONS

ALL-MEMBERSHIP BANQUET
Karen Juell, GC: Members and visitors of the Grand Chapter of Idaho gathered for “An Old-Fashioned Christmas” All-Membership Banquet June 4, 2011. The dinner for 228
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was hosted by Grand Conductress Karen Juell, assisted by Associate Conductress Sue Warner and Grand Sentinel Dr. Gary Lemarr. Grand Officers, Grand Escorts and friends decorated the tables with unique holiday centerpieces and table favors.

Sister Karen welcomed everyone and commented that the colorful and elegant finery lent a festive air to the gathering. Following the singing of the National Anthem, the head table of Worthy Grand Matron Christy Schill-Newbold, Worthy Grand Patron Larry G. Allen, Associate Grand Matron Sandi Shoemaker, Associate Grand Patron Bob Barclay, Grand Chaplain Dwain Valez, plus Sister Karen, Sister Sue and Brother Gary was introduced. Brother Dwain delivered an invocation before the dinner of turkey and trimmings was served.

The Wesley Handbell Choir of Idaho Falls played “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and “Jingle Bells” to the delight of the audience.

Sister Karen said no Christmas celebration would be complete without a sing-along and a “Family Feud.” She then played game show host to a “Family Feud” that challenged Christy, Sandi and Sue versus Larry, Bob and Gary to answer survey questions about the holidays, Eastern Star and family submitted to 100 random OES members from Karen’s e-mail list. Each team tried to come closest to the most popular answer to questions that ranged from “What is your favorite Christmas song?” and “What is your favorite Star Point?” to “What goes with a partridge in a pear tree?” and “What does each family have at least one of?” The men beat the women with a score of 4-1.

The audience came together to sing “Winter Wonderland,” “Silver Bells” and “We Three Kings,” accompanied by Grand Organist Jan Brown.

The Grand Line Officers presented Christy and Larry with framed art prints and Sandi and Bob with guest books and wooden boxes to hold them, handcrafted by Past Grand Patron Le Roy Austin.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES BANQUET
Marilyn Taylor PM (85), Sec/Treas: Grand Representatives, past and present, gathered for the annual banquet on June 6, 2011 at the DoubleTree Riverside in Boise. Seventy people were in attendance for a delicious dinner. Included among the
guests were WGM Christy Schill-Newbold and WGP Larry Allen. Marilyn Taylor was the Master of Ceremonies for the gathering. The invocation was given by PM Carol Austin and entertainment was provided by PGP Richard Kaiser with his monologue “Never Turn Your Back on the Doctor”.

All present introduced themselves telling where they were from; and it was especially exciting when counterparts were present. All present enjoyed the “swappies” placed in paper bags at each person’s place.

The WGM and WGP each spoke to the gathering. They were presented with the traditional $50 gift from the Grand Representatives Association plus an extra $250 to go toward their special project of Service Dogs.

PP Edgar Simmons installed the 2011-2012 officers with a meaningful candle ceremony. President Vickie Chamberlain was not installed since she was in Australia attending their Grand Chapter; however, Rick Rowe was installed as Vice President and Don Taylor as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

The evening concluded with all singing “It’s a Small World” and repeating the Mizpeh benediction.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PATRONS BANQUET

PGM Mary Hanson, President: The Banquet was held in the Opal Room at the Doubletree – Riverside in Boise, Idaho at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 6, 2011. The theme had to do with “Islands” in recognition of the trip taken to the Cook Islands ten years earlier. There were 65 in attendance. The tables were decorated with fresh pineapples and fans. Table favors were a goody bag filled with a flipflop notepad, candy, drink umbrellas, lemonade, and water. As guests arrived they were welcomed in island fashion with a lei greeting with luau music playing. Behind the head table was an island scene with palm trees, beach, & ocean with aloha at the top. Brother Bert Johnson gave everyone a ticket and collected it after they put their name on it.

Mary Hanson, President, welcomed everyone to the islands and shared why she chose this theme. Not to overlook their fun symbols, on the head table was a little beach scene that had little red riding hood and the big bad wolf on the sand surrounded by shells, palm trees, and sea creatures. As part of the Jr. Past Grand Matron’s and Patron’s initiation they were given a sarong to wear, fancy sunglasses, and a flower for
their hair.

Harlow Kibbey filled in for Vice President Jack Sage, as he was unable to attend.

