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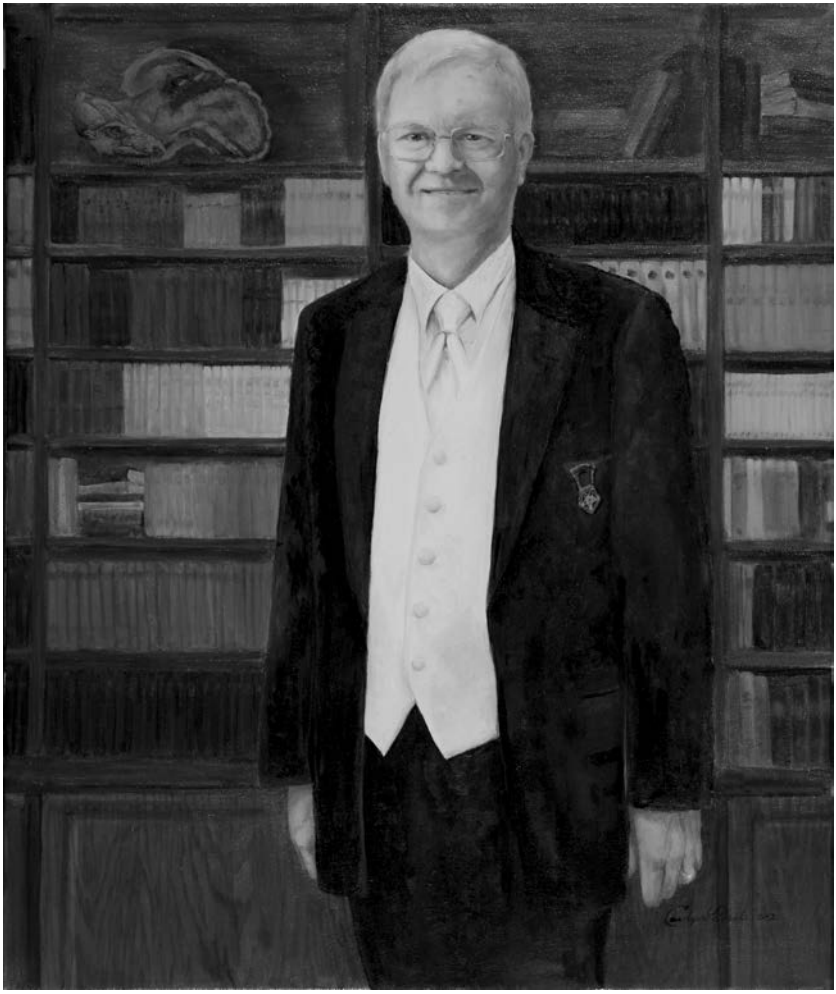

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2016-2017 GRAND OFFICERS

SEATED: Candace Martin, Grand Conductress; Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer, Jim Taylor, Associate Grand Patron; Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron; Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron; Anita Sohm, Associate Grand Matron, Jan Thoman PGM, Grand Secretary, Karan Birdsall, Associate Grand Conductress ROW TWO: Dottie Arent, Grand Warder; Charleen Gausman, Grand Electa; Karla Lawler, Grand Organist; Harold Terry, Grand Marshal; Kathy Armour, Grand Martha, Leota Ray, Grand Ruth;. ROW THREE: Bruce Baker, Grand Sentinel; Carol Thompson, Grand Adah; Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain; Andy Stewart, Grand Esther.

GRAND PAGES

ROW ONE: Sue Kittinger (199), Susan Gray (33), Karen Nichols (215), Barb Wood (279,233), Janet Zoucha (264), Kelly Stahly (132) ROW TWO: Kelsey Larsen (39,104,153), Hazel Prentice (184), Carla Crawford (261,184), Nancy Haack (277), Celena Roth (301), ROW THREE: Julie Fowler (307,153), Shannon Roberts (55), Amy Gausman (199), Christine McKnight (142), Laura Ueberrhein (122), Lori Nerud (214) ROW FOUR: Peggy Gross (113), Tam Engler (299), Carrie Knapp (142), Deb McMullin (325), Jean Crary (271).

DISTRICT GRAND SUPERVISORS:

SEATED: Linda Dubry (261,260,215), Peggy Hitchcock (113), Andrea Stewart (55), Dottie Arent (113), Bev Pickering (269), Toby Varvais (301). ROW TWO: Jean Smith (198), Laurie Sieg (271), Karan Birdsall (271), Sharon Eller (299), Claudia Ranslem (92,1). ROW THREE: Tracey Hefner (200), Wanda Retzlaff (84), Carrie Knapp (142), Kristi Vandergriff (277).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

SEATED: Larry Brage (271), June Nielsen (262,142), Cassi Norton (325, Linda Rose(274), Coralie Hayes (264), Gladys McCalla (142), Marylin Barnard (Michigan), Herbert Bose (175) ROW TWO: Glenda Maner (Georgia), Stacy Newcomb (301), Karen Nichols (215), Bonnie Blevins (Ohio), Jeannette Heese (269), Lynda Manning (277), Katherine Meink (159), Rita Higgins (Florida), Julie Fowler (307) ROW THREE: Marlin Krull (198), Kelsey Larsen (39,104,153), Georgia McMillian (North Carolina), Christine McKnight (142), Susan Olson (131), Joyce Roberts (92), Dianne Wiberg (55,41), Jerry White (41), Bernard Beckius (142).

ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS

ROW ONE: Joyce Royal (1,257), Laurel Wolfe (299), Tonya Breitkreutz (194) Dottie Arent, Grand Warder, Ruth Batie (204), Joyce Quaring (41). ROW TWO: Bonnie Forney (92), Christine Wood (55), Carolyn Plants (271), Sherry Craig (134), Joy Boyer (134), Jessica Hochstein (92, ROW THREE: Maril Hauber (299). Jeannette Heese (269), Mary Ellen Kilmer (214), Loraine Rogers (213), Anita Schultz (93), Gayle Casey (189) ROW FOUR: Shirley DeVasure (299), Mary Ann Gerdes (41), Margaret Nelson (216), Susan Olson (131), Kathy Hartmann (122).

ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS

SEATED: Keith Lindvall (359), Gene Frizzell (215), Keith Wood (279), Bruce Baker Grand Sentinel, Roy Phillips (55), Elmer Huffman (216). Kenny Schultz (93), ROW TWO: Bernard Hauber (299), Bill Engler (299), Deloyt Young, PGP (55), Ken Sieg (271), Mike Hitchcock (113), Gene Wehrbein (189), ROW THREE: Tom Elder (279), Matthew Vandergriff (277), Cecil Smith (189), Don Havekost (122).

WORTHY MATRONS

SEATED: Susan Hedges (169,92), Karen Nichols (215), Tonya Breitkreutz (194), Joyce Quaring (41), Sarah Davis (1), Coralie Hayes (264), Carol Hardy (189), Ruth Batie (204), Barb Wood (279. ROW TWO: Dona Hurst (8), Stacy Newcomb (301), Peggy Gross (113), Sue Terry (269), Becky Baker (325), Gayle Casey (189), Margaret McCall (52), Lynda Manning (277), Kelly Stahly (132), Julie Fowler (307) ROW THREE; Anita Schultz (93), Lori Nerud (260,214), Jessica Hochstein (92), Nancy Kopejtka (316), Suzanne Byler (9), Myrna Vasta (198), Sharon Yockers (8), Dianne Wiberg (41), Kathy Hartmann (121), Tam Engler (299). ROW FOUR: Jean Crary (271), Jean Smith (198), Kristi Vandergriff (277), Susan Olson (131), Sheli Rice (325), Terri Sherman (307), Carrie Knapp (142), Karen Phillips (55), Linda Dubry (260,261,215), Margaret Nelson (216).

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ROW THREE: Bill Engler (299), Rick Baker (325), Dennis Dubry (260), Bernard Beckius (142), Herbert Bose (175).

CHOIR

SEATED: Krystal Bogdahn (325), Coralie Hayes (261), Mary Ann Stevens (189), Jim Carlton (325), Joyce Quaring (41), Barbara Sodomka (41). ROW TWO: Sarah Perron (269), Jan Barnard (216), Les Faulkenberry (277), Judy Wehrbein (189), Lynda Manning (277), Maxine Hild (189), Amy Beard (269). ROW THREE:Sarah Bogdahn (325), Maril Hauber (299), Susan Olson (131), Sheli Rice (325), Wanda Retzlaff (84), Tracey Hefner (200). ROW FOUR: Tami Stites (325), Mike Hitchcock (113), Bill Raymond (325), Bernie Hauber (299), Fritz McMullin (325), Ruth Negus (277).

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
OF THE
STATE OF NEBRASKA

One Hundred Forty-second Annual Session

The Year May 2016 to May 2017

"TRAILS OF FAITH"

The one hundred and forty second annual Session of the Grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska was held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska on May 9, 10, and 11, 2017. The theme for this year is "Trails of Faith". The western theme was evidenced throughout the Conference Center along with a collection of crosses.

In the main entrance of the Younes Conference Center, a beautiful quilt made by Sister Wanda Fisher, PGM (261) and presented to the Worthy Grand Matron was displayed. The quilt squares were of brown, burnt orange and a print of various crosses arranged to make a huge cross the full length and width of the quilt. A large barbwire wreath adorned with sunflowers and a metal silhouette of a knelling cowboy and his horse at a cross, along with a wooden framed picture of a wagon wheel with the phrase "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" scripted on it flanked the portraits of the Worthy

Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron which were framed by Sister Karan Birdsall (271).

Items for the silent auction to benefit the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands as well as several other displays and vendors filled the hallways of the convention center. Representatives from other Masonic organizations were available at their displays to answer questions and offer brochures, to pick up.

In the room just preceding the Chapter room, was a large wooden framed display board made of weathered reclaimed ship lap boards adorned with a collection of crosses of all shapes, sizes and designs acquired during the year by the Worthy Grand Matron. This display was flanked by saddles, ropes, hats, chaps, spurs and sunflowers skillfully arranged by Sisters Carrie Knapp and Christine McKnight (142).

As the members entered the Chapter room they were greeted by red carpeting surrounded by a wide band of white carpet. White wrought iron fencing and white pedestals adorned with spurs or lariats set the area apart, In the center of the Chapter room was the lighted white altar, surrounded by the Star Point stations with lighted pedestals and baskets of flowers depicting the color of each station.

The front of the Chapter Room, below the dais, was a country scene of pine trees twinkling with lights, large black silhouettes of a cowboy kneeling before a cross flanking the traditional large white, open Bible displaying the Scripture from II Corinthians 5:7 "We live by *faith,* not by sight." The scene was completed with a saddle stand complete with saddle, chaps and rope along with several large fern plants and a few sunflowers.

Tan and brown tulle netting with orange twinkle lights covered the handrails of the skirted ramps leading to the East. On the stage were posted the American Flag, the Canadian Flag, the Nebraska Flag, the Florida and Pennsylvania Flags honoring the home states of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron who were in attendance throughout the session, the Christian Flag and various flags of our Masonic family, including the youth organizations. The backdrop in the East displayed the traditional Masonic and Eastern Star emblems. The Session name, "Trails of Faith", made by Brother Albert and Sister Wanda Fisher PGM, also hung on the backdrop.
Throughout the Session, the overhead screens in the East changed to display the Session title, emblem and beautiful landscapes of the Sandhills of Nebraska. It also displayed the songs that were sung by the Cowboy Chorus throughout the week, as well as the words for the sing-alongs.

The Sound System, set up in the northeast corner of the Grand Chapter Room, was under the supervision of Brother Albert Fisher (261). We cannot thank him enough for the tireless work that he did prior to and during our session to insure that everything went as planned. The organ and clavinova were in the southeast corner of the Grand Chapter Room with the Cowboy Chorus seated in the risers

next to the instruments. Thank you to Brother Jim Carlton (325) and Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189) for directing and accompanying the Choir.

The "Trails of Faith" Session was made enjoyable and memorable by all those who attended and shared their *faith* in the value of this great Order and the love they share with their fellow members. Thank you to the members of Ogallala Chapter #142 and Blue River Chapter #132 for your support and help in preparing for this Session. Thank you to all those dedicated members who worked tirelessly to make this session a true success.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 12, 2015
INFORMAL OPENING

The music of Sister Neta Ridinger (55) greeted members and visitors as they gathered for the informal opening of the one hundred forty-second annual Grand Chapter Session. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron escorted Sarah Focke, Sales Manager of the Kearney Tourism & Convention Bureau, and Mr. Paul Younes of the Younes Conference Center to the East, and each gave a brief welcome. The Worthy Grand Matron thanked Sarah for bringing greetings, and Mr. Younes and all the Staff at the Younes Conference Center for the courtesies and hospitalities extended to the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star. A hearty welcome was given to both.

Kristen C. Paulmeyer, Interim Executive Director of the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands was then introduced.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

It has been our privilege this year to have the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands as our special project. I know the importance of mastering the art of diabetes self care, and the dire consequences of not. So I hope that in some small way our presentations at our meetings across the State about the help offered at this Education Center have provided some information and hope to our members who have diabetes or for those that have family members with that disease. From the generous donation of our members and from the sales of "cow tales" candy, I am honored to present to you this check totally $8,127.68. Please accept this from the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star and know that there will be additional funds after the close of the silent auction – this is the silent auction out in the hallway and there's a lot of things there—and from this Grand Session. Kristen, may we hear from you?

Kristin C. Paulmeyer:

Thank you. My name is Kristin Paulmeyer, and I am serving as Interim Executive Director for the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands. I have been with the Diabetes Education Center for over 5 years now and truly believe in what we stand for. Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands is a community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of diabetic individuals and their families by empowering them through help education to take charge of their lives. Diabetes Education Center was founded in 1984 by Dr. Timothy Law, a Board Certified Endocrinologist to improve the diabetes management process. At that time, individuals with diabetes were checked into a hospital and followed for one week to determine their insulin use and educate the individual. That did not seem to make much sense to use a hospital bed for the purpose of education, so we developed a comprehensive class, which is a 4-night program, where

individuals meet with an Endocrinologist daily and individual consults with our certified diabetes educators. They also complete a curriculum covering all aspects of diabetes. The purpose of this course is to improve individual's and spouse's management stress. We have also added a Type II Basics Class, which is a 2-night class taught by our nurse and dietitian, both of which are certified diabetes educators. This is an overview of diabetes that covers the prevention of complications in a closed setting as well as blood sugar monitoring and then portions of exercise. Both of these classes have an average A1C reduction of 2.3 percent. Recently, an individual's A1C dropped by 7.9 percent. This reduction reduces complications of diabetes, which includes but is not limited to retinopathy, neuropathy, amputations, and kidney disease. We have recently started a pre-diabetes program, which is the National Diabetes Prevention Program. It was developed by the Center of Disease Control and it is a yearlong lifestyle modification program. During the study of this program, there was a reduction of incidents of Type II diabetes by 58 percent. Our most recent class that was started earlier this year, posted a 5 percent weight reduction and they are are about halfway through. Our Endocrinologists state that there are no other chronic diseases that require more patient education and patient input than diabetes, and I don't think they were biased in saying that.

I just want to thank you for your generous contribution and as of 2008, 7.8 percent of Nebraskans have diabetes and approximately 7 percent of individuals with diabetes receive education. The Center is working to inform the community of the importance of diabetes education and the benefits of good control. Your gift makes this possible and allows the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands to continue to support those struggling with diabetes. Thank you again.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Please join me in giving Kristen a hearty welcome and thank you for what you do for all those who come to the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands and we do thank you—and you will be receiving more.

FLAG TRIBUTE

A ceremony for the presentation and tribute to the flags was written and presented by Brother Harold Terry, Grand Marshal. Each flag was proudly presented on the floor of the Grand Chapter room, given proper tribute, and then carried to the East, where it was properly displayed for the remainder of the session.

Harold Terry, Grand Marshal:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers, all. Good evening.

Welcome to the informal opening of the 142nd session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Nebraska. I am Harold Terry, your Grand Marshal, and it is my honor to present this flag tribute. Assisting me with the musical portion of our tribute this evening are our Grand Organist, Karla Lawler, plural member of Ogallala Chapter No. 142, Arbor Vitae No. 92 and Oshkosh No. 264, and Gretchen Grupe, Narcissus Chapter No. 269.

The American Flag is presented by BreAnn Throckmorton, Worthy Advisor of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Benson Diana Assembly No. 2—celebrating their 75th anniversary as the oldest active assembly in Nebraska. BreAnn is also a Sergeant First Class in the ROTC Viking Battalion at Omaha North High School.

"I am the Flag of the United States of America. My name is 'Old Glory'. I fly atop the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's Halls of Justice. I fly majestically over institutions of learning. Look up and see me. I stand for peace, honor, truth, and justice. I stand for freedom; I am confident; I am arrogant; I am proud; I bow to no one; I am recognized all over the world. I am respected; I am revered; I am loved; and I am feared. I

have been burned, torn, trampled on in the streets of countries I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I am invincible. I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours. My finest hour comes when I fly at half-mast to honor our soldiers or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother. I am proud! My name is 'Old Glory', long may I wave. Dearest Lord, long may I wave." Post.

(The American Flag was posted.)

You will join me in saluting the flag and repeating the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the singing of our National Anthem.

Harold Terry, Grand Marshal:

The Canadian Flag is presented by Brother Herb Coulter from Herman Chapter No. 216.; Grand Representative, Manitoba in Nebraska,

In December 1964, the Canadian Parliament voted to adopt the new design. Canada's national flag was to be red and white, the official colors of Canada with the stylized 11-point red maple leaf in its center. On February 15, 1965, the new flag was flown over Parliament Hill and adopted by all Canadians. This year, the Order of the Eastern Star will be going to the International Peace Garden. This Garden was established as a symbol and tribute to the historical fact that Canada and the United States of America have been at peace with each other for more than 200 years. There is an inscription in the Peace Garden that reads: "To God in His Glory, these two nations dedicate this Garden and pledge ourselves that as long as men shall live, we will not take up arms against one another." Post.

(The Canadian Flag was posted.)

You will join me in singing the Canadian Anthem.

Harold Terry, Grand Marshal:

The Florida flag is presented by Sister Katherine Meink from Wausa Chapter No. 159; Grand Representative of Florida in Nebraska. Florida, home of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, and home of the Florida State Seminoles. Florida will also be the home of the 49th Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter in the Fall of 2018 in Orlando, Florida. The Florida flag sports a big red "X" and the State Seal. This flag represents the land of sunshine, flowers, palm trees, rivers and lakes. The seal features a brilliant sun. Post.

(The Florida flag was posted.)

The Pennsylvania flag is presented by Sister Julie Fowler from Starcraft Chapter No. 307; Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Nebraska. Pennsylvania is the home of our Most Worthy Grand Patron. Rich in American history, this State is known as the home of the Liberty Bell, Constitution Center, Independence Hall, and the Mason-Dixon line. The Pennsylvania flag is adorned with the State coat of arms and symbols of Pennsylvania's strengths. The State motto: "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence," appears on the flag. A bald eagle appears on the flag, representing Pennsylvania's loyalty to the United States. Post.

(The Pennsylvania flag was posted.)

The Nebraska flag is presented by our Brother and friend from Missouri, Mike Reeder; Grand Representative of Nebraska in Missouri. I first met Mike at Missouri Grand Chapter. He was easy to find because he was wearing that bright red sport coat. For those of you who do not know, Nebraska is the home of a little football team called the "Cornhuskers," whose color is red. Nebraska was one of the last states to adopt a state flag. The State Legislator approved a bill making a State banner in 1925, but it was not until 1962 that it was officially declared the State banner as the official State flag. The State motto appears on the flag: "Equality before the Law." Post.

(The Nebraska flag was posted.)

The Christian Flag is presented by Sister Margaret Nelson, Worthy Matron of Herman Chapter No. 216. The red on the flag is a symbol of the blood of Christ; the blue, a symbol of the waters of baptism; and the white, a symbol of the faithfulness of Jesus. Some churches repeat a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag as an affirmation of loyalty to the Christian flag. It is believed that this was the first pledge and it was written by Lynn Harold

Hough, a Methodist Minister, in 1903: "I pledge Allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love." Post.

(The Christian flag was posted.)

The O.E.S. flag is presented by Sister Brenda McGuire, Past Grand Matron of Nebraska, from Eureka Chapter No. 86, and my Fraternal Mom. As we gaze on the flag of our Order, let it remind us to be faithful to the convictions of right and duty, to be obedient to the demands of honor and justice, loyal to kindred and friends, guided by a trustful faith in our hour of trial, and to live in the spirit of charity and love and truth. Post.

(The Order of the Eastern Star flag was posted)

The Masonic flag is presented by Rick Myers, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Masonry is inherently optimistic. It teaches that mankind, though flawed, can be improved and even perfected; just as a rough stone from the quarry can be polished and made beautiful for the builder's use. Masons are dedicated to a life of community service. They are men of sincere religious faith and believe that the rewards of a life well-lived are not of this world alone. Post.

(The Masonic flag was posted.)

The Rainbow flag is presented by Sister Sarah Mooney, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and a member of O.E.S. Laura Chapter No. 301. The International Order of Rainbow for Girls celebrates its 95th anniversary in 2017. Members stumble in the back door of this organization – these young girls – at the age of 11 years old, and glide out the front door at 21 years as young women of dignity, grace, and compassion, ready to live their lives in service. Post.

(The International Order of Rainbow for Girls flag was posted.)

The Job's Daughter flag is presented by Hannah King, Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Ninety-five years ago, the organization was founded by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead-Mick in Omaha, Nebraska. Bethel No. 1 in Omaha is the Mother Bethel of the World. The young ladies of this organization learn to bloom, breathe, and soar. The Job's Daughters International allows girls and young women to bloom in their confidence, to become leaders of tomorrow, and to soar into adulthood. Post.

(The Job's Daughters International flag was posted.)

The DeMolay flag is presented by Dakota Wells, Nebraska State Master Councilor. The young men of DeMolay strive to maintain the health of their spirit, mind, and body by living the seven core values of their Order: Love of parents, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanliness, and patriotism. Post.

(The DeMolay flag was posted.)

The POW/MIA flag is presented by Brother Marvin Colson, Dorcas Chapter No. 144. Brother Marv joined the Army and is a Veteran of the Korean War, serving from 1952 to 1954, and the Viet Nam War, serving 1965 to 1968. He is a member of the V.F.W. and the American Legion, and has held leadership offices in both organizations. On August 10th, 1990, the 101st Congress passed a Public Law, which recognizes this flag as a symbol of our nation's commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans who are prisoners, missing or unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. It is the only flag that is posted next to the American flag. It is the only flag displayed in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda and it is the only flag other than the U.S. flag that has ever flown over the White House. For the families of those who still have members remaining on the roll of our Unreturned Veterans, we offer our respect and gratitude for the service of their family members. Post.

(The POW/MIA flag was posted next to the U.S. Flag and Taps were played.)

Harold Terry:

That concludes our flag tributes for this evening. If you would, give all of our presenters, a warm hearty thank you.

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were informally escorted to the East, and a short video, created by Albert Fisher (361), was shown in the East prior to the presentation of the Grand Officers.

PRESENTATION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand Officers were presented to the members and guests by James F. Brown Jr., Past Grand Patron, with background played by Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189). The Grand Officers and their escorts entered from the doors in the West and were introduced behind Grand Esther's station. They then proceeded to the East on the north and south marching lines. They were seated on the dais where they remained until the opening formations were completed. Brother Jim's presentations were given each evening before the opening formations.

James F. Brown Jr., Past Grand Patron:

Good evening and welcome to the informal opening of the 142nd annual session of the Nebraska Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. We are pleased that you have chosen to share your time with us at our "Trails of Faith" Session. Thank you for being with us.

It is my pleasure to present to you the "DROVERS and TOP HANDS" of the NEBRASKA Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the 2016-2017 Grand Officers. They have traveled across this state and other jurisdictions sharing their "Cowboy Sprit and Trails of Faith" with the members. They are excited to share their enthusiasm and love of the Order with you, and tonight will share with us their favorite memories from this Eastern Star year.

Our Grand Sentinel, **Brother Bruce Baker,** is the outer guard of the Grand Chapter and our Cowboy of Protection. Brother Bruce is escorted by his wife and companion, Sister Susie Baker. They are members of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings. Most Worshipful Brother Bruce is a Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska. Brother Bruce says: "We really enjoyed the entire experience of spending time with old and new friends; especially the Grand Family Officers. Brother Bruce's favorite Cowboy wisdom is: "Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction." Brother Bruce, my advice to you is: "Don't squat with your spurs on."

Our Grand Warder, **Sister Dottie Arent,** is the inner guard of the Grand Chapter and our Cowgirl of Peace and Harmony. Sister Dottie is escorted by her husband and companion, Keevin Arent. Sister Dottie is a member Bethany Chapter No. 113 in Ainsworth. Keevin is a member of Silver Cord Lodge No. 225. Sister Dottie says: "What an awesome experience this past year has been!! When Sister Cheryl asked me to accept this appointment, she had an answer for every excuse I could formulate. When I considered it with my husband and Grand Companion, Keevin, he also had answers for all my excuses. Being a little stubborn, I was still resolved to decline her offer. But over the next 10 days, I was repeatedly exposed to messages about Moses and Aaron, Jonah, Saul, Mary and Joseph and their lives. I finally got the message that a greater power was behind this decision. We were to accept and it has been wonderful traveling with this Grand Family and really experiencing how wonderful our Organization and the entire membership really are."

Our Grand Electa, **Sister Charleen Gausman,** represents the red ray of our central star and is the Cowgirl of Love. Sister Charleen is escorted by her husband Gene Gausman. Sister Charleen is a member of Utica Chapter No. 199 in Utica. Sister Charleen says: "What we enjoyed the most was traveling through the great State of Nebraska from east to the west and seeing all of the beauty in our state, especially the purple flowers. I enjoyed visiting chapters in other states and seeing the difference between our chapters, and always being welcomed by our sisters and brothers in those states. When our Grand

Family did not meet for at least a week or more, it was always so nice to see each other again and to know how much we missed one another." (Wednesday evening, Sister Charleen was escorted her daughter, Amy Gausman, a member of Utica Chapter No. 199.)

Our Grand Martha, **Sister Kathy Armour**, represents the green ray of our central star and is our Cowgirl of Faith. Sister Kathy is escorted by her Grand Companion, Sister Toby Varvais. They are members of Laura Chapter No. 301 in South Sioux City. Sister Kathy says: "I enjoyed traveling the state with my companion, Toby; meeting and greeting the members of our Star family; getting lost a few times; and singing rock and roll music at the top of my voice all over the state." Hum, singing loudly! Sister Kathy, maybe you need some Cowboy wisdom: "Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer." (Thursday evening, Sister Kathy was escorted by her daughter, Stacy Newcomb, a member of Laura Chapter No. 301, South Sioux City.)

Our Grand Esther, **Sister Andy Stewart**, represents the white ray of our central star and is the Cowgirl of Loyalty. Sister Andy is escorted by her Grand Companion, Sister Karen Phillips. They are members of Signet Chapter No. 55 in North Platte. Andy says her favorite part of the year was: "Traveling with Karen across this great state and getting to meet the fabulous people who belong to the Order of the Eastern Star." She will cherish all the friendships she made and is thankful for all the directions her husband printed out for her and her Grand Companion, Sister Karen, even though they never got used to the part that said: 'If you have reached this street you have gone 0.1 mile too far'." (On Wednesday, Sister Andy was escorted by Sister Shannon Roberts, a member of Signet Chapter No. 55, North Platte.) (On Thursday evening, Sister Andy was escorted by her husband, Mike Stewart.)

Our Grand Ruth, **Sister Leota "Odey" Ray**, represents the yellow ray of our central star and is the Cowgirl of Constancy. Sister Odey is escorted by her Grand Companion, Sister Naomi Rezac. They are members of Royal Chapter No. 184 in Gordon. Sister Odey says: "After belonging to Hay Springs Chapter for many years, we have consolidated with Gordon Chapter and I am now proud to be a member of Royal Chapter #184 in Gordon. I retired 4 years ago and have truly enjoyed having the time to travel the state, meeting new friends, and serving as Grand Ruth. I also have time now to paint in water colors and oils and making quilts. My traveling companion is a long-time friend and also a Past Grand Ruth."

Our Grand Adah, **Sister Carol Thompson**, represents the blue ray of our central star and is our Cowgirl of Fidelity. Sister Carol is escorted by her Mother, Sister Beryl Knotwell. They are members of Imperial Chapter No. 279 in Imperial. Sister Carol says: "I have enjoyed my year as Grand Adah, meeting new people and traveling all over the State. The one trip I will remember the most was traveling with Sisters Andy, Karen, and Karla to the Kansas-Nebraska Exchange. We had a great time." My, oh my, Andy, Karen, and Karla! My advice to you is: "Never miss a good chance to shut up." (Thursday evening, Sister Carol was escorted by her sister, Barb Hinrichs.)

Our Grand Organist, **Sister Karla Lawler**, is our Cowgirl of Music and Poetry. Sister Karla is escorted by her son, Kurt Lawler. They are members of Ogallala Chapter No. 142 in Ogallala. Sister Karla is a plural member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 in Fremont and Oshkosh Chapter No. 264 in Oshkosh. When asked about her favorite part of the year, Sister Karla says: "It is really hard to pick one or two things memorable about my travels this year with this wonderful Grand Family. As I am considered someone who is extremely excitable about everything and apt to do something really crazy, it was amazing to find 36 people who could accept that and tolerate me. The highlight was being able to play music where ever possible across the state. It was nice to share western tunes that bring a smile or a toe tap. Of course, being dressed up like the "Cat in the Hat," reading a portion of Green Eggs and Spam, may have been an added feature." Whew, Sister Karla is a bit of a talker; so Sister Karla, a bit of Cowboy wisdom for you: "You ain't learnin' nothing when

your mouth's a–jawin'." (Wednesday evening, Sister Karla was escorted by her Grand Page, Sister Lori Nerud, of Sunflower Chapter #214, Mitchell.)

Our Grand Marshal, **Brother Harold Terry**, is our Cowboy of Direction. Brother Harold is escorted by his Daughter, Sister Colleen Nelson. They are members of Narcissus Chapter No. 269 in Omaha; where Sister Colleen is currently serving as Adah. Brother Harold says: His favorite part of the year was constantly meeting new Chapter members. "We have the best people in the state, bar none. This year it was always wonderful to open emails from Cheryl and Gary telling me that I just had to wear black jeans on our travels. I can spill a lot of food on those jeans before anyone notices. When I'm driving a full car with Candy, Linda George and Sue, it's always a good time. I get my OnStar working. Linda gets her phone app for directions going, Candy and Sue sit with their folding maps, and still we miss exits and turns because we are eating, laughing or talking." (Wednesday evening, Brother Harold was escorted by Sister Heide Theis, a member of Narcissus Chapter No. 269, Omaha; Thursday evening, Brother Harold was escorted by his traveling companion, Sister Jeanette Heese, a member of Narcissus Chapter No. 269, Omaha.)

Our Grand Chaplain, **Brother Dennis Dubry**, is our Cowboy of Devotion. Brother Dennis is escorted by his wife and companion, Sister Linda Dubry. They are members of Bridgeport Chapter No. 260 in Bridgeport. Brother Dennis says: "The Trails of Faith" Grand Year has certainly been a blessing to us, and we have truly enjoyed the wonderful times of fellowship and fun. The expression of Star Love and camaraderie whenever we are together as a family is one of the most enjoyable and warmest feelings anyone can experience in life. As Grand Chaplain, reading and studying God's word has become more prevalent, and my faith has become much stronger."

Our Associate Grand Conductress, **Sister Karan Birdsall,** is our Cowgirl of Leadership. Sister Karan is escorted by her husband and companion, Brother Tim Birdsall. Sister Karan and Brother Tim are members of Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln – the best chapter in the state. Sister Karan says her favorite part of the year was relationships: "RELATIONSHIPS are what I remember most about this year's "Trails of "Faith" Grand family; our time with our chapters, and sharing time with our members. The dedication and effectiveness of our members is inspiring and impressive." Sister Karan, knowing your husband well, would you please remind Brother Tim to "Always drink upstream from the herd."

Our Grand Conductress, **Sister Candy Martin,** is our Cowgirl of Preparation. Sister Candy is escorted by her Grand companion, Sister Linda George. Sister Candy is a member of Friendship Chapter No. 122 in Hooper. Sister Linda is a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 in Fremont. Sister Candy says: "What I will remember most about this year, are the great conversations shared with our Sisters and Brothers as we traveled around the state; our 'rootin', tootin' weekend we enjoyed with our Iowa Sisters and Brothers; and the brainstorming sessions and laughter shared in the car while riding with the Terrys."

Our Grand Secretary, **Sister Jan Thoman**, is our Cowgirl of Intelligence. Sister Jan is escorted by her Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Tregan Albers. Jan is a member of Vesper Chapter No. 9 in Beatrice. Brother Tregan is a member of Davenport Chapter No. 268 in Davenport. Sister Jan says: "The visitation travels were and will always be treasured memories. Mom and I spent many hours on the road with Karan and Tim Birdsall. We shared so many hours, laughing and enjoying life. Thanks, my friends, for the cherished memories." Sister Jan was my Grand Adah, and I have a bit of Cowboy Wisdom for you: "Always remember that the biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you put on your first face in the mirror every morning." (Wednesday evening, Sister Jan was escorted by Sister Jeanine Bryceson, Past Grand Matron, a member of Stromsburg

Chapter No. 192, Stromsburg. Thursday evening, Sister Jan was escorted by Sister Ann Wells, Past Grand Matron, a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92, Fremont.)

Our Associate Grand Patron, **Brother Jim Taylor,** is our Cowboy of Guidance. Brother Jim is escorted by his Granddaughter, Taylor Medina. Brother Jim is a member of AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 in Omaha. Brother Jim says: Thanks to Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron Gary for helping me get better acquainted with Western Nebraska. It was a memorable experience seeing the country and meeting all the great people. Traveling across Nebraska always reminds me that our Order of the Eastern Star is made up of the nicest, kindest, and friendliest people in our state. By the way, I bought the first pair of cowboy boots I've ever had in my life for your year." – But he refused to wear those tonight! (Wednesday evening, Brother Jim was escorted by his wife and companion, Sister Isobel Taylor, a member of AkSarBen Chapter No. 277, Omaha. Thursday evening, Brother Jim was escorted by his daughter, Carol Medina.)

Our Associate Grand Matron, **Sister Anita Sohm**, is our Cowgirl of Light. Sister Anita is escorted by her husband, Brother Chuck Sohm. They are both members of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue. Sister Anita says: "She and Chuck enjoyed traveling the state and meeting old and new friends. But on one of their travels, Chuck left his cowboy hat in Ogallala and spent several phone calls trying to meet up with it again. At the end of their grand visitation schedule, he received a book of pictures detailing everywhere that hat had been until it made its way back to Chuck. Sister Anita says, 'Somebody had way too much time on their hands'." Sister Anita you probably believe the Old Cowboy Wisdom, which says: "If it don't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably ain't."

Our Worthy Grand Patron, **Brother Gary Brhel,** is our Cowboy of Masonic Relationships. Brother Gary is escorted by his wife and our Grand Treasurer, Sister Pam Brhel. They are members of Blue River Chapter No. 132 in Milford. Sister Pam says: "The most impressive moment for me this year was watching my husband be installed as Worthy Grand Patron last May. Daughter Christine and granddaughter Elizabeth sang as Gary was escorted to the East and that made his installation even more special." Worthy Grand Patron Gary says: "My memorable moment was during the Iowa-Nebraska Fun Weekend in Ogallala. I was arrested by the local Sheriff and sentenced to hang for my crimes. We were at Front Street in Ogallala having a quiet meal and enjoying some good entertainment. A Grand Officer, who shall remain nameless but plays the organ well, fingered Me. The Sheriff and his Deputies dragged me out of the crowd and up onto the stage and a noose was put around my neck. Thankfully, I was released due to a technicality." Brother Gary, If this ever happens to you again Cowboy Wisdom would say that: "If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'."

Our Worthy Grand Matron, **Sister Cheryl Beckius**, is our Cowgirl of Authority. Sister Cheryl is escorted by Sister Carrie Knapp, her daughter and Grand Page. They are members of Ogallala Chapter No. 142 in Ogallala. Our Worthy Grand Matron says: "AWESOME, that's what the last twelve months have been! The privilege of representing this Grand Jurisdiction as the Worthy Grand Matron at visitations, meetings, celebrations and other Grand Chapters is truly AWESOME. My greatest pleasure has been meeting new people and greeting those we have known for years. Each of my Sisters and Brothers has been shining examples of the TRUE STAR SPIRIT and everyone has demonstrated their love for our Order." (Wednesday evening, Sister Cheryl was escorted by her daughter, Christine McKnight, Grand Page and a member of Ogallala Chapter No. 142. Thursday evening, Sister Cheryl was escorted by her husband, Brother Bernard Beckius of Ogallala Chapter No. 142.)

James F. Bown, Jr., Past Grand Patron:
Sisters , Brothers, and Friends: There you have our 2016-2017 “Trails of Faith” Grand Family! The “Drovers” and “Top Hands” are gathered in the East, so would you please join me in extending to them a warm and hearty welcome?

OPENING FORMATIONS

Opening formations are performed each night at the beginning of each Session. They were created and directed by March Directors, Sisters Dee Schuetz (189), Beverly Donham (299) and Cyn Norman (279), Past Grand Matrons. Appropriate music during the marches was provided by Sister Mary Ann Steven (189), Past Matron. Brother James F. Brown Jr., Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master of Masons, provided the narration each evening.

James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Patron:
You have just met our "Trails of Faith" Nebraska Grand Chapter Grand Officers. This week they are culminating a year-long trek across Nebraska and other jurisdictions meeting up with many old and new friends along the trail. They have now arrived at their final round-up here in Kearney, Nebraska. Grand Chapter is a week consisting of fun, laughter, and hard work. As the Grand Officers relax a bit and enjoy our opening formations for the evening, we invite you to do the same. Our March Directors for this year, Past Grand Matrons Dee Schuetz, Bev Donham, and Cyn Norman, with musical accompaniment by Past Matron, Mary Ann Stevens, have created the march formations for you this evening.

James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Patron:
Our Grand Representatives and their visiting counterparts are the first group to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert Penoyer, and their "Precious Memories on the Wings of Love" General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. We also welcome our guests from other jurisdictions, as well as our very own members from Nebraska Grand Chapter. Our Grand Representatives and their counterparts are our ambassadors of friendship and hospitality. They are "blazing a trail" for the rest of our formations. Let’s show our appreciation.

Our hard-working District Grand Supervisors have finished up their schools for the year and now it's time for some fun on the range as they open the gates to our Nebraska Grand Chapter "corral". (Gates are opened in the West and in the East.) Let’s thank them.

(A cowboy with a hat and spurs was formed.) But first, we can't have fun without dressing the part as no respectable cowboy or cowgirl would be without their best cowboy hat and a pair of comfortable boots, complete with spurs! Our March Directors wanted to have an old fashioned rodeo with cowboys on horses, roping calves, bull riding, barrel racing, and maybe even some rodeo clowns, but our General Arrangements Committee didn't think that was such a great idea, especially on this red carpet. so we will just have to envision that and go to Plan B, maybe a night time trail ride by the light of the moon and the stars -- Eastern Stars, that is! (A video was played on the screen in the East, with our Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron Gary riding in a buckboard under the “stars”, created by Brother Albert Fisher, Sound Director.)

Whoa, wait a minute - looks like we do have a couple of lonely cowboys who showed up anyway -- welcome, Brothers Bernie Beckius and Mike Hitchcock, Companions to our Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and our District Grand Supervisor Peggy. As you can see, they have their roping skills ready, but with nothing to use them on, they may have to seek out something or "someone" else -- so you all better be watching out for them this week. You never know when you might feel the burn of those ropes. They do look a little bow-legged, don’t they? (Brothers Bernie and Mike were attired in full cowboy gear, including chaps, and performed lasso tricks during the formation.)

And since we can't have a "starry" night without a star, meanwhile back at the ranch, our Grand Pages have joined our District Grand Supervisors to form a star. This star represents our Subordinate Chapters, and just like the trail "hands" on our ranches, they are the worker-bees and the foundation of our Order.

Next, our Grand Representatives have formed the pentagon around the star, representing our Grand Chapters, and just like our trail "foremen", they keep things in order and make everyone happy.

Our last group, composed of our Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels and our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, have formed a circle around the pentagon, representing our General Grand Chapter – our trail "bosses", our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob.

But just like a well-run and prosperous ranch, it takes the teamwork of the trail bosses, trail foremen, and trail hands to get a job done. We should never forget that the three branches of Eastern Star, the star, the pentagon, and the circle, working together, can move mountains and make the trail for those who follow, much smoother.

The Cross in our final formation symbolizes this year's Grand Chapter Session. Worthy Grand Matron Sister Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Gary, and their Grand Family, have lived their motto: "Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservations" on the trails of Nebraska in support of their special projects, diabetes education and the three youth groups, along with the General Grand Chapter projects for this triennium. From the Scriptures, we should always remember Second Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 7, which says, "We live by faith, not by sight."

All participants remained on the floor facing the East for the Dedication and Invocation.

DEDICATION & INVOCATION

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We lovingly dedicate this “Trails of Faith” Session to our Sisters and Brothers across this Great State. What a joyous time! We are grateful for each kind word, each hug, each handshake, and each word of encouragement as you have joined us on this wonderful Trail of Service! Your acts of kindness have been overwhelming and we thank you! We are so appreciative of your support, not just for us but for our projects. We are very honored that you have helped to make our projects such as success. You have gone above and beyond, and we are so grateful.

To our Grand Family, our DROVERS and TOP HANDS, we have been blessed to have you as our family. It has been a pleasure to travel together and to grow our love for one another. Your faithfulness and participation will always be a treasured memory.

To the members of Ogallala Chapter No. 142 and Blue River Chapter No. 132 of Milford, thank you for your love, encouragement and support during our Eastern Star Journey.

To Sister Pam and Brother Bernard, you have given us your constant love, support and understanding and we thank you for always being there, willing to give a helping hand. You are a blessing. We love you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Karen Lamb, would you please bring us our Invocation?

INVOCATION

Sister Karen Lamb (132):

Let us pray: Gracious and loving God, we ask that you be with us as we gather here as members of this great Order of the Eastern Star. We ask that you pour your grace over us and help us as we make new friends and celebrate those long standing relationships, which we share. Especially, we would ask that you inspire us so that we may shine your light to

this world just like that great star shown so many years ago. We ask all of these things in your name. Amen.

Back drop is lit to reveal Screen and a special slide show, accompanied by special sound effects, was presented. It was prepared by Brother Albert Fisher (261). Brother Joe D. McBride (113), Past Grand Master of Nebraska, then played his guitar and sang, "He's My Rock."

James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Matron:

The resource of Brother Joe McBride is just incredible! We hope you have enjoyed our formations and will join us again tomorrow evening when we open with a special program by our kids from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. This will be followed by the Ceremony of Initiation by our Grand Officers, who will welcome several new members into our Order. We also invite you to be here on Thursday evening for the Installation of the new Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and Grand Officers for 2017-2018. Have a good evening, and "we'll see you back at the ranch."

The Grand Officers retired from the East and all other participants in the formations exited the floor.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED TO ORDER

Following the opening formations, the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Brenda McGuire, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother Delbert Rogers, Junior Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth to the East.

Brenda McGuire, Junior Past Grand Matron:

Well, what a wonderful roundup this is. Whew! What's that noise I hear. Oh, I see dust; I see horses coming in from the West. Maybe it's the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

A Power Point presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Patron arriving in a cloud of dust was shown on the big screen in the East.

Brenda McGuire, Junior Past Grand Matron:

You know one thing about those two, they are never -- they might not always get there first or be the first to arrive at a destination -- but they are always first to lend a helping hand, to love and to care for the members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

As we enjoyed the "Beauty of the Star" and the last duty as they disappear into the sunset, we see clouds of dust as the "Trails of Faith" approaches the West. We are so pleased you have chosen to spend your time with us tonight. We welcome you.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends, sit back, relax, and enjoy your time with us as we start our 142nd Grand Chapter Session, "Trails of Faith."

Brother Delbert, it is my pleasure to be with you in the East again this year.

Delbert Rogers, Junior Past Grand Patron:

Thank you, Sister Brenda. It is an honor to extend a heartfelt welcome to this 142nd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star. How great it is to get together today to celebrate our fraternal ties with our beautiful Order. The "Trails of Faith" Grand Family have traveled Nebraska this year in preparing for their annual session to present to us. We wish you a successful and wonderful session.

Brenda McGuire, Junior Past Grand Matron:
Sisters and Brothers, the hour has arrived to open this Grand Chapter Session.

The Junior Past Grand Matron called the Grand Chapter to order. The Grand Pages entered the Grand Chapter room and performed a short drill, which ended with their forming lines in the northwest and southwest corners of the room to await the entrance of the Grand Officers. They escorted the Grand Officers as they entered and then took positions on the floor in the East while the Grand Officers completed their march. The Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress escorted the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron through the Labyrinth to the East. They ascended the dais and were given the Grand Honors by the members. The Grand Officers assumed their stations and the Grand Pages exited the floor.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
It's finally here! It's roundup time -- it's roundup time for the "Trails of Faith" Grand Session. I have looked forward to this night with great anticipation and now, Gary and I, along with our Grand Family have the honor to welcome all of you – our Distinguished and Honored Guests, Sisters, Brothers, and friends, to the 142nd Annual Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Brenda and Brother Delbert, thank you both for opening our session tonight. Your "Beauty of the Stars" Session continues to remind us that the beauty of our Order of the Eastern Star can be seen in our Masonic families, our communities, and in all areas of our lives as we work and play. We are always grateful for your continued support and we thank you for being with us this evening.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
I would like to also welcome everyone to our Grand Chapter Session. We are happy to be here along with all our Grand Officers to welcome our Distinguished Guests and visitors. Welcome to the Nebraska Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star!

Past Grand Matron Sister Brenda, we got acquainted in the "Love is in the Air" Grand Family when you were Grand Esther and I was Grand Chaplain. You and Marie were always getting by yourselves to pray for the Grand Family before every meeting and we all appreciated those prayers; however, most of us not knowing you were praying for us. Thank you for opening this session for us.

Past Grand Patron Brother Delbert, we first got acquainted in the "Stars Across the Prairie" Session. You were Grand Marshal and I was the Grand Sentinel. I always enjoyed our conversations together as I did tonight. Mister Rogers left some pretty big shoes to fill. Thank you for opening our session tonight.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Gary, I don't know about you, but I admit I am a little nervous—it's a little different up here, but at the same time I am excited to be standing here in Kearney as your Worthy Grand Matron to host our Grand Chapter Session in this place!!

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Cheryl, a year ago this day seemed like a long way off. I don't know if it is my age or what, but now it seems like just yesterday when we were installed. I, too, am a little nervous – well, more like a lot more nervous! I am very pleased to be standing with you here as your Worthy Grand Patron.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
During this year we have enjoyed the opportunity we have had to share in laughter, fun and fellowship with all of you and we wanted to bring that same spirit here to this session. At a roundup it is always important to keep the herd gathered in tight and then to let them

settle down, so we have the Cowboy Chorus with us this year to sing some of those old cowboy songs to sooth your souls and possibly to get your toes to tapping. Each afternoon session we will begin with a Sing-Along with the Cowboy Chorus leading us, so do plan to be with us at those times. Some of the songs are printed in your Program Book while others will be on the overhead screen. I now need to say a few special thank yous.

Grand Marshal Brother Terry, thank you for the flag ceremony. Taking time at our session to pay tribute to all that we stand for through our flag ceremony is the perfect way to begin our session. What a blessing it is to be living in America with the freedoms and liberties we enjoy. It was marvelous and it was touching, too. Thank you.

Sister Mary Ann, once again we thank you for being here to accompany us at our opening formations. You are a very, dear lady with a very, very special talent. Thank you!

Brother Joe, if you are still in here—he's outside -- well I am going to tell you anyway. You would not believe how excited I was when Joe said he could work us into his schedule for this evening. He is an outstanding example of the Western way of life we have tried to portray this year. Thank you for your wonderful music and your friendship, Joe.

Sister Karen – she's gone – well, I wanted to thank her for the perfect inspirational message this evening as we begin our Grand Chapter Session. Being Gary's and Pam's Pastor and a member of their Chapter made it important for her to be with us this evening and we thank her.

Past Grand Patron, Past Grand Master of Masons, Brother Jim Brown, thank you for narrating the presentation of the Grand Officers and the Opening Formations. There is no one we would rather listen to as each of us enters the chapter room, and your charming whit always adds that special touch! Thank you, Jim!

Special thanks to you, Neta Ridinger, for sharing your lovely music with us during the prelude. I always look forward to listening to your special selections. You are a special friend and we thank you for helping us open our session this evening.

Sisters Dee, Bev and Cyn, -- there they are, back there in the corner -- what a talent you have to make a session theme come to life through these wonderful formations. I know it took a lot of thought and imagination, but you have outdone yourselves once more. Thank you, my friends!

To our General Arrangements Crew, under the guidance of Chairmen Wayne Andreasen and Michael Donham – are they here in the room – oh, there you are. Thank you for all the time and energy you have given to ensure that our session would be a beautiful and meaningful experience for everyone. Job well done – thanks!

To Brother Albert Fisher, over at the sound board -- you know, you are our "go to guy" for sound and technical stuff. What a treasure you are to us! Thank you for all you have done and will be doing in the next few days. We appreciate it.

We know that it takes an incredible number of hands and hours of effort to put together a Grand Chapter. It does not just happen. So to each and every one of you who have helped in any way, you have our heartfelt appreciation and grateful thanks.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

And now, the Cowboy Chorus has a favorite cowboy song for us now, I believe.

Brother Jim Carlton, Cowboy Chorus Director:

Sisters and Brothers, the first song by the Cowboy Chorus tonight is a little different. You sing the intro – when the words go up, you sing the intro – and I'll let you know when that is. (The Cowboy Chorus sings: "Don't Fence Me In.")

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you to the Cowboy Chorus. That tune helps set the stage for this "Grand Roundup up of the Stars".

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We now come to that part of our evening when we have the opportunity to meet our guests. The Worthy Grand Patron and I will be taking turns as much as possible with our

welcomes to save time. Please know that as we greet you, we each speak for the other as well.

PRESENTATION OF GUESTS
Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge A∴F∴ & A∴M∴
Heads of Other Masonic Bodies

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were instructed to introduce the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska and heads of other Masonic Bodies. The following were introduced:

From the Grand Lodge AF∴& AM∴ of Nebraska: Right Worshipful Brothers Robert Moninger, Grand Senior Warden; Ronald Stites, Grand Junior Warden; Most Worshipful Brother and Past Grand Master Reginald Kuhn, Grand Secretary; Worshipful Brothers John Ferguson, Grand Marshal; James Carlton, Grand Senior Deacon; Alexander Straatmann, Grand Junior Deacon; Charles Odorizzi III, Grand Junior Steward; Carl Rasmussen IV, Grand Tyler; A.J. Johnson and Alvin Benemerito, Personal Representatives of the Grand Master.

From the Grand York Rite Bodies of Nebraska: Donald E. Rife, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Selected Masons; Sir Knight Frank L. Borden, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar; Sir Knight Lucien "Cecil" Smith, Generalissimo, representing Sir Knight Brett Bennett, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar; and Sir Knight Dennis Newman, Grand Secretary-Recorder.

Shrine Potentates: Sir David Norton, Chief Rabban, representing Illustrious Sir James D. Hirl, Potentate, Tangier Shrine – Omaha.

The Daughters of the Nile: Her Majesty Loraine Rogers, Queen of Naamah Temple #108, Hastings.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, we are honored by your presence with us this evening. We share many of the same challenges, opportunities, and goals to make this world a better place. I have enjoyed the opportunities I have had to be with you at various functions this past year. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Masonic Family.

Cowboys have a way of looking at things a little differently than the rest of us. Their wisdom is simpler and more down to Earth. So here is your bit of wisdom: "Example is not the main thing in influencing others, it is the only thing."

The officers of the Grand Lodge and heads of other Masonic Bodies were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

PAST GRAND MASTERS

Introduced behind Grand Esther's station were: Most Worshipful Brothers V. Kaye Ramsey, Donald Rasmussen, Dwight Smith, James F. Brown, Jr., Bruce Baker, and Joe McBride.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

My Most Worshipful Brothers, thank you for your dedication to Masonry. You continue to be available to encourage and offer guidance. Please continue to let your light shine so that you may brighten the path of our Masonic journey.

And your Cowboy wisdom: "Just remember, when you are over the hill, you pick up speed."

The Past Grand Masters were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

GRAND MASTER OF MASONS

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, Most Worshipful Brother Rick Myers was introduced behind Grand Esther's station.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Brother Rick, I am happy that I have the pleasure of welcoming you. Brother Rick, you are worthy of holding the high office with which you have been honored. You are truly deserving of the title, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska. I have been pleased and honored to be seen with you at various meetings around the state. Masonry is a vital force in our life today, standing for equality, brotherhood, and peace, the very principles the Order of the Eastern stresses. Because of the excellent leadership and the high quality of its members, the Masonic fraternity has had the support and confidence of thinking, upstanding men since the days of King Solomon. I bid you a sincere welcome.
Your cowboy wisdom**: "**Sit tall in the saddle, hold your head up high, keep your eyes fixed where the trail meets the sky, and live like you ain't afraid to die. Don't be scared, just enjoy the ride."

The Grand Master of Masons was escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Now, Brothers only: You will honor your Grand Master of Masons with three times two. On my mark –

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Brother Rick, would you like to bring some greetings?

Rick Myers, Grand Master of Masons:
I would, indeed, sir. Thank you. Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Assembled Brothers and Sisters, my fellow Grand Lodge Officers. I want to tell you a story about how I became a Mason. Some have heard this, and please indulge me the personal pleasure of telling this story, but it speaks to me of my relationship with this Order. My Masonic connections are vague in my family. I found out a few years ago, that my Grandmother in Ainsworth was an Eastern Star member, but other than that I never knew of anyone in my family who had a Masonic connection. I moved to Elkhorn with my wife in 1977 and my wife being a smart, former Job's Daughter, immediately joined the Star Chapter in Elkhorn because she figured that instead of being "outsiders", she would be introduced around town amongst its "movers and shakers" and we would be accepted as real Elkhorn people – and she was right. And in the mid-1980's she came to me one time at dinner and said, "You know, I am flying up to the East in Eastern Star." And I said, "Delta, American, or United?" She explained to me that that meant she was going to be "big momma" – that's what I call Anita, "big momma, to be," -- but no, just in our chapter, Anita, no scare there. So, I said, "Well, that's really exciting; I congratulate you on your ascendency to greatness." She said, "You know, it's a Masonic affiliated organization and so Master Masons sit there during the meetings. They don't have any apparent duties and they're not asked for advice, but they sit there." I said, "That's really nice; so someone will be sitting next to you when you are "big momma"? She said, "Yes, that's true." And I said, "Is it someone I know?" She said, "That's why we are having this conversation." So, she said, "You know our friend, Alan

Rolfs, from Church?" And I said, "Sure I know Alan." She said, "Well, he's going to be here in about 40 seconds," -- and back in those days you had to ask 3 times to become a Mason, and she informed me of that and I asked why that was so and she said she had no clue, and I said, "Maybe Alan is hard of hearing." So, Alan showed up at the door and rang the doorbell, and I said, "Alan, I really have a burning desire to be a Mason, my wife tells me so." He said, "The weather is gorgeous tonight; I walked here from the house." I said, "Alan, for the second time, I really want to be a Mason." He said, "I understand the weather tomorrow is going to be equally as nice." And I said, "Alan, for the third time, I really want to be a Mason," and he said, "Good, here's your petition."

So I was raised a Master Mason and at some point in a short time after that, and about 3 weeks after my raising as a Mason, I went to my first mysterious Eastern Star meeting and I was elected Marshal when I joined. And a month later, I was elected Patron and that's when the lie came out -- I didn't just sit there. They said, "We have 7 candidates waiting to be initiated, Dude, and you get to do it."

Now, ever since that day in the mid-1980's when I had the high honor of serving as Patron next to my bride, I learned of the abiding connection that exists between the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Fraternity, and I have found ever since it amazes me that not only do your Grand Officers travel in swarms all together, but you are everywhere, all the time. And you are not just there in presence, but in spirit and in financial support and in psychological support; and it is a marvelous thing to see. And I hope that each of us and each of you who are members of this Order, recognize what a terrific influence you have on the youth of our state, whether it's Band Camp, whether it's DeMolay, Rainbow, you support everything in a grand way. We thank you for that and we are pleased and proud – eleven thousand of us who are Masons, many of whom -- many of us who are also Star members, salute you, thank you, and support you, and hope you will call on us if we can be of any assistance in your journeys. And thank you for your leadership, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron. It has been a Grand year, and I am proud to get "cowboy wisdom" -- Joe McBride tells me I have needed it for a long time! Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Rick, for bringing greetings. Our Nebraska Masonic Fraternity Family is very special and we are pleased for the opportunities that we have to work with the Grand Lodge, for when we work together we all become stronger and more successful in all that we do.

Gentlemen and Ladies, you are all invited to remain on the stage until after our Youth presentations if you would like to. If not, you are welcome to step out.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were instructed to introduce the Youth Leaders and the Adult Youth Leaders. The following were introduced behind Esther's Station: Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Nebraska Job's Daughters International, Hannah King; Grand Worthy Advisor, Nebraska International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Sarah Mooney; State Master Councilor-DeMolay, Dakota Wells; Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, Ashton Stuart; Miss Nebraska Congeniality, Courtney Edelmeyer; State Junior Councilor-DeMolay, Keegan Miller; State Junior Councilor- DeMolay, Kyle Barcus; Sister Elizabeth Grazier, Grand Guardian, Nebraska Job's Daughters International; Sister Betty Garwood, Supreme Inspector, Nebraska International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Brother Dustin Everitt, Associate Grand Guardian, Nebraska Job's Daughters International; and Kevin Grazier, Executive Officer, Nebraska DeMolay.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We are honored to have you with us this evening. Our Youth Organizations represent our future. We look to you to keep us all young at heart and to give us the motivation to continue in the work we need to do.

Your cowboy wisdom: **"**When you see three cowboys riding in a pickup truck, you can always tell which cowboy is the smartest – he's the one in the middle. He never drives and he never has to get out and open the gate."

The Youth leaders and adults were escorted to the East, given a hearty welcome and invited to speak.

Grand Bethel Honored Queen

Hannah King, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters International:

Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl; Worthy Grand Patron, Gary; Distinguished Guests; and Friends. Good evening. My name is Hannah King, and I am the 2016-2017 Grand Bethel Honored Queen. I would like to thank you all for inviting me and the rest of my Grand Family to your Grand Chapter this year. We have spent our year traveling the State of Nebraska and attending all of the wonderful sessions. Over the past year, I have dedicated my time to raising money and collecting donation items on behalf of the Children's' Hospital and Medical Center in Omaha. I chose this organization because I wanted to inspire others. At Children's' Hospital, no child is turned away due to inability to pay. Kids are our future and I want to insure they have as much support as they can get. I also wanted to show my fellow Job's Daughters you can do whatever you set your mind to by helping others and I felt that this organization offered our Grand Family's theme of "Sharing God's Gifts" that opportunity. Elizabeth and Dustin have spent the year telling the girls to get out there and show their gifts. I feel their examples included singing in my Church choir or playing on my local soccer team. You don't have to be the star in order to show your gifts.

I want to take a second to talk about my life in Job's Daughters. I joined Job's Daughters at the age of 12 and much to my surprise, I didn't talk a lot. I was a shy 12-year old girl, who was starting one of the most exciting journeys of my life. My family was all about Job's Daughters, and I just thought one day, "Well, what's so good about this club thing?" Throughout the first year, I got to know my fellow sisters in my Bethel, but it wasn't too hard because most of them were my family. I started going to other Bethel events and I really started to enjoy myself. I started making friends and finding myself in Job's. I started learning skills such as leadership, public speaking, and confidence, and many other skills that I wasn't getting in any aspect of my life. When I went off to college, I felt a little more independent than my peers seemed. About two weeks before the deadline, I decided to run for Grand Bethel Honored Queen. I had thought about it once or twice, but most girls think about it their whole Job's career. I was fortunate enough to get the position and nine months later, here I am.

I have learned so many things from the adults in this organization and I will be forever grateful for that. At the near end of my term, I am excited to close one chapter and open another as I will be initiated into Eastern Star tomorrow night. I am looking forward to getting to know my fellow Eastern Star members.

I want other kids to have the same experience that I did, so please invite your kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews, and other community children to join their local Bethels, Rainbow Assembly, or a DeMolay Chapter. Give them a chance to grow up and experience the things I did. They could also be future Eastern Star members.

Once again, I want to thank you for inviting me here today and giving me the opportunity to speak with you. The Masonic Youth appreciate you more than you can ever know. Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you, Hannah. I appreciate you being with us and would like to give you this special gift from Gary and I as a token of our thanks to you and a remembrance of our time together.

Sister Sarah Mooney, Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor, would you please bring us greetings?

Sarah Mooney, Grand Worthy Advisor:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Brothers, Sisters, and Friends: Good evening. I especially want to thank you all for letting me attend tonight. I am honored to bring you greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska as the Grand Worthy Advisor.

This year I have chosen as my theme, "Cowgirl Up" with my motto as, "Life is not always beautiful, but it's a beautiful ride" – Edgar Allen Poe. This year, I have chosen three different service projects, all of them within the Masonic family. My first project is the Masonic Veteran's Partnership, which is a program of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. It searches out other programs to support for the benefit of returning military members and wounded warriors. This year, we have been collecting change and selling American flag car magnets for $2.00 to raise money for MVP. Another one of my projects is a project for Paden Cottage at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Nebraska. This year, we have been collecting home items for the new cottage. My last project is a non-share educational loan fund, which is an educational loan program for Nebraska Rainbow Girls and Majority members who are attending college.

This year, it has been main focus of mine to increase membership and memorization in Nebraska Rainbow. To pressure girls to help me reach this goal of mine, I created a point system for initiations to help them improve their memorization skills, and to encourage the girls to bring in new members. As always, we are looking for new members and we love performing initiations, and I encourage you all to look at the youth in your life. You probably know of someone who could benefit from joining Rainbow, DeMolay or Job's Daughters. The Masonic Youth organizations teach such important lessons that many of our youth could benefit from. Also, by encouraging them to join the Masonic Youth organizations, you are encouraging them to join the Masons or Eastern Star once they turn 18 years old.

When I was 11 years old, I joined Rainbow. As I stand here today as a 20 year old, I am proud to say that I am a member of Eastern Star. This is an example of how we could all benefit from joining a Masonic Youth organization.

I would like to invite you all to the Nebraska Rainbow Grand Assembly, which will be held June 9 through the 11th, at Doane University in Crete, Nebraska.

Again, thank you for the courtesies extended to myself and my traveling companions. Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sarah. I do want to thank you for bringing us greetings. Gary and I have a personal gift as a keepsake for you from this evening in appreciation for being with us.

Gary Beckius, Worthy Grand Patron:

Dakota, would you please bring greetings?

State DeMolay Master Councilor

Dakota Wells, DeMolay State Master Councilor:

Good evening. Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Ladies and Gentlemen, Sisters and Brothers of the Masonic Family. On behalf of the Nebraska DeMolay and as their State Master Councilor, I thank you and bring greetings for inviting me to this annual Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

For those of you who witnessed me bringing greetings at either Grand Lodge or Grand York Rite earlier this year, you may note there has been an immense amount of varieties that have incurred in those speeches. However, I feel that the accomplishment of the members of Nebraska DeMolay have achieved a worthwhile rebirth. This year, Nebraska DeMolay took upon their theme, "DeMolay Reborn." The members throughout the state worked to grow and expand DeMolay as much as they could through the upcoming year.

Over the past 9 months, Nebraska DeMolay has done an exceptional job of making that dream a reality. This year, Nebraska DeMolay started a new membership program by placing prizes as an incentive for getting new prospective members into our organization. I am glad to say that Nebraska DeMolay initiated a total of 34 new members within that time period; but trust me, it doesn't stop there. In November, DeMolay International held DeMolay Month, which put each DeMolay jurisdiction against each other in a friendly competition to see who could initiate the most members within the month of November. Nebraska DeMolay was proud to place third, and initiated 14 new members within that time, with Sidney Chapter alone initiating 10 of those 14. Also, in January of this year Nebraska DeMolay took first place for the most members initiated in 2017 with Alliance Chapter initiating a total of 9 in January.

Also, at Roundup last month, I decided to announce a new small membership initiative. Over the last year, I have gotten so much conversation about how much I care about my hair – Grand Master Rick Myers will say it over and over again – and I do have to admit, that is only sometimes true! However, Nebraska DeMolay were challenged at Roundup, the top 3 members who bring in the most new members from Conclave to Conclave, will have the fortunate opportunity to shave what I call "my beautiful mane", and yeah, I regret that! So, of course, with the theme of DeMolay Reborn, we have utilized the image of the Phoenix. As many of you know, the mythical Phoenix is borne through ash and fire as an improved version of its previous self. With that in mind, Nebraska DeMolay has become a task of rebirthing chapters across the state. The most improvement this year has been the rebuilding of Lincoln Chapter. Originally starting with 3 members, they have quickly brought themselves up to a total of over 12 members and are initiating another new member tomorrow night. We have also had over the last year, the re-starting of Crusade Chapter in Papillion as our advisors worked to gather members for this chapter's rebirth. I believe that over time chapters such as Lincoln and Crusade Chapters will become better and stronger chapters throughout in the state.

However, I can take no personal credit for any of this bragging, and yeah, I am not the one out there in the towns and cities who are getting new members for this organization. Being 21 and away at college, it can be very difficult for me, myself to bring members in. Most of my friends are either 21 or too old to join this organization or soon to become too old so, of course, I cannot take credit for these achievements Nebraska DeMolay has made during the last couple of months. Out in the crowd today is a young man by the name of Ethan White, who is a member of the DeMolay Chapter in Fremont – it's young men like him who are building Nebraska DeMolay and bringing in new members. In a sense, I am only a pillar, supporting the structure of Nebraska DeMolay. I can set incentives, give my advice to members, and be a spokesperson or a role model for the organization; but like I have said, "It's not me as an individual growing this organization." Nebraska DeMolay, like many buildings, requires these pillars in order to thrive and continue to grow as an organization. This is where each and every one of you come in. Everyone of you out there, no matter who you are, can also be a pillar by becoming a DeMolay Advisor, a sponsor, or even just coming to a DeMolay event; you become one of the pillars. Getting close to these young men will not only help our organization thrive, it will also help you. Many DeMolays that I have known in my time, have gone on to become members of many of the appendent bodies. This mutual support, I believe the Masonic family needs in order to survive and prosper as years go by.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all again for inviting me and my Executive Officer, Kevin Grazier, at this Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star this evening. Thank you.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you, Dakota, for being with us tonight and for your comments. Cheryl and I have a personal gift for you also for being with us tonight.

Presentations from each of the three groups were then performed as follows: "The Story of the Robe" was given by Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Hannah King, and Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, Ashton Stuart; "The Rose Lecture" was

performed by Sister Sarah Mooney, Grand Worthy Advisor; and "The Flower Talk" was performed by Dakota Wells, State Master Councilor.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Hannah, Ashton, Sarah and Dakota; we thank you for those presentations. Each time that I see them and hear their special meanings, it touches me. It also reminds me that the future of our Masonic Family is secure with these youth. Thank you very much.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you all very much for those special presentations. It is an honor for us to promote our young people in our chapters and to encourage our members to get involved with our Rainbow Assemblies, Job's Daughters Bethels and DeMolay Chapters through their active participation and financial help. Tonight, Gary and I would like to present to each of your organizations a check as a result of those efforts. Since there are projects ongoing to raise money, you will be getting additional monies following our session as well, but this is our gift to you at this time. This comes to you, our Job's, Rainbow, and DeMolay Organizations, with our love and gratitude to you young people in helping to keep us young and energized. You are our future and we thank you.

Would our Adult Youth Leaders, please come forward? Elizabeth, Dustin, Betty, and Kevin – my thanks to you for all you have done and continue to do for our young people and our Youth Organizations. Our Youth Organizations are a very important part of our Masonic Family. We thank all of the adult leaders and volunteers here in this room tonight. We thank you all for your dedication to our young people. We appreciate all that you do for their benefit.

(All the Masonic Groups were given a hearty welcome as they left the East.)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
As a point of housekeeping, if anyone has the need for medical assistance, we have Sister Peggy Hitchcock, sitting over here at the corner. She is our Nurse for our session this year, and she would be more than happy to assist you. I thank you, Peggy.

The Worthy Grand Matron directed the Grand Conductress to Open the Bible upon the Altar.

PRESENTATION OF GUESTS
Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress presented Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Florida and Brother Robert C. Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania at the Altar.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Helen and Brother Bob, you are our Order's finest, the Grandest Lady and Gentlemen here. We welcome you and if we could, we would let out a cheer, but we are more refined than that. This year, we are pleased to have both of our Conductresses escort you to the East.

Following the welcome by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were escorted through the Labyrinth to

the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and given the Grand Honors.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
I am happy to join the Worthy Grand Matron in extending to you our sincere welcome to our 142nd Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. We know that you are very busy with the work of the General Grand Chapter and we appreciate the effort you have made in coming to Nebraska. We are honored by your presence. We hope you have a very pleasant time here and we look forward to attending your Grand Session in Orlando, Florida in 2018.
Your cowboy wisdom is: "In looking for direction, the only way is up."

The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were seated in the East.

Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers

The Grand Conductress presented the Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer at the Altar: Sister Wilma Thompson, Worthy Grand Electa and Past Grand Matron of Maryland.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Sister Wilma, we thank you for coming to Nebraska! Your dedication and commitment to the Order is evident as you travel far and wide. Thank you for your work for the General Grand Chapter. Welcome to Nebraska!
And your cowboy wisdom: "The hardest thing about learning to ride is the ground."

The Appointed General Grand Chapter Officer was escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, given the Grand Honors and was seated in the East.

General Grand Chapter Ambassadors, Committee Members

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, presented the following General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members at the Altar: Sister Diane Bargfrede, Ambassador to Alaska of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Iowa; Brother Alvin Benemerito, Ambassador to the Philippines, Visayas of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Nebraska; Brother Jerry Jones, Member of the Credentials Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Iowa; Sister Shilora Hudlow, Member of the Credentials Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Nevada; Sister Dee Schuetz, Member of the Community Service Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Nebraska; Brother Jack Frantz, Member of the Eastern Star Journal Committee of the General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of South Dakota, and Grand Representative of Indiana in South Dakota; Brother Gene Ross, Member of the International Headquarters Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Tennessee; Brother William Moerdyk, Member of the Peace Garden Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Michigan; Sister Nancy Ramthun, Member of the Regenerative Medicine Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past

Grand Matron of Iowa; Sister Phyllis Dick, Member of the Registration Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Manitoba; Brother David Wilcox, Member of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Colorado; Brother Carl Plants, Member of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Nebraska; Sister Kitt McKowen, Member of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Sister Betty Kirby, Member of the Service Dog Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Nebraska; Brother Dennis DeJoode, Member of the Support First Responders Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Iowa; Brother Herb Solmundson, Member of the Support First Responders Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Manitoba; Sister Bernice McSweyn, Member of the Support First Responders Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Michigan; and Sister Wanda Fisher, Member of the Support First Responders Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Nebraska.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

These cowboys and cowgirls are the ranch hands of our Star, we are really very fortunate to have special friends and helpers like you. You are caring and considerate in everything you do. We appreciate your efforts to support our Order.

Your cowboy wisdom: "He that rideth the fence, ripeth his pants."

The Ambassadors and Committee Members of the General Grand Chapter were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and given the Grand Honors; then were seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, will you bring us your greetings?

Most Worthy Grand Patron

Brother Robert C. Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members in the East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to be here with you this evening and bring you greetings from the General Grand Chapter. As you all know, this is my first trip to the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, but I want to comment on the fact that if I knew you were going to feed us this well, I would have come sooner.

As you well know, my special project for this 49th Triennium is the same as my predecessor, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother John Grobler: Membership and the Rob Morris Program. Without a doubt, it is the most critical issue that our Order faces today. I am concerned not only about the declining numbers of our membership, but the lack of interest and enthusiasm of our membership regarding this problem.

As I travel to many jurisdictions, I hear the members that I talk with bemoaning the fact that they can't keep new members. They are initiated, may return for one or two meetings, and then are seen no more. Sisters and Brothers, new members are a precious commodity. They're a true asset to our Order and if we do not give them our full attention and get them involved , and instill in them the enthusiasm we have for our Order, they will be lost to us forever.

Everyone joins Eastern Star for a reason. We need to cultivate that reason and help the new members to fulfill it. If there are any relatively new members in this audience, new in the past year or two, please speak up and let the leaders in your chapters know of your expectations and desires. Ask questions if there is something unclear to you. You older members, be ready to take these new members under your wing and guide them so they understand what we are all about and what we can do for mankind. Show your enthusiasm! Make it known that they belong to the finest fraternal organization in the world for both men and women. Be proud of your membership and it will help us to grow in strength and in numbers throughout the whole world.

As you all know, the median age of our members continues to increase and we need a good dose of new members to counteract the decline in numbers. And it was good to see the Youth here tonight because those young people are the future of our organizations.

Let us continue to work and attract new members, working together as a team for the betterment of our Order so the world can see our good works. If we do that, I am sure there are many of your friends who are eligible for membership and will want to be a part of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The one thing that is certain is if we do nothing, nothing will change. We need to be more involved in the ever-changing world around us. We need to try many different ideas, a few of which I can touch on, such as do a little thinking outside the box on Facebook and the other internet organizations. Try different ideas; there are many others which I am sure you can think of.

And remember, the most important persons in this room are not the Most Worthy Grand Matron or the Most Worthy Grand Patron; nor is it each year, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The most important person in this room is YOU!! You are the only ones who can bring in new members; only You can sign the petitions for degrees; only You can help improve the ritual work in our Chapters; and only You can make our chapters grow and be known throughout the world. You can make a difference because You are the most important person in this room!

Thank you, God Bless you, and remember to keep flying high for OES!

Cheryl Beckius:

Thank you, Brother Bob. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen, will you bring us your greetings, please?

Most Worthy Grand Matron

Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers. I have been looking forward to my time here in Nebraska, birthplace of Henry Fonda, Marlon Brando, and James Coburn. WOW, Nebraska, you really know how to do it right—and I already knew that a long time ago. I think I'll just hang out here and see who else may come along. The weather here is so nice and a bit cooler than at home where it is already hot and rainy. Every afternoon it usually storms, so much that I need a boat to get over to my Secretary's house. Just kidding! But it is wonderful to be here and see and meet old and new friendsl

It is always to be good to be in a place where you have made appointments and see what they are doing and how they serving and working for Youth. But tonight, I am thrilled to see all of you who are here from other places who came to be with you all, and I know it's because you have invited them here and I am delighted they are.

I want to say that the flag presentations this evening was one of the most impressive I have ever seen. The POW flag is one that is special in my heart. Major Joe Chestnut, a member of Eglin Air Force Base and friends of mine who were in square dancing – he and his wife and I and my husband went square dancing a lot – he went overseas and wasn't there two weeks before his plane went down. Now, he has never been found – I still have his bracelet. It says, "Major Joe Chestnut". His wife lived in Fort Walton Beach where Eglin Air Force Base is situated with her four children, and she just passed away this year

not ever knowing where he is or where he went or where he is may be still. I can't believe that some of those people are not prisoners over there, and we just don't know it. And I have read about this in books and I believe that. So thank you so much for that beautiful, beautiful presentation this evening; I do appreciate it so much.

Now, it is no secret that I love history and especially that of the forming of Nations and those who stood for a cause and endured many challenges along the way. Myself, being the wife of a career military man, I have a deep love and respect for those who are currently serving and those that have served for a cause greater than themselves. As far as I am concerned, we cannot do enough for our military men and women, but we can give them our thanks whenever we see them.

I feel the same way about what we are doing with the Regenerative Medicine Program at the Wake Forrest Regenerative Medicine Institute. We are on the cusp of new developments, using technology so advanced it seems like something out of a science fiction novel; but just think, we are part of this. We are responsible for some of the research being completed. Our support is necessary in ensuring the advancement of this new way of healing.

And what about our First Responders? Just look at all the problems we are having around this beautiful world of ours. The bombings, kidnappings, fires, floods, and disease. First Responders are needed more than ever during these times. They are the first to enter, the first on the scene, the first to come to your aid, and the first to put their self in harm's way to secure your safety. We should never take for granted the support and dedication to these men and women because you never know when you may be the one that the First Responders are attending to. And I just want to say, you have some beautiful First Responders coins here, and that you are able to purchase while you are here -- and I am hoping that every chapter will have a meeting like we are having in our Florida chapters. Have a dinner and invite your policemen, firemen, and those people, EMTs and have them come to your meeting, explain to them what is going on and how much we appreciate them. And some people have given them each a coin and some have had medallions made and given to take back to their department. And some are going and having pizza parties at their departments so they are all on duty, and then they are presented with a plaque that shows the coin -- and on one side of the coin is the Eastern Star emblem, and we are trying to make sure that everybody understands what our emblem is – and I wear a watch and that's what I show everybody where my emblem is – Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa – and then I can tell you about our story. We have got to promote ourselves; no one else is going to do that for us. That coin is something very special and I think they will enjoy it. I have had several people here who have their coins to sell and you will see some tomorrow, I hope.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say that some of the most important things that we can do between each other is communicate. Imagine how much better our world would be if we would learn to listen. And I'm trying to do that, but I do talk a lot, you know that. Rather than always talk -- but I do always listen to you, and you already know that -- but it is the membership that is so important to me. I want to hear what you have to say, and I will stand and talk to you as long you want to talk about what you feel we should be doing. And I do love the membership, and I think rather rather than demand and chastise, we need to encourage each other. We all have ideas and goals and each of us could learn from each other.

Our travel agent is Sister Cleo Wiggins and she does such a great job on our travel arrangements, and if you want to go with us anywhere, just check your calendar and come join us. We would love to have as many travel with us as possible. Our schedule for the rest of this trip is as follows: From here we go to Maine, followed by Massachusetts, Virginia, Manitoba, Alberta, and then on to Australia, and ending in South Carolina. So just pack your bags, grab your passports, and come with us. Who knows, you may meet some new friends that will span a lifetime for you, so don't miss out! And we have had some great times, and many of you have been here with us to many places. We took a great group with us to the Philippines, and we just got back from Romania – and Romania is already working with Wake Forest and the Regenerative Medicine, and I appreciated that

they were already in contact with them -- the place in North Carolina where they do research and build body parts. When I first went there, they had an 11-year old child who had had many surgeries – and since they used stem cells there, he has never had to have surgery again, so they are doing wonderful things there.

But anyway, some of the jewelry we are wearing is for the Regenerative Medicine project. We have bracelets that we are wearing for Regenerative Medicine and somewhere here, I have a pin that is a starfish—the starfish is the first pin that we had made and I am selling this for $5.00 for the Regenerative Medicine. We are working hard for that program.

And then in January, we are going on a cruise and at the end of this year, we are going to Hawaii. We are flying into Honolulu and going all over the islands, so if you are interested, start looking for that.

And I have all kinds of pins that are not for sale – I have a "Duck" pin and I am so proud of that! You can also go to the webpage and find out about who the chairman is and how much they are. My traveling companion, Elaine Howell, is selling all kinds of stuff -- Bob's stuff and my stuff -- so go see her.

I would like at this time, to say thank you to my wonderful page, Sister Christine McKnight. Sister Christine, you have done so many things for me since Sunday night and I do appreciate you so very, very much.

I certainly would like to thank all of you for your kind attention and all the wonderful courtesies that you have given me. Please know that I am always here to assist you in any matter than I can and that meeting the membership is my most favorite thing I have to do. Stop by and say hello, and remember: "Let each day be your masterpiece! From this hummingbird to you…spread your wings and fly!"

Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Again we thank you, Sister Helen and Brother Robert, for being here with us.

Helen J. Westmoreland:

You just reminded me that I have a presentation for you – also talking about First Responders here, I have some here and this is one of my hummingbirds. Thank you so much.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

And thank you for bringing us greetings from General Grand Chapter, and know that you are always welcome!! God's blessings for your safe travels and Happy Trails. Our Star Love continues to be with you both.

Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress presented the following Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar: Sisters Jane Green, Iowa; Wanda Ryan, Kansas; and Sandra Vanneman, South Dakota; and Brothers John Hauser, Iowa; Hank Turnbaugh, Kansas; and Harry Oberg, Wyoming.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

One of the greatest pleasures that comes to a Grand Chapter, is the presence of distinguished guests. I know how very busy you are in your own jurisdictions and appreciate the effort you have made to be with us. We welcome you to the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska. It is said that happiness is but the echo that comes back from the

helpfulness that we send out. May that happiness and success follow you in your journey through the Grand East.

And your cowboy wisdom: "There are two emotions that belong in a saddle, one is a sense of humor and the other is patience."

The Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and Distinguished East, and given the Grand Honors.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons Of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, presented the following Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Genie Wilcox, Past Grand Matron of Colorado and Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Nancy Kiehne, Iowa; Donna Fagg, Kansas; Susan McGinnis, Kansas; Carole Mackelhern, Manitoba; Alma Hunnicutt, Michigan; and Cinda Reeder, Missouri, Past Grand Matrons; and Brother Robert Hudlow, Past Grand Patron of Illinois and Grand Representative of District of Columbia in Nevada.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Your presence here tonight is wonderful and your smiles are welcome. Thank you for strengthening the ties that our friendships have created.

Your cowboy wisdom: "It's better to be a has-been than a never-was."