Memorial candles where lit in memory of Fred Clarke, Most Worthy Grand Patron and our Past Grand Patrons – Wayne Woodward, Gene Crowley, and Bob Grisham. Assisting with the lighting of the candles were Jim Grant, Stan Barker, Art Shoemaker and Harlow Kibbey. Brother Harlow gave the prayer.

Dinner was a Hawaiian buffet.

The Idaho Falls Bell Choir, led by Marilyn Taylor, entertained everyone with numerous songs that everyone joined in singing.

Assisted by the Junior Past Grand Matron and Patron, Lucy Miller and John Snodderley, the ticket drawing was held. In all, 59 prizes were given away ranging from island toilet paper, flipflops, cards, candles, bracelets, necklaces, candy, root beer, chips, dishes, etc. Everything had to do with the island theme.

Initiation of Sister Lucy and Brother John consisted of music and instructions to hula. After much instruction and work on dancing skills, they performed the hula, and the audience felt that they had passed their initiation and were awarded membership in the organization. The initiation ceremony written by Eula T. Carpenter was then read and Sister Lucy and Brother John took the oath of membership.

Everyone joined hands and repeated the Mizpeh Benediction.
Banquet ended at 8:30 pm.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS LUNCHEON REPORT
Lucy Miller, JPMG: The Distinguished Guests Luncheon was held in the Tamarack Room of the Doubletree Riverside in Boise, Idaho at 11:30 am on June 4, 2011. The 105 guests present were served beef roast, mushroom sauce, mixed greens, new potatoes, vegetables and tiramisu dessert. It was delicious. Tables were decorated with white tablecloths, green napkins, Star & Candlelight center pieces. Guests received small sleighs containing candy.

Distinguished Guests Chairman Lucy Miller welcomed the guests and gave the Invocation. PGP John Snodderley introduced the head table: WGM Christy Schill-Newbold, WGP Larry Allen, WGM of Nevada Barbie Holmes, WGM of Utah

Remarks were given by WGM Christy and WGP Larry. Entertainment by Don & Lucy Miller – Two Humorous Christmas Songs were sung and Don read a humorous letter to parents from a 15 year old daughter.

Twenty one Honorary Memberships were given to Distinguished Guests. The Honorary Memberships for the Grand Representatives were presented at the Grand Representatives Banquet on Monday evening. Glenadene Kiester PGM and member of Distinguished Guests Committee gave a final poem.

SESSION ASSISTANTS AND HONOR STATIONS LUNCHEON

**Harriet Heinrich** PM (76), Chairman of the Pages: A welcome was given by Harriet Heinrich entitled “Our Christmas Message” followed by “Our Christmas Prayer” verse and a song. “Blessing” was sung by Sister Carolyn Bollar, PM #76 as a benediction before our lovely meal was served.

Introductions included WGM Christy, WGP Larry, AGM Sandi, AGP Bob plus newly elected AGC Jan Brown and Grand Sentinel Don Miller.

During lunch we were surprised by a visitor “Clementine”, AKA Brenda Baker (76), who arrived “late” for the entertainment from her snowy and cold trip from up north. A humorous dialogue followed before a song “Come on ring those bells” was sung by Carolyn, Harriet, Brenda, Sheri Pyle and Dorothy Lundy.

A gift was presented to the WGM & WGP from their pages and comments were enjoyed from both of them.

Grand Electa Gladys gave some inspiring comments and welcomed a few subordinate chapter Electas. Then Grand Warder Roland Webster heartily welcomed all and especially a few subordinate chapter Warders who were in attendance.

Lovely favors were provided by Sister Gladys & Brother Roland.

In closing Harriet read “Christmas Love to You”
ANNUAL PAST GRANDS ASSOCIATION MEETING

PGM Mary Hanson, President: The Past Grands Association met at 2:30 pm in the Opal Room at the Doubletree – Riverside in Boise, Idaho on Saturday, June 4, 2011. Roll call was taken by the Secretary. There were 27 present. PGP Bert Johnson gave everyone 2 tickets and collected them after they put their names on them.

Harlow Kibbey gave an opening prayer.

Minutes were read by Secretary Glenadene Keister of the previous yearly meeting and were approved as read.

The Treasurer’s report presented by Treasurer Dorothy Hughes was read by Glenadene and approved.