The guests were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and Distinguished East, and given Grand Honors. They were then seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nebraska

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress presented 28 Past Grand Matrons and 15 Past Grand Patrons from Nebraska at the Altar:
Sisters Carole DeMoss, Marie Rasmussen, Judy Bespalec, Bonnie Evans, Marleen Dinklage, Carol Luther, Mary Lou Erickson, Jeanine Bryceson, Susan Andreasen, Ann Wells, Joni Bennett, Marlene Jones, Mary Jo Peterson, Dee Schuetz, Donna Carmichael, Cynthia "Cyn" Norman, Jill Ramsey, Jan Thoman, Betty Kirby, Betty Garwood, Wanda Fisher, Billie Mattern, Jerrie Wilcox, Carol Hudkins, Judy Wehrbein, Beverly Donham, Sharlene Coulter, and Brenda McGuire, Past Grand Matrons of Nebraska; and Brothers Fran Crowe, Charles Spohr, James F. Brown, Jr., Robert Rhodes, Robert Carhart, Robert Attebery, Don Jelinek, Michael Donham, Tregan Albers, Lowell Erickson, Bruce Raddatz, Denny Smith, Carl Plants, Jim Dusch, and Delbert Rogers, Past Grand Patrons of Nebraska.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

I am very happy to join with our Worthy Grand Matron in extending to you a sincere and cordial welcome. You are the foundation of our Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, and it is with pride we view your presence here tonight. I treasure the friendship, confidence and encouragement that you have given me during my journey to the East. As I pass the

mantle of leadership to another, happiness comes with the thought that there will be a place waiting for me by your side. Again I welcome you.

Your cowboy wisdom is a quote from Roy Rogers: **"** When you're young and you fall off a horse, you may break something. When you're my age, you splatter."

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nebraska were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and Distinguished East, and given the Grand Honors. They were then seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Conductress presented the Elected Grand Officers from other Grand Jurisdictions as follows: Sisters Linda Wingate, Grand Conductress. Colorado; Mary Hayzelden, Associate Grand Matron, Kansas; and Garrie Oppitz, Grand Conductress, Kansas.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Together with your fellow officers you make a great team, working the Eastern Star theme. We will ride for the Brand and welcome you Grands! You're living the Eastern Star dream!

Your cowboy wisdom: "Just because you're following a well-marked trail, doesn't mean that whoever made it knew where they were going."

The Elected Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, and Distinguished East, given a hearty welcome and then seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The following Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions were presented behind Esther's station: Sisters Cynthia Hagmeier, Grand Ruth, Iowa; Teresa Ryan, Grand Adah, Kansas; Carrie Turner, Grand Ruth, Kansas; Nora Bayless, Grand Electa, Kansas; Carol Groth, Grand Warder, Kansas; Nancy Fixen, Grand Adah, South Dakota; Coleen Patmore, Grand Warder, South Dakota; and Brothers Michael Wood, Grand Warder, Iowa; Right Worthy William H. Fitzgerald, Associate Grand Sentinel, New York.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Being an Appointed Grand Officer gives you a glimpse into the life of a line officer. I treasured my appointment as Grand Chaplain 10 years ago. I was sorry for my appointment to end. Enjoy your term and thank you for choosing to be with us in Nebraska.

And your cowboy wisdom: "Speak your mind, but ride a fast horse."

The Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome. They were then seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

General Grand Chapter Special Appointments

The Grand Conductress presented the General Grand Chapter Special Appointment, Sister Mariel Penoyer, Secretary to the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Mariel, we are so pleased that you are able to be with us this evening. I cannot even imagine the busy life you have in traveling and working for the good of our Order. We thank you for your unending dedication and love for our Order, and safe travels.

Your cowboy wisdom--and this is more of a blessing than wisdom: "May your belly never grumble; may your heart never ache; may your horse never stumble; may your cinch never break."

The General Grand Chapter Special Appointment was introduced behind Grand Esther's station, was given a hearty welcome, and then seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Grand Chapter Emeriti

The Grand Conductress introduced Grand Secretary Emeritus, Sister Cathy Wagner; and Grand Treasurer Emeriti Sisters Connie Havekost and Jan Barnard behind Grand Esther's station.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters Cathy, Connie, and Jan, you have dedicated a significant number of years of your lives to serve your Grand Chapter. Our Order is indeed very fortunate to have had dedicated members like you. Your honored status is one of great distinction and we thank you.

Your cowboy wisdom: "Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer."

The Grand Chapter Emeriti were given a hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Grand Representatives in Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress presented the Grand Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar. Those representing Nebraska in other Grand Jurisdictions and Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions were: Sisters Sheila Keihne, Alabama in Iowa; Claudia Hauser, Nevada in Iowa; Nancy Hayzelden, Australia in Kansas; Sister Jean George, Pennsylvania in New Mexico; Charlotte Ratliff, Vermont in Kansas; Patti Neumann, Nebraska in California; Rita Higgins, Nebraska in Florida; Glenda Maner, Nebraska in Georgia; Sandra Dosch, Nebraska in Illinois; Marylin Barnard, Nebraska in Michigan; Brother Mike Reeder, Nebraska in Missouri; Sisters Right Worthy Icaleen Fitzgerald, Nebraska in New York; Georgia McMillan, Nebraska in North Carolina; Bonnie Blevins, Nebraska in Ohio; Maria Doherty, Nebraska in Ontario; Laura Frye, Nebraska in Oregon; Brother Larry Madsen, Nebraska in South Dakota; Sister Garil Cunningham, Nebraska in Tennessee; Brother Larry Pettit, Nebraska in Texas; and Sister Jean George, Pennsylvania in New Mexico.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

I am privileged to extend to you an official welcome to the 142nd Grand Chapter Session. You are the representatives from other Grand Chapters and you form the chain that binds our Grand Jurisdictions together in unity and love.

And your cowboy wisdom: "Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance."

The Grand Representatives in Other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted to the East, welcomed, were given Grand Honors and then seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Grand Representatives in Nebraska

Nineteen Sisters and Brothers, representing other Grand Jurisdictions in Nebraska, were presented at the Altar by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress:

Kelsie Larsen (104) …… Alberta in Nebraska
Katherine Meink (159) …… Florida in Nebraska
Larry Brage (271) …… Indiana in Nebraska
Diane Wiberg (55,41) …… Iowa in Nebraska
Jeanette Heese (269) …… Kentucky in Nebraska
Herb Coulter (216) …… Manitoba in Nebraska
Coralie Hayes (264) …… Maryland in Nebraska
June Nielsen (142) …… Michigan in Nebraska
Joyce Roberts (92) …… Minnesota in Nebraska
Herbert Bose (175) …….. Montana in Nebraska
Stacy Newcomb (301) ……... New Hampshire in Nebraska
Lynda Manning (277) …… New Mexico in Nebraska
Jerry White (41) ……... Ohio in Nebraska
Julie Fowler (307) ……... Pennsylvania in Nebraska
Bernard Beckius (142) ……... Saskatchewan in Nebraska
Marlin Krull (198) ……… South Dakota in Nebraska
Christine McKnight (142) ……... Texas in Nebraska
Cassandra Norton (325)…… West Virginia in Nebraska
Gladys McCalla (142) …….. Wisconsin in Nebraska

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

When you travel all over this great country, sharing Nebraska Big Red pride with each shake of a hand, we know you represent our Grand Chapter well. We look forward to hearing the stories you'll have to tell. I look forward to joining you tomorrow morning at the "All Trails Lead to Kearney" Grand Representatives breakfast!

Your cowboy wisdom: "The easiest way to eat crow is while it's still warm, the colder it gets, the harder it is to swallow."

The Grand Representatives representing Nebraska in Other Jurisdictions were escorted to the East, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, were given Grand Honors, and then were seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Introductions
District Grand Supervisors

Fifteen District Grand Supervisors were presented behind Grand Esther's station:

Wanda Retzlaff (84), Plainview ……	District No. 1.
Carrie Knapp (142), Ogallala ……	District No. 2
Tracey Hefner (200), Central City ……	District No. 3
Dottie Arent (113), Ainsworth ……	District No. 4
Karan Birdsall (271), Lincoln ……	District No. 5
Claudia Ranslem (92, 1) ……	District No. 6
Toby Varvais (301), So. Sioux City ….....	District No. 7
Sharon Eller (299), Omaha…….	District No. 8
Kristi Vandergriff (277), Omaha…….	District No. 9
Jean Smith (198), Ceresco …..…….	District No. 10
Bev Pickering (269), Papillion ……	District No. 11
Peggy Hitchcock (113), Ainsworth ……	District No. 12
Laurie Seig (271), Lincoln ……...	District No. 13
Andy Stewart (55), Sutherland……	District No. 14
Linda Dubry (261,260,215), Bayard ……	District No. 15

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Our District Grand Supervisors are some of the hardest working members of our Order. They have a difficult job to do. Yet they do this work with grace and kindness. Through their gentle instructions they keep our ritual work uniform throughout the various chapters in the state. Thank you for your dedication to the Order!

Your cowboy wisdom: "If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging."

The District Grand Supervisors were escorted to the East, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and given a hearty welcome. They were then seated in the Grand Chapter room.

District Deputies, Aides, and Instructors Of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Conductress introduced the District Deputies, Aides, and Instructors of Other Grand Jurisdictions behind Grand Esther's station as follows: Sisters Barbara Wood, District Instructor, Iowa; Rosemary Roadhouse, District Deputy Matron, Ontario; and Cheta Williams, Grand Instructor, Tennessee.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

You are the guardians of the Ritual and Administration in your Grand Jurisdictions. Your office is similar to our District Grand Supervisors. We are honored that you are here with us this evening.

Your cowboy wisdom: "It don't take a genius to spot a goat in a flock of sheep."

The Guests were escorted to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and given a hearty welcome. They were then seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Introduction of MWGM Hummingbirds and MWGP Eagles

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress introduced Sister Elaine Howell, Hummingbird to the Most Worthy Grand Matron; and Brother Bruce Thomas, Eagle to the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

I would like to give a Nebraska welcome to the Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen's Hummingbird and Most Worthy Grand Patron Robert's Eagle. Thank you for being special friends to Sister Helen and Brother Bob. It warms up my heart that you chose to spend your time with us. Thank you for coming to our "Trails of Faith" session.

Your cowboy wisdom: "Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction."

The Hummingbird to the MWGM and the Eagle to the MWGP were given a hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

It is now my pleasure to introduce to you my friend, Sister Susan McGinnis, Junior Past Grand Matron of Kansas, who will respond on behalf of all of our Distinguished Guests. Sister Susan:

Susan McGinnis, Junior Past Grand Matron, Kansas:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, other Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers all:

What a wonderful evening. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Gary, for asking me to respond on behalf of the Distinguished Guests. We met about 4 years ago as strangers with I am sure many of the same dreams and experiences, and I am now glad to call you friend. I can say that I am honored that you asked me to present this delightful task. Thank you for the warm greetings and words of welcome. I believe that I can safely say that your "Trails of Faith" Session is off to a great start. We wish that the rest of your session is as harmonious and as successful as this evening. I hope you have had a busy year and after this session, you'll be ready to start on your next journey of your O.E.S. life maybe that will include some well-deserved rest. I know you and your officers will do a wonderful job with the rest of your opening of your session to closing. You all look great on the floor and I know you are proud of them. I look forward to the rest of your session.

I would like to leave you with a little poem by Helen Steiner Rice. It is called, "Strangers are Friends Who Haven't Met."

God knows no strangers, He loves us all: the poor, the rich, the great, the small.
He is a friend who is always there, to share our troubles and lessen our care.
For no one is a stranger in God's sight, for God is love and in His light,
May we, too, try in our small way, to make new friends from day-to-day.
So pass no stranger with an unseeing eye, for God may be sending a new friend by."
Always remember that one of God's blessings is that of a friend.
Thank you all for being our friends.

Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary, on behalf of your Distinguished Guests, I would like to present you with these little "love" gifts and say that you've done a wonderful job and enjoy the rest of your session.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Susan, I am thankful for the friendship that has grown between us and I'm thankful our Eastern Star paths have crossed. It doesn't seem like these last five years of preparation could have gone by this quickly. You have just finished your "God's Gift of Friendship" Session two weeks ago , and here we are, at the end of those busy years. Having you bring the response on behalf of our Distinguished Guests tonight makes the evening complete. "Friendship that is shared is a beautiful thing, it enriches the soul and makes the heart sing." Thank you my friend!

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Sister Susan, we have known each other for several years and it is always a joy to greet you. I enjoyed your "God's Gift of Friendship" Session two weeks ago. Thank you for your response on behalf of all our Distinguished Guests and welcome to the "Trails of Faith" session.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sisters Candy and Karan, our Grand Conductresses, what a pleasure to watch the two of you work tonight. You were truly Grand, and you have our love and thanks.
Sister Karla, our Grand Organist, I know you have stewed, arranged and rearranged the music for the informal opening this evening. I want you to know it was just right and I enjoyed your selections and marvel at your talent. Thank you so much!

The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to informally close the Bible.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Secretary, are there any announcements?

Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary:
Worthy Grand Matron, yes. First, I would like to say thank you to the Past Grands Association for the beautiful flowers that sit on the desk for all of us to enjoy here, and one of the Sisters has lost a precious earring—it's a diamond earring. So, if you see an earring, please turn it in to my desk and I will give it to the proper owner. Worthy Grand Matron, that is all within my knowledge.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you. The Worthy Grand Patron and I are so pleased that you have shared this evening's Roundup with us. We hope that we will see many of you bright and early tomorrow morning at the "All Trails Lead to Kearney" Grand Representatives Breakfast.
Tomorrow morning at 8:15 a.m., we invite you all to be right back here to listen to the morning prelude of music with the Call to Order to follow at 8:30 a.m. I ask you to please remain seated until the Grand Officers have retired.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Brother Grand Marshal, you will proclaim the 142nd Grand Chapter Session called from labor to rest, to reconvene at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the 142nd Grand Chapter Session called from labor to rest to reconvene at 8:15 a.m., Wednesday, May 10th. The Grand Officers retired.

SESSION COMMITTEES

Candidate Hosts

Bernard Beckius (142)..... Ogallala
Tracey Hefner (200) .....Archer

Roma & Bob Rhodes (199) ..... Exeter

Credentials

Linda Teach (194), Co-Chm. ..... Wayne
Dianne Wiberg (55,41), Co-Chm..... Loup City
Andi Carpenter (122) ..... Fremont
June Nielsen (142, 262)..... Ogallala
Patsy Kuhl (159)..... Bloomfield
Kathy Meink (159)..... Wausa
Tonya Breitkreutz (194) ..... Wayne
Marilyn Carhart (194) ..... Wayne
Marleen Dinklage (194) ..... Wayne
Charlene Schroeder (194) ..... Wakefield
Betty Kenyon (214) ..... Mitchell
Barbara Wood (233, 279) ..... Benkelman
Laurel Wolfe (8, 299) ..... Omaha
Ingred Hansen (307)..... Lincoln
Ileen Smith (307)..... Lincoln
Tami Stites (325).....Bellevue

Dispensations and Charters

Wanda Fisher, P.G.M. ..... Thedford

Distinguished Guests Registration

Sharlene Coulter, P.G.M., Co-Chm ..... Blair
Brenda McGuire, P.G.M. Co-Chm..... McCook
Suzanne Byler (9)..... Beatrice
Fran Crowe, P.G.P ..... McCool Junction
Bruce Raddatz P.G.P ..... Holdredge
Sandra Raddatz (35) ..... Holdredge
Deloyt Young, P.G.P. ..... North Platte
Joan Young (55)..... North Platte
Neta Ridinger (55) ..... North Platte
Susan Andreasen,P.G.M..... Norfolk
Donna Carmichael P.G.M ..... Sun City West, AZ
Ann Wells, P.G.M. ..... Fremont
Bob Wells (92)..... Fremont
Anita Schultz (93) ..... Grand Island
Ken Schultz (93)..... Grand Island
Bonnie Evans, P.G.M. ..... Lincoln
Jerrie Wilcox, P.G.M..... Ralston
Connie Havekost (122).....Hooper
Don Havekost (122) .....Hooper
Betty Kirby, P.G.M. ..... Lincoln
Lowell Erickson, P.G.P. ..... Wausa
Mary Lou Erickson, P.G.M..... Wausa
Betty Attebery (169) .....Lakeland, FL
Robert Attebery, P.G.P.....Lakeland, FL
Jeanine Bryceson, P.G.M..... Lincoln
Robert Carhart, P.G.P ..... Wayne

Robert Rhodes, P.G.P. ..... Utica
Jan Barnard (216) ..... Tekamah
Margaret Nelson (216) ..... Blair
Herbert Coulter (216) ..... Blair
Linda Dubry (261,260,215) ..... Bayard
Bev Pickering (269) ..... Omaha
Don Jelinek, P.G.P. ..... Lincoln
Carl Plants, P.G.P. ..... Lincoln
Carolyn Plants (271) ..... Lincoln
Ruth Negus (277) ..... Omaha
Beverly Donham, P.G.M ..... Omaha
Michael Donham, P.G.P. ..... Omaha
Billie Mattern, P.G.M ..... Omaha
Betty Garwood, P.G.M ..... South Sioux City

First Aid

Peggy Hitchcok (113)) ..... Ainsworth

General Arrangements

Wayne Andreasen (84), Co-Chm ..... Norfolk
Michael Donham, PGP Co-Chm ..... Omaha
Keith Lindvall (35) ..... Kearney
Greg Mason (94) ..... Lincoln
Allan Guern (114) ..... Gretna
Gloria Guern (114) ..... Gretna
Betty Kirby, P.G.M ..... Lincoln
John Kirby (153) ..... Lincoln
Glee Warnke (153) ..... Lincoln
Roger Warnke (153) ..... Lincoln
Herbert Coulter (216) ..... Blair
Albert Fisher (261) ..... Thedford
Wanda Fisher, P.G.M. ..... Thedford

Hosts for Distinguished Guests

Alvin Benemerito, P.G.P ..... Long Pine
Dee Schuetz, P.G.M. ..... Bellevue
Carl Plants, P.G.P. ..... Lincoln
Betty Kirby, P.G.M. ..... Lincoln
Wanda Fisher, P.G.M. ..... Thedford

March Directors

Dee Schuetz, P.G.M. ..... Bellevue
Beverly Donham, P.G.M. ..... Omaha
Cynthia Norman, P.G.M ..... Lexington

Page Coordinators

Susan Hedges (169, 92), Chm ..... Waterloo
Kristi Vandergriff (277) ..... Omaha
Becky Baker (325) ..... Bellevue
Kathy Hartmann (122) ..... Fremont

Parliamentarian

Cynthia Timmermier (169). ..... Kennard

Registration

Joyce Porter (189), Co-Chm. ..... Plattsmouth

Diane Brown (271) co.chm.....Red Lodge MT
Bridget Anderson (8) ..... Lincoln
Ilah Anderson (8)..... Lincoln
Janice Carskadon (13) ..... Columbus
Betty Bierman (39,35) ..... Kearney
Gayle Casey (189) ..... Plattsmouth
Tonya Breitkreutz (194)..... Wisner
Melinda Brage (271)..... Lincoln
Maril Hauber (299).....Omaha

Tellers

Don Havekost (122), Co-Chm .....Hooper
Wendell Wagner (214, 122), Co-Chm. ..... Fremont
Susie Baker (39).....Ainsworth
Kathy Worrell (113).....Ainsworth
Ellen Ott (122) .....Hooper
Bernard Beckius (142)..... Keystone
John Kirby (153) ..... Lincoln
Gene Wehrbein (189).....Louisville
Gene Frizzell (215).....Scottsbluff
Jan Barnard (216) ..... Tekamah
Shirley DeVasure (131,299) .....Omaha
Sue Terry (269) .....Omaha
Tim Birdsall (271) ..... Lincoln
Keith Wood (279) ..... Benkelman
Maril Hauber (299).....Omaha
Laurel Wolfe (8,299).....Omaha
Chuck Sohm (325) .....Bellevue

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 10, 2017
8:15 A.M.

At 8:15 a.m., the membership enjoyed special music by Sister Sharon Eller (299).

At 8:30 a.m., the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Dusch, Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth to the East. Sister Beverly called the session to order and the Grand Officers, escorted by the Grand Pages, entered the Grand Chapter Room. They performed the opening march and the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors. The Grand Officers took their stations.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers. It's another great day for a Roundup! It was nice to see so many of you last night at "The Roundup Has Begun" Membership Banquet. I hope you slept fast and well. I know the morning came pretty early for those of you who joined us at the Grand Representatives "All Trails Lead to Kearney" Breakfast. What a great way to start our day. We welcome you to this 142nd "Trails of Faith" Grand Chapter Wednesday morning Session. Thank you to Sharon Eller for her beautiful musical prelude this morning.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Bev and Brother Jim, thank you for opening this morning's session. It doesn't seem that long ago that you were welcoming us to your "Stars Across the Prairie" Grand Session. We thank you for your continued support, dedication and love of our Order.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Past Grand Matron Sister Beverly and Past Grand Patron Brother Jim -- Mom and Dad -- you both encouraged me to be Grand Sentinel in your "Stars across the Prairie" Session. That was a big left step for a little country boy like me. I knew that I would be left outside the chapter room. Nevertheless, I have not regretted that I have taken that left step! Thank you for having left your confidence in me. I hope that I have not left you disappointed. Thank you, Brother Jim, for being on the left. Thank you both for opening this Wednesday morning Session.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Good Morning! What a beautiful day the Lord has made. I bid you welcome to this Wednesday morning session.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We are now ready to formally open this Grand Chapter Session. We must ask those who are not members of the Order to please retire.

FORMAL OPENING

The Worthy Grand Matron proceeded with the formal opening of the Grand Chapter Session. She instructed the Grand Warder to prepare the doors and directed the Associate Grand Matron to ascertain if all present were entitled to remain. The Grand Secretary reported that there were more than twenty-one chartered chapters represented, this being a sufficient number to constitute a quorum. The 2016-2017 Grand Officers then proceeded with the Opening Ceremony of the 142nd Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star. The Grand Conductress opened the Bible and the Grand Chaplain gave the ritualistic opening prayer. The opening Ode, "Faith of our Fathers," was sung and the Grand marshal was instructed to proclaim the session open for the transaction of business. The membership repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the United Stated Flag.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sisters and Brothers, Junior Past Grand Matron, Brenda McGuire will bring us our morning devotions.

Brenda McGuire, Junior Past Grand Matron:
Good Morning, one and all; hasn't it been a beautiful night – short, but sweet, and I think someone said it rained while I slept. Thank you, Jesus, for that rain.

What a wonderful song she has chosen, "Faith of our Fathers," that was beautiful and you all did a wonderful job. Thank you.

But what is "faith"? I think two words define faith; confidence and assurance. Now these two words do need to have a beginning and an end. First, we believe in the character of God. Is He really who He says He is, and who we believe He is? And next, do we believe in His promises; do we really believe that God will give you what they say He will do; what His Bible says He will do? You know faith to me is like waking up, you know you parked the car on the curb last night and this morning you can't find your car nor the curb, the fog is so thick. During this state of darkness, you can see nothing.

However, you keep going and soon the sun comes and burns off the fog and you can lose that fearful feeling you had.

Sometimes, our life can be just like that, clouded by despair. Our problems look so dark that we lose hope and become fearful. But our faith in God can help burn the cloud of fear and doubt away. In Hebrews 11 it defines, "Confidence is what we hope for and assurance is about what we do not see."

When I think of this kind of faith, I am reminded of Abraham. He listened to God. God directed Abraham to go even though he did not know where he was going. He didn't have a road map; but he knew God directed him, so he went. He was faithful to God.

Another great story that is just as amazing to me in the old Testament is the story about Noah. Noah was told by God to build an ark on dry land. That must have been something! Can you imagine building a boat on dry land with those peers all around us, making fun of us; but Noah didn't care. He believed in God; he had faith in God; and he built that boat.

So today as we walk through this session, "Trails of Faith," may we also have that faith. God tells us He will be with us forever; He will never leave us. So may we have that faith to believe in that and to remember that. And if you don't remember a word I say to you today, remember this: "I give you Jesus; He's yours for the taking." Let us pray:

Father, we thank you for your promises and the care that you show us daily. We thank you that in our time of darkness and fear, you are in control and that we can trust you to be in control of our lives. We give you all praise and glory. Amen.

Blessed be this day.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Brenda, Thank you for bringing us this morning's devotions. Your messages are always a blessing.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We will begin this morning with Introductions of our Guests.

PRESENTATION OR INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

The Grand Conductress introduced Past Grand Patron Deloyt Young.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

My friend, we are so glad you are here – you brighten up the room; like springtime flower's fragrance when they are in full bloom.

I have a little bit of cowboy wisdom for you this morning – and again, it is more of a blessing: "May your stomach never grumble, may your heart never ache. May your horse never stumble, may your cinch never break."

The Past Grand Patron was escorted to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and given Grand Honors.

GRAND PAGES

The Grand Conductress introduced the Grand Pages of the "Trails of Faith" Grand Chapter Session behind Grand Esther's station, after which they were given a hearty welcome. The following Sisters served as Grand Pages:

Carrie Knapp (142), Ogallala	Page for Worthy Grand Matron
Kelly Stahl (132), Milford …….……	Page for Worthy Grand Patron

Deborah McMullin (325), Bellevue. Page for Associate Grand Matron
Nancy Haack (277), Omaha …….. Page for Associate Grand Patron
Sue Kittinger (199), Lincoln ..... Page for Grand Secretary
Susan Grey (33), Lexington……. Page for Grand Treasurer
Laura Ueberrhein (122), Fremont ….. Page for Grand Conductress
Jean Crary (271), Lincoln… Page for Associate Grand Conductress
Karen Nichols (215), Scottsbluff……. Page for Grand Chaplain
Tam Engler (299), Omaha …… Page for Grand Marshal
Lori Nerud (214), Bayard …… Page for Grand Organist
Barbara Wood (279), Imperial …… Page for Grand Adah
Hazel Prentice (184), Gordon ……. Page for Grand Ruth
Shannon Roberts (55), North Platte …… Page for Grand Esther
Celena Roth (301), South Sioux City ..... Page for Grand Martha
Amy Gausman (199), Omaha ……. Page for Grand Electa
Peggy Gross (113), Johnstown …… Page for Grand Warder
Kelsey Laren (39, 104, 153), Lincoln ……. Page for Grand Sentinel
Christine McKnight (142), Ogallala …… Page for Distinguished Guests
Janet Zoucha (264), Oshkosh …… Pagefor Distinguished Guests
Julie Fowler (307), Lincoln…….. Page for Distinguished Guests
Carla Crawford (184), Gordon …… Page for Distinguished Guests

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Ladies, for your smiles, your hugs, and just for being at our side. I haven't the words to tell you how much we appreciate all the things you have done and will be doing for us this week. The Grand Officers simply could not function without you and I know they appreciate your attentiveness to them as well. Although it is a very busy few days, I hope at the close of this week you can look upon it as a wonderful experience instead of a painful one! You are priceless. Thank you.

Your cowboy wisdom is: "Always take a good look at what you eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's sure crucial to know what it was."

INTRODUCTION OF THE ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS AND ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS

Those Sisters and Brothers, who were honored by appointments as Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels for the annual session were introduced behind Grand Esther's station by the Grand Conductresses. The following Sisters and Brothers served as Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels for the 142nd Grand Chapter session. Those printed in bold were present for the introduction:

Assistant Grand Warders

Mary Ann Gerdes (41) ……. Grand Island
Joyce Quaring (41) …….. Grand Island
Christine Wood (55) …… North Platte
Jessica Hockstein, Chairman (92) …… Fremont
Bonnie Forney (92) ……. Fremont
Anita Schultz (93) …… Grand Island

Kathy Hartmann (122) ……. **Fremont**
Susan Olson (131) ……... **Tekamah**
Joy Boyer (134) …… Hyannis
Shari Craig (134) ……. Hyannis
Gayle Casey (189) ……Plattsmouth
Tonya Breitkreutz (194) ……. Wisner
Ruth Batie (204) …….. Doniphan
Loraine Rogers (213) …… Franklin
Mary Ellen Kilmer (214) …… Mitchell
Margaret Nelson (257) ……. Blair
Joyce Royal (247) ……. Syracuse
Jeannette Heese (269) …… . Omaha
Carolyn Plants (271) ……. Lincoln
Shirley DeVasure (299) …… Omaha
Maril Hauber (299) …… Omaha
Laurel Wolfe (299) …… Omaha
Linda Kneebone (301) …… Jefferson, SD

Assistant Grand Sentinels

David Wetrosky (1) …… Nebraska City
Keith Lindvall (35) ……. Kearney
Deloyt Young, P.G.P. (55) …… North Platte
Roy Phillips (55) ……. North Platte
Kenneth Schultz (93) …… Grand Island
Mike Hitchcock (113) …… Ainsworth
Don Havekost (122) …….. Hooper
Gene Wehrbein (189) …… Plattsmouth
Cecil Smith (189) …… Plattsmouth
Gene Frizzell (215) …….. Scottsbluff
Elmer Huffman (216) …… Herman
Ken Sieg (271), Chairman …….. Lincoln
Matthew Vandergriff (277) …….. Omaha
Keith Wood (279) …….. Imperial
Tom Elder (279) ……. Imperial
Bernie Hauber (299) …….. Omaha
Bill Engler (299) …….. Omaha
Rick Baker (325) ……. Bellevue

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sisters and Brothers you normally are the first to meet our guests. Sister Cheryl and I cannot always be available to meet our friends. You are always at our doors greeting our friends and visitors. I know that you do your job with a smile on your face and a twinkle in your eye. You provide the best first impression that we could ask for at our doors. Thank you for all your work.

Your cowboy wisdom: "The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back into your pocket."

The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Warders were given a hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Committees on General Arrangements

Following instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress introduced the following members of the Committee on General Arrangements: Brothers **Wayne Andreasen (84), and Michael Donham, Past Grand Patron,** Co-Chairmen; Brothers **Keith Lindvall (35),** Greg Mason (94) and Allan Guern (114); Sisters Gloria Guern 114) and **Betty Kirby, Past Grand Matron**; **Brother John Kirby (153)**; Sister **Glee Warnke (153);** Brothers **Roger Warnke (153)**, **Herbert Coulter (216),** and **Albert Fisher (261)**; Sisters **Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron** and **Tam Engler (299);** and Brothers **Bill Engler (299)** and **Chuck Sohm (325).**

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

What an outstanding, hardworking group of Sisters and Brothers! Once again, everything is in place and here we are in that familiar and beautiful Grand Chapter Room. It is never an easy task, but it always turns out just right. THANK YOU for ALL that you do, have done and will do this week!

Your cowboy wisdom: "You can't tell how good a man or a watermelon is 'til they get thumped'. Character shows up best when tested.

The Committee on General Arrangements were given a hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter room.

March Directors and Formation Musician

Sisters Dee Schuetz, Beverly Donham, and Cynthia "Cyn" Norman, Past Grand Matrons were introduced as March Directors; and Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189) was introduced as the Musician for the Grand Officer Introductions and Formations.

Gary Brhel, Past Grand Patron:

Sisters Dee, Bev, and Cyn, and Sister Mary Ann, thank you for your hard work in making the marches look beautiful. I do not know how long it took you to make all these marches look great; but I do know that you are dedicated to our Order. It is that dedication that inspires the rest of us. Thank you for your extreme patience in teaching a Worthy Grand Patron with two left feet to march correctly. And thank you, Mary Ann, for your beautiful music. Thank you all for your work.

And your cowboy wisdom is: "If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure that they are there."

The March Directors and Musician were given a hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Page Coordinators

The Grand Conductress was instructed to introduce the Page Coordinators west of Grand Esther's station. She introduced Sister Susan Hedges, Chairman; and Sisters Kathy Hartmann, Kristi Vandergriff, and Becky Baker.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters Sue, Kristi, Becky and Kathy. You are the "official" organizers of this production we call our Grand Session. Your efforts to find the lost, to keep us on time and line us up properly and keep us in line, makes us all look good while you sweat

bullets and run your legs off behind the scenes. We applaud your work and please know that you are invaluable. Thank you ladies!

A special thank you to Sister Sue for chairing this committee for so many years. You will be missed in this capacity but I know you have left us in very capable hands.

Your cowboy wisdom: "Lettin' the cat outta' the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in".

The Page Coordinators were given a hearty welcome and returned to their stations.

Standing, Special, Session and Other Committees

The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress to introduce the chairpersons of the Standing, Special, Session, and other Committees as follows: Brother Denny Smith, Past Grand Patron, Board of Trustees; Brothers Fred Way, Benevolence; and Bruce Baker, ESTARL; Sisters Maril Hauber, Educational Loan Fund; Mary Jo Peterson, Past Grand Matron, Jurisprudence; Toby Varvais, Membership; Shirley DeVasure, Publicity; Mary Ann Stevens, Scholarship;, Brother Carl Highman, Youth; Sisters Judy Wehrbein, Beverly Donham, and Brenda McGuire, Past Grand Matrons, Advisory Committee; Sister Margaret McCall, Special Projects, Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands; Sisters Lynette Schellpeper, Fraternal Relations; and Kerri Straub, Webmaster and Masonic Event Calendar; Brothers Doug Kristenson, Children's Home Representative; and Jim Carlton, Choir Director; Sisters Linda Teach, Diane Wiberg, and Andi Carpenter, Credentials; Sister Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron, Dispensations and Charters; Sisters Cynthia Timmermier, Parliamentarian; Joyce Porter and Diane Brown, Registration; and Brothers Don Havekost and Wendell Wagner, Tellers.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sisters and Brothers, Thank you for being you! You do the work that sister Cheryl and I do not have the time or energy to accomplish. All of you keep the Grand Chapter going by doing all the beneficent and social work that our Order needs to operate day to day. Thank you for doing your work faithfully and consistently.

And your cowboy wisdom is: "Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta' that comes from bad judgment."

Grand Companions

The Grand Conductress and Associate Conductress were instructed by the Worthy Grand Matron to introduce the Grand Companions. The Companions to the 2016-2017 Grand Officers were introduced behind Grand Esther's station as follows: Brother Bernard Beckius, husband of the Worthy Grand Matron; Sister Pam Brhel, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron; Brother Chuck Sohm, husband of the Associate Grand Matron; Sister Isobel Taylor, wife of the Associate Grand Patron; Brother Gary Brhel, husband of the Grand Treasurer; Sister Linda George, friend of the Grand Conductress; Brother Tim Birdsall, husband of the Associate Grand Conductress; Sister Linda Dubry, wife of the Grand Chaplain; Sister Sue Terry, wife of the Grand Marshal; Sister June Nielsen, friend of the Grand Organist; Sister Beryl Knotwell, mother of Grand Adah; Naomi Rezek, friend of Grand Ruth; Karen Phillips, friend of

Grand Esther; Toby Varvais, friend of Grand Martha; Brother Keeven Arent, husband of the Grand Warder, and Sister Susie Baker, wife of the Grand Sentinel.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
You have been our TOP HANDS all year. Thank you for your support. Thank you for your care. Thank you for wrangling us to where we needed to be and seeing that we were in the correct attire and had everything we needed to do the job at hand.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
To borrow a phrase, you have loved and lugged. From keeping the sales table stocked and manned to lugging the sound equipment without so much as one word of discouragement. Thank you for sharing your loved one and yourself this year.
And your cowboy wisdom is: "Always drink upstream from the herd "and "Never kick a cow chip on a hot day."

The Grand Companions were given a very hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Subordinate Chapters

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress introduced the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2016 and 2017. Seventy-five Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were presented on the floor for introduction.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Good morning Sisters and Brothers, welcome to your Grand Chapter. It's good to see each of you here. Your friendship we hold very dear. You gladly came a ways for our Eastern Star. Your presence has helped to make this a great year. Thanks to all of you for filling the positions of Trail Boss for your chapters. Thank you for your hospitality that was extended to the Grand Family at the visitations you hosted and for sharing your Faith in our Star with us.
Your cowboy wisdom is: "The best way out of a difficulty is through it." And, "A smile is a curve that can set a lot of things straight."

The Worthy Matrons and Patrons were given a hearty welcome and then each passed by the microphones at Grand Adah's and Grand Electa's Stations, and gave their name, chapter name, number and location, and were individually greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they passed by the microphone. They then took their seats in the Chapter room.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Again, we extend our gratitude to all of our Worthy Matrons and Patrons.

Participating Worthy Matrons

Sarah Davis (1) ..... Nebraska City
Dona Hurst (8) ..... Lincoln
Sharon Yockers (8) ..... Lincoln
Suzanne Byler (9) ..... Beatrice
Ada Marsh (13) ..... Columbus
Marie Rasmussen, PGM (39) .....Hastings

Dianne Wiberg (41).....Ord
Margaret McCall (52) ..... Papillion
Karen Phillips (55).....North Platte
Susan Andreasen, PGM (84)..... Norfolk
Susan Hedges (92)..... Lincoln
Lynnette Schellpepper (146)..... Stanton
Kimberly Ouderkirk (184).....Chadron
Carol Hardy (189) .....Plattsmouth
Myrna Vasta (198) .....Omaha
Wynona Bolton (261) .....Valentine
Susan Terry (269).....Omaha
Nancy Kopejtka (316) .....Atkinson
Terri Sherman (307)..... Lincoln
Sheli Rice (325) .....Bellevue

Worthy Matrons Participating in Other Capacities

Dianne Wiberg (55,41)..... Loup City
Joyce Quaring (41) ..... Shelton
Jessica Hochstein (92)..... Fremont
Anita Schultz (93)..... Grand Island
Peg Gross (113).....Ainsworth
Candy Martin (122) ..... Fremont
Kathy Hartmann (122) ..... Fremont
Susan Olson (131).....Tekamah
Kelly Stahly (132)..... Lincoln
Carrie Knapp (142) ..... Paxton
Gayle Casey (189).....Plattsmouth
Tonya Breitkreutz (194) ..... Wisner
Jean Smith (198)..... Lincoln
Charleen Gausman (199) .....Milford
Tracey Hefner (200).....Aarcher
Ruth Batie (204)..... Doniphan
Lori Nerud (214)..... Bayard
Karen Nichols (215) .....Scottsbluff
Margaret Nelson (216)..... Blair
Linda Dubry (260) ..... Bayard
Coralie Hayes (264)..... Chappell
Jean Crary (271)..... Lincoln
Lynda Manning (277).....Omaha
Kristi Vandergriff (277).....Omaha
Barbara Wood (279) .....Imperial
Tamerra Engler (299).....Omaha
Stacey Newcomb (301)..... Dakota City
Linda Kneebone (301) .....Jefferson, SD
Julie Fowler (307) ..... Lincoln
Becky Baker (325) .....Bellevue

Participating Worthy Patrons

Wayne Andreasen (84)..... Norfolk
Bernard Beckius (142).....Keystone

Rex Moats (169) ..... Elkhorn
Robert Carhart P.G.P. (194) ..... Wayne
Keith Wood (279,233) .....Benkelman
Bill Engler (299)…..…… Omaha
George Kneebone (301) ..... Jefferson, SD
Brandon Van Sky (325)..... Papillion

Worthy Patrons Participating in Other Capacities

David Wetrosky. (1) ..... Nebraska City
Gerald White (41)..... Grand Island
Roy Phillips (55).....North Platte
Ken Schultz (93) ..... Grand Island
Mike Hitchcock (113) .....Ainsworth
Don Havekost (122).....Hooper
Bernard Beckius (142) ..... Ogallala
Herbert Bose (175) .....Laurel
Gene Wehrbein (189) .....Louisville
Delbert Rogers, P.G.P .....Franklin
Herb Couler (216) ..... Blair
Dennis Duby (260)..... Bayard
Albert Fisher (261,153) ..... Thedford
Terry Theis (269) .....Omaha
Matthew Vandergiff (277) .....Omaha
Keith Wood (279).....Imperial

Tribute to the 2016 and 2017 Chaplains and Marthas

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

At this time Gary and I would like to pay tribute to our Honored Stations, the Chaplains and Marthas. You, Sisters and Brothers, were selected this year for personal reasons. I have filled all five Star Point positions in my subordinate chapter but my first appointment in Grand Chapter was the Office of Martha in the "God Makes All Things New" Grand Session.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Like Sister Cheryl, my first Grand Office was Grand Chaplain for the " Love is in the Air " Grand Family. We want to honor these special offices with our thanks!

For our Chaplains and Marthas, we have some cowboy wisdom: "Talk slowly, think quickly, and when you lose, don't lose the lesson."

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were instructed to introduce the 2016 and 2017 Chaplains and Marthas of the Subordinate Chapters. Six Marthas and eleven Chaplains were greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and then introduced themselves as they passed the microphones by Grand Adah's and Grand Electa's stations. They each gave their name, chapter number, and year of service. They were given a hearty welcome and then seated in the Grand Chapter room.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Now, our Grand Chaplain, Brother Dennis Dubry, and Grand Martha, Sister Kathy Armour have a special tribute for each of our Honored Stations.

Dennis Dubry (260), Grand Chaplain:

Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl, Worthy Grand Patron Gary, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as Grand Chaplain for this Grand Chapter for the past year. Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron Gary have chosen the station of Chaplain to be honored at this "Trails of Faith" Grand Session and both are loving people of prayer who acknowledge the faith of God. Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron Gary continually rejoice in God's goodness and love. As Grand Chaplain, it is my pleasure to pay tribute to this honor station.

Let us look at the word "Chaplain" as an acronym representing your title and responsibilities to pay tribute to this honored station. Let us look at the word, "Chaplain":

C - Care for others the way God cares for you.

H - Help members grow in their relationship with God and become a true Sister or Brother to one another.

A - Aid and provide spiritual comfort to members in time of need.

P - Perform all duties that are appropriate to your office.

L - Lead the chapter in its devotions at the Altar.

A -Assist with the initiations of new members, installation of new officers, or at the memorial service of a Sister or a Brother.

I - Invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon our work.

N - Note the marvelous acts of God within the Labyrinth of human life.

It is our honor and privilege to recognize, honor, and properly thank our chapter's Chaplains for their love and service. You honor our God and our Savior with each of your caring and loving actions. God bless each of you for being a blessing to others in your service as Chaplain. Please join me in an attitude of prayer for them:

"Heavenly Father, you honor and pay loving tribute to those appointed officers serving as Chaplains. We pray for their lives and the service they willingly offer. May their knowledge of you be a guide to living and dying with the faith, hope and love you have bestowed upon them. May all they say and do honor you, our God. Amen."

Kathy Armour (301), Grand Martha:

Good Morning. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Grand Martha for the 2016-2017 "Trails of Faith" Grand Family.

The beginning of Martha's lecture is about her grief of her brother. Although it is the story of Martha, it could be about anyone. It could have been just as easily a brother, mother, child, or a father. Grief is universal; it transcends and speaks to all humanity regardless of race, language, or creed. It is a fact in human life that we experience grief and loss. Every one of us has experienced some form of loss in our lives; from our newest members to our 50-year plus members, no person is safe from experiencing sorrow. This is why it is so important to remember the true lessons of this lecture to have faith and hope in spite of sorrow and grief.

Faith allows us to cling to the knowledge that we will see our loved ones again when it is our turn to leave this earthly life. Faith helps us to trust in the word of Christ, "In my Father's house, there are many mansions; and I go to prepare a place for you."

We can have the hope because of faith. Faith gives us the strength and courage we need to hope for a better tomorrow. Hope is just as important as faith, but so much more fragile. We have hope and dreams in our lives and families. Hope can easily be lost and its flame can falter, but as long as we hold firmly onto our faith, we will be able to weather any trials life may send our way and greet each day with hope.

So remember, my Sisters and Brothers, -- especially those of you who have assumed the responsibility of telling our Martha's story -- to walk by faith and trust in Him to guide us in our journey through the Labyrinth of Life.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Our Cowboy Chorus would like to dedicate the song, "HOME ON THE RANGE", to our Honored Stations.

Song, "Home on the Range" was sung by the Cowboy Chorus.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Sister Kathy, our Grand Martha, and Brother Dennis, our Grand Chaplain, thank you for your tributes to our honored stations. Thank you also to the Cowboy Chorus for their great rendition of "Home on the Range".

Business

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We are now ready for the business of this Grand Chapter.
Sister Grand Secretary, you will read the minutes of the previous session.

Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary:
Worthy Grand Matron, I move the minutes of the 141st Annual Grand Chapter Session as printed in the proceeding book and distributed be approved.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
I second the motion.

The Minutes of the 2016 Grand Chapter Session were approved.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Grand Secretary, is there any Unfinished Business?

Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary:
I find the following matters still pending: Two Resolutions to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Resolution 04-16 and Resolution 06-16, were presented at the last Grand Chapter Session and have laid over according to our Law to be acted upon at this Grand Session.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
The Unfinished Business has been included with our other pending legislation to the Bylaws and will be acted upon this afternoon.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Because we had a deadline to get information to the printers, there are some changes and additions to the program that I need to share with you.
The following were unable to participate**:**
Brother Bob Attebery, Past Grand Patron
Sister Pat Kuhl, Credentials
Sister Linda Kneebone, Assistant Grand Warder
Sister Shari Craig, Assistant Grand Warder
Sister Joy Boyer, Assistant Grand Warder
Brother George Kneebone, Worthy Patron
Brother Rex Moats, Worthy Patron

Cheryl Brhel, Worthy Grand Matron:
The following were inadvertently left out of the Program Book:
Brother Don Jelinek, Past Grand Patron
Sister Carla Crawford, Royal Chapter No. 184,

Gordon, Page for the Distinguished Guest
Sister Jeannette Heese, Narcissus Chapter No. 269, Omaha,
Grand Representative to Kentucky

Those Sisters and Brothers Participating in the Cowboy Chorus, and the Distinguished Guests Registration Committee after the program was printed:

Lynn Cardey, Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92, Fremont
Judy Wehrbein, Past Grand Matron
Gene Wehrbein, Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth
Barb Davenport, Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth
Carol Luther, Past Grand Matron from Kilgore
Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron From Thedford

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

The following Dispensations were granted:

Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth, Dispensation due to lack of quorum because of Funeral Services.

Papillion Chapter No. 114, Papillion, Dispensation to hold their meeting at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

Tekamah Chapter No. 131, Tekamah, Dispensation to change their meeting to allow members to attend Friendship Night in Hooper.

Bridgeport Chapter No. 260 Bridgeport, Dispensation due to lack of quorum.

Eureka Chapter No. 86, McCook, Dispensation due to lack of quorum because of illnesses.

Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth, Dispensation to move their meeting to the Masonic Home to celebrate a 100th Birthday of a member.

Beulah Chapter No. 40, Norfolk, Dispensation to change the meeting date due to a calendar conflict.

Harmony Chapter No. 13, Columbus, Dispensation to change meeting date due to a calendar conflict.

Laura Chapter No. 301, South Sioux City, Dispensation to change their meeting due to calendar conflicts.

Wayne Chapter No. 194, Wayne, Dispensation due to lack of quorum because of bad weather.

Hebron Chapter No. 31, Hebron, Dispensation due to lack of quorum because of illnesses.

Myrtle Chapter No. 94, Lincoln, Dispensation due to conflict with Valentine's Day.

Sunshine Chapter No. 261, Thedford, Dispensation due to lack of quorum because of bad weather.

Beulah Chapter No. 40, Norfolk, Dispensation to move the meetingdate due to calendar conflicts.

Shelby Chapter No. 193, Osceola, Dispensation lack of quorum due to members being out of town.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

The names of those serving on all Committees and the Grand Page assignments are listed in the Program Book. We thank you all for the time you have taken to serve and for the sacrifices you have made to do so.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Worthy Grand Patron, will you please preside while I give my Report?

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

My report is printed in its entirety and I will not take time to read it to you. I hope that you will take the time to read it as the schedule I kept and honors given and received this year were done in your behalf. It was my privilege to work for you and my account of the past year is for your information.

What an honor and pleasure it has been for me to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers for the honor you have given me and for the love you have shared with me. Eastern Star members are so generous with their time, talent, good will, love of their Order, and truly care and show concern for each other. This is what makes the job of Worthy Grand Matron worth doing and I thank you all! I do hope that I have met the expectations of the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction. As I look back on this year, I can honestly say that it has been more than I ever anticipated and I have tried my best. You all need to be commended for all that you continue to do for your chapter and for the well-being of our Order. Thank you for your attendance and participation at our Area Visitations. I certainly enjoyed our time together.

Sister Anita & Brother Jim: I wish you the very best for your coming year in the East. I know your plans will allow for nothing less than success. I look forward to enjoying your year from the sidelines.

To the Grand Line Officers: I commend you for the enthusiasm you share for our Order and wish you all the best of luck for the coming years. Enjoy your years in line as they pass so very quickly.

To Our Appointed Grand Family members: You were each chosen because of the special people that you are, your years of service, and the talents you all possess. You have certainly touched my heart and I feel blessed to call you "my family". Your friendship, humor, and cooperation has been such a joy and inspiration to keep going. Together we have made special memories that will last a lifetime.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

The **"TRAILS OF FAITH"** year began May 12, 2016, where has the time gone? I am truly humbled to be your Worthy Grand Matron. I also feel so honored and privileged to have had the opportunity to lead this Grand Jurisdiction and greet each of you as we traveled the many trails across Nebraska. I began my Eastern Star journey by joining Ogallala Chapter No. 142 in November of 1967, taking my first appointive office in 1968, worked my way to the East for the first time in 1977, took a couple years to sit on the sidelines and then back on the floor until and including this year. I have had the privilege of serving as a District Grand Supervisor for 7 years, a Grand Representative to West Virginia and as Grand Martha for Sister Marlene Jones, PGM and Brother Jim Boshart, PGP in their "God Makes all Things New" Grand Family 1999-2000. When I was approached by Sister Judy Wehrbein, PGM and Brother Alvin Benemerito, PGP to be their Grand Warder I was in awe to say the least. It has been most rewarding to serve this wonderful Order as a member of the Grand Family these last 5 years. I have been allowed to meet many caring people and to make some wonderful friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our Watchword this year was ***Faith***, faith in our God, in ourselves and our Chapters. Faith that we are making a difference in the lives of our members and our Communities by believing in and exemplifying the lessons taught in our Eastern Star and Masonic lessons.

It is my honor to be Ogallala Chapter No. 142's first Worthy Grand Matron and to WELCOME you to Nebraska's 142nd Annual Grand Chapter "Trails of Faith" Session. We have arrived at our destination and I THANK each and every one of you for attending.

DEDICATION

We dedicate this "Trails of Faith" Session to the faithful Members of this Grand Jurisdiction, who continue to show their love for our Order in the work and service they provide to each other, to their Chapters and to their communities.

To our Grand Officers, the Drovers and their Companions the Top Hands. You have been an extraordinary crew. Your amazing attendance and support throughout this last year at Area Visitations, Celebrations, Grand Sessions of neighboring Jurisdictions, Initiations,

Installations, Masonic and Youth Organizations activities was above and beyond. You have more than full- filled our expectations and I know the Members of this Grand Jurisdiction have felt your love for this Order.

To the Members of Ogallala Chapter No. 142 of Ogallala and Blue River Chapter No. 132 of Milford we thank you for your faith in us, your encouragement to us and your unwavering support this year and those during our journey to this point.

To Sister Pam, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron, and Brother Bernard, the husband of the Worthy Grand Matron, to our daughters and their families whose love, patience, help and support made our service to this Order possible. We could not have traveled these many trails without you and your faith in us. I LOVE you and THANK YOU!

IN REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory, those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day – unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

We pause to remember those of our Sisters and Brothers who have passed and give thanks to those special people who touched our lives. May their memories remain with us from this day forward.

We extend our love and deepest sympathies to the Families of Sisters Margaret Worthman and Evelyn Buettgenbach, Past Grand Matron's and Brother Jim N. DeMoss, Past Grand Patron. Their faithful service to our Order will long be remembered.

We are all saddened by the loss of Sister Donna Thoman, Grand Companion to our Grand Secretary Jan Thoman. We have missed her presence, her hugs and smiles. May the Star that guided all of those we have lost this last year through this earthly life continue to lead them to where they can enjoy the full happiness of loving and serving our Master.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Each Grand Family is a very special group of Sisters and Brothers and our "Trails of Faith" Grand Family is no exception. Making the selection of the Appointed Grand Officers is a difficult and daunting task to narrow the many choices down to only 10. We are so proud of the Grand Officers who joined our Grand Family and who have touched our lives and our hearts.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain. . . . . Dennis Dubry (260) Bayard
Grand Marshal . . . . . Harold Terry (269) Omaha
Grand Organist . . . . . .Karla Lawler (142,92,264) Ogallala
Grand Adah . . . . . Carol Thompson (279) Imperial
Grand Ruth . . . . . Leota (Odey) Ray (184) Hay Springs
Grand Esther . . . . . Andy Stewart (55) Sutherland
Grand Martha . . . . . Kathy Armour (301) Dakota City
Grand Electa . . . . . Charleen Gausman (199) Milford
Grand Warder . . . . . Dottie Arent (113) Ainsworth
Grand Sentinel . . . . . Bruce Baker (39) Hastings

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Thank you to all who so graciously accepted these committee appointments. Your help makes our Grand Chapter run smoothly and we do appreciate your willingness to help in any way.

Standing Committee:

Benevolence . . . . . .Kenny Schultz (93) Grand Island
Educational Loan Fund. . . . . Bev Pickering (269) Omaha
Estarl. . . . . Kirk Brown (92) Fremont
Jurisprudence . . . . Billie Mattern PGM Omaha.
Membership . . . . . Linda Schuett (257)Plattsmouth

Publicity . . . .R Lynn Cardey (92) Omaha
Scholarship Committee. . . . . Margaret Nelson (216) Blair
Youth . . . . .Laurel Wolfe (299) Omaha

Special Committee:

Advisory Committee — Mrs. Judy Wehrbein,, PGM; Mrs..Beverly Donham, PGM; Mrs. Brenda McGuire, PGM

Special Project — Margaret McCall ((52)

Children Home Representatives — Douglas & Julie Kristensen (159)

Fraternal Relations — Tracey Hefner (200)

Webmaster — Kerri Straub (269)

Session Committee Chairpersons:

Credentials:

Linda Teach (194) . . . . .Wayne
Dianne Wiberg (55, 41 . . . . Ord
Andi Carpenter (122) . . . . .Fremont

Dispensations and Charters:

Wanda Fisher, PGM. . . . . .Thedford

General Arrangements:

Wayne Andreasen(84) . . . . .Norfolk
Michael Donham, PGP . . . . Omaha

March Directors:

Dee Schuetz, PGM . . . . .Bellevue
Beverly Donham, PGM . . . . Omaha
Cynthia “Cyn” Norman, PGM . . . . .Lexington

Masonic Event Calendar:

Kerri Straub(269). . . . . .Omaha

Page Coordinators:

Susan Hedges(169, 92) . . . . Lincoln
Becky Baker(325, 52). . . . . Bellevue
Kristi Vandergriff(277). . . . . .Omaha
Kathy Hartmann(122). . . . . Fremont

Parliamentarian:

Cynthia Timmermier(169) . . . . Kennard

Registration:

Joyce Porter(189 . . . . .Plattsmouth
Diane Brown(271) . . . . Red Lodge, MT

Tellers:

Don Havekost(122) . . . . Hooper
Wendell Wagner(214, 122). . . . . Fremont

Grand Representatives Recommended

What an honor and pleasure to recommend the following Sisters and Brothers to represent another Grand Jurisdiction in Nebraska as a Grand Representative. The love and dedication you have shown to our Order makes you most deserving of this Honor. I thank each of you for accepting your commission. I hope you enjoy your Appointment.

Alberta . . . . . Kelsey Larsen (39, 104, 153) Lincoln
Arizona .... Susan Peterson (192) Stromsburg
Australia... . . . . .Linda Rose (279) Imperial
Bolivia. .. . . . . Susan Olson (131) Tekamah
British Columbia & Yukon .... Renee Albee (264) Lewellen
Colorado .. . . . . Bruce Bugbee (193) Taylor
Delaware . ... Courtney Retzlaff(84) Plainview
Georgia . . . . . Diane Lyons (86. 144) McCook
Iowa . . . . Dianne Wiberg (55, 41) Ord
Italy . . . . . Leona Paden (92) Fremont
Kansas . . . . . .Cathy Stewart (86) McCook
Kentucky . . . . . Jeannette Heese (269) Omaha
Maryland. . . . . Coralie Hayes (264) Chappell
Massachusetts. .... Karen Nichols (215) Scottsbluff
New Brunswick .. . . . . Jan Nichols (74) Cozad
New Hampshire .... Stacey Newcomb (301) Dakota City
New Mexico .... Lynda Manning (277) Omaha
Ohio .... Gerald “Jerry” White (41) Grand Island
Oregon .... Genevieve Peterson (55) North Platte
Pennsylvania ... . Julie Fowler (307) Lincoln
Quebec ... . Carole Thompson (268) Superior
Sao Paulo.... . . . . Elizabeth Charbonneau (6, 299) Omaha
Saskatchewan .... Bernard Beckius (142) Keystone
South Carolina. .. . . .Kathy Pierce (35) Gibbon
Tennessee . ... Roland W Husk (121) Fort Calhoun
Utah .. . . . . William Lauber (132) Milford
Washington . .. . .Justine Batie (204) Doniphan
West Virginia.... . . . . Cassandra Norton (325) Bellevue
Wisconsin . . . . . Gladys McCalla (142) Ogallala

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

It was an honor, upon recommendations of their Worthy Grand Matrons, to sign the commissions of the Grand representatives who were appointed to represent Nebraska in other Jurisdictions. I have enjoyed receiving letters from many Grand Representatives telling me how pleased and honored they are to be representing our State in their Jurisdiction.

Alberta..... . . . . Erin Swanson-Reinhardt
Colorado .... .Anita Wiederecht
Florida . . . . . Rita Higgins
Georgia . . . . . .Glenda Maner
Indiana .. . . . . .Stacy Baker
Kentucky .. . . . . .Joyce Sanders
Maine .. . . . . .Hallie Baker
Maryland .... .Eleanor Wibrecht
Minnesota ... . Ann Pierce
Mississippi .... .Cookie Alexander
Montana .. . . . . Cora Kelley
New Mexico.. . . . . Lucia Smith
Pennsylvania .... C Joanne Todd
Rhode Island.... . . . . Deare Warren

South Carolina .... .Jerry Harper
South Dakota .... Larry Madsen
Tennessee .... Gail Cunningham
Utah . . . . . Lois Baker
Vermont..... . . . . .Dorothy (Dottie) Bowman
Virginia .... Teresa D Webb
Washington .... Kathryn Kusick
Australia ... . Russell King
Bolivia .... .Sandra Baldwiesa
New Brunswick .... Susan Geneau
Quebec .... .Marjorie Newell, PGM
Sao Paulo .... Guilia Rodriques de Souza
Scotland. . . . . Margaret Thomas

QUESTIONS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I received no questions under seal, but did receive a few phone calls and e-mails with questions that were not under seal. After study of each question, with reference to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, the Book of Instruction, the Ritual and General Grand Chapter Law, and if necessary, in consultation with members of the Jurisprudence and Advisory Committees, their questions were answered to the best of my ability.

Dispensations:

Due to lack of Quorum (illness, bad weather,) on day of stated meeting
Bridgeport Chapter No. 260, Bridgeport
Eureka Chapter No. 86, McCook
Beulah Chapter No 40, Norfolk
Harmony Chapter No. 13, Columbus
Laura Chapter No. 301, South Sioux City
Wayne Chapter No. 194, Wayne
Hebron Chapter No. 31, Hebron
Sunshine Chapter No. 261, Thedford
Shelby Chapter No. 193, Osceola

Due to a Community or other Masonic events on the day of Stated Meeting
Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth
Tekamah Chapter No. 131, Tekamah
Myrtle Chapter No. 94, Lincoln

To Change meeting location temporarily
Papillion Chapter No. 114, Papillion
Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION REQUESTED

On June 22, 2016 I requested a Waiver of Jurisdiction from the Grand Chapter of Iowa over the petition of Elizabeth Strong of Hawarden, Iowa in favor of Blue River Chapter No. 132 of Milford, Nebraska. The Waiver was granted July 20, 2016.

On September 8, 2016, I requested a Waiver of Jurisdiction from the Grand Chapter of Iowa over the petition of Ceri C. Shreve of Thurman, Iowa in favor of Home Chapter No. 189 of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. The Waiver was granted September 16, 2016.

CONSOLIDATIONS

I finalized the Consolidation of Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 60 of Chadron with Royal Chapter No. 184 of Gordon on November 14, 2016.

I have been contacted by another Chapter requesting a visit from the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Secretary for information concerning Consolidation; however, due to conflicting schedules, an available date could not be agreed upon.

SUPERVISION

The School of Instruction was held January 14-16, 2017 at the Grand Island Masonic Center hosted by Andrew Chapter No. 41. The Board of Grand Supervisors and the Grand Secretary met in Milford on December 3rd, 2016 and on January 11th, 2017 to make final preparations for the School of Instruction. We met prior to the School on January 12th and 13th in Grand Island to go over our presentations and set up for the School.

This year I appointed two (2) new supervisors. They were both very well prepared to take their tests and at Supervisor's School exhibited their knowledge well.

Fifteen District Grand Supervisors met on Saturday, January 14th, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. to begin along with 18 Grand Officers, 11 Past Grand Matrons and 2 Past Grand Patrons who were there for all or part of the School. Everyone was welcomed and the two new Supervisors were introduced and welcomed. Judy Wehrbein, PGM and a member of the Board of Trustees and Mary Jo Peterson PGM and Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee each brought greetings followed by instruction by the Board of Grand Supervisors.

Everyone enjoyed the traditional Saturday evening Pizza Party and we thank the Board of Trustees for again providing this meal for us. Following the pizza, the Supervisors were given individual help at these several stations: Balloting, the Five Star Points, Word Pronunciation, Altar Service (opening and closing the Bible) and the Obligation (with Conductresses and candidates at the Altar). The Grand Officers and Past Grand Matrons and Patrons were also invited to take part in these help stations. Talk-throughs by the Board were given Sunday morning and afternoon. The District Grand Supervisors were then given an opportunity to do their assigned talk-throughs beginning Sunday evening and continuing on Monday morning. We spent additional time on Introductions, Balloting and open discussion before concluding with the Winter Driving Tips. The School came to a close after the Supervisors received their final instructions, their Supervisor's Packet and District Assignments.

Due to the monumental ice storm Sunday evening and Monday, the Trustees recommended that no one plan on leaving until Tuesday morning. Monday evening was spent in fellowship and having the chance to visit and get to know each other better. I want to thank the male members of our Grand Officers, Tim Birdsall and my Husband, Bernard, for assisting us all to and from our cars, spreading salt and scraping windows.

My thanks to my Advisory Board, Past Grand Matrons Judy Wehrbein, Beverly Donham, and Brenda McGuire for being there to help, advise and give constant reassurance; and to my sound men, Tim Birdsall and Bernard Beckius, who made sure that everyone could always be heard; and to Andrew Chapter No 41 for an outstanding job of preparing delicious meals, wonderful snacks and taking care of our every need.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Thank you for your support and encouragement and a special thanks to those who brought us our morning devotionals, meal prayers and for willingly filling in to help whenever and wherever needed.

To my Grand Officers, you are the best. Thank you to you all for attending and helping out where asked. You certainly helped to make the school a success.

To the Board of Grand Supervisors, Sisters Anita, Candy, Grand Secretary Sister Jan and Brother Gary, Worthy Grand Patron, thanks to you all for all your help in planning and making sure that this school was a success.

Finally, my love and thanks to the 15 District Grand Supervisors who accepted their appointments as a Supervisor and gave of their time to be with us at the School. They came well prepared, did a great job at School and were as eager as ever to take on the tasks given to them.

IRREGULARITIES

The following Irregularities were reported by the District Grand Supervisors from their Schools of Instruction with their assigned Chapters in 2017. These will be used by the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect for her School in 2018.

1. Chapters not meeting on a monthly basis.
2. Chapter meeting in a location other than the Chapter Room.
3. Lack of a quorum at the School of Instruction.
4. Lack of a quorum at the regular stated meeting.
5. More than one open Ritual in the Chapter Room.
6. Work copied from the Ritual.
7. Failure to memorize the work.
8. Chapters using long form opening less than eight (8) times per year.
9. Chapters not exemplifying the Initiatory work at least once per year.
10. Not all the Secretary or Treasurer books brought to the School of Instruction.
11. Books not audited or audit report not found in the cashbook or minute book.
12. Failure of Officers to bring their Books of Instruction and Secret Work to the School of Instruction.
13. Not all the minutes in the Minute Book.
14. Failure of the Chapter to have two (2) copies of the latest revised edition of the Ritual (2015).
15. No Signet.
16. No Warder or Sentinel.
17. No Membership Book.
18. No Membership Ledger Book.
19. 50 year pin received, not noted on the individual Ledger page.
20. Imhoff Award not awarded or displayed.
21. Latest revisions not in the Law book/Book of Instruction.
22. Bylaws not fastened in the front of the Membership Book.
23. Bylaws not in readable form.
24. Address, Phone numbers not recorded on members Ledger page.
25. No back up known by the Chapter for books kept on Computer.
26. Pages not fastened in the Secretary's Minute Book.
27. Motions not recorded with exact wording used.
28. Secretary not providing the Supervisor with the Secretary's lavender record sheet.
29. Headings of Minute Pages not filled out properly.
30. Minutes not stating – "stated" or "special" meeting.

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

Kristi Vandergriff (277)	6 Years
Claudia Ranslem (92 & 1)	6 Years
Carrie Knapp (142)	6 Years
Tracey Hefner (200)	6 Years
Bev Pickering (269)	6 Years
Laurie Sieg (271)	6 Years

OFFICIAL VISITS
"Trails of Faith" 2016 – 2017 Travel Schedule

2016

April 2	"Trails of Faith" Grand Family Get Together
May 12	Installation of Grand Officers – Younes Conference Center. Kearney
May 13	Breakfast with "Trails of Faith" Grand Family Younes Conference Center, Kearney
May 21	Luncheon and Reception for WGM and all Grand Officers – Haythorn's Figure Four Traditions Event Center – Arthur
May 31	Masonic Band Camp - UNK – Kearney
June 4	Shrine Parade – Lunch at Ruby Tuesday's with Eastern Star Members following the Parade - Kearney
June 5	Luncheon and Reception for WGP and all Grand Officers – Milford United Methodist Church, Milford
June 8	Décor Committee Meeting for Paden Cottage MESCH Board Meeting – Children's Home – Lunch with the Board – Finance Committee meeting after lunch – Fremont
June 10-12	Nebraska Grand Assembly International Order Rainbow Girls –Doane College – Crete – Judged Ritual Competition
June 11	Received the Grand Cross of Color Award from IORG – I gave the meditation for the Brunch. Attended Grand Opening and brought Greetings and presented the Eastern Star Scholarship and check from the WGM & WGP Special Projects and Nebraska Grand Chapter
June 12	Attended Installation for Sarah Mooney GWA, Jack Busson announced as Rainbow Beau for 2016-2017
June 14	Attended Ogallala Chapter No. 142 – regular meeting
June 26	Brownville Chapter #263 – 100th Anniversary – Brownville Town Hall – Brownville
July 8	Area 2 Visitation, evening – Chapters: Gordon Hosted with Chadron & Hyannis. Reception held for Leota (Odey) Ray, Grand Ruth
July 9	Area 1 Visitation, noon – Chapters: Scottsbluff Hosted with Bridgeport,Mitchell and Kimball. Reception held for Brother Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain
July 13	Décor Committee Meeting - for Paden Cottage – Fremont MESCH Annual meeting – Lunch under the Pavilion with residents and staff - Ground Breaking Ceremony for Paden Cottage
July 15	Courtesy Initiation preformed by Grand Officers for Harmony Chapter #13
July 15	Area 3 Visitation – Evening – Chapters: Papillion Hosted with Vesta, Adah, Narcissus, AkSarBen, Trinity and Alpha
July 16	Line Officers Meeting – Grand Secretary's Office
July 16	Attended DeMolay Conclave Banquet, brought greetings and

	presented a check from the WGM & WGP Special Projects and Nebraska Grand Chapter
July 17	Plattsmouth Masonic Home Picnic – introduced 17 Grand Officers in attendance & their Companions
July 29	Area 4 Visitation – Evening – Chapters: South Sioux City Hosted With O'Neill, Orchard, Laurel, Plainview, Wausa, Stanton, Norfolk and Wayne. Reception for Sister Kathy Armour, Grand Martha.
July 30	4-H Achievement Day at Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children – Cornerstone Laying for Paden Cottage by the Grand Lodge Officers – I brought greetings from OES – BBQ Lunch served
July 31	Participated in the Keith County Fair Parade by riding on Ogallala Chapter #142 float – Ogallala
Aug 3	Attended "Western Bling" Honor Event for Sister Marianne Shenefelt, RWAGM , Banquet, Vesper Service & Informal Opening and Dance – Casper, WY
Aug 4	Attended meeting for Marianne's Circle of Friends – GGC 2018 – Evening Banquet and Formal Opening
Aug 6	Area 5 Visitation – Noon – Chapters: Ainsworth Hosted with Valentine, Thedford and Broken Bow. Reception held for Sister Dottie Arent, Grand Warder. 50 year Pin presentation
Aug 9	Practiced Initiation again for KS/Ne Exchange
Aug 9	Attended Ogallala Chapter No. 142 – regular meeting
Aug 12	Nebraska/Iowa Fun Weekend – Ogallala – Supper served at Front Street Steak House and Attended the Crystal Palace Review
Aug 13	Exploring the Cowboy History of Ogallala, touring the Petrified Wood Gallery, Nebraska Visitor/Water Interpretive Center at Lake McConaughy, The Little Church at Keystone and the Historic Haythorn Land & Cattle Co. serving supper at the Haythorn Figure 4 Event Center and Entertainment by Dave Knight local Cowboy Poet
Aug14	Attended Church Service at the Ogallala Masonic Center before the Nebraska/ Iowa Guests left for home
Aug 14	Attended Oshkosh Chapter #264 Polish Luau – Oshkosh
Aug 19	Area 6 Visitation – Chapters: Tekamah Hosted with Elkhorn, Fremont, Fort Calhoun, Herman, Hooper and North Bend
Aug 20	Area 7 Visitation – Chapters: Weeping Water Hosted with Nebraska City, Plattsmouth and Palmyra
Aug 20	Area 8 Visitation – Chapters: Humbolt Hosted with Beatrice, Pawnee City, Cortland and Brownville
Aug 26	Attended Kansas/Nebraska Exchange Gladiola Chapter #459 in Kansas City
Aug 27	Attended Kansas/Nebraska Exchange – Queen Esther Chapter #1 – Nebraska City
Aug 28	Attended Lincoln Chapter of DeMolay Installation of Officers – Jack Busson, Master Counselor
Sept 1	Attended Texas Grand Chapter – Tyler, Texas
Sept 2	Attended Business meeting of Texas Grand Chapter – Attended the Texas Best Banquet and gave the Response for the Distinguished Guests in response to RWAGP Brother Henry Martin's Welcome
Sept 9	Attended Grand Trustee's meeting at the Grand Lodge Office – Lincoln, after which we held a Line Officers Meeting
Sept 9	Area 9 Visitation – Chapters: Temple Chapter Hosted with

	Electa, Myrtle, Martha Washington, Columbia, Starcraft, Capital and Ceresco
Sept 10	Area 10 Visitation – Noon - Chapters: Grand Island Hosted with Phillips, Aurora, Stromsburg, Osceola, Central City and Ravenna
Sept 10	Area 11 Visitation – Evening – Chapters: Utica Hosting with Columbus, David City, Crete and Milford. Reception honoring Sisters Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer and Charleen Gausman, Grand Electa
Sept 13	Attended Ogallala chapter No. 142 – regular meeting
Sept 16	Area 12 Visitation – Evening – Chapters: North Platte Hosting with Lexington, Cozad, McCook and Bartley. Reception Honoring Sister Andy Stewart, Grand Esther
Sept 17	Nebraska Grand Representatives' Fall Meeting, brought Greetings from Grand Chapter – Kearney
Sept 17	Grand Officers were hosted by Bruce and Susie Baker to watch the Nebraska/Oregon football game
Sept 17	Area 13 Visitation – Evening – Chapters: Hastings, Hebon, Kearney, Guide Rock, Franklin and Davenport Hosting a "BIG RED TAIL GATE PARY" in Hastings
Sept 22	Colorado Grand Chapter – Denver. I gave the Invocation
Sept 23	Oshkosh Chapter No. 264 – 100th Anniversary Celebration
Sept 23	"Trails of Faith" Grand Family Black Book Party - Ogallala
Sept 24	Area 14 Visitation – Noon - Chapters: Ogallala Hosting with Oshkosh, Imperial and Benkelman. Reception Honoring Karla Lawler, Grand Organist, Ogallala Chapter No. 142 and Carol Thompson, Grand Adah, Imperial Chapter #279
Sept 25	The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation – Caring Club Plattsmouth
Sept 30	Attended "Stars Across the Prairie" Grand Family Reunion – Kearney
Oct 1	Board of Grand Trustees Meeting – Kearney Jurisprudence Committee Meeting – Kearney All committee Meeting for Standing Committees & Fraternal Relations Committee – Kearney
Oct 1	Attended "Stars Across the Prairie – Grand Family Reunion
Oct 4	Attended Harvest Dinner & Friendship Night – Sunflower Chapter #214 – Mitchell
Oct 6-7	South Dakota Grand Chapter – Pierre, South Dakota
Oct 10-11	Missouri Grand Chapter – Branson, MO.
Oct 13	Attended Friendship Night – Signet Chapter #55 - North Platte
Oct 21	Iowa Grand Chapter – Altoona, Iowa – I delivered the response from the Distinguished Guests
Nov 4	Planning meeting for Grand Chapter at Holiday Inn Express In Kearney
Nov 5	Attended Jurisprudence Committee meeting – Lincoln
Nov 8	Attended Ogallala Chapter No. 142 regular meeting
Nov 14	Attended Royal Chapter #184, Gordon – regular meeting Final consolidation meeting with Ivy Leaf Chapter #60, Chadron and Royal Chapter #184, Gordon
Dec 3	"Trails of Faith" Grand Family Christmas Party – Milford
Dec 3	Planning meeting with Board of Grand Supervisors and Grand Secretary – Milford
Dec 13	Attended Ogallala Chapter No. 142 – regular meeting
2017	
Jan 10	Attended Ogallala Chapter #142 – regular meeting and

	Installation of Officers
Jan 11`	Planning meeting of the Board of Supervisors and setting up the Chapter Room – Andrew Chapter No.41 Grand Island
Jan12-13	Supervisor School Planning Meeting with the Board of Supervisors and Grand Secretary – Grand Island
Jan 14-16	Supervisors' School of Instruction – Grand Island
Jan 17	Supervisors' stayed over due to ice storm – Grand Island
Jan 21	Attended Home Chapter No. 189 Installation-Plattsmouth
Jan 21	Attended Arbor Vitae Chapter #92 Installation – Fremont
Jan 22	Attended Narcissus Chapter #269 – 100th Installation – Omaha
Jan 28	Colorado/Nebraska/Wyoming Exchange – Cheyenne
Jan 30	Attended Oshkosh Chapter No. 264 Installation – Oshkosh
Feb 2-4	Nebraska Grand Lodge – Kearney – I brought greeting from Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star
Feb 14	Attended Ogallala Chapter No. 142 – regular meeting
Feb 25	Jurisprudence Committee Meeting – Grand Chapter Office – Lincoln
Mar 11	Observed District Grand Supervisor at Oshkosh Chapter No. 264 264,
Mar 14	Attended Ogallala Chapter No.142 – regular meeting
Mar 18	School of Instruction for Ogallala Chapter No. 142 – Ogallala
Mar 25	School of Instruction for Ceresco Chapter No. 198 – Ceresco
Mar 26	Estarl Committee Meeting – Grand Lodge Bldg – Lincoln
Apr 3	Attended Andrew Chapter #41, Grand Island to present Dianne Wiberg with her Grand Representative commission
Apr 7	Grand York Rite – Younes Conference Center – Kearney
Apr 8	Grand Trustees Meeting – Grand Lodge Bldg – Lincoln
Apr 25-26	Kansas Grand Chapter in Topeka – I gave the response from the Distinguished Guests.
Apr 29	Attended Trinity #299 Style Show and Luncheon - Omaha
Apr 29	Meeting with Grand Conductresses and Page Coordinators for practice of Introductions – Omaha

I appreciated all the invitations that I received throughout the year and only wish I could have attended all activities. Unfortunately, there were often conflicts within the schedule that did not allow for the miles and time in between for me to attend. Please know that my thoughts and best wishes were with you.

RECEPTIONS

On May 21st, 2016, Ogallala Chapter #142, Ogallala hosted a Reception for the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all the Grand Officers at the Historic Haythorn's Figure Four Traditions Event Center. The day began with a lunch for the Grand Officers and their Companions. It was a very foggy day, but a wonderful time with the many Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends in attendance. My deepest thanks to the members of Ogallala Chapter No. 142 for making this day very special and memorable.

On June 5, 2016, Blue river Chapter No. 132, Milford hosted a Reception for the Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron and all the Grand Officers, at the Milford United Methodist Church, in Milford. This day began with a buffet luncheon at the Pizza Kitchen in Milford. Gary, I and the Grand Officers were very appreciative of everything the membership of Blue River Chapter did to make this day very special.

Many of our Grand Officers were honored at Receptions hosted by their own Chapters. We appreciate all the effort put forth by these Chapters in recognizing the dedication of their own Sister or Brother in serving the Grand

Chapter and were happy to be a part of their day. The Grand Officers honored were as follows:

July 9, 2016..... . . . . Reception for Leota (Odey) Ray, Grand Ruth, hosted by Royal Chapter No. 184, Gordon.

July 10, 2016. . . . . Reception for Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain, hosted by Bridgeport Chapter No. 260, Bridgeport.

July 29, 2016... . . . . .Reception for Kathy Armour, Grand Martha hosted by Laura Chapter No. 301, South Sioux City.

Aug 6, 2016 . . . . . Reception for Dottie Arent, Grand Warder hosted by Bethany Chapter No. 113, Ainsworth.

Sept 10, 2016 . . . . . Reception for Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer, hosted by Blue River Chapter No. 132, Milford and Charleen Gausman, Grand Electa hosted by Utica Chapter No. 199, Utica.

Sept 16, 2016..... . . . . Reception for Andi Stewart, Grand Esther, hosted by Signet Chapter No. 55, North Platte

Sept 24, 2016.. . . . . Reception for Karla Lawler, Grand Organist, hosted by Ogallala Chapter No. 142, Ogallala and Carol Thompson, Grand Adah, hosted by Imperial Chapter No. 279, Imperial

VISITATIONS

At our Installation May 12th, 2016 in Kearney, we invited all our Sisters and Brothers to join with us as we traveled the "Trails of Faith" across Nebraska. We held 14 gatherings along the trail. The Chapters did a wonderful job of carrying out our Western theme, not only did our Grand Officers and Companions participate, but they willingly joined into the spirit of the trail.

We sold Cow Tales (chewy Caramel with a Crème Center) to support our Special Project, The Diabetic Educational Center of the Midlands. We thank the membership for your part in supporting this special project.

To all of the Chapters in this State, we thank you for your generous donations to the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's projects and the different ways in which they were presented. Thank you for taking time to plan, host, and prepare the meals but most of all, THANK YOU for sharing your smiles, hugs and laughter. You made our Trails Happy.

EXEMPLIFYING OF DEGREES

The "Trails of Faith" Grand Officers had the privilege of initiating Sister D'ann Wurdinger on July 15th, 2016 into Harmony Chapter #13 at Columbus. It was an honor to do this.

EXCHANGES

The **Iowa/Nebraska** Exchange Fun Weekend was held on August 12th – 14th, 2016. The weekend was hosted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in Ogallala. The weekend began with a gathering of 60 plus members from Nebraska and Iowa, at the Front Street Steak House for a no host supper followed by a Wild West Shoot Out in the street and ended by attending the evening performance of the Crystal Palace Review at the Crystal Palace Saloon. Saturday brought sunshine and more good weather. The morning was spent exploring all the Cowboy history of Ogallala or sleep. After lunch we were rounded up for a trip to Lake McConaughy one of the largest earthen Dams at the time it was built; the Nebraska Game & Parks Water Interpretive Center near Kingsley Dam; the Little Church at Keystone, NE., a one-of-a-kind Catholic-Protestant Church built in 1908. The final stop for Saturday was at the historical Haythorn Ranch with supper and

entertainment. Sunday morning dawned with another beautiful day. We all met at the Ogallala Masonic Center for a light brunch and a Church Service led by our own Past Grand Matron Brenda McGuire.

The **Kansas/Nebraska Grand Officer Exchange** was held on August 26th, 2016 at the Roger E. Sherman Masonic Temple in Kansas City, Kansas hosted by District #2 Chapters. The day began with an afternoon practice by the Nebraska Grand Officers and then they practiced the exchange of stations with the District #2 Officers. Practice was followed by Dinner and an evening with the Officers of District #2. Our Grand Officers did a near perfect ceremony of initiation for the new Initiate from Kansas. Following the meeting, of course, there were more pictures and then snacks and food shared by all at the hotel.

The following day, we traveled back to Nebraska City, Nebraska to the Western Star #2 Temple for a morning practice for the Kansas Grand Officers, lunch and an afternoon meeting with the Kansas Grand Officers filling the stations and performing an impressive initiation for all those in attendance. I thank the members of Queen Esther Chapter #1 of Nebraska City for planning and serving the lunch.

The **Colorado/Nebraska/Wyoming Fun Day** was held on January 28th, 2017 at the Cheyenne Masonic Temple and hosted by Oak Leaf chapter #6. We attended the Official Visit of Worthy Grand Matron Alice Willey and Worthy Grand Patron Harry Oberg and their Love Comes in Small Packages Grand Family. A formal afternoon meeting was held and Oak Leaf Chapter preformed the Formal Introductions and exemplified the ceremonies of Balloting and Initiation. It is enjoyable to witness the Ritualistic work in other Grand Jurisdictions. A Prime Rib Dinner followed the meeting and entertainment.