Beginning balance 6/1/10 $261.92 and ending balance 6/1/11 $649.93.

Rose Fund Chairman, Joyce Roland, was unable to attend, but had sent her annual report to Glenadene who read it for her. Additional reports were given by those present on members that were not in attendance, but had been dealing with health issues.

Bylaw Change: It was moved and seconded to include in the duties of the President, when extending an invitation to the Junior Past Grand Matron & Patron to the banquet, to also include inviting them to attend the annual meeting. This will hopefully end the confusion.

PGM Glenadene Keister, Secretary, and PGM Dorothy Hughes, Treasurer, had decided to retire from their offices that they had held for at least 25 years. Mary Hanson presented them with flower arrangements in recognition of their many years of service.

Election of Officers for 2011/12 were held:

President: Andrea Storjohann
Vice President: Harlow Kibbey
Secretary: Maxine Machamer
Treasurer: Shirley Butler
Rose Chairman: Joyce Roland

Treasurer Dottie, reminded everyone that dues are now $15.00 and that it is time to pay them.

Brother Harlow Kibbey, Acting VP, made certain that President Mary kept on task as the meter was running!

Everyone joined hands and repeated the Mizpeh Benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.
SECRETARY – TREASURER ASSOCIATION

PGM Jo Ellen Reynolds, Secretary: The Secretary-Treasurer Association met on Saturday, June 2, 2011 at the Doubletree Riverside in Boise, Idaho. President Eleanor Rupp opened the annual meeting with a poem. Introductions were made and those welcomed by all were: Harlow Kibbey, PGP & Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Sandi Shoemaker AGM, Bob Barclay AGP, Liz Hughes, Grand Treasurer and Denise Hunt, Grand Secretary.

Sister Sandi thanked the Association for her meal and invitation to the meeting. One of the big changes in the forms this year will be the Chapter of Excellence Award.

Brother Bob said that he was excited about the new pins to be sold for their special project.

Brother Harlow was happy to be invited to the lunch and thanked the Association for his meal. Also, he was ready to eat.

Sister Denise welcomed all and said that the snowflakes on the table were a gift from her to each of us.

Sister Liz thanked all for ten wonderful years, looking forward to retirement and will miss the people.

The business meeting will be held in a room upstairs following the lunch.

Roll call of chapters was held. The 2010 annual meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

Communications: Thank you notes from Liz Hughes, GT and Denise Hunt, GS; Letter of regrets for not being able to attend from Sister Wanda Hinrichs, Grand Secretary Emeritus

Treasurer’s report was given by Treasurer Vickie Reynolds and accepted.

President Eleanor asked that Secretary Jo Ellen Reynolds say a few words about or to Liz on her retirement. Jo Ellen asked Liz what she would like to hear and Liz replied, “I was here, did my work and now I am gone”. Jo Ellen said as much with a few more words of how we were going to miss her being our Grand Treasurer, but was looking forward to seeing her in our meeting as a new Secretary for Idaho #49. Jo Ellen presented her with a corsage from the Association.

Jo Ellen then asked if she could make another presentation. Jo Ellen then presented PGM Dorothy Hughes with a corsage for her semi retirement after 38 years of service. It was Jo Ellen’s pleasure to present this corsage to her “adopted mother” as that was what Jo Ellen called Dorothy
when Jo Ellen was Worthy Grand Matron.

New Business: Election of Officers - The following officers were elected and installed;

- Jo Ellen Reynolds   President
- Joan Galbraith     Secretary
- Vicki Reynolds     Treasurer
- Marilyn Taylor     Coordinator

Sister Liz, assisted by Sister Denise, installed the newly elected officers.

A Memorial Service was held. President Eleanor read a poem:

When those we love have stepped
Across the threshold of God’s door,
They leave behind those memories
That make us love them more.