5-State Meeting: Sadly, the Nebraska Grand Officers had a schedule conflict and were not able to take part in the 5-State Gathering this year.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

What a wonderful opportunity it is to visit other Grand Jurisdictions to renew old friendships and to make new friends. Even more fun and interesting is to see their Ritual work and customs. I was very pleased to have quite a few Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, and Grand Representatives join us in the other Grand Jurisdictions.

I had the honor of bringing the Response for the Distinguished Guests at Texas Grand Chapter “Ride for the Brand” Session, the Invocation during the Formal Opening of Colorado Grand Chapter “Mountain Splendor” Grand Session, the Response on behalf of all Distinguished Guests during the Formal Opening of the Iowa Grand Chapter “Wings of Friendship” Grand Session and the Response on behalf of all Distinguished Guests during the Formal Opening of the Kansas Grand Chapter “God’s Gift of Friendship” Grand Session.

I attended the following Grand Chapter Sessions:

Wyoming ..…….. August 3-6, 2016, Casper
Texas..……..…September 1-3, 2016, Tyler
Colorado…...…….. September 22-24, 2016, Denver
South Dakota...……...October 6-8, 2016, Pierre
Missouri..……... October 10-13, 2016, Branson
Iowa..…… .October 20-23, 2016, Altoona
Kansas…… .April 25-27, 2017, Topeka

ANNIVERSARIES

A great milestone in the life of any Chapter is the CELEBRATION of 100 years

of existence. The 2016-2017 Grand Family was honored to take part in two of these CELEBRATIONS during our year. June 26th found several of us in the Historic town of Brownville at Brownville Chapter #263rd's reception and celebration. September 23rd, all Grand Officers were present for the 100th celebration of Oshkosh Chapter #264 in Oshkosh. It was my pleasure to bring greetings from Grand Chapter and present each of these chapters with Certificates proclaiming their achievement of attaining this milestone and in honor of their 100th year in existence. What a trip down memory lane to browse through the memorabilia and pictures on display. We thank these Chapters for their hospitality and were most happy to join them in their CELEBRATION!!

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

Brother Gary and I were delighted to meet and greet each 50 year and 50 year Plus Member at the Area Visitations. We presented each of them with a wooden cross made by the Worthy Grand Patron and a big hug in appreciation for them coming and participating in the gathering. We celebrate the fact that so many of these honored members continue to be active in their Chapters and beyond. THANK YOU to those that were able to attend, and extend our greetings, and gratitude to those that were not able to be with us.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

I was thrilled to receive an Honorary Membership to Blue River Chapter #123, Milford, Ne. I have also received Honorary Memberships from other Grand Jurisdictions. Even though not a member there, it is a special memory to have for a lifetime. I have been pleased to receive Honorary Memberships to the following:

Grand Chapter of Colorado
Grand Chapter of Iowa
Grand Chapter of Kansas
Grand Chapter of Missouri
Grand Chapter of South Dakota
Oak Leaf Chapter No. 6, Cheyenne, Wyoming

GAVEL

The gavel which I used throughout this year as we have criss-crossed the State of Nebraska was presented to me by my Husband, Family, and Ogallala Chapter No. 142 of Ogallala. The Red Cedar wood was taken from our ranch and made into a beautiful gavel which I shall cherish for years to come. I will be very proud to use this gavel during my "Trails of Faith" Grand Session.

CORRESPONDENCE

It has been exciting to get the mail and see who all I have heard from today and why. The first thing I do in the morning is to stop by the computer and look to see what new emails are waiting, who they are from and what I need to do next. Our Post Mistress loved to seeing me come with my checkbook learn how many books of stamps I needed his time. Sometimes the mail would not all fit in our box so it would be in up to three boxes.
Whether it was a question, a concern, an invitation, words of support and encouragement, or a request for a demit, I was eager to read them all. It has been fun to hear from the newly appointed Grand Representatives and learn how pleased and excited they are to receive their commissions. It was a disappointment to see all the no's of those who for one reason or another will not be able to attend and participate at Grand Chapter, but exciting when the answer was yes. There have also been a lot of telephone calls and especially

e-mails. What a great invention the computers and internet are. The time they save between the question being asked and receiving the answer is amazing. Thank you all for your help.

MEETINGS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, ASSOCIATIONS

I attended the meetings of the Board of Grand Trustees this year. I truly appreciated being able to attend and ask for their advice and assistance as needed. Their ever-watchful care over the affairs of Grand Chapter is greatly appreciated. The moving of the Grand Chapter Office to Lincoln is a financial savings for Grand Chapter and a lovely facility to share with our Masonic Brothers. The members elected to this Board deserve our utmost appreciation and thanks for all they do for Nebraska Grand Chapter.

On September 17, 2016, I attended the Nebraska Grand Representatives' Fall Meeting in Kearney at the Masonic Temple and served a delicious meal by Tuscan Chapter No. 35. I was also delighted to bring greetings from Grand Chapter and invited everyone to participate in our Grand Chapter Session in May.

I attended the meetings of the Jurisprudence Committee on October 1, 2016 in Kearney and on February 25, 2016 in Lincoln at the Grand Chapter Office. I learned much attending their meetings and thank them for their leadership and advice when counseling our Chapters where the law is concerned.

I had the privilege of working with the Standing Committees this past year and appreciate their attendance and participation during the All Committee meeting on October 1, 2016 in Kearney at the Masonic Temple with Tuscan Chapter No. 35 serving a delicious meal. I bought greetings from the Grand Chapter and directed the Committees to look at their responsibilities and review their goals for the coming year. Standing Committees were in attendance along with the Fraternal Relations Committee. Thank you to the members who were able to attend.

I attended the spring meeting of the Estarl Committee on March 26, 2017 at the Grand Chapter Office in Lincoln. Five applications were reviewed and Scholarships were awarded. The Committee also reviewed the recommended and suggested guidelines for the monetary amounts of the Scholarships. The Committee continues to be very diligent and meticulous in the process of reviewing the applications. My thanks to Bruce Baker, Chairman and all the members of the Committee. We know you take your duty very seriously and we do Thank You.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

As Worthy Grand Matron, it has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Directors for the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. I attended as many meetings as I could as timing and distance prohibited the trip a few times. Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron was able to attend and peak for me. At the Annual Meeting on July 13, 2016 I was pleased to nominate for re-election Sisters Judy Wehrbein, PGM and Beverly Perkins-Bobb, PGM. They were unanimously elected.

Our Home s a wonderful place for those young people who are in need of a very structured typed of environment and still have the nurturing of a home style atmosphere that they may never have been able to witness. I whole heartedly believe in this endeavor and am so glad to have been a part of it even for a short time. The Board, the Administrator, Ron Giesselmann and his staff are very deserving of our praise and gratitude for their leadership and the outstanding work they all do.

Our project this year in support of the Home and the 4-H Program has been to provide a new metal show box for the livestock program. I hope you take the opportunity to look it over at the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children's booth in the foyer at the Younes Conference Center.

The Grand Family supported the Annual 4-H Achievement Day on July 30, 2016 and the Chili Feed held on March 4th 2016. I was able to bring greeting from Grand Chapter at the Ground Breaking Ceremony on July 13th and then again on July 30th I was able to take part in the Cornerstone Laying Event. It was a pleasure to be there for these momentous occasions.

As Worthy Grand Matron I was ask to participate with the Décor Committee for Paden Cottage and am proud to say this committee showed much thought and practicality in choosing the furnishings of this new cottage and keeping in mind the comfort of those who will be privileged to be residents of the cottage when it is finished.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Grand Officers and their Companions were invited to the Annual Masonic Home Picnic on July 17, 2016. This is always an enjoyable day and one we look forward to attending. The food is always delicious and getting to visit with the residents and staff always an honor. I was pleased to bring greetings from Grand Chapter and introduce our Grand Family and their Companions that were in attendance.

On Sunday, September 25, 2016 we returned to the Home for the "Rock and Roll Memories" Dinner Honoring The Caring Club and George W. Lininger Society. We were served a wonderful dinner and were very well entertained by a performance from Elvis.

Our 2016-2017 Project for the Home was to provide some financial assistance for new patio furniture.

We want to thank the Board of Directors, the Administrators and the Staff for the wonderful and loving care they provide the residents.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Attending Grand Assembly, Grand Bethel and DeMolay Conclave are always a highlight amongst the summer activities. Their young men and women are always a delight to be around. They are polite, courteous, energetic and eager for more. It has been my privilege to attend all three of these annual session the last several years; however, this year due to a scheduling conflict I was only able to attend Grand Assembly and the DeMolay Conclave. I was honored to receive the Grand Cross of Color and give the morning meditation for the Brunch honoring those who have received the Grand Cross of Color and assist in judging the Ritual Competition. I was also able to bring greetings from Grand Chapter during the Informal Opening and to present a check from Grand Chapter and our Projects in support of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska.

I also attended the DeMolay Conclave Banquet on July 16, 2016. I was honored to bring greeting from Grand Chapter, introduce the Grand Family Officers and their Companions in attendance that evening and present a check to the Nebraska Order of DeMolay to demonstrate our continued support with monies from our Projects and Grand Chapter.

I was also honored to attend the Installation of Officers for the Lincoln Chapter of DeMolay on August 28th, 2016. Jack Busson was installed as Master Counselor.

I again am sorry that I was not able to attend Nebraska Grand Bethel of the International Order of Jobs Daughters due to a scheduling conflict. As a former member and Past Senior Princess of Job's Daughters, and a Past Executive Council Member for Bethel #21

of Ogallala I have always enjoyed attending and watching these young girl's as they grow and mature as members of Job's Daughters.

The Eastern Star display was set up at both Rainbow and Job's Sessions with information about Eastern Star, Scholarships and our activities.

I have invited the three youth groups to bring greetings at the "Trails of Faith" Grand Chapter Session in May.

I thank the youth and their Adult Leaders for inviting our Grand Family to attend their Sessions and functions and for all of the courtesies extended to us. We must enjoy our youth and encourage them, they ARE our future.

MASONIC COURTESIES

We in Nebraska are so privileged to have the Support and Unity between the Masonic Organizations. It is enlightening and enjoyable to attend the different functions and activities and to be joined by someone from the other groups. It is very vital that we continue this open relationship and friendship with our Brethren.

It has been an honor to serve this year with Dennis Rix and Rick Myers in their respective terms as Grand Master of Masons for the State of Nebraska. We enjoyed meeting at the various functions across the State- Band Camp, Ground Breaking for Paden Cottage, MESCH 4-H Achievement Day, Cornerstone Laying for Paden Cottage, MESCH Board meetings, Grand Assembly, DeMolay Conclave and Grand Lodge.

I attended the Annual Communication of Nebraska Grand Lodge in Kearney on February 2-4, 2017. I attended the Grand Master's Banquet on Thursday evening and on Friday morning, Gary and I brought greetings from Nebraska Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. I was able to attend the Ladies Luncheon on Friday and the Membership Banquet that evening. On Saturday, I attended the Installation and Reception for the newly installed Grand Master, Richard Myers and his Officers.

The OES display was at Grand Lodge with pictures and information from the past year, and information about Eastern Star.
On April 7, 2017, I was pleased to attend the Annual Grand Session of the Grand York Rite of Nebraska held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. At the Friday evening banquet, I brought greetings from Nebraska Grand Chapter and presented a check for the Knight Templar.

SALES TABLE

I want to thank the Grand Trustees for approving the Sales Table items for the "Trails of Faith" year. I owe a debt of gratitude to Sisters Isobel Taylor and Sue Terry along with several of the Grand Companions for toting, caring, setting up, tearing down and manning the Sales Table at every Visitation and at several other times when requested by the Worthy Grand Matron. It will also be set up at Grand Chapter in May.

The items available included: Chambray Blue button down short-sleeve shirts with the OES logo; Burnt Orange writing pens, Pewter round Concho Lapel Pins engraved with a Cross with the word FAITH on them; White round with black trim self storing fans with the OES logo imprinted on them; and Note Cards decorated with a border of small black crosses and a plain inset with a Cross engraved with *Faith* on the cross. We also sold candy COW TALES, chewy caramel with a cream center to benefit the special project.
The sales table profits, along with the many generous donations, support all of our Grand Chapter Projects.

PROJECTS

Our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project this year is the EDUCATIONAL DIABETIC CENTER OF THE MIDLANDS. There are so many deserving projects, but our choice fell upon this particular fund as my husband and I lost our son at the age of 33 to Juvenile Diabetes. This Educational Center serves all of Iowa and Eastern Nebraska and seeks to teach those affected by the disease how to manage and cope with the disease. As we traveled about the State this summer we were approached by several members who have taken advantage and been helped by the seminars and teachings of the Center. It is our hope that by spreading the knowledge of this Center and its services that many more victims may become more educated about their own or their family members' disease and can have longer and healthier lives. Thank you for the generous donations and the purchase of Sales Table items in support of our project.

The Silent Auction is an ongoing activity at our Grand Session with proceeds going to all of the projects. Chapter and Lodges were asked to contribute with a donation and/or support the auction by buying and bidding on items. The Grand Officers were encouraged to participate. My thanks to Margaret McCall and her helper, Nellie Frizzell, for the Silent Auction. Margaret spends many hours every year making items for and manning the Silent Auction tables.

GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children: Funds from our projects have been designated for the purchase of a new metal Livestock Show Box for the 4-H Program.
Masonic Home in Plattsmouth: Assist in purchasing new patio furniture.
ESTARL; Continued financial help for those pursing religious training.
Educational Loan Fund: Continue in funding and to provide loans for education for member and relatives of Nebraska Eastern Star.
Scholarships: Continue assisting the Chapters in providing scholarships to graduating High School Seniors.
Youth Groups: Continuing to provide funds for scholarships to those youth in Job's Daughters International, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay in Nebraska.

The financing of the above projects is from the proceeds from the sale of items on the Sales Table and the generous donations from our members and Chapters.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

We continue to support the General Grand Chapter Projects with emphasis on those of our own General Grand Chapter Committee members, Community Service Committee, Scottish Rite Charities Committee, Service Dog Committee and Support First Responders Committee. The Support First Responders coins and decals are available on our sales table. The projects are a wonderful outreach of our Order and your continued generosity help to ensure that these will continue. Brother Gary and I want to thank each of you for your contributions.

APPRECIATION

Visits and friendships, and sharing together-
Handshakes and hugging, and talking 'bout weather.
Getting to meet folks from all 'round our state,
Thank you for helping make Eastern Star great!

Thank you hardly expresses my feelings towards our Eastern Star members for allowing me to have had this opportunity to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as Worthy Grand Matron. It has been a marvelous experience.

TO OGALLALA CHAPTER NO. 142, OGALLALA:
I don't even know where to begin. What a wonderful Chapter you are! Thank you is a very small phrase to express my appreciation for the support you have given me as I traveled this trail the last five years. I am so proud to say I am a member of this chapter and to represent you as the first Worthy Grand Matron from Ogallala Chapter No. 142 and to actually be the 142nd Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Nebraska.

TO BLUE RIVER CHAPTER NO. 132, MILFORD:
Thank you for sharing Gary and Pam these last four years. I know you are proud to have them as members of your Chapter. Thank you for awarding me an Honorary Membership in Blue River Chapter No. 132. Thank you also for the beautiful reception last June and the support shown throughout this trail we have shared.

TO THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON:
Brother Gary, it has been more than an honor to share this "Trails of Faith" Grand Year with you. It is hard to believe how fast these last four years have passed by. It has been so much more than I ever expected and a friendship has grown that Bernard and I will share with you and Pam forever. To Sister Bev Donham and Brother Jim Dusch, thank you for appointing Brother Gary as your door appointment and my very own Worthy Grand Patron.

TO THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS:
I thank you for your encouragement and assurances that this was something I could do. I value each of you as friends and mentors, as you are the ones who showed me the way and left the trail to follow. You continue to give of your time and talents and in that sharing you set an example for all of us. I look forward to becoming a working member of the Past Grands.

TO SISTER JUDY WEHRBEIN, PAST GRAND MATRON AND BROTHER ALVIN BENEMERITO, PAST GRAND PATRON:
I remember you asking me to take this journey six years ago. I was shocked and thrilled at the thought of being Worthy Grand Matron, but had no idea what all was really involved. It is a good thing you have four years of watching and learning before it is truly your turn. I thank you for the beautiful example you gave me, the friends you have been and the love and encouragement you have given me all along the way. I thank you both for the opportunity to be Worthy Grand Matron of our great state. It has been an awesome experience and I will cherish it forever. Love to you both!

TO THE ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON:
Sister Anita and Brother Jim, what a pleasure it has been to share the last four years of traveling and learning the ropes with you. You were always there to support and help wherever you could and of course, ask the questions. I look forward to the coming year and hope to attend some of your planned activities. I wish you nothing but a successful and enjoyable year as you serve our grand jurisdiction. May God's blessing be upon you both.

TO OUR GRAND SECRETARY:
Sister Jan, how could I have made it through this year without your help and guidance? You have been a true friend and have shared your wealth of knowledge and experience in so many ways. It was always a pleasure to see and hear you in the group, your love for life and this wonderful Order endear you to us all. Thank you, my friend.

TO OUR GRAND TREASURER:
Sister Pam, I was excited to know that we would be in a Grand Family together again. I have treasured your friendship since meeting you in the "God Makes All Things New" Grand Family as our Worthy Grand Patron's wife. Little did we know that as this journey

ends you are not only the Grand Treasurer, but also the Grand Companion of my Worthy Grand Patron. You have been a helpmate not only to Gary, but to me also. Your knowledge and love for our Order is evident in all you do. Thank you for giving seven years to our Jurisdiction as the Grand Treasurer. Thank you too for being my Friend!

TO OUR GRAND CONDUCTRESS AND ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS:
Sisters Candy and Karan, Thank You for the time and effort you put into promoting our special projects and the sales table merchandise. Your innovative and fun presentations were amazing. Your participation by traveling the state and attendance at so many of the visitations and activities was wonderful. Your help in planning and preparing for the School of Instruction for the District Grand Supervisors was appreciated. I wish nothing but the best for you both as you plan and prepare for your own term as Worthy Grand Matron. It will be here before you know it, but take time to enjoy the journey. I look forward to helping and supporting you in any way I can, all you have to do is ask. Thanks.

TO OUR APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS:
Thank you for saying yes when you were asked to serve as one of our officers this year. You all were picked because of your outstanding talents and years of service you have given our Order. I hope you have some wonderful memories as members of the "Trails of Faith" Grand Family. You have all made me so proud by your faithful attendance at all the visitations, activities and special events. I know the miles were long and the sleep pretty short but I had a marvelous time and I hope you did too. I know your respective chapters are just as proud of you as I am. You are a credit to our Order. Love to you all and Happy Trails!!

TO OUR GRAND COMPANIONS:
Each of you has been such a blessing to this Grand Family. We just are not complete if you are not by our sides. We cannot get along without you. You were there to help carry, set up, tear down, run errands or whatever was necessary. We thank you, for the smiles, hugs, and support. You truly are the greatest and I love you all!!
In all lives some rain must fall and our Grand Family experienced this fact first hand. We were all so sadden by the death of Sister Donna Thoman, Grand Companion to our Grand Secretary. Sister Donna never failed to put a smile on your face with that twinkle in her eye and her passion for life and Eastern Star. We miss her presence among us, but know that her love and memory will be with us forever.

TO OUR GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Thank you all for serving on your Committee. Your commitment and devotion to this Grand Chapter is greatly appreciated. An organization and it great works don't happen automatically, but with the knowledge and leadership of our members we can accomplish great things. Thanks for lending your talents and time.

TO THE GRAND TRUSTEES:
Thank you for your continued dedication to our Order. The time and effort that you put into the overseeing of the financial affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction is appreciated. Thank you for responding to the needs of our members and our Grand Chapter. "We do appreciate you and all you do."

TO BERNARD, MY HUSBAND, MY TOP HAND, MY FRIEND AND LOVE:
There are no words to express my love and admiration to you for all the things you have done and made possible for me to do especially these last five years. You have been there for my almost 50 years of membership in this Order of the Eastern Star, and 48 years of marriage. You were my babysitter for meeting nights in my early years as an Officer in Ogallala Chapter No. 142; you held down the home front through my years as a District Grand Supervisor; and agreed to become a Mason that you might become a member of Eastern Star and share in the wonderful fellowship of it members. You have traveled many

a mile with me, carrying luggage the sound system and whatever else needed to be done when you had cows to feed or hay to be put up, Thank You. I can always count on your sound advice and solid support in all things as we travel this road of life together. I THANK YOU, and I LOVE YOU.

IN CONCLUSION

Friendship is the sunshine in the nice things people do.
Friendship is the laughter in the good times shared by two
Friendship is sweet memories, like echoes of a song.
Friendship is a feeling that lasts your whole life long.

My Friends, Sisters and Brothers, I, THANK YOU, once again for the honor and privilege of serving the Nebraska Grand Chapter as your Worthy Grand Matron for this past year. It seems like only yesterday that we began this journey with the "Trails of Faith" Grand Family and here we are practically at the end of trail. Your attendance, your attention, your encouragement and your fraternal love has touched us all in so many ways. The Worthy Grand Patron explained that we need to be persistent in our invitations to prospective members and I say we need to let those who are not members know about the great charitable works we do and the great friendships that grow through our membership in Eastern Star. BE PROUD of this great organization and what you have contributed to it.

Star Love and Happy Trails,
Cheryl Beckius,
Worthy Grand Matron 2016-2017

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Are there any questions concerning the part of my report that was not read?

Hearing none, the gavel was passed from the President Worthy Grand Patron back to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Patron:
We will now hear the report of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Gary.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Matron:
Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

My complete report is printed in its entirety in the proceedings, and I will not read it to you now. You may read it at your leisure. The following were additions to my printed report:

I was honored with an Honorary Membership to Mississippi Grand Chapter on April 10, 2017. I assisted the Blue River Lodge – my lodge in Milford -- with their highway pickup on April 22, 2017, and I was honored with an Honorary Membership to Kansas Grand Chapter on April 25, 2017.

The membership has given me a great honor by electing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. It is an experience that I will never forget. Throughout my career as a State Officer in the Order of the Eastern Star I will always remember the friendships renewed and the new friends made in our travels. Our members are the greatest asset the Order has. Their dedication, loyalty and zeal for our Order are what make the Eastern Star a relevant organization in our lives today. I thank you for your service.

To Sister Cheryl: Thank you for being you. We had so many interests in common that it made working with you very easy.

To Blue River Chapter No. 132: Thank you for all your love and support in our journey.

To Ogallala Chapter No. 142: Thank you for sharing Sister Cheryl and Brother Bernie with us.

To the Past Grands: Thank you for your constant guidance, support and all of your encouragement.

To Sister Anita and Brother Jim: You are always in my prayers. I pray God's speed on your new adventure.

To Sister Jan, the Grand Secretary: Thank you for all the support, guidance and the many years of friendship.

To our Grand Officers: Thank you for your friendship and support this year. You always supported us; no matter where we went, there was an orange shirt to support us. Each of you were chosen for your special talents. I know this is said almost every year, but ours is a great Grand Family! We could not have made this journey without you.

To the Grand Companions: You were always there to help your Grand Officer and us. I never heard a word of discouragement from any of you.

To Sister Bev and Brother Jim (Mom and Dad): Thank you for your trust in me. I hope that I have not disappointed you.

To all the Committee Members, who did all the things that needed to be done for the Order: Your dedication to your work makes Nebraska OES the best jurisdiction to be from.

To the Board of Grand Trustees: Thank you for supporting our projects financially. You helped us fulfill our plans.

To Brother Bernie: Thank you for being my friend. You and the rest of the sound equipment team, I thank you for making us sound good by keeping the sound equipment running and making sure everyone had a microphone at the right time.

Last, but not least, to Sister Pam: Thank you for your diligence in record keeping as Grand Treasurer. Thank you for being a great, great Grand Companion. Your advice and knowledge is invaluable – was invaluable and still is. I am in awe of the contacts that you have made and the many, many members you have met in the Nebraska Chapters and other jurisdictions. You are on a first-name basis with what it seems like at least half of the membership of the Nebraska OES. I was pleased to tag along with you as the Companion to the Grand Treasurer this year. Thank you for helping me make our year special. Although I have enjoyed this journey, now I am looking forward to the time when OES is not the only thing that we are doing. Thank you for being my wife. I love you!

I am proud to be a member of the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star. I have been honored by my station and by all the members of Order of the Eastern Star. My hope has been to continue the values and beliefs of our Order. Thank you for the honor of serving.

WRITTEN REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:
In accordance with the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, I am submitting my Annual Report of my official acts during the past year.
As required by the By-Laws of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, my counter-signature appeared on all checks issued by this Grand Chapter.

WGP OFFICIAL VISITS
2016 – 2017

DATE	OFFICIAL VISITS
April 2, 2016	Trails of Faith Grand Family get together @ Ogallala, NE
May 10-12, 2016	Nebraska Grand Chapter @ Kearney, NE
May 13, 2016	Grand Family Breakfast @ Kearney, NE

May 16, 2016	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
May 17, 2016	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE
May 21, 2016	WGM Cheryl's Reception @ Haythorne Ranch
May 31-June 3, 2016	Shrine Bowl Band Camp @ Kearney, NE
June 4, 2016	Shrine Bowl Parade and Football game @ Kearney, NE
June 5, 2016	WGP Gary's Reception @ Milford UMC
June 10-12, 2016	Rainbow Grand Assembly; Judging & Installation @ Crete, NE
June 11, 2016	Received the Grand Cross of Color
June 13, 2016	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
June 14-18, 2016	Job's Grand Bethel; Judging & Installation @ Kearney, NE
June 26, 2016	Brownville Chapter #263 100th Anniversary Celebration
July 7, 2017	Reception for Sister Leota Ray, Grand Ruth @ Gordon, NE
July 8, 2016	Area #2 Visitation @ Gordon, NE
July 9, 2016	Area #1 Visitation @ Scottsbluff, NE
July 11, 2016	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
July 12, 2016	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE
July 13, 2016	Children's Home Board Meeting @ Fremont, NE
July 13, 2016	Children's Home Ground breaking for Paden Cottage
July 15, 2016	Courtesy Initiation @ Columbus, NE
July 15, 2016	Area #3 Visitation @ Papillion, NE
July 16, 2016	Line Officers Meeting @ Fremont, NE
July 16, 2016	DeMolay Conclave @ Fremont, NE
July 17, 2016	Masonic Home Picnic @ Plattsmouth
July 21, 2016	Luna Chapter #169 meeting @ Elkhorn, NE
July 29, 2016	Area #4 Visitation @ South Sioux City, NE
July 29, 2016	Reception for Sister Kathy Armour, Grand Martha @ So Sioux City, NE
July 30, 2016	M-ESHC 4H Achievement Day @ Fremont, NE
August 3-5, 2016	Wyoming Grand Chapter @ Casper, WY
August 6, 2016	Reception for Sister Dottie Arent, Grand Warder @ Ainsworth, NE
August 6, 2016	Area #4 Visitation @ Ainsworth, NE
August 8, 2016	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
August 9, 2016	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE
August 12-14, 2016	IA-NE Fun Weekend @ Ogallala, NE
August 19, 2016	Area #6 Visitation @ Tekamah, NE

August 20, 2016	Area #7 Visitation @ Weeping Water, NE
August 20, 2016	Area #8 Visitation @ Humboldt, NE
August 26-27, 2016	KS/NE Exchange @ Kansas City, KS & Nebraska City, NE
September 9, 2016	Area #9 Visitation @ Lincoln, NE
September 10, 2016	Area #10 Visitation @ Grand Island, NE
September 10, 2016	Reception for Sister Charleen Gausman, Grand Electa and Sister Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer @ Seward, NE
September 10, 2016	Area #11 Visitation @ Seward, NE
September 12, 2016	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
September 13, 2016	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE
September 14, 2016	M-ESHC Trustees Meeting @ Fremont, NE
September 14, 2016	Venus #49 Meeting @ Cortland, NE
September 16, 2016	Area #12 Visitation @ North Platte, NE
September 16, 2016	Reception for Sister Andy Stewart, Grand Esther @ North Platte, NE
September 17, 2016	NE Grand Representatives Association meeting @ Kearney, NE
September 17, 2016	Area #13 Visitation @ Hastings, NE
September 21-22, 2016	Colorado Grand Chapter @ Denver, CO
September 23, 2016	Oshkosh 100th Celebration @ Oshkosh, NE
September 23, 2016	Black Book Party @ Ogallala, NE
September 24, 2016	Reception for Sister Karla Lawler, Grand Organist and Sister Carol Thompson, Grand Adah @ Ogallala, NE
September 24, 2016	Area #14 Visitation @ Ogallala, NE
September 24, 2016	Recd. Honorary Membership to Imperial Chapter #279 Imperial NE
September 25, 2016	NE Masonic Home Caring Club @ Plattsmouth, NE
October 1, 2016	All Committee Meeting @ Kearney, NE
October 5-8, 2016	South Dakota Grand Chapter @ Pierre, SD
October 9-11, 2016	Missouri Grand Chapter @ Branson, MO
October 15, 2016	Initiation at Blue River Chapter #132 @ Milford, NE
October 20-21, 2016	Iowa Grand Chapter @ Altoona, IA
October 20, 2016	Received Honorary Membership to Grand Chapter of Iowa
November 5, 2016	Jurisprudence Committee Meeting @ Lincoln, NE
November 9, 2016	M-ESHC Trustees Meeting @ Fremont, NE
November 14, 2016	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
November 15, 2016	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE

December 3, 2016	Grand Family Christmas Party @ Milford, NE
December 12, 2016	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
December 13, 2016	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE
December 14, 2016	M-ESHC Trustees Meeting @ Fremont, NE
January 9, 2017	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
January 10, 2017	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE
January 11, 2017	Evelyn Buettgenbach, PGM, funeral @ Lincoln, NE
January 14-16, 2017	District Grand Supervisors School @ Grand Island, NE
January 18, 2017	Starcraft Chapter #307 Installation @ Lincoln, NE
January 22, 2017	Narcissus Chapter #269 Installation @ Omaha, NE
January 24, 2017	Columbia Chapter #275 Installation @ Lincoln, NE
January 27-29, 2017	CO/NE/WY Fun Day @ Cheyenne, WY
February 2-4, 2017	Nebraska Grand Lodge @ Kearney, NE
February 3, 2017	Line Officers Meeting @ Kearney, NE
February 13, 2017	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
February 14, 2017	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE
February 22, 2017	Masonic Family Leadership gathering Omaha, NE
February 25, 2017	Jurisprudence Committee Meeting @ Lincoln, NE
February 26, 2017	DeMolay Installation @ Lincoln, NE
March 4, 2017	M-ESHC Chili Feed @ Fremont, NE
March 7, 2017	Home #189 Chapter Meeting @ Plattsmouth NE
March 8, 2017	M-ESHC Trustees Meeting @ Fremont, NE
March 8, 2017	DeMolay Initiation Scottish Rite @ Lincoln, NE
March 9, 2017	Arbor Vitae #92 Chapter Meeting @ Fremont, NE
March 11, 2017	Blue River #132 Chapter Supervisor Visit @ Milford, NE
March 13, 2017	Blue River #132 Chapter Meeting @ Milford, NE
March 14, 2017	Blue River #30 Lodge Meeting @ Milford, NE
March 19, 2017	Athena Assembly #24 Rainbow Installation Bellevue, NE
March 20, 2017	Grand Master Meeting @ Utica, NE
March 26, 2017	ESTARL Meeting @ Lincoln, NE
April 1, 2017	One Day Conferral of Masonic Degrees @ Omaha, NE
April 2, 2017	Daughters of the Nile installation @ Hastings, NE
April 5, 2017	Wausa Chapter #159 Chapter Meeting @ Wausa, NE
April 9-11, 2017	Mississippi Grand Chapter @ Hattiesburg, MS

April 25-27, 2017	Kansas Grand Chapter @ Topeka, KS
May 5-8, 2017	Setup for Nebraska Grand Chapter @ Kearney, NE
May 9-11, 2017	Nebraska Grand Chapter @ Kearney, NE

TO SISTER CHERYL

Serving with you in the East has been a rewarding experience. I knew that when I was asked to step into line that I would like to be with someone who shared similar likes as I have. I knew that a ranch girl would be someone that I could relate to and you to me. We have worked very well together. Sometimes we even thought alike. Especially when we were on the "Trail" and didn't have the opportunity to compare each other's remarks. It has been a delight serving with you.

IN APPRECIATION:

To the members of Blue River Chapter #132: Words cannot not express how grateful I am for all the love and support that you have given me not only these past four years but all through my Eastern Star career. This journey that I have been on has been made much easier with your support. I am hope that I have brought honor to you and to the Fraternity. Thank you for being by my side!

To the members of Ogallala Chapter #142: Thank you for sharing Sister Cheryl Beckius with the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. She is a wonderful person because you have nurtured her into the person she is today. I don't get to visit your chapter as often as I would like as the distance makes that impossible, plus you meet on the same day and time that my Masonic Lodge does. However I have made lasting friends with many of your members. Thank you for supporting Sister Cheryl and I these past years.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Your guidance and generous support have been invaluable. Your advice in matters of Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter has been helpful in this journey. I have known many of you for many years and appreciate your friendship. Thank you for your caring support.

To our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron: Sister Anita and Brother Jim, you are always in my prayers. I know that you both will take on the leadership of Nebraska Grand Chapter with strength and zeal. Sister Anita, you are well qualified and able to assume the station of Worthy Grand Matron. Brother Jim, you have all the tools and experience needed to be Worthy Grand Patron. Forge ahead with the great confidence that we all have in you. Your love for our Order will carry you through to another great Grand Chapter session.

To our Grand Secretary: Sister Jan your knowledge and understanding of Grand Chapter has been invaluable. Your wise council has kept me out of a lot of trouble. We have known each other since…….. well, for a long time. I have enjoyed my visits to the Grand Chapter office where we cannot leave without some good conversation. I have enjoyed our friendship and you have my respect. Your love and devotion to our Order is incomparable.

To our Grand Officers: You were each selected for the special talents that you possess. Your dedication and love that you have given to your own chapters is a measure of why you were selected to Grand office. You have brought honor to yourself and your chapters. Getting to know you this year has been a delight. We could always count on you and your Companions to support us wherever we traveled. Thank you for sharing this awesome experience with us.

To our Grand Companions: To borrow a phrase, you have loved and lugged. From keeping the sales table stocked and manned to lugging the sound equipment without so

much as one word of discouragement. Thank you for sharing your loved one and yourself this year. I look forward to meeting and greeting you again sometime down the trail.

To Sister Bev Donham and Brother Jim Dusch: Thank you for the trust and confidence you had in me to appoint me as your Grand Sentinel. I hope that I have not disappointed you during my term. I pray that I have met what you have expected of me.

To everyone in our various committees: There are many things that we would like to accomplish as leaders in this Order. I have neither the time nor talent to get everything done if we did not have you taking care of the many projects involved in keeping our Order running smoothly. Your service and sacrifice on these committees makes the members of this Grand Jurisdiction grateful. Thank you for your diligent service.

To the Board of Grand Trustees: Thank you for your continuing support. You, as a committee, have been diligent with the financial affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you for supporting and investing in the future of this Grand Chapter so our members can experience a Grand Session that is like no other.

To Youth Groups: Thank you for being you. You are our hope and inspiration for the future. Your youthful enthusiasm energizes our being.

To Brother Bernard: You have been our soundman most of this past summer; mostly lugging the equipment from one place to another. But always making sure the right person had the microphone at the correct times, always without a complaint. I have enjoyed our times in private and also the quiet times on the ranch. Thank you for helping Sister Cheryl and I carry out our plans and obligations in the East. You are always a steady rock in our lives.

To our Grand Treasurer: Sister Pam, you are truly dedicated to the accurate keeping of the Order's books. You are meticulous in your handling of Nebraska Grand Chapter's records. Your contacts, relationships and knowledge of people all over Nebraska and the surrounding states have made you a valuable resource that will be sorely missed. Plus you have been a Great Grand Companion! As my wife, you have been my biggest supporter and encourager. You were supportive of me going to the Grand East in Star even before I knew that it might be a reality. I hope that I have not disappointed you. We have traveled far and wide these past four years. You always have been by my side with words of encouragement. You know more people in Nebraska and surrounding states than I could ever imagine. When I did not know someone's name, you were always there to prompt me. You have been a great Grand Companion, although I do most of the heavy manual lifting. Thank you for everything! I love you!

CONCLUSION

I am proud to be a member of the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star. Our Star is continuing to serve the poor, hungry and distressed. During our travels this year, I have seen growth in membership I have seen growth in the compassion and care that we have for others. I believe that the Order of the Eastern Star will be as relevant in the future as it is now. To the membership, I thank you for using your God given talents to benefit humanity. I have truly enjoyed traveling across the state and surrounding states. The people I have met and greeted have truly been a blessing to me. Thank you for believing in me and helping me believe in myself. You, the membership, are what makes the Order of the Eastern Star great!

Sincerely and Fraternally submitted,
Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will now hear the report of the Grand Secretary.

Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary:
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I bring to my 7th annual report as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. My report is with the others in the Report Booklet and I will not read you all the details.

WRITTEN REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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MEMBERSHIP

The membership report was compiled from the annual reports of the Secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters. My personal thanks go to all of our secretaries for the work that you do and sometimes under difficult circumstances.

Number of members January 1, 2016 6462
- Initiated 68
- Reinstated 17
- Affiliated 18
- Additions due to corrections 0
- Total increases 103
- Deceased 267
- Demitted 53
- Suspended 157
- Decreases due to dual members 0

Number of members close of 2016 6088
Number of Chapters January 1, 2016 79
Chapters Consolidated in 2016 2
Number of Chapters December 31, 2016 ..... **77**

My thanks to the Secretaries of these Chapters for furnishing the information via the annual reports so that we can keep our database current and provides these membership numbers for your consideration.

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2017

GENERAL FUND		
Cash in General Fund April 1, 2016		541,357.03
Receipts:		
Annual Dues	11,802.50	
Grand Chapter Registration	4,350.00	
Interest & Dividend Income	360,802.09	
Partnership Distributions	89,704.00	
Investments sold at cost	2,101,712.75	
Gain (loss) on investments sold	-509,605.26	
Initiation fees	244.00	
Grand Chapter Session Income	27,238.01	

Bequest	0.00	
Miscellaneous	95.50	
Supplies Sold	6,883.38	
		2,093,226.97
		2,634,584.00
Disbursements:		
ESTARL from investments	6,325.60	
ESTARL	6,000.00	
Fees to International Headquarters	355.00	
General Grand Chapter Dues	6,462.00	
General Grand Chapter Travel	0.0	
Grand Chapter Expense	52,723.86	
Grand Chapter Relief	0.0	
Insurance	11,545.00	
Investments in Stock	1,574,768.23	
Masonic Home Caring Club	2,500.00	
Masonic OES Home	15,000.00	
Mileage Expense	15,000.00	
Miscellaneous	9,875.21	
Office Expense	55,005.89	
Officer & Committee Expense	48,810.37	
Payroll & related taxes	94,908.02	
Publicity	3,425.00	
Scholarship Program	29,450.00	
Supervising Expenses	14,703.60	
Supplies Purchased	7,168.02	
Youth Groups	17,000.00	
Youth Leadership Conference	1,000.00	
Total Disbursements		1,972,025.80
Net Transfer from General to Restricted		(62,087.53)
Cash Balance 3-31-17		600,470.67
Cost of Investments		6,271,698.34
Total Cash and Investments General Fund, March 31, 2017		6,872,169.01
SUPPLY FUND		
Supplies Sold		6,883.38
Inventory April 1, 2016	3,130.89	
Supplies purchased	7,168.02	
Inventory March 31, 2017	(3,305.48)	
Cost of Supplies Sold		6,993.43
Profit (Loss) on Sales		**(110.05)**
MILEAGE FUND		
Cash on hand April 1, 2016	6,982.17	

Net Transfer	15,000.00	
		21,982.17
2016 Mileage Checks	15,221.88	
2016 Interest income	(4.92)	
		15,216.96
Cash Balance March 31, 2017		**6,765.21**
JANE C. THOMPSON FUND		
Value of fund March 31, 2017		**5,500.00**
BETTY VLASNIK MEMORIAL FUND		
Value of fund March 31, 2017		**43,859.56**
RESTRICTED FUND		
Balance April 1, 2016		13,503.79
Net Receipts from Chapters & Individuals		87,039.53
Net transfer General to Restricted Account		38,869.69
Total Receipts		139,413.01
Disbursements		
Alzheimers Association	1,000.00	
Cancer Fund	1,000.00	
Diabetes Fund	8,127.68	
Educational Loan Fund	70.00	
ESTARL	2,339.00	
Heart Fund	1,000.00	
International Headquarters	1,000.00	
Knight's Templar Eye Fund	1,020.00	
Masonic-OES Home	31,334.44	
Masonic Home	10,350.89	
Military Fund	1,000.00	
Multiple Sclerosis	400.00	
Other Charities	4,234.10	
Red Cross	2,689.50	
Rite Care	4,229.50	
Scholarship Fund	22,300.00	
Shrine Hospital Fund	1,000.00	
Youth Fund	6,376.60	
Project Expenses	3,924.61	
Relocation Expenses	17,418.70	
Total Disbursements		120,815.02
Balance March 31, 2016		**18,597.99**
STATEMENT OF ASSETS		
Cash March 31, 2017		

First State Bank - General account		355,216.31
First State Bank - Landeryou account		10,737.41
UBS Financial Services		263,852.35
Mileage		6,765.21
Cash on hand		38.00
Cost of Investments in General Fund		6,271,698.34
Value Jane C. Thompson Fund		5,500.00
Value Betty Vlasnik Memorial Fund		43,859.56
Value Yount Endowment Fund for ESTARL		112,230.91
HAROLD T. LANDERYOU MEMORIAL FUND FOR ESTARL		
Balance April 1, 2016		$12,828.25
Receipts:		
Membership Dues	1,615.50	
Gifts	0.00	
Dividends (Yount Fund & Interest)	7,543.66	
Transfer from the General Fund	6,000.00	15,159.16
		27,987.41
Disbursements:		
Awards (11)	15,950.00	
Audit	1,300.00	17,250.00
Cash Balance March 31, 2017		**$10,737.41**
BETTY YOUNT ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ESTARL		
Cost Value Securities, April 1, 2016		110,378.86
Received for investment		1,852.05
Value of Fund March 31, 2017		**$112,230.91**
NEBRASKA EASTERN STAR EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND		
Cash Balance April 1, 2016		309,536.66
Receipts:		
Received on Accounts	47,089.71	
Gifts and Memorials	0.00	
Dividends and Interest	46,118.23	93,207.94
		402,744.60
Disbursements:		
Note Advances	35,200.00	
Audit	3,350.00	
Postage	0.00	
Bank fees	150.00	
Investment in stock	75,000.00	
		113,700.00
Cash Balance March 31, 2017		**$289,044.60**
First State Bank, Certificate of Deposit, Educational Loan Fund		
Value April 1, 2016		$45,617.67

Interest Earned		103.07
Value of CD March 31, 2017		**45,720.74**
UBS Financial Services Loan Fund Account		
Cash Balance March 31, 2017	26,764.46	
Cost Value of Securities, March 31, 2017	756,209.92	
Value of UBS Financial Services Loan Fund March 31, 2017		**782,974.38**
Summary Educational Loan Fund		
Total Cash	315,809.06	
Certificate of Deposit	45,720.74	
Cost Value of Securities	756,209.92	
Notes Receivable	455,220.87	

Audited and found correct.
McDermott and Miller, Certified Public Accountants

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERS

I extend my congratulations to those listed below who had the honor of receiving their 50-year pins and certificates this past year. Susan Hedges, my office assistant, has had the duty of preparing the certificates and I thank her for taking on this responsibility. We appreciate all of our fifty-year members that continue to take an active part in our Grand Chapter.

(Certificates presented April 1, 2016- April 1, 2017)

VESTA NO 6
Charles Gottsch

ELECTA NO 8
Vicki Ladine
Eugene Stake
Edward Sexton
Marianne Sexton
Judith Hummer

HARMONY NO 13
Doris Van Dietz
Sylvia Jacobs

HEBRON NO 31
Bill Easton
Joyce Easton

TUSCAN NO 35
Marsha Abernathy
Ned Abernathy
Deanna Mick
Pamela McBride

ACACIA NO 39
Rebecca Bassoni
Eileen Way

BEULAH NO. 40
Pamela Sue Nadrchal

ANDREW NO 41
Hughes Morris Jr.
Merry S. Kim

ADAH NO 52
Jackie Casper
Sandra Panzer
Dorris Botts

SIGNET NO 55
Joleen correll
Patricia Sudman

IVY LEAF NO 60
Joy Price
Betty Jo rohloff
Dixie Kiester

MERIDIAN NO 74
Calvin Hockley
Sandra Dee Hockley

EUREKA NO 86
Dottie Hoffman
Keith Miller

ARBOR VITAE NO 92
Mary Ann Halva
Larry Ludvigsen
Leona Paden
Jean Kinport

CRETE NO. 104
Jerry Bespalec

BETHANY NO 113
Cynithia Giles smith
Karen Whiting Hallock
Melba Bejot

FRIENDSHIP NO 122
Harold Mueksch

Ruth NO 119
Louis Allison

TEKAMAH NO 131

Shirley E. DeVasure
Judy E. Husk

BLUE RIVER NO 132
Richard Dugdale

OGALLALA NO 142
Donna Brodbeck

M. WASHINGTON NO.153
Judy Holtgrewe

WAUSA NO 159
Cleo Morman
Kay Morman
Valieda Burne

MIRIAM NO 175
Arlene Patefield

HOME NO 189
Shirley Hutchinson

ROB MORRIS NO 192
David Karr
Leigh Ann Smelker

WAYNE NO 194
Karen Jones
Robert Jones
Virginia Dranselka
Jolene Lehman
Jude Milleken

CERESCO NO 198
Jean Whiteaker

UTICA NO 199
Joan Petersen
Rosalie Surber
Darlene Samuelson

ARBOR NO 200
Betty Lee
Bryan Lee
Connie Jo Cuddleford

PHILLIPS NO 204
Janet Rainforth

FRANKLIN NO 213
Judy Dietz

SUNFLOWER NO 214
Sharon Witt
Steven Johnson

DOME ROCK NO 215
Betty Kanzler

HERMAN NO 216
Sarah Fletcher
Jeanne Beavers

HOLLY NO 233
Merrella Martin

PALMYRA NO 257
Dorothy Sterns
Marlene Weatherhogg

BRIDGEPORT NO 260
Helen M. Pigg
Janice L. Swedberg
Adell M. Ulrich

BROWNVILLE NO 263
Miriam Stewart

OSHKOSH NO 264
Lendyl Duffield
Cynthia Johnson
Patricia Sudma

DAVENPORT 268
Kathleen Ely
Lois Hamel

NARCISSUS NO 269
Genevieve Ramsey

TEMPLE NO 271
Donna Giebelhaus

COLUMBIA NO 275
Virginia Harris
Marge Riemann
Ralph Riemann

ROSE CROIX NO 298
Merry S. Kim

TRINITY NO 299
Shirley Devasure
Donald Ellis
Judy Husk
Molly McCoy
Betty Mears
Louise Nelson
Donna Walter
Sarah Whitaker

STARCRAFT NO 307
Mary Louise Dutcher
Janeen L. Petersen
Alma Wilson
Sandi J. Wilson

LAURA NO 301
Sharen Wingert

ALPHA NO 325
Norma Goure
Sandra Panzer

MEMORIALS

We are all saddened by the death of three of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Brother James N. DeMoss, P.G.P., Sister Margaret Worthman, P.G.M., and Sister Evelyn Buettgenbach, P.G.M.. Cards were printed and distributed to all Nebraska Chapters and all other Grand Jurisdictions. All three of them lived a life of service and loved our beautiful order. I was able to attend Sisters Margaret and Evelyn's funeral services and what great testimonial's to their lives.

Heaven gained a special lady on August 25th, 2016 with the tragic death of my mom, Sister Donna Thoman. What a blessing my Eastern Star Family was to me and my family. Even with mom's death she taught me the value of friends, to appreciate every moment, and to tell those that you love that you love them, every opportunity that you have!

The office forwards information on the deaths of distinguished members from other Grand Jurisdictions to our Grand Chaplain who extends sympathy on our behalf. I'm sure that Brother Dennis will give you more information on that in his report.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Sister Cheryl had the honor of recommending Sisters and Brothers from Nebraska to receive commissions to represent other jurisdictions this year and it was our honor and pleasure to forward these commissions to those so honored across our state. We hope you enjoy your appointments and that you will do your best to communicate with your counterpart and other members in the jurisdiction you represent. We also sent commissions to Sisters and Brothers appointed by Sister Cheryl after she received recommendations from other Worthy Grand Matrons. We are honored to have these Sisters and Brothers to represent Nebraska in their own jurisdictions and we are happy to have many of them visiting our Session this year. We try to remember those who are representing us with Christmas letters and always send a bit of information on the state of Nebraska with each certificate. I know the joy of receiving communications from our friends in other jurisdictions and I appreciate the chance to get to know some of you better during our Session.

To all our past and present Grand Representatives: I urge you to support our Nebraska Grand Representatives Association. They always have such a fun fall meeting.

CONSOLIDATIONS

The Worthy Grand Matron and I finalized one consolidation this past year. It is the duty of the Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Secretary to visit with any Chapter with their concerns about consolidation. You will find the list of the Chapter consolidated since our last Grand Chapter Session in both the reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and the report of the Dispensations and Charters Committee.

DISPENSATIONS

It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to grant dispensations to elect or install officers out of time. I granted twenty-one dispensations this year.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

One of my duties as Grand Secretary is to attend the School of Instruction each year by our Grand Chapter law. I hope that my instruction helped the District Grand Supervisors become more comfortable with their instruction and assistance to the Secretaries and Treasurers in our subordinate chapters. We have fifteen dedicated and prepared District Grand Supervisors.

We prepare a packet for each District Grand Supervisor to help her prepare for her schools and a packet of items for each Chapter she supervises which I hope is helpful to her and to the members.

VISITATIONS & EVENTS

The Area Visitation Meetings were fun and informal meetings. It was so much fun seeing all the cowboy boots and western attire. Other special events this year that I had the privilege of attending included the Nebraska/Iowa Fun weekend in Ogallala, receptions, annual Grand Representative's Association Fall meeting, and many subordinate Chapter meetings and money making events including events of other Masonic Family organizations. I also attended the annual picnic at the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth hosted by Home Chapter No. 189. I attended Grand Lodge at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. What a great year for Nebraska Masonry. I had the pleasure of participating at the Grand Masters Conference in Omaha by helping at General Grand Chapters Eastern Star booth. I had the honor of attending five Installation Ceremonies (served as Installing Officer at one, and Installing Marshal at one).

COMMITTEES

These are some of the ways that I have assisted the various committees in the past year:

Board of Grand Trustees: Sent financial statements; attended all meetings and recorded minutes; prepared list of expenses in preparation for preparing the budget.

Educational Loan Fund: Forwarded applications to interested applicants; administered loans approved by the Committee; billed and received payments on interest and principal on loans due. This job is growing each year as we have more and larger loans being taken by our members and their relatives. I hope you will watch the figures reported in the financial statements each year, as I know that the collection of these loans is vital to the continued success of this committee and please offer your assistance to the Grand Secretary in encouraging any students you may know so that the loans do get paid in full.

ESTARL: Disbursed applications to prospective applicants and brochures to Chapters at the request of the committee; forwarded all applications received by the deadline to the committee; recorded the amount of grants awarded at the annual meeting; disbursed and administered the grants awarded.

Membership: In the Grand Chapter office we do our best to assist every member who needs help locating Masonic relationship or other membership information and we rejoice at every inquiry we receive which results in a new member for any of our Chapters. It is a pleasure to work with the Grand Lodge office in finding that Masonic relationship. We also enjoy sending letters and a few brochures to the newly initiated members of your Chapters, so we hope you will send in their names and addresses soon after their initiation.

Publicity: I forward to the proper members of this committee, or directly to the various publications, articles sent to me by Chapter members and from time to time send sample press releases to the Chapters for their use in publicizing in their local papers.

Scholarship Committee: In the Grand Chapter office we had the honor of administering the high school scholarships that were awarded including the $1,000 scholarships for each of our youth organizations. We send certificates for each scholarship recipient to the chapters so that they can present them at graduation or honors night. We also include information for the students about what Eastern Star is and the various projects we support. While the primary purpose of the scholarships is to help our students across the state, I hope we will never turn down the

opportunity to make ourselves known to those students, their parents and their schools.

Session Committees: I thank all of you who helped with our Session this year and I know what a great deal of time, money and effort you give so that we can continue to have a Grand Chapter Session we can all be proud of. This year so many special Stars have stepped up and offered their many talents and expertise. I appreciate each and every one of you so much.

COMMUNICATION

Communication is so important! We continue to use the OES news as a source of getting out information to all of the Chapters. I thank the Chapter Secretaries for reading the underlined portion of the NEWS to their Chapter each month and for making it available to many who do not or cannot attend Chapter meetings. Of course much of our communication still happens via letter, phone call or email and it is hard to imagine how they ever got along without email in the past. We would love to get every members email address as it is such a quick way to communicate.

Please try to remember to use the web-site. The web-site has forms you can download and information concerning the Chapters and committees.

APPRECIATION

To our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: Cheryl, this has been such a fun year with the western theme. You have worked hard and you have been a lovely Worthy Grand Matron. You are a very level headed lady and you gave our membership good advice. Thanks for understanding my tearful moments this year. Mom loved being in your Grand Family!

Gary, it has been a joy to watch and participate in your year as Worthy Grand Patron. We have known each other for many years. You are a kind, gentle man and always a great sounding board. As I told you the other day, in many ways you remind me of my dad, and that is the highest compliment that I can give you.

To our Grand Treasurer: Pam, you are a special friend and sister that I have known for so many years. We have laughed and cried together many times. I will miss having you on the Eastern Star Trail as an officer but I know you and Gary will go as often as you can. Enjoy your retirement. I love you.

To the Elected Officers: Time goes so quickly. Keep up your enthusiasm and love for our members and Nebraska Grand Chapter will be in very good hands. I want you to know that I will do all I can to assist you in reaching your goals and I pray for your continued success.

To the 2016-2017 Appointed Officers: What a blessing this Grand Family has been. You have represented Grand Chapter well and it has been wonderful getting to know each of you better. Keep your love of the Order and continue to share it with your Chapters.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: You are such a beautiful part of our history. Thanks for your dedication to our beautiful order and for the support you continue to give to the Grand Officers and the many committees. Many of you are officers in your respective chapters and your knowledge and assistance is invaluable.

To Susan Hedges: What a year it's been! Change can be stressful even if it is a good change, and when things did get stressful around the office you remembered to

keep your smile and your cheery disposition. You are an asset to the Order and an asset to have in the office. Thank you!

To my family: Thanks to my brother Dave for stepping up and taking care of "Nikki" and "Maddie". I couldn't do this without your help.

CONCLUSION

This has been such a memorable year. The move to Lincoln from Fremont took so many volunteers to get it accomplished. A special thank you to Ron Giesselmann, the staff and young people from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. They helped load the trailers and then moved us into the new office space at the Grand Lodge office building in Lincoln. By the way, that includes up a flight of steps. Thanks to the Trustees and other volunteers that shared their talents with the move. Whether it was lifting, sorting, cleaning, hanging pictures, categorizing charters, building shelves, or shredding. Thanks especially to Mike Donham and my sister, Nancy Hucks from Riverside, CA, for helping me clean out and sort the storage unit on a couple of the hottest days of the year. Thanks to Wayne Andreasen for finding the climate controlled storage unit in Lincoln. It is perfect for Grand Chapter's needs. We do miss our old office but we are so happy that the Children's Home has made very good use of the space. With every day the new office feels more like home. It brings me great joy when a member comes to the office to take care of some kind of business, and they said they were also at the Grand Lodge office also taking care of business. We appreciate Grand Lodge and all of their courtesies and it is a joy to share the building with Michelle and Debbie. May God bless our Grand Chapter and May God Bless each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Thoman, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary:

Worthy Grand Matron: The financial portion of this report has been audited and found correct by the firm of McDermott and Miller, Certified Public Accountants. **I move that the Auditor's Endorsement be accepted.**

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

The motion is for the adoption of the Auditor's Endorsement of the Grand Secretary's Financial Report. Is there a second?

The motion was seconded and passed.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We will now hear the report of the Grand Treasurer.

Report of the Grand Treasurer

Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer:

WRITTEN REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Grand Chapter financial report 2016-2017:

General and Restricted Account

Balance Forward April 1, 2016	$253,773.25

Total Receipts for 2016-2017	$669,813.48
Total Disbursements for 2016-2017	$708,721.47
Ending Balance March 31, 2017	$214,865.26

Educational Loan Account

Balance Forward April 1, 2016	$234,536.66
Total Receipts for 2016-2017	$197,492.94
Total Disbursements for 2016-2017	$242,985.00
Ending Balance March 31, 2017	$189,044.60

Landeryou (ESTARL) Account

Balance Forward April 1, 2016	$ 12,828.25
Total Receipts for 2016-2017	$ 20,159.16
Total Disbursements for 2016-2017	$ 22,250.00
Ending Balance March 31, 2017	$ 10,737.41

This will be my final report as Grand Treasurer for Nebraska Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. It has been my pleasure to be a member of thirteen Grand Families in the last twenty-four years. First, I was a Grand Companion for my late husband, Jim Boshart, for five years starting with his appointment as Grand Chaplain in 1993 through his term as Worthy Grand Patron in May 2000. In May 2009, I was honored to be elected for the first time as your Grand Treasurer and I am completing my eighth and last year in that position. And, of course, in addition, I have been the Grand Companion for my dear husband, Worthy Grand Patron Gary, for the last three years, three months and nine days.

It has been a very busy travel year for Gary and me. Gary's report contains a detailed list and, except for his Masonic Lodge meetings and a few other miscellaneous meetings, I have attended almost all of his activities also. Some of the highlights of the year were the fourteen area visitations across the state, the Iowa/Nebraska fun weekend in Ogallala and chaperoning at the Masonic Band Camp for our third year. We judged at Rainbow Grand Assembly and Job's Daughters Grand Bethel and attended their sessions as well as DeMolay Conclave. Gary and I attended Grand Chapters in seven Grand Jurisdictions this year with Mississippi as a new addition to our list.

To our "Trails of Faith" Grand Family – What a joy it has been to travel with you this past year. While I have known most of you for many years, it has been such fun getting to know all of you better. All of you will hold a special place in my heart forever and I look forward to seeing you in the future.

To Sister Anita and Brother Jim – I wish you the very best in the coming year. Enjoy every minute because it will be over before you know it.

To my special friend, Grand Secretary Jan – We have been friends for many, many years. We have traveled together and have been roommates on many occasions. Your dear mother Donna was my Grand Companion too for a time after Jim's death. I treasure our friendship and the seven years we have served together as Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for Nebraska Grand Chapter.

To Sister Cheryl – When you served as Grand Martha for Marlene Jones and my Jim in 1999-2000, who could have imagined that you would now be Worthy Grand Matron with my Gary as your Worthy Grand Patron. It has been a pleasure to spend a lot of quality time with you and Bernie these past few years, planning and implementing the "Trails of Faith" Grand Year. Both of you are very special friends.

To Brother Gary – When Jim urged me to become an Eastern Star member and petition Blue River Chapter thirty-six years ago, who could have imagined that you and I would be here today as a married couple. You and Marie were members there already and we all became good friends over the years. I lost Jim in my first year as Grand Treasurer and you lost Marie less than two months into your year as Grand Sentinel. After traveling together for several months that year, our friendship turned into something more and now I am honored to be your wife. You have done a wonderful job as Worthy Grand Patron this past year and Blue River Chapter is very proud of you. I look forward to seeing what our life beyond Eastern Star has in store for us. I love you!

Thank you to the members of Nebraska Grand Chapter for the honor of being your Grand Treasurer for the last eight years. I look forward to seeing all of you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Brhel

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you, Pam, for this report and for the last eight years of service to this Grand Jurisdiction. We wish you well in the future.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will hear the report of the Grand Chaplain.

Report of the Grand Chaplain

Denny Dubry, Grand Chaplain:
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to thank Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary for this opportunity to be a part of this "Trails of Faith" Grand Family. Sister Linda and I are blessed and have truly enjoyed the wonderful times of fellowship and fun we have spent with you and your Grand Family.

"Trails of Faith" Grand Family, thank you for your support and what a joy it has been to serve with you. Because of our gracious Heavenly Father, we have many cherished memories.

It would be impossible to fill the duties of the Grand Chapter without the wisdom, experience, assistance, and support of Sister Jan Thoman, Past Grand Matron, and Sister Sue Hedges. These two lovely Sisters are the absolute best and for that, I thank you. May God bless you.

To the Chaplains of the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska, thank you for your love and service. You honor our God with each of your caring and loving actions, and it is a pleasure for me to have met many of you.

To all of you Sisters and Brothers of this beautiful Order, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Grand Chaplain. Some of you have become dear friends and certainly have been a positive influence on my life.

With much pleasure and God willing I was able to attend all 14 Area Visitations, 4 Grand Chapters in other jurisdictions, Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly, DeMolay Conclave, Home Chapter picnic, the Children's Home Achievement Day, Nebraska-Iowa Fun Weekend, Kansas-Nebraska Exchange, Colorado-Wyoming-Nebraska Fun Weekend, Supervisors' School of Instruction, and visits to several Subordinate Chapter. I helped with several initiations and installations.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, I sent 81 condolence cards to various states and Canadian Provinces. These acknowledgements of sympathy were for the passing of one Past Most Worthy Grand Matron; one Grand Warder; two Past Grand Matrons, who were also General Grand Chapter Committee Members; thirty-nine Past Grand Matrons; and thirty-eight Past Grand Patrons.

With sadness, but knowing there is an eternal home for those who have gone before, there are 275 members of the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star who names will be displayed during the Memorial Hour who have departed from this earthly life. The Nebraska jurisdiction mourns the loss of Brother James DeMoss, Past Grand Patron; Sister Margaret Worthman, Past Grand Matron; and Sister Evelyn Buettgenbach, Past Grand Matron. Our Grand Family's Golden Chain was broken with the loss of Sister Donna Thoman, Mother and Grand Companion of Sister Jan Thoman. I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of these members as well as to the chapters to which they belonged.

Please join me for the "Trails of Faith" Memorial Hour, which will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. to remember our departed Sisters and Brothers. I would like to thank all of you who will be assisting me during the Memorial Hour and a special thank you to Brother Albert and Sister Wanda, Past Grand Matron, for all of your assistance.

Again, thank you for all you do for our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star and how you are a blessing to each other and to me. You have been an honor to our Heavenly Father. I would like to leave you with the quote from "Lessons Learned in Life: "Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be."

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Dubry
Grand Chaplain

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you, Brother Dennis.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Nebraska is honored to have several of our very own who have been appointed to serve for the 2015-2018 Triennium and they include: General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members Sisters Dee Schuetz, Betty Kirby, Wanda Fisher, and Brothers, Alvin Benemerito and Carl Plants. I invite each of these General Grand Chapter Special Appointments to share their greetings. Brother Alvin, Ambassador to Philippines, Viysays, please bring greetings at this time.

Ambassador to the Philippines, Viysays of the General Grand Chapter

Alvin Benemerito, Past Grand Patron:
You know this was coming – once upon a time, when I first came to America, I was invited by a friend to go to my very first ever football game. And after the football game, he asked me, "How was it?" And I said, "It was very interesting, all those big muscular men in padding and big helmets, but I am just not certain about one thing, why did they have to kill each other for 25 cents." And my friend was very dumbfounded, so I explained that, "You know how it is, when they flip that coin in the middle of the field and then all I heard throughout the whole game was, 'Get that quarter back, get that quarter back'."

Protocol having been previously established, Sisters and Brothers, good morning. I had the great privilege and tremendous honor to have traveled to the Philippines Jurisdiction this past February 2017 with the General Grand Chapter Visitation, led by the Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen Westmoreland and Most Worthy Grand Patron Brother Bob Penoyer.

It was interesting to have met young, upcoming members – no, I should say, many young officers in the chapters there. They are very interested in learning the proper forms of our Ritual; they provide significant volunteer hours to their communities; participate in civic events; and most notably, they are extremely proactive with family events. This is happening throughout the Philippine Islands and I will give just one example. Golden Jewel Chapter No. 34 and Timberland Lodge No. 219 meet on the second Saturday of each month in the City of San Francisco between the Province of Agusan del Sur in the Southern Part of the Philippines. The morning starts with the Lodge and its regular communication, which usually ends by Noon. The brethren then retire to their dining area for lunch and fellowship – and yes, adult beverages are served then. However, I have been informed that the brethren do slow down before 2:00 in the afternoon as the ladies start to show up for the Eastern Star meeting. I specifically said, "ladies," because most of the brethren are there already. Let me give you a background: To be a member of Timberland Lodge, it is expected if at all possible that no personal, no commercial, or any other business dealings are done that particular Saturday, which in my view, only happens once a month like what we have here. Yes, that includes no hunting, no fishing, and OMG, no golfing – nor any other activities. The Masons who are not members of Eastern Star usually stay and continue their fellowship as the meeting is going on. After the meeting of the chapter, the children start to show up; the grandparents show up; and the whole family shows up at the chapter. Food is prepared by the lodge and chapter members who are celebrating birthdays that month.

In Filipino culture, lichen or roast pig like what we see in a luau, is usually prepared on special occasions; so every meeting may have a lichen. Yes, it is a special day, indeed.

After the meal, card tables are brought out, ma jong tables are brought out, games and activities for the kids are happening and get this, even a karaoke machine is brought in; now, there is a party! And without serious thought about it, the Masonic family gets to know each other and grow their friendships. In all, maybe that develops personal interests in each other's welfare, which for me, embodies the perfect meaning of "fraternity." This is just one of the several stories we had encountered which is obviously worthy of our emulation.

This trip was not just interesting for me, but also for my 13-year old son, A.J., who came along and observed most of our proceedings. Actually, A.J. became the Tech Support of our Most Worthy Grand Matron; and yes, our Most Worthy Grand Patron did most of his own work. In seriousness, this chapter and this lodge, what they have done, is inspiring.

Mga Filipino, which in English means, "my fellow Filipinos", are extremely proud of their Masonic heritage. I am, therefore, pleased to report to you that the Order of the Eastern Star in the Philippines is very much alive and well.

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Ambassador to my home region, Visayas, Philippines.

To my Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, I thank you for your kind support.

And lastly, I would like you all to learn a Filipino phrase, repeat after me: Say, "Ma", like Mother; "ra", like hooray; "sal", like salsa; "la", "la-t-po"; "mutt", like dog; "po" – ma ra salamat po, which means, "thank you". "Ma ra salamat po".

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Alvin. Sister Dee is a member of the Community Service Committee. Please bring greetings.

Community Service Committee of the General Grand Chapter

Dee Schuetz, Past Grand Matron:

To borrow from Sister Helen's vernacular, "Protocol being established", Good Morning to all:

First, along with the other appointees for this Triennium, I am so happy to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bob, and for me to personally and publicly thank them for asking me to be a member of their Community Service Committee of the General Grand Chapter. It is a wonderful experience and I am very humbled and proud to be one of the appointments from Nebraska. I have enjoyed my visits to many other Grand Chapters this past year and a half and had so hoped to be a part of your trip to Brazil this past spring as that is one of my jurisdictions to visit; however, an unexpected hip replacement over the holidays sort of curtailed my travels for a few months, but I still have hopes of making that trip!

During my travels, I have met many new friends and learned of the exciting programs that are going on in their jurisdictions. It is truly amazing how many different services and hours are being donated by our members, plus just take a look at the latest edition of the O.E.S. Journal and you will see some of the things that are happening in the way of Community Service. All this has certainly confirmed something that I already knew and that is, that the members of the Order of the Eastern Star are very caring, loving, and sharing people!

And I know for a fact that our Nebraska members are certainly included in that confirmation as well. As you may recall, I asked a favor of you at our Grand Chapter last year and that was to keep track of your individual and/or chapter Community Service hours for an 8-month period and then report those to me. I am very proud to relay that over 50,289 hours of Community Service was reported to me for that period. I know that is not all of the hours being performed by our members, because they were still coming in as I left for Grand Chapter. But just imagine how much these would equate to in dollars, even if we only used a minimum wage to calculate the numbers!

I am sorry that time does not allow me to detail all of the various services performed or to be able to congratulate those individuals who went above and beyond, but I do want you to know you are very much appreciated and I personally thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do and for all you will continue to do for our communities, churches, elderly, youth, and Masonic bodies.

In closing, I do have one additional favor to ask of you again this year while you are doing your Community Service and that is that you proudly wear your shirts, hats, jackets, aprons, etc. with the Order of the Eastern Star logo on them. That will let people know who we are and perhaps prompt them to ask questions about our beautiful Order. Just "toot your own horn" a little -- or a lot! Hopefully they, too, will want to become members of this purposeful, loving organization.

Thank you, Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary, for allowing me to bring this report.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Dee. Brother Carl Plants is a member of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee. Brother Carl, please bring greetings.

Scottish Rite Charities Committee of the General Grand Chapter

Carl Plants, Past Grand Patron:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, and to second Sister Dee, Protocol having been established, my first priority is to thank Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen and Most Worthy Grand Patron Bob for my appointment. I must have an admission -- I didn't know as much as about Scottish Rite Charities as I should have -- I have only been a Scottish Rite Mason for about 20 years or a little over that! But the Rite Care Clinics of Nebraska mission is to lead the world and transform the lives of all individuals with disabilities and complex health needs, their families and communities through outreach, engagement, premier educational programs, innovative research, and extraordinary patient care. The specific vision is that all Nebraska children will have verbal communication skills needed for success at home, in school, and in life. The Rite Care Clinics of Nebraska provide speech therapy for children who exhibit communication delays. Our child-centered, family-friendly process involves parents as partners in each child's individual treatment for long-term success at home, in school, and beyond. We work with kids who are not meeting specific speech and language milestones.

Nebraska Rite Care Clinics have been providing clinical services for children of Nebraska for more than 40 years now with locations in Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings, and Kearney. Services are provided at no cost to families, thanks to the generous support of Nebraska's Scottish Rite Masons and our community of donors.

In the 1950's in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of the 7th Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of Rite Care Clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of language disorders as well as learning disabilities. In Nebraska, the first Rite Care Clinic was established in 1976 at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Barkley Medical Center with a donation of $2,000 to provide therapy for one child. Judge Herbert Ronin headed the Scottish Rite in Nebraska and with the results, initiated a program with the University. Shortly afterwards, a clinic began in Hastings, and a clinic began in Omaha in what had been the Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute. In 1979, contributions had amounted to $75,000 for evaluation and therapy. The associations with the University of Nebraska system continue to this day.

There are three clinics in Nebraska: Omaha, Lincoln, and Hastings. There is also a satellite clinic in Kearney, Nebraska, that operates a telepractice service. In 2014, this satellite option provided services for over 50 children throughout Nebraska. There are currently 9 clinicians in Kearney, Lincoln, Hastings, and Omaha. In 2014, 1,097 children received services with 5,567 sessions of therapy. The budgeted service is about $600,000 in Nebraska, provided entirely through the Scottish Rite philanthropic arms. Families receives services without regard to the ability to pay.

Sisters and Brothers, according to the reports we received in our packets, your donations to this charity were $4,229.50 for our last fiscal year. Throughout the United States, there are 178 Rite Care programs in operation. Each program operates independently and relies heavily on local donations. With the support of individuals, communities, and local foundations, these programs continue to increase in numbers. The value of this philanthropy is long and apparent. Tens of thousands of youngsters across the United States have been helped significantly with the good work of dedicated clinicians and parents, Rite Care has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children, who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime, can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

If you know of a child or a family who can profit from these child learning disabilities programs, contact your local Scottish Rite Center and they will be happy to get you pointed in the right direction; and I am sure Sister Jan would be pleased to pass donations along as they come in.

Again thank you, Sister Helen and Brother Bob, for the opportunity to educate myself more in this process and hopefully pass a little information onto our members here. Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Carl. Sister Betty Kirby is a member of the Service Dog Committee. Betty, would you please bring greetings.

Service Dog Committee of the General Grand Chapter

Betty Kirby, Past Grand Matron:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, to our Distinguished Guests and all my Sisters and Brothers:

What an exciting year this has been for the Service Dog Committee! As I reported to you last year, our committee was formed with the permission of our Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen Westmoreland after the Resolution passed at General Grand Chapter Assembly in 2015, making Service Dogs a permanent charity of the General Grand Chapter. And as such, the six members of this committee are charged with the creation of a program that will be implemented beginning November1, 2018. I am happy to report that we have been busy with the creation of such a program.

A lot of members within this Grand Jurisdiction have asked me about what we are currently doing and it has been difficult to keep my enthusiasm about the upcoming program "under wraps". However, I just want to assure you that come November 1, 2018, you will have a program that will be "paws-a-tively" ready to implement on all levels – General Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter levels, and local levels. We are aiming to have all resources ready so that this program can give a lot of exposure to our chapters and make them a viable, visible presence in their local communities.

I was able to attend the National Conference of Grand Masters and Secretaries in LaVista, Nebraska in February of this year. At that conference, I asked for support from Noah's Assistance Dogs of Louisville and Rene Granert obliged by bringing two of her search and rescue dogs-in-training for almost the entire conference. Needless to say, we were truly regarded as the "best in show". If this is any indication of whether our new program will garner a lot of attention, this was the proof! It was a "howling" success!

According to our Nebraska Grand Chapter Bylaws, funds were set aside for the Service Dog Program this past year since it is one of the General Grand Chapter charities. I am happy to report that we will be making a contribution to Domesti-Pups for their first Diabetes Alert Dog graduating from their new program in June 2018. This dog has been in training for a year and half, and will be owned by a 23-year old diabetic that resides in Nebraska. She was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 17 and this disease has proven to be a challenge to her since the diagnosis. She is confident her new dog, Larry, will allow her the independence that she has been deprived of for the past six years. As an aside, I asked her about how the dog came to be named, Larry – his littermates were named, Mo and Curly. Both of those dogs flunked out of training – small wonder!

So in conclusion, let me just reiterate how thankful I am to the members of Nebraska Grand Chapter for giving me this opportunity to serve you. The Service Dog Committee means so much to me and I hope to continue to represent all of you by doing my best in the development of such a noble and useful program.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you Sister Betty. Sister Wanda is a member of the Support First Responders Committee. Wanda, please bring greetings.

Support of First Responders Committee of the General Grand Chapter

Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers and Distinguished Guests.

What lucky people we are to belong to just a wonderful fraternal organization as the Order of the Eastern Star. We have the opportunity to meet people throughout the nation and all over the world who share a common goal and belief. We are part of one of the most charitable and giving of the fraternal organizations. It is truly an honor to be asked to serve on the General Grand Chapter in Support of First Responders Committee.

The following words were written by a firefighter: "Have you seen what my eyes have seen? Furious flames, tangled metal, broken glass, children crying, homes destroyed – this is my profession. Have you heard what my ears have heard? Endless blaring sirens that go on and on, gun shots in the dark, things that blow up, people screaming for help, angry alarms sounding without end, and the mournful cry of the mother or widow – this is my duty. Do you know what my heart has felt? Breathless babies, a fading voice of an elderly person, abiding anguish for those I couldn't save, scorching sorrow, and the griping resolve to just survive – this is my calling. Do you understand what my sole has given? Tearful tolerance, undying loyalty, deep sympathy, and a love for human life, an oath of unity among brothers and sisters, and a dedication to give my life so that others may live – this is my pursuit. Do you know how I survive the day? With a cultivated courage of a boundless brotherhood, endless personal sacrifices, and a redemptive rescue from my faith – this is my life."

When I first heard these words, I was overwhelmed. They really brought home the fact that our First Responders truly are our first line of defense, whether it be in time of disaster, illness, fire, or any similar event. They accept the challenges that go along with their chosen field and they perform their duties without a second thought. They think only to share and protect others in their time of need, and many of these First Responders are volunteers. I feel it is our duty to assist them in any way possible.

Our Committee is selling a coin to help support First Responders in their effort to make this a better world. They sell for $10.00 each and you will find them out on the table out in the hall, but please -- in whatever way possible, please support our First Responders.

I want to personally thank the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron for my appointment to this Committee, and I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for allowing me time to make this report. Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Wanda. Our last honoree is Sister Nancy Ramthun, a member of the Regenerative Medicine Committee and Past Grand Matron of Iowa. Nancy please bring greetings.

Regenerative Medicine Committee of the General Grand Chapter

Nancy J. Ramthun, Past Grand Matron of Iowa:

Protocol having been established, Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers.

WFIRM equals “Imagine.” Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine or WFIRM is the only Regenerative Medicine facility in the world where all research and development work takes place under one roof, allowing researchers to both develop new treatments and direct clinical studies that can lead to widespread availability.

Regenerative Medicine works to replace or restore function to damaged or diseased tissues and organs, and provide treatments for some of the diseases and injuries currently classified as untreatable.

Through cell therapies and tissue engineering, Regenerative Medicine scientists hope to use the body’s own cells to restore diseased tissues and organs or grow replacement organs. Regenerative Medicine also has the potential to provide both treatment and cures for conditions such as diabetes and kidney disease.

There are four major components to Regenerative Medicine:

Cell therapies – in some cases, it may be easier to heal diseased/damaged tissues rather than to replace them. Cell therapies apply living cells to an organ or tissue to promote healing and regeneration from within. In the future, cell therapies hold promise for treating liver disease, diabetes, neural disorders, renal failure, and other chronic conditions.

Gene therapies – these are being explored for disorders that result when genes are altered so that the encoded proteins are unable to carry out their normal functions. Gene therapy is a technique for correcting defective genes responsible for disease development; an example of this would be curing cystic fibrosis.

Tissue Engineering – it is the science of growing replacement organs and tissue in the lab to replace damaged or diseased tissue. An example would be to replace a defective bladder, which has already proven to be successful.

Solid Organs – such as the liver, pancreas, or heart. These are especially challenging because of their complex structure.

Doctors could soon “recycle” an unused human pancreas from organ donors as a better intervention for diabetic patients to increase insulin production. This is a goal of Regenerative Medicine researchers working on developing an artificial pancreas to help millions of people with Type 1 diabetes.

Imagine a world where a friend of yours, who is on the transplant list, does not have to wait for a donor organ because she or he can receive one made from their own cells and not have to take anti-rejection drugs.

Imagine no more diabetes because we can use stem cells and gene therapy to replace the insulin producing cells in the pancreas.

Imagine a world where burn victims no longer have to endure the pain of skin grafts because a 3-D printer has sprayed a layer of their own cells over the burned area.

What can you do as an individual? First, you can assist us by purchasing a Starfish pin or a wristband. You can help spread the work about Regenerative Medicine and their research. Encourage individual chapters in Nebraska to make a monetary donation, have a fundraiser or a dinner. If your chapter has a monthly coin march at your Stated Meeting, I challenge them to donate one of the coin marches in 2017-2018 to go to the Regenerative Medicine Project.

Again, I say “imagine” a time when healing does not mean waiting years on an organ transplant list. Imagine a time when chronic diseases such as diabetes or macular degeneration or conditions such as hearing loss are reversible. Imagine a time when a battlefield wound might not be physically and emotionally crippling almost beyond bearing. Imagine a time when a cure does not involve drugs that destroy the immune system or produce side effects that are almost worse than the disease.

Regenerative Medicine is our hope for the future! And I again encourage Nebraska Grand Chapter to get onboard with our Regenerative Medicine Project. If you would like to purchase a Starfish pin, I will be out at the table until around the

Election of Officers time and then I will be heading back to Iowa because I have the pleasure of traveling across Iowa putting this to different chapters and organizations. One of things that we did in Iowa just back in April -- we had a fundraiser that was a style show luncheon. We have a wonderful boutique in the Des Moines area who loves to work with organizations to help raise money for special projects. They bring in the clothing, their jewelry – I had ten of my Iowa chapter members and friends who were the models. We had lunch; we had a style show; and then we received 20 percent of the purchase of the clothes that you bought that day. $20.00 was your ticket to get in and we received $7.35 of that $20.00. Along with the 20 percent – we had 57 people there – it was not a good time of the year because it was during our Schools of Instruction season -- but with those 57 people, in 2 and ½ hours we brought in $943.00. We are going to be having another one in September 2018, so I am hoping for much success with that one also. These are just some of the things you can do to help promote the project.

A big thank you to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron for this honor and for choosing me to serve on the Regenerative Medicine Committee. Now we need you – the Nebraska members -- to help support this amazing project!

A special thank you to Sister Cheryl, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me this opportunity to talk with your Nebraska members about the Regenerative Medicine Project. I look forward to returning next year to share with you the progress that has been made. Good afternoon.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Nancy. And thank you to all of you for being with us and sharing a few words. We will look forward to hearing more from you during this Triennium. You are all very special to us here in Nebraska and now the rest of the General Grand Chapter will have the opportunity to know just how special you all are. Thank you for your tireless dedication to our Order. Please join with me in extending our thanks to these Sisters and Brothers for sharing their time with us today and for all they do for our Order.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Grand Secretary, do you have any announcements?

Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary:

I do, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Janice Carskadon needs to report to the Credentials Committee – and that needs to happen before Noon.
And, Worthy Grand Matron, the Teller Committee – or the Co-Chairs are requesting that all Tellers report to Room No. 3 -- that's upstairs – at 1:00 p.m. today for their orientation and to get their nets. So, please report up there at 1:00. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

At 1:00 today, we invite you to be right back here with us for a sing-along with the Cowboy Chorus. The Call to Order is at 1:15 p.m., followed by the Election of Grand Officers at 1:30. Please take note that voting delegates must be within the confines of the Grand Chapter room to vote. No ballots will be collected in the outer hallways or beyond the dividers -- just beyond the West curtain. I hope you will all be present for this important Order of Business.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to close the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from Labor to Refreshment. The Grand Officers retired informally.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 10, 2017
1:15 P.M.