No further business, the meeting closed at 1:00 pm with the Mizpeh Benediction repeated.
DATES OF FUTURE GRAND CHAPTER SESSIONS

2012 SESSION
June 9-12
Idaho Falls

2013 SESSION
June 8-11
Coeur d’Alene

2014 SESSION
June 7-10
Boise

2015 SESSION
June 13-16
Idaho Falls
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1966-67 Mrs. Elsie Lathen (Potlatch 48)
   524 Ridge Road, Moscow 83843

1972-73 Mrs. Glenadene Keister (Hermosa 32)
   20501 True Lane, Caldwell 83607

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)
   833 El Monte St., Twin Falls 83301

1983-84 Mrs. Dorothy Hughes (Idaho 49)
   1940 Jefferson Avenue, St. Maries 83861

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)
   P. O. Box 262, Clark Fork 83811

1988-89 Mrs. Donita Lancaster (Star of the West 35)
   212 Settlers Way W., Jerome 83338

1989-90 Mrs. Josephine Spraker (Harmony 44)
   2652 N. 3300 W., Arco 83213

1990-91 Mrs. Kathleen Hovren (Florence 79)
   c/o 2333 Hillcrest Drive, Twin Falls ID 83301

1991-92 Mrs. Inez Crothers (Lincoln 42)
   P. O. Box 374, Shoshone 83352

1992-93 Mrs. Yvonne Wilbur (Queen Esther 12)
   6609 E Maplewood Ave., 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 & Martha 34)
511 Juneberry Lane, Priest River, 83856

1999-2000 Mrs. Ferne Studebaker (Radiant 61)
12968 W. Tyhee Road, Tyhee 83202

2000-01 Mrs. Mary Hanson (Mizpah 6)
P. O. Box 27, Horseshoe Bend 83629

2001-02 Mrs. Andrea Storjohann (Shoshone 10)
16458 N. Sitka Road, Rathdrum 83858

2002-03 Mrs. Mary Stowell (Valeria 76 & Valley 74)
P. O. Box 854, McCall 83638

2003-04 Mrs. Darla Redman (E-dah-ho 77)
P. O. Box 22, Albion 83311

2004-05 Mrs. Nancy Ross (Ruth 3)
1833 N. Willow Glen Place, Star 83669

2005-06 Mrs. Jo Ellen Reynolds (Shoshone 10/Idaho 49)
P. O. Box 231, Mullan 83846

2006-07 Mrs. Carol Burbank (Hermosa 32)
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2007-08 Mrs. Mary Lynne “Pete” Nealis (Rob Morris 63)
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Ohio  Roberta David  October  
2163 Crab Tree Dr., Beavercreek OH 45431

Oklahoma  Shirley Niehoff  October  
1415 N. Walnut, Guthrie OK 73044

Ontario  Lynne Atkinson  August  
413 Drew St., Woodstock ON N4S 4V3

Oregon  Chris Nacheff Maneker  June  
707 Main St., #400, Oregon City OR 97045

Pennsylvania  Mary Ann Rhode  June  
P. O. Box 8, Womelsdorf PA 19567

Puerto Rico  Rafael Rondon  May  
200 Calle del Sol #3-A, San Juan PR 00901

Quebec  Anita Young  October  
1301 Barsalou, Chambly QC J3L 2X8

Rhode Island  Robert Kane  October  
95 Farnum Rd., Warwick RI 02888

Sao Paulo  Maria das Gracas da Silva Vasconcelos  March  
Rue Miguel Antonio Duque #445, Prq Mansur Daud 
San Jose do Rio Preto, Sao Paulo BZ 15070-630

Saskatchewan  Janet Zondervan  April  
Box 587, Moosomin SK S0G 3N0

Scotland  Elizabeth French  April & October  
143 W. Regent St., Glasgow G2 2SG

South Carolina  Mary Coggins  June  
P. O. Box 866, Elgin SC 29045

South Dakota  Karen Steptoe  October  
410 Vista Drive, Miller SD 57362

Tennessee  Jean Vincent  April  
1007 Hyndsver Rd., Martin TN 38237

Texas  Marlene Scholari  August  
1503 W. Division St., Arlington TX 76012

Utah  Brenda Hansel  October  
98 N. Country Way, Fruit Heights UT 84037

Vermont  Jerri Riegler  June  
65 Lindale Dr., Colchester VT 05446

Virginia  Beverley Brooks  May  
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West Virginia  Carolyn Davis   October
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Wisconsin      Sharon Swartwout May
              36275 Sunset Dr., Dousman WI 53118
Wyoming        Sheralyn Farnham August
              1613 Ord Street, Laramie WY 82070

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### Totals:
- **Beginning total**: 3029
- **Golden Stars reported**: 731
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- **Reinstated**: 10
  - **TOTAL GAIN**: 98
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