When members assembled for the afternoon session, they enjoyed a sing-along with the Cowboy Chorus. At 1:15 p.m., the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Betty Kirby, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Mike Donham, Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth to the East. Sister Betty called the session to order. The Grand Officers entered informally and took their stations. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were given Grand Honors.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Betty and Brother Mike, thank you for opening this Wednesday afternoon session for us. You two are very special friends and it was an honor to have you open our session.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Past Grand Matron Sister Betty, you were my first (laughter) – that is, my first Worthy Grand Matron in the "Love is in the Air" Grand Family. You appointed me as Grand Chaplain – that was a great year for me and thank you for your confidence in me. Brother Mike, I have known you for a lot of years; I have enjoyed our friendship through the years. Thanking you for opening our session this afternoon.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you to the Cowboy Chorus and for those who joined them for the sing-along. It sounded great. I would like to welcome you all to our afternoon session. It is our hope that it will be filled with the friendship, harmony, and fraternal love which abounds in Eastern Star May we all remember our commitment to the teachings of our Order as we deliberate the business that is before us.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to open the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from Refreshment to Labor.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will hear the report of the Credentials Committee from Sister Linda Teach from Chapter No. 194, Wayne; Diane Wiberg from Chapter No. 55, North Platte and Andrew Chapter No. 41, Grand Island; and Andi Carpenter, Arbor Vitae No. 92, Fremont, Co-Chairpersons.

CREDENTIALS

Linda Teach (194), Co-Chairman:
Good afternoon, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grands, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and members. I am Linda Teach, Co-Chair of the Credentials Committee.

I would like to introduce and thank the other members of the committee: Co-Chair Diane Wiberg, Co-Chair Andi Carpenter – their chapters have already been named; Sisters Tonya Breitkreutz, Wayne Chapter No. 194; Marilyn Carhart, Wayne Chapter No. 194; Marlene Dinklage, Wayne Chapter No. 194; Ingred Hansen of Starcraft Chapter 307; Betty Kenyon of Sunflower Chapter No. 214; Pat Kuhl of Wausa Chapter No. 159; Katherine Meink of Wausa Chapter No. 159; June Nielsen of

Ogallala Chapter No. 142 and Truth Chapter No. 262; Carlene Schroeder of Wayne Chapter No. 194; Ileen Smith of Starcraft Chapter No. 307; Tami Stites of Alpha Chapter No. 325; and Laura Wolfe of Trinity Chapter No. 299.

Attached to this report is a list of names of the voting members of this session or their proxies, who have registered by 12:00 today, which is the time for the closing of registration for credentials as specified in the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter.

The results of the registration and the Committee's proper report are as follows:

A) **Representation:**

Chapters Represented……..	72
Chapters Not Represented……	5
Chapter Representatives Present……	143

B) **Accredited votes as follows:**

Chapter Representatives……..	251
Grand Officers……	18
Past Grand Matrons……..	27
Past Grand Patrons……	20
Past Matrons……	80
Past Patrons……	18
Total……	414*

*That is the total votes possible for balloting.

On behalf of the Committee, **I move that the roll of the delegates as hereby submitted be the official roll of the voting members of this Grand Chapter Session – and this motion does not require a second.**

The Worthy Grand Matron announced that the Report of the Credentials Committee was adopted and that there was a quorum to transact business. The following Chapters did not register credentials:

Chapter No.	Name of Chapter	Town
16	Guild	Pawnee City
20	Alma	David City
49	Venus	Cortland
121	Naomi	Fort Calhoun
300	Sunset	Orchard

The Worthy Grand Matron invited the Worthy Grand Patron to preside during the election of officers.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND TRUSTEE

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Brothers Don Havekost and Wendell Wagner have been appointed as Chairmen of the Tellers Committee. Before proceeding with the election, the following Grand Chapter laws pertain to the election of the Grand Officers – and I will read them:

1. The first eight officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected annually by a majority ballot; however, nominations shall be made for all elective offices and if there is not more than one such nomination, election may be made by acclamation. Only registered voting delegates shall be entitled to make a nomination. To present a nomination the registered delegate shall approach, be present at the nearest microphone, state her or his name, title and Chapter, and wait for recognition from the presiding officer before proceeding. She or he will then make the nomination.

2. Any Past Matron or Past Patron of a Chapter in Nebraska who lives within the jurisdiction of Nebraska and is in good standing in one of its Chapters is eligible for office. EXCEPTION: In no case shall any two officers of the Grand Chapter, elective or appointive, be chosen from the same Chapters except where the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer or Grand Organist hold membership.

3. Any member who has served a five-year term on the Grand Trustees is NOT eligible for election to the office of Grand Trustee.

4. Any member currently serving on the Jurisprudence Committee is NOT eligible for election to the office of Grand Trustee, unless their term of office on the Jurisprudence Committee expires at the close of the session. Sister Mary Jo Peterson is the currently the Chairperson of the Jurisprudence Committee and will leave that committee at the close of this session. The other members of the Jurisprudence Committee are: Sisters Jill Ramsey, Betty Kirby, Bev Donham, and Billie Mattern.

5. In no case shall a Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, upon completion of her or his term of office, be eligible for an elective office for a period of one year. In other words, Sister Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron, cannot be considered for election to any office during this election. This includes election to the offices of Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Trustee.

6. The Grand Trustees shall be composed of five members, of whom at least two shall be Sisters. Therefore, all five members of the Board of Grand Trustees could be Sisters. The present membership of the Board of Grand Trustees consists of: Brother Dennis Smith, who is the Chairman this year, Sisters Jan Barnard, Judy Wehrbein, and Cynthia "Cyn" Norman, and Brother Wayne Andreasen. Therefore, either a Sister or a Brother may be considered for election to the Board of Grand Trustees at this election.

Sisters and Brothers, in the event that we do go to a written ballot for any office, do not mark your ballot until instructed to do so. I will repeat: In the event that we go to a written ballot for any office, do not mark your ballot until instructed to do so. Any ballot not the correct number will be considered a "spoiled ballot" and will not be considered. We are now ready for the election of officers.

The Worthy Grand Patron then asked for nominations for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. The election proceeded in order with nominations made for each office. All Elected Officers and the Grand Trustee were elected by acclamation with the following being elected:

Sister Anita Sohm (325), Worthy Grand Matron
Brother Jim Taylor 277), Worthy Grand Patron
Sister Candace Martin (122), Associate Grand Matron
Brother Harold Terry (269), Associate Grand Patron
Sister Jan Thoman (9), Grand Secretary
Sister Karla Lawler, (142,92,264), Grand Treasurer
Sister Karan Birdsall (271), Grand Conductress
Sister Dottie Arent (131), Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Bruce Raddatz (35), Grand Trustee (5-year term)

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES AND BUDGET REPORT

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Dennis Smith, Past Grand Patron and Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, will give the Report of the Grand Trustees. The presentation of the proposed budget for 2017-2018 will also be given by Brother Denny this afternoon.

Dennis Smith, Past Grand Patron, Chairman

Protocol having been established already, greetings Sisters and Brothers, it is wonderful to be with you here today

The first thing is that I want to do is to introduce the rest of the Board. As you know, it is not something that you can do on your own and they have just absolutely been wonderful in helping take some grief and so forth all really well, so without further to do, would you stand as I call your name: Sister Jan Barnard, Chair-Elect; Sisters Judy Wehrbein and Cyn Norman; and Brother Wayne Andreasen. Would you please help me thank them for all they have done?

(Applause)

Anyway, have you ever noticed on applications – especially for employment, there is a line that says: "In case of a medical emergency, call….."? Duh, doesn't anybody know you call a doctor? Anyway – Jan, my report could also mirror hers because I do honestly can't believe how quickly that became a working office and I know that was not without blood, sweat, and tears, and I know you had help, but now when you go in there, it looks like it is completely functioning and I know it was a lot of work and you can be mighty proud of that and I know there are a lot of people helped with that.

And on the remaining issues, I think everything is completed – is the sign done yet? The ground sign is in the process of being updated and it will have both Grand Lodge and Star on it. And the other issue is – as you know, now you have to buzz in to get in, and we want to put a buzzer up there for Jan and Sue, but there has to be a bunch of dirt work and concrete and so forth, so for ADA rules – it has to have certain guidelines, so that has to be looked into and then when those things are completed, we will have completed the move in a timely manner. I just can't believe it – and the good news about that is how cooperative – and you have already mentioned that before, Jan – but working with Michelle and Debbie. They have just been wonderful to work with and have made things well – and they are not bothered by that buzzer at all, so until we get that issue resolved, we have to use their door. I just want to highlight again how well that has gone together – and I was not a full believer when it started, so, boy, did I learn a lesson. They have not complained or, you know, bothered or troubled us in any manner and have been willing to do that and I just think we need to keep that in mind.

I just want to tell a little story – this guy comes running up to me after the Tuesday evening – you know, after introductions were over – and he said, "How do you get all of your Masons to come out?" And I said, "Well, it is a problem?" He said, "Well, they won't even send a representative," and this was the Worthy Grand Patron of Wisconsin speaking and they can't seem to do anything. He said, "Well, what are you doing?" I said, "Well, we send them out an invitation of where and when to be there and they show up." So we've got something unique here in Nebraska; I'm not aware of the two groups where they share the same – I am sure there is some place, but anyway, we need to cherish that and make sure we treat each other with respect, because this seems to be working for both and I hope we will remember to continue to be that way.

Anyway with that, **I move the adoption of this report**.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Denny. We will now hear the reports from our Standing Committees, but if you want to go ahead with the Budget while you are up here, you can do that.

INCOME			
	2016-2017 Budget	Received	2017-2018 Budget
ANNUAL DUES	12,924.00	11,802.50	12,178.00
INITIATION FEES	200.00	244.00	200.00
REGISTRATION FEES	4,500.00	4,350.00	4,350.00
MISCELLANEOUS	150.00	95.50	25.00
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	355,000.00	364,533.84	371,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	372,774.00	381,025.84	387,753.00
EXPENSES			
	2016-2017 Budget	Spent	2017-2018 Budget
GRAND CHAPTER MILEAGE	16,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE	25,000.00	19,360.10	25,000.00
GRAND CHAPTER PROCEEDINGS	6,500.00	0.0	13,000.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	13,000.00	11,545.00,	13,000.00
RENT AND SERVICES	11,000.00	7,446.59	8,800.00
PRINTING AND STATIONERY	8,000.00	3,905.12	9,200.00
STORAGE	4,500.00	4,045.48	4,000.00
AUDIT AND PROFESSIONAL FEES	8,000.00	7,900.00	8,000.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	13,000.00	9,762.63	17,500.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	9,500.00	7,370.75	8,900.00
COMMITTEE OPERATING	10,000.00	6,382,52	7,900.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	6,000.00	6,069.22	6,000.00
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER	0.00	.0.00	0.00
PINS AND BADGES	1,000.00	654.21	1,450.00
GRAND OFFICERS' EXPENSE FUND	37,000.00	37,000.00	37,000.00
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER LOVE	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER DUES	12,92400	6462.00	12,178.00
FEE TO INTERNATIONAL	355.00	355.00	430.00
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER	,11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
PGM AND PGP JEWELS	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,300.00
SALARIES AND RELATED TAXES	91,073.75	94,883.02	106,294.35
HOME MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
SUPERVISORS' FUND	15,000.00	14,703.60	17,950.00
ESTARL--FROM DUES	1,615.50	1,615.50	1,522.25
ESTARL	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
MASONIC HOME CARING CLUB	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
RAINBOW FOR GIRLS	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
JOB'S DAUGHTERS	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
DEMOLAY	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY	3,500.00	3,425.00	3,725.00
COMMITTEE PROJECT EXPENSES	500.00	427.85	500.00
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	38,100.00	29,450.00	32,650.00
YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
RELOCATION FUND	20,000.00	17,418.70	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	410,368.25	363,982.29	408,799.60
REINVESTMENT	0.00	1000,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL	494,242.00	463,982.29	408,799.60

Dennis Smith, Past Grand Patron, Chairman:

Why don't I go ahead and do that. And again, as Jan said earlier today, I guess you can all read and I am sure you don't want to listen to me up here that long. Going through this budget made me think of a one-liner which said, "You never get too old to learn something stupid." Anyway, if you will get out your budget, we will go

through that – and I am not going to go line-by-line -- if there's questions afterward, I will be happy to take them, but right at the moment, we are looking at the budget items and I just want to highlight a couple of things.

First of all, the income has remained fairly level, and that is always good news. I want you to look under "Grand Chapter Expense". We are predicting a little more expense next year than this year, but not by a whole lot. And then under "Grand Chapter Proceedings", you see that there was nothing spent last year, but we budgeted $13,000, so we have to do two proceedings this year and get that caught up to date. And then look at the line for "Printing and Stationery", the Jurisprudence Committee has re-written – and I always call that the Red Book – what do you call it? Anyway, whatever it is, they are reprinting that thing and one of the things that they found is that you can't print it on that size of book that we have now – it is very expensive, so we had to go to 8 ½ by 11, but anyway, enough of that. Under "Office Equipment", you will see there is a pretty significant increase and that was because of what wasn't budgeted last year for a PC for the office – it wasn't expended, so that is why that was carried over into this year's budget. And then if you look down at the "Relocation Fund", that is the move and you will see that we didn't budget anything in there; the reason being that when the sign is done, that will take most of that $3,500.00 and that will zero itself out so that is why that shows no money; but that is from the carryover from last year.

So, with that, that's the extent of my wisdom. If there are questions, now would be a good time; If not, **I recommend adoption of the Budget.**

And one more thing, Sue, I meant to mention what you have done with that whole thing. I sure don't mean to minimize what you do and what you bring into that, so thank you, I appreciate that.

There were no questions asked about the Budget.

A second not being required, the motion was voted upon and passed by a majority vote. **The 2017-2018 Budget was adopted.**

Dennis Smith:

One thing I forgot to mention, Worthy Grand Matron, and it is very important. We were able to leave the deposit – put back into our Investment Account, $100,000 for the General Budget and $100,000 for the Loan Fund, so we have been fairly diligent with our spending and I think that is a great deal. Anyway, thank you very much.

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I have the pleasure of introducing Brother Fred Way of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings, Chairman of the Benevolence Committee, who will give his report:

Fred Way (39), Chairman:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Guests, , Sisters and Brothers:

As Chairman of this committee, it is my pleasure to introduce the very dedicated members of this committee. They are: Kathy Hartmann of Chapter No. 122 in Hooper; Andi Carpenter of Chapter No. 122 in Hooper; -- that way, I get it right both ways, so it's either "Hupper" or "Hooper" -- Ken Schultz of Chapter 93 in Aurora; and Deb Williamson of Chapter No. 215 in Scottsbluff, who couldn't be here today. Would you please give them a hand?

I wish to thank each one of them for making our committee meetings a great success and for all of the great input and directions we hope this committee will take

in the future. I know that this committee is in good hands.

I wish to thank the Grand Chapter for the opportunity to serve on this committee for the past five years. When I said yes, I didn't know what the Benevolence Committee was or what they did. In the past five years, we have helped one person and we have one pending at this time as we are waiting for more information. This makes me wonder how many Eastern Star members know anything about the workings of the Benevolence Committee or of its existence. At the All Committee Meeting, we discussed ways in which we could inform our members what the Benevolence Committee is and what they do.

Fraternally submitted,
Fred Way, Jr., (30) Hastings
Chairman

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Fred, and the members of this committee for your dedicated work. Your report does not required acceptance, but will be placed on file for the proceedings.

Educational Loan Fund Committee

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I have the pleasure to introduce Sister Maril Hauber of Trinity Chapter No. 299 in Omaha, Chairman of the Educational Loan Fund Committee, who will give her report.

Maril Hauber, (299), Chairman:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, and Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to thank Grand Chapter for the opportunity to serve on this committee. Members of this committee are: Sisters Julie Hornicek of Oshkosh Chapter No. 220; Cathy Dzuris, Rose Croix Chapter No.298; Linda Dubry of Sunshine Chapter No. 261; and Bev Pickering of Narcissus Chapter No. 269. The committee members provided valuable input this year as we met to fulfill our obligation. I thank you all for your comments and suggestions.

Education is a gift that no one can take away. Sisters and Brothers, this loan fund has allowed many Nebraska O.E.S. families to finance higher education for themselves, their children, or grandchildren. Please see the Grand Chapter Website for more information on this program.

This year, eight students applied for loan money. Each student may request up to $4,400.00 ($2,200.00 per semester). Students are required to sign a promissory note and have a co-signer to receive money approved.

The committee reviewed the applications and the information from the Grand Secretary to evaluate the funding of each application. Eight loans were approved for funding, pending the completion of the required documentation from each student. Students will be notified by the Grand Secretary of their loan approval. Funds will be dispersed upon receipt of completed paperwork for the loan.

Privacy laws prohibit committee members from discussing any information on the applications or loan recipients. The Grand Secretary oversees the repayment of the loans and the disbursement of funds to the loan recipients.

Remember, education is a powerful tool in this world that is changing so rapidly. This is one way Eastern Star can support positive change in the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Maril Hauber, PM
Chairperson, Educational Loan Fund

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Maril, and the rest of the members for your dedicated work. This report does not require acceptance, but will be placed on file for the proceedings.

ESTARL Committee

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

It is my pleasure to introduce Brother Bruce Baker of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings, Chairman of the ESTARL Committee, who will give his report.

Bruce Baker, Past Patron:

Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers: My name is Bruce Baker, and as she said. I am a member of Acacia Chapter No. 39 in Hastings and I have had the honor of serving as Chairman of the ESTARL Committee this past year. The ESTARL Committee is made up of five members, and with your indulgence, I would like to introduce them at this time: Sisters Charleen Gausman, a member of Utica Chapter No. 199; Janet Zoucha, a member of Oshkosh Chapter No. 264; Sharon Eller, a member of Trinity Chapter No. 299; and Brother Kirk Brown, a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92. Please thank them for their efforts on behalf of the ESTARL Committee and the Order of the Eastern Star.

ESTARL is an acronym for "Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership". The ESTARL Committee is charged with identifying qualified applicants and awarding grants based on the applicant's need and available funds. Funding for these grants comes from three sources: (1) The Yount Fund, which is a foundation and, therefore, provides resulting investment interest only; (2) The Landeryou Fund, which is funded by 25 cents from each Nebraska O.E.S. member's annual dues, and individual donations – and we thank you for that donation; and (3) The Board of Grand Trustees provides funds based on available investment interest income and the ESTARL Committee's additional needed funding.

I am pleased to announce the 2016-2017 ESTARL Committee was able to award five grants for a total amount of $10,700.00 this year. Truly, the Nebraska ESTARL program makes a difference not only in the lives of the grant recipients, but also in the many lives these "religious leaders" will touch in their various fields of service.

We invited Pastor Marsha Stauss, a recipient of two ESTARL grants, to speak this afternoon about the impact ESTARL and the Order of the Eastern Star has had on her life; unfortunately, Pastor Marsha was unable to attend. So in her stead, I would like to share a bit of Pastor Marsha's history and a few of her comments:

In 2004, Marsha entered school to become a "licensed local pastor", and says she was floored by the cost of the schooling. At her first assigned church, a member told her about the ESTARL program, helped her fill out an application, and she was awarded her first grant. Since that time, Pastor Marsha has retired, returned to serve a church in northwestern Nebraska; retired again, and in 2014 returned to fill a temporary pulpit vacancy. Then in 2015 she requested to return as a fulltime minister, which meant returning to school. Pastor Marsha stated, and I quote: "I was so blessed to discover an Eastern Star Chapter in the town I was serving and once again, ESTARL came to my aid allowing me to get back into my schooling." In closing, Pastor Marsha writes, "I'm still going to school and I am so grateful for ESTARL and the Eastern Star organization for helping me when I needed it. Thank you and God bless this wonderful organization." Signed, Pastor Marsha Stauss, Gordon United Methodist Church, Gordon, Nebraska.

In conclusion, I would like to report that this engaged, committed and enthusiastic ESTARL Committee has met three times in person, and have exchanged and followed up on ideas and their implementation several times via email, phone and U.S. Mail. The following is a brief summary of the actions taken by the ESTARL Committee in addition to the consideration and awarding of grants: (1) We identified a need to communicate with previous ESTARL recipients in order to offer them

continued encouragement, thereby opening a line of communications and continued Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star awareness; (2) We reviewed and approved the ESTARL handout material and its printing; (3) Proposed and received permission from Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron Gary – listen very carefully, please --to request each Nebraska Chapter to identify and provide contact information for at least five churches and/or organizations in their area that would benefit from and be receptive to receiving ESTARL program information. We did not by any means – we were not inundated by an overabundance of applications this year, and like a lot of our committees, the word is not getting out. So, that is where that request is coming from and we would ask for you to follow up with that information so we don't have to hound you with mailings to follow up. And (4), Considered and revised the ESTARL grant amount guidelines.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee members for their service, the Grand Trustees for their continuing support, and you, the members, for your generosity and support; and last, but certainly not least, our Grand Secretary Jan Thoman for her knowledge, patience, and assistance for this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Baker, Chairman

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Bruce, the efforts of your committee is to get the word out about ESTARL scholarships and we appreciate that. This is one program that will give back time and time again, and we appreciate your leadership this year. Your report does not require acceptance, but will be placed on file for the proceedings book. Thank you, Brother Bruce.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We will now have the ESTARL financial report by Sister Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary.

Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary:

That is included with the other financial reports.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Very well, we will then move on. I have the pleasure to introduce Sister Toby Varvais of Laura Chapter No. 301, South Sioux City, Chairman of the Membership Committee, who will give her report.

Membership Committee

Toby Varvais (301), Chairman:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl, Worthy Grand Patron Gary, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to introduce the members of the committee first of all: Brother Keith Lindvall, Tuscan Chapter No. 35 in Kearney; Laurie Sieg, Temple Chapter No. 271 in Lincoln; Linda Schuett, Palmyra Chapter No. 259 in Palmyra; Susie Nielsen, Home Chapter No. 189 in Plattsmouth. Thank you for all your help with this. It came as a surprise that I was the Chairperson – guess I wasn't paying attention when I said, yes, I guess.

The membership of our Order continues to decline as the Most Worthy Grand Patron spoke of the other night, and we need to work diligently to reverse that trend. Each Star member is an important link in strengthening our fraternal chain. We all need to be willing advertisers and recruiters for our Eastern Star organization. We need to let people know what we are about, talking up our activities, by placing articles in our local newspapers and on community calendars. If we give an educational or a band scholarship to a local student, get that in your local newspaper

-- try to get a picture; pictures go a long way. When we do a fundraiser, advertise and let people know what that money is going toward, either in full or part.

We have a wonderful website. Do you know how to get there? I discovered that if you Google "Eastern Star" in any state, it will automatically go to their website, so you don't even have to know the exact address of your website, just Google your state. We hope to create a link for anyone interested in more information about our Order or who might just be browsing. Maybe they've seen something about us and want to know how they might become involved – another good reason to advertise. We want to include basic information for our pamphlet about Star and then add a contact spot for them to leave their name, address, and phone number. This information would then go to the Grand Secretary's office, automatically we hope, and they would notify the nearest chapter and they would then contact that person. The information on the website will be essentially be the same as that in our welcome packet, minus the actual petition, as that needs to be on archival paper.

At the All Committee Meeting, Sister Kim Dellinger, a member of the General Grand Chapter Membership Committee, handed out some great ideas for ways to promote membership: Twenty questions to ask before approaching an Eastern Star prospect, and the three "R's" of O.E.S. membership -- Recruitment, Retention, and Recognitions. You'll be seeing some of these hints in the O.E.S. newsletter or on the website.

We need to create interest in our organization and to keep the members that we have; so be creative and get the word out -- what we need to do good, because we do a lot of good.

There is something else we need to do. How many of you really are good on your computer and know all about social media? (Some hands went up) -- so, we are requesting that the next person appointed to this committee be someone under the age of 35.

Respectfully,
Toby Varvais
Chairman, Membership Committee

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Toby, and your committee for the thoughtful work. Your report does not require acceptance, but will be placed on file for the proceedings.

Publicity Committee

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I have the pleasure of introducing Sister Shirley DeVasure, Trinity Chapter No. 299 of Omaha and Tekamah Chapter No. 131of Tekamah, Chairperson of the Publicity Committee.

Shirley DeVasure (299), Chairman:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

First, I would like to introduce the other members of the Publicity Committee: Sisters Emily Schoenleber, a member of Myrtle Chapter No. 94 in Lincoln; June Nielsen, a member of Ogallala Chapter No. 262 in Ogallala; Shannon Roberts, a member of Signet Chapter No. 55 in North Platte; and Lynn Cardey, a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92 in Fremont.

Our duty is to facilitate the publicity and communications among the subordinate chapters in Nebraska and to promote positive public relations between our chapters and other Masonic bodies and our communities.

We want to publish special happenings in our chapters through the O.E.S. News,

Nebraska Mason, Eastern Star Journal, Facebook, websites, and local news publications around Nebraska. The chapters also need to use the Nebraska Masonic Calendar to promote their events. This way everyone is on the same page.

This year, we had asked chapters to send me articles from their events. I received a very few articles, so I went out to the publications like the Nebraska Mason and Facebook and if I saw an event from a chapter on one of these social medias, I copied it and called the Worthy Matron to see if I could use in the Publicity Scrapbook. There are two scrapbooks on the Eastern Star display table outside the Grand Chapter room at the main door. Please stop and look at the 24 pages and pictures I added to the newest scrapbook – so stop by and see those.

I know that the committee members want to continue receiving information from the chapters for next year. Please send the articles now to the Chairperson for next year, Sister Emily Schoenleber, at her email address, Emily.schoenleber@gmail.com. I am sure Sister Emily will enjoy receiving these next year.

One of our goals was to have the chapters publish happenings like scholarship recipients, ESTARL award applicants, band camp participants, 50-year members, Imhoff recipients, etc. This tells our communities about all the events we are doing. Hopefully, once they see all the good things and the fun things we are going, they will want to join us. We want to let the communities know that we are doing more than just attending meetings; we are having fun with each other.

Not everyone has access to the social medias listed above, but I am sure there is at least one member in each chapter who has this ability and they should be able to get the information out there to all the members.

Let's see if we cannot get "our faces" out in our communities and get more members to join in our endeavors.

I want to thank the other members of the Publicity Committee for 2016-2017 for their ideas and suggestions.

We want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of serving our Nebraska Grand Chapter this "Trails of Faith" session.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley DeVasure, Chairperson

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I thank you and the members of your committees for your diligent and thoughtful work. Promoting the work our members are doing in the chapters and their communities is so important, so your committee becomes an integral part to help insure that this continued to happen.

Scholarship Committee

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We will have the report of the Scholarship Committee – Sister Mary Ann Stevens from Home Chapter No. 189 in Plattsmouth Nebraska. Sister Mary Ann:

Mary Ann Stevens (189), Chairman:

Protocol having been established, good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers.

Those others who have served on the committee this year are: Brother Ron Nielson, Tuscan Chapter No. 35, Kearney; Sisters Trudy Fankhouser, Humbolt Chapter No. 234, Humbolt; Bonnie Forney, Arbor Vitae Chapter 92, Fremont, and Eureka Chapter 86, McCook; and Margaret Nelson, Herman Chapter No. 216, Herman. Help me thank them for the diligent work. (Applause)

Each year the Grand Chapter of Nebraska offers a $1,000.00 scholarship to each of the Masonic Youth organizations: Job's Daughters, DeMolay, and Rainbow. The criteria for applying are as follows: Be a high school senior or enrolled at an

institution of higher learning or technical training; complete the application form; submit his or her most recent transcript of grades; provide two letters of recommendation, one signed by an adult leader of their Youth organization and one signed by a high school official or a teacher; a resume stating their chapter, bethel, or assembly activities and offices held; volunteer activities in their church and community; school activities and organizations; work and employment history; a brief statement of their plans for higher education and goals for the future; and lastly, why they consider themselves a person of high moral character. The application must be received by the Grand Secretary's office with a postmark no later than April 1st. The Scholarship Committee receives the applications from the Grand Secretary and deliberation begins.

This year, thirteen applications were received. It is extremely important that all guidelines for applications be followed. If all requested information is not included, the application cannot be considered. We had one application disqualified this year.

While reviewing these applications, we marveled at the accomplishments of each applicant. These young men and women are outstanding students, wonderful representatives of their Youth organizations and the communities in which they live. They are busy! Our future is in good hands.

Choosing a winner for each group was not an easy task, but one that the committee took very seriously and worked diligently in making the right choice. The $1,000.00 scholarships for 2017 are awarded as follows: DeMolay, Thomas Kokjer, Fort Sidney Chapter, Sidney; Job's Daughters, Sarah Yocum, Bethel No. 30, Cozad; and Rainbow, Abigail Dreibelbis, Lincoln Assembly No. 6, Lincoln.

This year, 77 of 78 chapters gave scholarships with 121 students as recipients. Many chapters participate in contributing to the Masonic All-Star Marching Band. Nebraska Eastern Star is to be commended for its dedication and support of all scholarship programs.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the opportunity afforded each of us to serve on this committee. Thank you also to our Grand Secretary Sister Jan and to Sister Sue Hedges in the Grand Chapter office for their support and assistance. Thank you.

Mary Ann Stevens, Chairman

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Mary Ann, and the members of your committee. Your report does not require acceptance, but it will be placed on file for the proceedings.

Youth Committee

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

The Chairman of the Youth Committee is Brother Carl Highman, Adah Chapter No. 52 in Omaha. May we hear your report, Brother Carl?

Carl Highman (52), Chairman:

Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl, Worthy Grand Patron Gary, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It has been a great pleasure serving on the Youth Committee these five years and I would like to thank Past Grand Matron Bev Donham for the original appointment.

The importance of our youth cannot be underestimated. The future of the fraternity is involved. Those adult groups that are actively involved with the youth find members as the youth grow and wish to continue to associate with those adults. Even where the adults are not actively involved, you will find the youth will still join, but then move to a more active chapter or lodge.

Besides calling for all our members to support our Youth groups with your time,

talents, and purses, we need to remember that this year will be the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference, which for the youth, is a must attend and we, as adults, must support. Since it is a triennial event, most youth will only attend twice. The response to these conferences is amazing. They learn so much and some don't even realize it.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter – and I didn't even introduce my committee: Sisters Kimberly Ouderkirk, Chapter No. 52; Susan Arndt, Chapter No. 264; Jean Smith, Chapter No. 198; and Laurel Wolfe, Chapters No. 8 and 299.

A. Carl Highman, Chairman

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Carl and the members of your committee for your diligence in supporting our Youth organizations. You have been involved with our young people, especially with DeMolay and the Masonic Band Camp. Thank you for all you have done. This report does not required acceptance, but it will be placed on file for the proceedings. Thank you, Brother Carl.

Fraternal Relations Committee

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

It is my pleasure to introduce the Standing Committees. All Committees met in October. I am pleased now to introduce the Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, Sister Lynette Schellpeper – oh, she is not here. Do we have a representative speaking for Lynette? No, well, the relationships we share with the other Masonic Bodies in the State of Nebraska is remarkable. We thank our committee for their commitment to promoting the welfare and strengthening of the fraternal chain of friendship and support.

Thank you to each of our Standing Committees for your willingness to serve and for your willingness to be with us today. We had a great turnout at our All Committee Meeting last October as all the committees were represented and many good ideas were shared. I encourage the new chairman of each of these committees, who will take over following the installation on Thursday evening, to step up and to stay connected with the members of their committee and I also encourage you to use the means you have – emails and conference calls – to keep you connected. There will be an All Committee Meeting this coming Fall, so get that date on your calendar and start planning now.

REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I now call for the reports from Grand Chapter Committees that were appointed during this Grand year: Silent Auction Committee, Sister Margaret McCall of Adah Chapter No. 52 of Omaha, and Sister Nellie Frizzell of Dome Rock Chapter No.21, Scottsbluff and Bridgeport Chapter 260, Co-Chairmen of our Silent Auction Committee, which supports our special project, the Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands, and we will now hear their report:

Silent Auction

Margaret McCall (52), Co-Chairman:

Dear Sisters and Brothers: You are all simply amazing! We wish to thank each of you for your participation in this year's Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's silent auction and items for immediate sale.

We encourage each of you to visit with us, make your bids on the spectacular

baskets donated by individuals and chapters for the silent auction this year, and to purchase from the vast selection of items available for immediate sale, many of which are one of a kind. Please remember, bidding closes tonight at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2017, so BID, BID, BID!

Last year we raised $5,000.00 and we challenge you to help us meet or to excel that number. We also want to remind everyone you need to pay for and pick up your items as soon as possible after the close of the auction tonight. And to tell you what we have collected so far:

Previous to coming, I collected	$ 64.00
Monday, we collected	203.00
Tuesday, we collected	618.00
Total	$885.00

This does not include any of the silent auction items; this is just the miscellaneous items that have been donated. We will give the total today to Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary so that it can be announced to you tomorrow morning.

Thank you all for allowing us to serve our wonderful Eastern Star. As diabetes touches the lives of so many of us or our relatives, we know that we can count on your support.

Fraternally,
Margaret McCall, Adah Chapter No. 52
Nellie Frizzell, Dome Rock Chapter No. 215 and Bridgeport Chapter No. 260
Co-Chairmen

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sisters Margaret and Nellie, for your report on our silent auction. We could have not found a more dedicated pair. Each year the silent auction has become an event that everyone looks forward to and I sincerely thank you for your dedication to securing donations, to making items, and the work you continue to provide here at our session to make the auction so successful. You are certainly a blessing to our Order. The silent auction again, will close at 7:00 sharp this evening, so if you have not yet placed a bid, stop by; and if you have, you might need to check it as your bid may need to be raised – or just buy something. Thank you so very much!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I am not sure I have done this since we just finished up our morning session and are now into the afternoon session, but thank you to the Cowboy Chorus and to all of you who joined them in the sing-along – I am not sure I did that earlier -- I did, oh, sorry, good for me! When I switch back and forth, I am not sure what I did and what I didn't – I need a red pencil, I guess. Let's have the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Sister Mary Jo Peterson, Past Grand Matron and Chairman of Jurisprudence, will now bring us the report of the Jurisprudence.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

Mary Jo Peterson, Past Grand Matron, Chairman:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to introduce the other members of the Jurisprudence Committee with me this year: They are Sisters Jill Ramsey, Betty Kirby, Beverly Donham, and Billie Mattern, Past Grand Matrons. Thank you.

I would also like to thank Sister Jan Thoman, Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary, for all of her help and assistance; and Cynthia Timmermeir, who is our Sister and Parliamentarian, for her help and advice with the law and other questions.

The Jurisprudence Committee submits the following report: Since the filing of my

report, we received another request to change the Bylaws of a chapter and it is pending. Since a copy of our written report in total was included in the registration packet, **I move to waive the reading of this report**.

The motion to waive the reading of the Written Report of the Jurisprudence Committee was seconded and approved by the membership. The Report of the Jurisprudence Committee and its attachments, consisting of Resolutions and the Standing Rules proposed for the business session, had been distributed to the membership upon registration as follows:

WRITTEN REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

The Jurisprudence Committee has been working this year to get the Constitution, Bylaws, and Book of Instruction on the OES website. Once this is finalized, it will be accessible as a password protected, members-only site.

The Jurisprudence Committee met on October 1, 2016, at the All Committee Meeting held in Kearney, Nebraska. Present were Past Grand Matron and Chairman, Mary Jo Peterson; Past Grand Matrons Jill Ramsey and Bev Donham; Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius; Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel; and Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron Jan Thoman sat in on our meeting as their time allowed. Other members of the Committee, Past Grand Matrons Betty Kirby and Billie Mattern, were unable to attend.

The second meeting was held on November 5, 2016, at the office of the Grand Secretary in Lincoln, Nebraska. Those attending were Committee members: Past Grand Matron and Chairman, Mary Jo Peterson; Past Grand Matrons Jill Ramsey, Betty Kirby, and Bev Donham. Also attending were Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel, and Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron Jan Thoman.

The Jurisprudence Committee met again on January 14, 2017, in the Andrew Chapter No. 41 Social Room, Grand Island, Nebraska, where the annual School of Instruction was being held. Committee members present were Past Grand Matron and Chairman Mary Jo Peterson; Past Grand Matrons Jill Ramsey, Betty Kirby, and Bev Donham. Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel and Past Grand Matron Wanda Fisher also attended.

The annual meeting was held on February 25, 2017 in the Conference Room of the Grand Lodge Office in Lincoln, Nebraska. Committee members present were: Past Grand Matron and Chairman Mary Jo Peterson; Past Grand Matrons Jill Ramsey, Bev Donham, and Billie Mattern. Also present were Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron Anita Sohm, Associate Grand Patron Jim Taylor, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron Jan Thoman, Grand Marshal Harold Terry, and Parliamentarian Cynthia Timmermier.

The Jurisprudence Committee submits the following report:

- 1 chapter requested a change to have a special meeting at any time to conduct business.
- 1 chapter requested changes regarding payment of dues for 50-year members, for the Treasurer and Organist, and stipulations for service on the Temple Board.
- 1 chapter requested changes for initiation fees, dues, and memorials.
- 1 chapter requested a change for dues.
- 1 chapter requested a change in the placement of Disbursements and Donations.

- 1 chapter requested a change for initiation fees.
- 1 chapter requested numerous changes: Time of meeting; payment of Secretary, Treasurer, and Sentinel; designated signers on bank accounts; officers elected by acclamation; time for Auditing Committee report; and Order of Business.
- 1 chapter requested a change to the day of their meetings and added an Article.

Of that total, five were approved as submitted; two were returned for corrections and/or clarification, and then approved when re-submitted; and one was returned, "not approved".

QUESTIONS UNDER SEAL: There were no questions to the Worthy Grand Matron under seal; however, she received many phone calls and emails with requests or questions that were not under seal. After a study of each question with reference to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, the Book of Instruction, the Ritual, General Grand Chapter Law, and consulting with members of the Jurisprudence Committee, Parliamentarian, and her Advisory Board, she answered the questions requested by each Subordinate Chapter.

RESOLUTIONS: There were two resolutions (04-16 and 06-16) regarding the Constitution that were presented in 2016, and by law, must "lay over" until the following Grand Chapter Session. Resolution 01-17 was proposed by the Jurisprudence Committee and Resolutions 02-17 and 03-17 were referred by law to this committee for their considerations. These Resolutions were found to be in proper form, have been printed, and are in the hands of the voting delegates, and are hereby attached and made a part of this report.

STANDING RULES: The Standing Rules for 2017 will be the same as for the previous year with the exception of Numbers 4, 5, and 12. They have been changed to accommodate the potential passage of one of our Constitutional amendments. With regard to the Resolutions, the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman will read the proposed change, the rationale for the change, and the entire Bylaw Section as amended before a vote is taken. If a Resolution deals with one section of the Bylaws but has two or more topics, a vote can be taken on each topic, so that one part of the Resolution may pass and another may fail.

BALLOTS: The Grand Secretary was instructed to prepare the ballot the same as last year.

Mary Jo Peterson, PGM, Chairman
Jill Ramsey, PGM
Betty Kirby, PGM
Bev Donham, PGM
Billie Mattern, PGM

Mary Jo Peterson:
Worthy Grand Matron, **I move that the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, including the attachments, be adopted.**

The above report had been printed and distributed to the voting delegates. Each attachment to the report was voted on separately, and each of the attachments was approved. Chairman, Sister Mary Jo Peterson, summarized items contained in the report. She then made a motion to

accept the entire report, including the attachments. No second was required. **The motion passed by a majority vote**. Sister Mary Jo acknowledged and gave thanks to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and the Parliamentarian she had worked with during her years of service on the Jurisprudence Committee.

APPROVAL OF STANDING RULES

The following Standing rules were presented for consideration by the voting delegates. They had been previously printed and distributed to the voting delegates and at the request of the Worthy Grand Matron, they were read in their entirety by the Worthy Grand Patron:

1. The tenets of the Order, and the Obligations of the Order, previously taken shall strictly govern the actions of delegates and members at all times.

2. Parliamentary Authority: "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised: shall govern this Grand Chapter insofar as it is not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of Grand Chapter or with these Standing Rules.

3. Subject only to the right of timely appeal in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, all parliamentary rulings and decisions shall be final when made by the chair, that is, by the Worthy Grand Matron or by the Worthy Grand Patron when requested to preside over the Session by the Worthy Grand Matron.

4. Debate and Voting Rights: Only registered delegates shall be entitled to make motions, make nominations for offices, take the floor for debate, and vote; however, should Resolution 04-16 be passed in this session, then any member of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska may make motions, make nominations, take the floor for debate and vote, notwithstanding the fact that such member may not be a registered delegate or may not have registered with the Credential Committee.

5. Addressing the Grand Chapter Session: To obtain the floor to address the Session, the registered delegate (or member should 04-16 pass) shall be present at the nearest microphone, address the presiding officer, state her or his name, title, and Chapter, and wait for recognition by the presiding officer to proceed. If speaking to a question properly before the Session, the delegate or member shall state whether she or he is for or against the question.

6. Nomination shall be made for all elective offices and if there is not more than one such nomination, election may be had by acclamation. If there be more than one nomination for an office, voting will be by written ballot.

7. There will be no demonstrations, clapping, or cheering in the Session Assembly during the election process, especially during and following the

announcement of the result of the ballot. It is the duty of the Chair to strictly enforce this rule.

8. The Jurisprudence Committee shall be required to read:
   A. The proposed change
   B. The rationale for the change
   C. The entire Bylaw section as amended.

9. Any member presenting a motion to amend a pending resolution must immediately present a copy thereof, in writing, to the Grand Secretary for use by the chair and for purpose of notation into the minutes of the Session.

10. Limitation on Debate: Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker on each question. The proponent of a pending question will be the first speaker recognized if she or he desires to speak to the question. There shall be no more than three delegates recognized to speak for the proposition and three
delegates to speak against the proposition, except that the proponent may speak a second time for an additional two minutes before the vote is taken. No other delegate may speak more than once on the same question unless permission is granted by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voters or by the presiding officer.

11. Closing Debate (Previous Question): The previous question may be moved to close debate and requires a vote on the question immediately pending, if stated in the motion. It is undebatable and requires a two-thirds vote.

12. Taking the Vote: When a vote is required to dispose of any Resolution or other business before the Session, the affirmative and negative of such vote shall be taken directly on the question.

13. Requesting a Ballot Vote: Upon motion, which is undebatable, properly made, seconded and adopted by majority vote, a ballot shall be required on any pending question. After such ballot has been closed, business shall proceed while the ballots are being counted. As soon as the ballot count is complete, the result shall be announced. The ruling of the Chairman of the Tellers regarding the validity of any of the ballots is final and not subject to appeal.

Mary Jo Peterson:
Worthy Grand Matron, the Standing Rules have been previously printed and distributed. You will note that #4, #5 and #12 have been changed from previous years to accommodate the potential passage of one of our constitutional amendments. **I move that the Standing Rules be adopted as printed**.

The motion to adopt the Standing Rules as printed was seconded and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE 142nd SESSION

The following Resolutions proposing changes to the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska were submitted in compliance with the bylaws and were printed and distributed to the membership previous to the Grand Chapter Session as required by Section 174.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-16

Resolution to allow all members in good standing to be entitled to one vote at Grand Chapter.

Be it resolved that the following revision be made to Article 2 and Article 4, The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star,

Which currently reads:

Article 2, Section 1, MEMBRSHIP. The membership of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Matrons, the Past Grand Patrons, the representatives of Subordinate Charted Chapters (hereinafter referred to as"Chapter(s)"), the Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chapters of this jurisdiction, and all Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chapters in this jurisdiction.

Article 2. Section 2. REPRESENTATIVES. The representatives of a Chapter shall consist of the duly elected and installed Worthy Matron, Worhy Patron, Associate Matron and Associate Patron, or her or his proxy appointed by such officer from the membership of the Chapter to be represented. Any Chapter in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to representation.

Article 2. Section 3. RIGHT TO VOTE. Only members properly registered with the Credential Committee, shall be entitled to vote. They shall have but one vote each on any question, except as otherwise provided. Any representative of a Chapter who is also a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron may cast one additional vote. A Past Matron or Past Patron while holding a grand office or holding office as Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron or Associate Patron, cannot vote in both capacities. At no time will any member have more than five (5) votes.

Article 4. Secion 1. QUOROM. Properly registered representatvies, or their proxies, of twenty-five percent of all Chartered Chapters shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Be Changed to Read:

Article 2. Section 1. MEMBERSHIP. The membership of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Matrons, the Past Grand Patrons, and all members in good standing of Subordinate Chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction.

Article 2. Section 2. Any Chapter in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to representation.

Article 2. Section 3. Only members properly registered with the Credential Committee shall be entitled to vote. They shall have but one vote each on any question.

Article 4. Section 1. QUOROM. Properly registered members of twenty-five percent of all Chartered Chapters shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Rationale: Many Worhy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are repeating their service in those offices. There are those members who have not served as Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, or Worthy Grand Patron who hold responsible jobs, own businesses and/or are fully capable of making studied and knowledgeable decisions affecting Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapers in Nebraska. Many jurisdictions have already successfi;;u adpt[ed everu ,e,ber vptomg om tjeor gramd

jurisdictions. It is time for Nebraska Grand Chapter to recognize the value of every member and take this step.

/s/ Betty Garwood, P.G.M.
/s/ Wanda M Fisher, P.G.M.
/s/ Betty J Kirby, P.G.M.
/s/ Beverly Donham, P.G.M.
/s/ Cynthia Norman, P.G.M.
/s/ Beverly Pickering, P.M.
/s/ Kristi Vandergriff, P.M.
/s/ Laurie Sieg, P.M.
/s/ Judy Wehrbein, P.G.M.
/s/ Dee Schuetz, P.G.M.
/s/ Mike Donham, P.G.P
/s/ Delbert Rogers, P.G.P.
/s/ Linda K Dubry, D.G.S.
/s/ Toby J Varvais, P.M.
/s/ Susan D Hedges , P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-16

Grand Chapter of Nebraska
CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE 6
SECTION 1. Qualifications for Office
Only Members qualified as follows shall be eligible for Office:
3. In no case shall any two officers of the Grand Chapter, elected or appointed, be chosen from the same Chapter, except Chapters where the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Organist hold membership.
Changed to read:
3. In no case shall more than two officers of the Grand Chapter, elected or appointed, be chosen from the same Chapter.
Rational: The consolidation of Chapters and the aging of our members makes it increasingly difficlut to find qualified members who are willing and able to serve this Grand Chapter.
/s/ Cheryl Beckius
/s/ Gary Brhel
/s/ Anita Sohm
/s/ James Taylor
/s/ Brenda McGuire, W.G.M.
/s/ Sharlene Coulter P.G.M.
/s/ Candace J. Martin P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-17

Resoluction to incrase the number of Constitutions, Bylaws, and Books of Instruction to each Chapter.
Be it resolved that the following revision be made to **Section 38 Nebraska Grand Chapter Bylaws, Order of the Eastern Star**
Which currently reads:
Section 38. Book of Instruction. The Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska shall conform to the ritual and to the ritualistic work in the General Grand Chapter Book of Instruction. When changes are made in the ritualistic work or decisions and resolutions pertaining to the ritualistic work are adopted in General Grand Chapter, they shall immedicately be in force in this Grand Jurisdiction.
The Worthy Matron of each Chapter shall have a copy of the book containing the Constitution, Bylaws, and Book of Instruction. In addition, each Chapter Secretary

shall be charged to have an additional book in their possession for use by any officer or member. Any member of the order in good standing may access and print the book (in whole or in part), as it is stored on the website of the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star (neoes.org) in a password-prtected, read-only format. The password for this site shall be controlled by the Grand Secretary and given to any member when such membership can be ascertained.
The Worthy Matron shall sign a receipt for the book given her, and,. At the expiration of her term of office, retrun said book(s) to the Secretary of the Chapter, or on demand from the Grand Chapter, return it to the office of the Grand Secretary.
A fine equal to the cost of replacement shall be imposed on any Worthy Matron or Chapter for loss of this book while in their possession according to the records of the Secretary.

Be changed to read:

Section 38. Book of Instruction. The Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska shall conform to the ritual and to the r8itualistic work in the General Grand Chapter Book of Insruction. When changes are made in the ritualistic work or decisions and resolutions pertaining to the ritualistic work are adopted in General Grand Chapter, they shall immediately be in force in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress and Secretary shall each have a copy of the book containing the Constitution, Bylaws, and Book of Instruction. Any member of the Order in good standing may access and print the book (in whole or in part), as it is stored on the website of the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star (neoes.org) in a password-protected, read-only format.

The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress and Secretary shall sign a receipt for the book given to them, and, at the expiration of their term of office, return said book(s) to the Secretary of the Chapter, or on demand from the Grand Chapter, return it to the office of the Grand Secretary.

A fine equal to the cost of replacement shall be imposed on any Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, or Secretary for the loss of this book while in their possession according to the records of the Secretary.

RATIONALE: After much discussion, the Jurisprudence Committee concludes that two printed books per Chapter (passed at the 2016 Grand Chapter Session as Resolution 01-16) is inadequate. This resolution will increase the number of books to six (6) for each Chapter. The Grand Secretary will be responsible for updating only those six books within each Chapter alo9ng with the District Grand Supervisors books and any other book the Grand Secretary determines is appropriate. For all other members who have printed the book from the website, notification of any updates will be printed in the OES News and members ar responsible for printing those updates from the website and updating their own books.

/s/ Mary Jo Petersen P.G.M.
/s/ Genevieve Jill Ramsey P.G.M.
/s/ Betty Kirby, P.G.M.
/s/ Beverly Donham, P.G.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-17
AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS GOVERNING
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NEBRASKA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Be it Resolved, that Section 18. HONORARY TITLES which now reads:

Section 18. HONORARY TITLES. Upon motion and approval by the members, a corresponding honorary title may be conferred, for meritorious service, upon a Grand Chapter officer who is retiring after ten (10) or more years in office. Rights carried with the honorary title include recognition and appropriate honors, but the title entails no duties of the office.

Be deleted in its entirety from the Bylaws governing the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.
Rationale: Previous to the year 2010, the Emeritus title was given by a vote from members of the Grand Chapter. The members voted from their hearts with no stipulations such as to time served or dollars spent. Reimbursement for expenses varies for different Grand Officers so some may give much more monetarily than others in a shorter span of time. Actual time spent.devotion and duties to the Order also varies from officer to officer, and cannot necessarily be measured in years only. Since the Emeritus title is strictly an honor and entails no further duties from the member it is awarded to, it seems unnecessary for laws to regulate the receiving or not receiving of the Emeritus title.
Submitted by
/s/ Cathy Wagner, P.M., Grand Secretary Emeritus
/s/ Connie Havekost, P.M., Grand Treasurer Emeritus
/s/ Jan Barnard, P.M., Grand Treasurer Emeritus

RESOLUTION NO. 03-17

Resolution to decrease the number of Rituals that each Chapter is required by law to have in the Chapter Room.
Beit resolved that the following revision be made to **Section 74 Nebraska Grand Chapter Bylaws, Order of the Eastern Star**
Which currently reads:
Section 74. RITUAL. The latest revised edition of the Ritual of the Order of Eastern Star published by authority of the General Grand Chapter, including the fine print, shall be the authorized Riutal of this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary is authorized to sell copies of the Ritual only to those members she can confirm by Grand Chapter records to be members of the Order and she shall distribute such Rituals in person or shall mail them directly to the Chapter Secretary. Chapters shall not deliver Rituals to any person who is not a member of the Order in good standing. Every Chapter must purchase and have at least two copies of the latest edition of the Ritual in the Chapter Room. There should be only one Ritaul open in the Chapter room for use by the prompter.
Be changed to read:
Section 74. RITUAL. The latest revised edition of the Ritaul of the Order of Eastern Star published by authority of the General Grand Chapter shall be the authorized Ritual of this Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Secretary is authorized to sell copies of the Ritual only to those members she can confirm by Grand Chapter records to be members of the Order and she shall distribute such Rituals in person or shall mail them directly to the Chapter Secretary. Chapters shall not deliver Rituals to nay person who is not a member of the Order in good standing. **Every Chatper must purchase and have at least one copy of the latest edition of the Ritual in the Chapter room.** There should be only one Ritual open in the Chapter room for use by the prompter
Rationale: As the cost of Rituals become increasingly higher, and as many smaller Chatpers are finding it more difficult to meet their necessary expenses, it seems that having a requirement that each Chapter purchase two updated Rituals every three years is excessive. If a Chapter has one copy of the latest edition of the Ritual in the room, any question of verbiage or ritualistic work can be settled in an orderly manner. This would allow an individual to own an updated Ritual and bring it to a Chapter

meeting so that the requirement is fulfilled. It also allows a Chatper to purchase an updated Ritual if it is the wish of the Chatper to have one on hand for reference. However, passage of this resolution would help eliminate a hardship on many of our smaller chapters.

/s/ Betty Kirby, P.G.M.
/s/ Dave Sierks
/s/ Glee Warnke, P.M.
/s/ Barbara Smith
/s/ Kelsey Larsen, P.M.
/s/ Paula Beezley, P.M.
/s/ Mark Poston, P.P.
/s/ H. John Kirby, P.P.
/s/ Elizabeth Wilhite, P.M.
/s/ Michelle Smith, P.M.
/s/ Roger Warnke, P.P.
/s/ Mark Heilman, P.P.
/s/ Janice Nitz, P.M.
/s/ Jeanne Krenk P.M.
/s/ Sue Bell-Heilman,

ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS

(Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron; Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron; Mary Jo Peterson, PGM, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee; and Cynthia Timmermier, Parliamentarian)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We will now proceed with the resolutions and business of Grand Chapter. All voting delegates have received copies of these resolutions in their packets. If you wish to speak on a resolution. I would advise you to move to the microphones and be ready to address the assembly when discussion is called. Every voting delegate has the right to address the assembly.

If you wish to address the assembly, please state your name, title, chapter number and whether you are “for” or ‘”against” the proposed resolution. There will be a two minute time limit for each speaker. We will strictly enforce this limit.

Mary Jo Peterson, Past Grand Matron, Chairman:

It is your right to speak up – either for or against the proposed Resolutions. I encourage you to do so. Others might not have thought of all the pros or cons, and our Order could benefit by your input.

When you adopted the Standing Rules, Item #8 says that the Jurisprudence Committee shall be required to read the proposed change, the rationale for the change and the entire Bylaw section as amended. I shall proceed to do so. Each member should have a copy of the proposed resolutions if you would like to follow along.

RESOLUTION 04-16: As Resolution 04-16 is an amendment to the Constitution, it was read at the 2016 annual session and was required by law to lay over until the 2017 annual session. This resolution would allow all members in good standing to be entitled to one vote at Grand Chapter.

The rationale for this proposed change is:

Many Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons are repeating their service in those offices. There are those members who have not served as Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron who hold responsible jobs, own businesses and/or are fully capable of making studied and knowledgeable decisions affecting Grand Chapter and Subordinate Chapters in Nebraska. Many jurisdictions have already successfully adopted every member voting in their Grand

Jurisdiction. It is time for Nebraska Grand Chapter to recognize the value of each member and take this step.

If adopted, it would take effect immediately. If adopted, Article 2, Grand Chapter Constitution, would be changed to read:

Article 2 Section 1. Membership. The membership of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the Grand Officers, the Past Grand Matrons, the Past Grand Patrons, and all members in good standing of Subordinate Chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction.

Article 2. Section 2. Any Chapter in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to representation.

Article 2. Section 3. Only members properly registered with the Credentials Committee shall be entitled to vote. They shall have but one vote each on any question.

Article 4. Section 1. Quorum. Grand Chapter Constitution would be changed to read: **Article 4. Section 1. Quorum**: Properly registered members of twenty-five percent (25%) of all chartered chapters shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Member (Betty Garwood, No. 301): Worthy Grand Matron, I am Sister Betty Garwood, Past Matron of Laura Chapter No. 301, and **I move for the adoption of Resolution 04-16.**

Member: I second the motion.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the reading of Resolution 04-16. A motion has been made and seconded to adopt Resolution 04-16. Is there any discussion?

Member: (Don Jelinek, No. 307): I guess my main question is: "How does giving every member a vote satisfy the rationale?

(Worthy Grand Matron and the Parliamentarian conferred.)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Do you have further comments, Brother, Don?

Member (Don Jelinek, No. 307): Oh, yes. First of all, the main comment that I have been hearing for the last few years or for many years -- so I didn't participate in the conversation last year, but it appears to me – and I am not against everyone voting if it serves the chapter -- but I would guess that the percentage of people who fall into that category are educated enough to qualify to represent us.

(The Worthy Grand Matron and the Parliamentarian conferred.)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Is there a Proponent who would wish to address this?

Member (Don Jelinek): I guess it really doesn't matter; because my assumption then –the other part, aren't qualified?

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
I think we have someone who would like to speak on your question..

Member (Betty Garwood, No. 301): And I am the Proponent of this Resolution. I don't know whether I can exactly answer Brother Don's question, but I am going to

make my points here and see if it helps.

First of all, I think the rationale does speak for itself. You've heard it; you've read it; and it speaks for itself. Being able to vote, in my opinion, while it may encourage Grand Chapter attendance and participation, it can encourage all members to study the law and to become well informed in the jurisprudence of Grand Chapter – not just Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, but all members. Two, don't get caught up in the "what ifs" – there were "what ifs" when we discussed the Voting by Acclamation – and look how that has turned out, it has speeded up the process immensely. Three, a particular area in Nebraska, might influence. And yes, you have areas who have more population; however, my experience has been that even those higher populated areas do not have a cohesive— necessarily cohesive membership that is going to influence anything. And I personally believe that any area, north, south, east, or west, could come in and if they were in favor or against something, could bring in a coalition that would be effective if necessary. And four, this is a start – and I did miss a couple of things: mileage, if there is a question about mileage, the Trustees will handle that. It is not something we necessarily have to worry about; there are discussions already. Credentials/Jurisprudence will handle anything that needs to be "housekeeping". So in the end, it is a start and it can always get better and better. There is no intention of saying that by changing this, that there are unqualified members. I personally think that anybody can be qualified and will study.

Member (Don Jelinek): Worthy Grand Matron, may I speak again.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I believe your two minutes are up, Don, and no one can only speak twice if I am understanding it. Sister Cynthia?

Cynthia Timmermier, (Parliamentarian):

No delegate may address twice – I mean more than once for his two minutes; however, I do believe that he has 30 seconds left.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Don, you have 30 seconds left according to our timers.

Member (Don Jelinek): The first sentence in the rationale -- and I am not criticizing the people who can vote more than once – but I know I have never pushed anyone out of the way – I'm sure my time is up. Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Don. Do we have any more speakers for this Resolution?

Member (Marv Colson, Chapter No. 144): Grand Worthy Matron, I'm really hard of hearing, I am just deaf as a post, okay? Is it my understanding, that any member of the Eastern Star can vote if they are in Lodge here – in Grand Chapter, is that true? I mean, this is the proposal -- is that right?

Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman of Jurisprudence:

Yes, that is correct.

Member (Marv Colson): Are we going to be able to have a proxy like everybody else?

Mary Jo Peterson, PGM, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee:

No, it would only be those in attendance who can vote and they would have one vote each.

Member (Marv Colson): So those people that are in the larger metropolises--those in "greater" Nebraska or Western Nebraska and it is a long ways in here and there's a lot of us because of our age now, who couldn't make it – but that didn't use to be so. What are you going to do about those little, small communities that have working people that are in Lodge, who can't get down here to Grand Chapter, to vote. I think this whole thing is set up – it looks to me that the small chapters are kind of getting defeated by this "anybody who shows up can vote." What are you going to do about those who have dual membership; are they allowed two votes?

Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee:
No, only each member in attendance at Grand Chapter will be allowed one vote. So this is just something you have to consider when you vote for this Resolution.

Member (Marv Colson): Thank you. I'm still confused, but then, I always am.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Is there further discussion?

Member (Bev Pickering, Chapter No. 269): We are one of the largest chapters in the state and I would like to say that we struggle – when we come to Chapter, maybe five people come and sometimes, there are only two or three of us that come from that larger chapter. And we struggle, too, so I would like to say that some of you from your smaller chapters, sometimes, you have maybe seven or eight, and we only have two or three that come from Narcissus Chapter who come -- and for a long time, we were the largest chapter in the State. So I think sometimes we may look like a larger chapter, but we struggle just like you do, too, so it is not always that – I guess my time is up – but you may have a lot of people working in the kitchen or you have a younger member who comes and acts as a Page; she pays her hotel room, she stays out here the whole time, and that is why I think she should be able to vote if she is here.

Member (Emily Shoenleber, Chapter No. 94): First, I want to say that I generally support the spirit of the proposal. And I love my Star family and it is an honor to serve both Myrtle Chapter and the Grand Chapter in several capacities in my 15 years of membership. I know that as an organization, we often talk about needing new members -- those who most likely do not have the opportunity or resources to serve in elected officers in our chapters. I can't think of a more expected way for us to work against ourselves in engaging our younger members coming through a systemic disenfranchising of them. I very much so believe that all members should have the right to vote at Grand Chapter. I have attended Grand Chapter many times over the years and am personally in defense of the rejection that I felt when I first found out that my voice wasn't welcomed at Grand Chapter because I had not held an elective office; it was profound. It is something that is contrary to the principles of charity and kindness that Eastern Star stands for. I hope and pray that all of you present today will send a clear message in advancing this amendment to support of our younger members and that their voices are welcome and wanted at Grand Chapter in Nebraska. That said, I also serving as a proxy representative for Myrtle Chapter and having discussed this amendment at length at our chapter meeting in April, the members of Myrtle Chapter strongly believe that it would benefit our organization to engage our members who have not yet held an elective office by giving them a voice in our legislative process. I also strongly believe that one vote per person is the standard that we should hold ourselves to. However, I also have knowledge that personal obligations such as work and family, as well as financial barriers, can often prevent the designated representatives from attending Grand

Chapter. A chapter should still ----

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: I'm sorry, Emily, your time is up.

Member (Emily Schoenleber): Okay, however, I did want to submit a amendment should that be allowed.

(The Worthy Grand Matron and the Parliamentarian conferred.)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Okay. You may make the amendment.

Member (Emily Shoenleber): Thank you. I would like to amend – propose an amendment from the original language as currently in standing law to simply strike the section, "….hereinafter referred to as "Chapter(s)"), through…."Chapter in this jurisdiction.", and to change the language to read:
"….and all members in good standing of Subordinate Chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction in its entirety." And in Section 3: The Right to Vote – strike, "Any representative of a Chapter, who is also a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron, will have one additional vote." In Section 4: Retain the language of "or their proxies", so basically, that proxies would still be allowed to insure that chapters still have representatives even if only one or two members were able to attend. I will submit this in writing before the people.

Cynthia Timmermier, Parliamentarian:
Sister Emily, I am Cynthia Timmermier, Parliamentarian, I would just remind the assembly that this is a Constitutional Amendment and it has already been held over one year, so should you wish to propose an amendment, we may like to go ahead with consideration of the portion of the legislation that has been held over, because if you have an amendment, it would have to be held over at least a year in any case.

Member (Brother Doug Johnson, Chapters No. 8 and No. 320): I carry a proxy for three of our younger members, who because of their employment, are unable to be here. If this motion passes – and I am strictly against it – if this motion passes, it would disenfranchise some of the very people that Sister Emily just spoke about; those people who are teachers, corrections officers, law enforcement, and medical people, who are not able to get away for this and would not have a vote if the proxy was no longer in place. Thank you.

Member (Coralee Hayes, Chapter No. 264): I see this as a convention issue in a sense, that we are going from a "Senate" representation to a "House of Representative" type representation, that I feel like the reason of balance in representation of different chapters is that we could lose our individual rights as chapters and as members and we are not looking at the whole community. If each individual needs to be considered, this is correct. But we also need to consider that there are those within each chapter – we need to think of our individual chapters and get representation from each chapter. And we would lose that representation if that chapter says, "I've only got one person who attends and they can't vote for others within their chapter." Right now, we have four votes or five from each chapter, I really feel that we should keep that and let the younger people have a chance to proxy and have their voice heard if they cannot come – they have jobs and things, and cannot come. Thank you.

Member (Marilyn Guss, Chapter No. 7): I have a question, because I am a little confused after hearing all this discussion: Once this passes, it will be one person,

one vote, and no proxies, is that correct?

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Could you repeat that, Sister Marilyn?

Member (Marilyn Guss, No. 7): After this passes, it will be one person, one vote, and no proxies, like for the Matrons or Patrons, correct?

Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee:
That is correct.

Member (Marilyn Guss): So then, I think I agree with some of what has been said here that if people can't make it, then we will be losing some of the representation we have also. Also, I would like to make the point that – I have heard people saying that the large chapters would be able to send a lot of members, but under the current system if, basically, Matrons and Patrons are the one who are voting – in the large chapters it is a lot harder to go up the line, because there is more competition for those positions and so, there is a problem going the other way, the way it is now. Thank you.

Member (Harold Terry, Chapter No. 269): I believe Betty Garwood, Past Grand Matron, made a very valid point; this is a starting point and not an ending point. I have struggled with this and I think many of us do, but I think this is a starting point. It starts out with, if you pay your dues and you are an active member, you should be able to vote and control the direction Grand Chapter is going. To do that, you need to be in attendance. After we have gotten the first step down, then possibly we can come back and do another change to add in the proxies if we need to, but I am not sure we do. And right now, as an example, Narcissus Chapter probably has 35 or 40 Past Matrons and Patrons – they don't come to Grand Chapter any longer; they are no longer capable of coming to Grand Chapter; and they are not allowed to have proxies, so I don't see the proxies as an issue. If you pay your dues and you take the time off of work to come to Grand Chapter, then you should be able to vote and that's how we encourage the younger people to be more active and be more involved, because they wanted to have a voice. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Member (Julie Janik, Chapter No. 94): I raise – this is my second year at Grand Chapter and I was going to say, if we adopt the amendment now as far as – the proposed amendment to the amendment that Emily Shoenleber is saying, we can basically – we are able to keep the proxies and to just be able to have it all in one go for next year. **So I would like to move to second the proposed amendment to the amendment.** Thank you.

(The Worthy Grand Matron, the Parliamentarian and the Jurisprudence Committee conferred.)

Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee:
Okay, the amendment that was just submitted was not in proper form; it's not been signed and it could – you know, if this would have been presented when the other amendments were sent out to everyone, then it possibly could have been accepted; but at this time, it cannot be accepted.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Discussions have been closed. It has been moved and seconded that we adopt Resolution No. 04-16. All those in favor of Resolution No. 04-16, raise your voting cards. Cards down. All those opposed, same sign. Cards down.

(Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee and the Parliamentarian conferred.)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
I believe we have to have an actual vote count. Okay, if you will stay in your sections. The tellers will visually count the votes. We will take into consideration whether you have one vote or you have votes, and they will do a section at a time.

(Further discussions with the Parliamentarian, Worthy Grand Matron, Jurisprudence Committee, and the Tellers.)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Alright, we have our directions. We will count the votes. Your voting card – you have tabs numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. We will begin with Tab No. 1. You are going to write on that tab, "For" or "Against". The Tellers will pick up those tabs and count them. **I will now declare the ballot Open**.

(Tellers proceeded to each section and retrieved the voting tabs.)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Has everyone's ballot been collected – does anyone have a ballot that has not been collected? I don't see any waving arms – I believe the ballots have been collected. Brother Wendell, do you have all of your Tellers?

Wendell Wagner, Co-Chairman of Tellers:
Yes, Worthy Grand Matron.

The Tellers collected the ballots and left the Grand Chapter room to count the ballots. During the count, members were entertained by the Cowboy Chorus as well as readings by Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius from a book entitled, "Campfire Stories." This book was a gift from the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas after Sister Cheryl returned home from their Grand Chapter. She also read some thoughts from Will Rogers's book entitled, "Wit and Wisdom." In addition, the Grand Organist played a selection of music during the wait for the Tellers to return.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
The Tellers are back. Due to the time, we will suspend the rest of the Resolutions until tomorrow morning. Thank you, Brothers Don and Wendell.

The Ballot Report Sheet for the passage of Resolution 04-16 shows:

Ballots cast	304
Blank votes cast	20
Number of votes needed to elect	154
Votes FOR	167
Votes AGAINST	117

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Resolution No. 04-16 has passed. According to Nebraska Grand Chapter Bylaws, it is effective immediately. Therefore, any colored card will now count as only one vote. Will all Nebraska Eastern Star members who do not have a voting card please stand now so a member of the Tellers Committee may distribute a voting card to you. For those of you who have colored cards, you may keep those cards;

however, keep in mind, they will only count as one vote.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
I will repeat this: Any colored card now will count as only one vote and you don't have to get a new card. Will all Nebraska Eastern Star members who do not have any voting card – it doesn't have to be white – any voting card -- please stand now so that a member of the Tellers Committee may distribute a voting card to you.

Member (Tami Stites, Chapter No. 325): Worthy Grand Matron?

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Yes, Sister Tami.

Member (Tami Stites): I just have a question: We have a lot of people out of the room decorating for our dinner tonight; will they have an opportunity to receive a voting card at another time?

The Worthy Grand Matron conferred with the Parliamentarian and the Jurisprudence Committee.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will re-read this in the morning for those people who are not in the room.
Brother Gary and I wish to congratulate the newly elected Grand Officers. You will join with us in extending our congratulations to these Brothers and Sisters and wish them well in their coming year. (Applause)
Sister Cynthia Timmermier, our Parliamentarian, we thank you for being at our side to help keep us on track and for your assistance in assuring the proper Parliamentarian procedures were followed. You assistance and support has been invaluable and we will look forward to it again tomorrow morning. Thank you. (Applause)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We hope to see many of you at the "Lighting the Trail" Line Officers Banquet this evening. Please be back here at 6:00 to enjoy the music selections by Sister Kimberly Outerkirk, followed by the Children's Home program at 6:15. You won't want to miss this program put on by the children from the Masonic Eastern Star Home in Fremont. The Awards Ceremony presentation is always a time of pride and celebration. The Children's Program and the Awards Ceremony will be followed by the Opening Ceremony and the Ceremony of Initiation for three new members. Please join us. Remember, the Silent Auction will be closing this evening at 7:00, so you might want to check on any items you might have been bidding on before that time.

The Grand Secretary made announcements of lost and found. The Grand Conductress closed the Bible on the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from Labor to Refreshment to reconvene at 7:00 p.m. The Grand Officer retired.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 10, 2017
7:00 P.M.
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

At 6:00 p.m. – Musical Selections by Kimberly Outerkirk (184).

Beginning at 6:15 p.m., Brother Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, welcomed Eastern Star members and guests to the annual program presented by the children of the Home. Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius and Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel, along with Most Worthy Grand Matron Helen Westmoreland and Most Worthy Grand Patron Robert Penoyer, were escorted by four of the Home children to special chairs in the Grand Chapter room to watch the program.

The children opened their show by welcoming the members and giving a short history of the music. A musical program, directed by Nancy Sic, was presented. In addition, the Children's Home Band, under the direction of Bob Olsen, wowed the audience with several numbers as well. At the conclusion of the musical program, the children each stepped to the microphone and introduced themselves.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron were escorted back to the East by the Home children, where special plaques were presented to Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl and Worthy Grand Patron Gary in thanks for their work and devotion to the Home.

The Children's Home kids spend several months preparing for their program and their presentation is always one of the most popular events at Nebraska Grand Chapter.

SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

Scholastic Awards are made possible by the Past Grands Association and were presented by Past Grand Matron Sister Donna Carmichael, President of the Past Grands Association, who was assisted by Brother Don Jelinek, Vice-President of the Association.

Donna Carmichael, Past Grand Matron and President of the Past Grands Association:

Each Year, the Past Grands Association presents a scholarship to a student from each cottage with the highest grade point average for the year. When I say your name, please come forward:

Rebekah Simons: Rebekah lives in Hartmann Cottage. She has kept her grades above a 3.5 during her junior year at Fremont High School. She enjoys band and choir. Rebekah's boots are going to be walking to college, so she can study Music Therapy.

Ryane Ferguson: Ryanne lives in Veazie Cottage. She is a junior at Fremont High School. She would like to have a bucket calf as a 4-H project if she doesn't move back to Oregon. Ryane would like to study Criminal Justice in college, so she can be a K-9 Officer. About once a week, Ryane observes comfort dogs being trained at the Children's Home.

Carson Richards: Carson lives in Morris Cottage. He is in 7th grade at Fremont Middle School. He is very active in extracurricular activities, while keeping his GPA at 3.8. In addition to his 4-H projects, he participates in cross-country, wrestling, and track, so he is a busy kid! Thank you.

And last is **Mason Jane** – Truman Cottage: He is a senior at Fremont High School. He enjoys skateboarding and other outside activities. Mason plans to attend Job Corps and study heating and air-conditioning repair. After the Job Corps, the local recruiter would like for him to join the Marines. Thank you.

Ron Giesselmann, Children's Home Administrator:

Thank you, Sister Donna and Brother Don, and the members of the Past Grands Association. From the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star, Past Grand Matron and Children's Home Board, Sister Judy Wehrbein will now come to the podium. We would like for you to present the Jane C. Thompson Citizenship Awards.

JANE C. THOMPSON CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Judy Wehrbein, Past Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Ron. What an outstanding and inspiring program! Those of us in attendance here at Grand Chapter always look forward to the time when the children from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children present their program for us, and you never, ever cease to WOW us and amaze us with the talents of the Home kids! We also appreciate you being with us as it gives us an opportunity to honor those children who have exhibited good citizenship during the past year.

These Citizenship Awards were established many years ago after a visit to the Home by Sister Elizabeth Ray, Grand Representative of Nebraska in Connecticut, and her husband, Brother Vincent. They were so impressed with the Home that they set up a fund, the income from which was to be used to honor some of the children each year at Grand Chapter for their good citizenship. These awards were to be named after Sister Elizabeth's mother, Jane C. Thompson.

It is now my honor and privilege to present these Jane C. Thompson Good Citizenship Awards to four very deserving young people. Would you please come forward as I read your name?

Bailey Rothanzi
Alondra Avalos
Aiden Austin-King
Gabe Miller

Now, as I say your name, will you step forward so everyone can see who you are while I read a little bit about you so our Eastern Star Family will get to know each of you:

Bailey Rothanzi: Bailey is a junior at Fremont High School. She lives in Hartmann Cottage and is a positive leader there. For the last two years, the Christmas cards that you have bought or received were done by Bailey as she won that competition for two years in a row. She has just started working at a daycare after school and on weekends. Bailey enjoys her 4-H projects and takes great pride in them. Congratulations, Bailey.

Alondra Avalos: Alondra lives in Veazie Cottage and is a positive leader in her cottage. Alondra is a junior at Fremont High School and is on the track team. She is

also a weight lifter and set a record in the "Squat" – aren't you proud? I am proud of you. How much did you lift, Alondra?

Alondra Avalos: 230.

Judy Wehrbein, Past Grand Matron:
230 – and you are just a little thing! That's very impressive, and certainly better than most of us here could over do. She enjoys her 4-H projects and especially enjoys working with her calf. Congratulations!

Aiden Austin-King: Aiden is a sophomore at Fremont High School. He has worked very hard this school year to improve his grades. Aiden lives in Morris Cottage and is a positive leader. He enjoys riding his skateboard and fishing. His older brother won a trophy at the Fishing Derby, but now Aiden has high hopes for 2017. Good luck, Aiden! We will sure be anxious to hear your fishing results. Congratulations, Aiden!

Gabe Miller: Gabe lives in Truman Cottage. He is a senior at Fremont High School and is on the high school soccer team. If you visit the Home, you just might see Gabe practicing soccer in the park area as that is where he spends some of his spare time. He is the current President of the Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club and showing his red angus has been his pride and joy at the fairs. Gabe plans to attend college and study Wildlife Management. Good luck to you, Gabe, and congratulations!

To our four Citizenship recipients: Bailey, Alondra, Aiden, and Gabe, we commend you for exhibiting good citizenship and setting a positive example for your peers. In doing so, you are creating a better world for us all. Again, our congratulations to each of you!

We again applaud all of you children here on the stage for just being the special kids that you are. We sincerely thank everyone for your efforts to be a better citizen in your cottage, in your school – wherever you are and in whatever you are doing. Remember, that all the positive things that you do and how you do it, truly makes a difference to those around you and it never, ever goes unnoticed.

A huge thank you to the children, the staff, and the administrators for making this evening for all of us so very, very special. Our Star love to each and every one of you!

Ron Giesselmann, Children's Home Executive Director:
Thank you, Sister Judy, and thank you to everyone here for your gracious support of the Children's Home. Now we will have to have a little time to pack up and while they are packing up, I will give you a quick rundown on what's going at the new cottage. The walls are up; the roof is on; and the window company was parked outside when I came up here Monday, so I am hoping when I get back, we have doors and windows. So, thank you very much for everyone's gracious support of the new cottage. It will be greatly used. I tried to nail down the architect and the general contractor and we were hoping to have a ribbon cutting on July 29th – both of them got pretty nervous and started shaking a little bit -- because July 29th is our Achievement Day that everybody is welcome to come to and we will not be having a ribbon cutting on that date. But hopefully, September or October, we will have a ribbon cutting and be able to move in and use it as much as we can. Thank you very much for coming tonight.

OPENING FORMATIONS
7:00 P.M.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were informally escorted through the Labyrinth to the East for the evening events.

James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Patron:
Oh, my goodness! Hold your horses, the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron aren't here yet. Brother Albert Fisher, can you shed any light on this situation – perhaps with that magic camera of yours?

(Brother Albert Fisher presented a power point video on the screen in the East of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron arriving at Grand Chapter in a buckboard in a cloud of dust! The video was accompanied by the recorded musical selection, "The Cattle Call").

James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Patron:
Good evening and welcome to the 142nd Annual Session of the Nebraska Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. We are pleased that you have chosen to share your time with our "Trails of Faith" Session. Thank you for being with us.
It is my pleasure to present to you the Drovers and Top Hands of the Nebraska Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, the 2016-2017 Grand Officers.

Brother James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Patron, introduced the Grand Officers and their Companions. The Grand Officers were then seated on the stage for the opening marches and fun formations presented by the various groups with music provided by Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189). The Grand Officers then left the stage.

Past Grand Matron Sister Judy Wehrbein and Past Grand Patron Brother Alvin Benemerito were escorted though the Labyrinth and to the East by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Judy called the Grand Chapter to order and the Grand Officers performed their march. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were given Grand Honors and the Grand Officers then took their stations.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Howdy! Howdy to you all this evening. I do hope you all enjoyed the program presented for us by the residents of the Children's' Home. I know I have said it before, but it is always a highlight of my Grand Chapter experience each year.
Sister Judy and Brother Alvin, you are my Fraternal Mother and Father. Having you both here with me this evening has to be a "best of show" type of night. The two of you made a great team as you led the "Spirit of the Star" Grand Chapter Session. What a celebration! I was honored to serve in your Grand Family as Grand Warder, and it has been a wonderful experience to progress through the Grand Line to this office I now hold. Thank you both! Thank you for opening this session this evening.
Sister Kim, thank you for your music this evening. You were an important part of that "Spirit of the Star" Grand family and have been a good friend ever since. Thank You.

Gary Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Past Grand Matron Sister Judy and Past Grand Patron Brother Alvin: I was Worthy Patron of our chapter when you brought the "Spirit of the Star" to our visitation. Sister Judy, you had everything neatly planned out and Brother Alvin, you brought "Alvin the Chipmunk" with you to our visitation in Utica. I don't remember too

much more of that meeting because afterwards I was approached by Sister Bev and Brother Jim asking me to be their door appointment. Well, that sent my mind reeling and I promptly was unable to remember anything but that. I apologize that I do not remember more of your visit. One more thing, thank you for appointing Sister Cheryl as Grand Warder for your year, and thank you both for opening this Wednesday evening Session.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Returning briefly to this afternoon's business meeting, particularly with reference to **Resolution 04-16**. After review of the numeric outcome of the vote tally, it has been determined that the Resolution amending the Constitution did not obtain the necessary two-thirds vote as mandated by Article 9, Section 1, of the Grand Chapter Constitution. **The Resolution has not passed**. Your original proxies and voting cards are to be used for the remainder of this session.

In preparation for the evening session, the Worthy Grand Matron asked the Grand Secretary for announcements. Sister Jan reported that one of the Assistant Grand Warders, Sister Joy Boyer, had to leave early due to a family emergency and to please keep her in everyone's prayers. The Worthy Grand Matron then asked that all who were not members of the Order to retire. The Associate Grand Matron was ordered to prove Grand Chapter. The Bible on the Altar was opened and the Grand Chapter was called from Refreshment to Labor.

CEREMONY OF INITIATION

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters and Brothers, we are now ready for the Ceremony of Initiation. But first, a presentation by Brother Harold Terry, our Grand Marshal:

Harold Terry, Grand Marshal:

Protocol having been met, good evening. The following was adapted from a presentation given at Colorado Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. It is called, "Inspiration of the Labyrinth."

When the Order of the Eastern Star was new, the candidates were led by the proper officer directly from station to station around the Pentagon formed by the Star Points. The Pioneers of the Order, however, were seeking ways to make initiation more beautiful and impressive. And during the year Sister Nettie Ransford, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, was Right Worthy Grand Conductress, she demonstrated on the floor of the General Grand Chapter a new Labyrinth march, which was adopted by that body and used from that time on.

From its inception, the Order of the Eastern Star has had an impelling religious appeal. It has even been said that fraternal organizations such as ours were what the Savior had in mind when He commanded his Disciples to go to the ends of the Earth and teach the Gospel of Brotherly Love.

After a member has assumed the obligation, he or she is conducted to ADAH, where she hears the story of Jepthah's daughter from the Book of Judges. In this story a young girl becomes a sacrifice in order that a promise of her father might be kept. Perhaps this promise was a rash one. He had no thought that the one to come forth from the door of his house would be his only child. ADAH freely sacrificed her life rather than have her father break his sacred word to God. She became a living symbol of sacrifice, and her willingness to do this has made her the example of Fidelity.

From ADAH, the member is conducted around the point of MARTHA. The lesson of MARTHA, which is primarily about the resurrection of the body, also brings out the willingness of Christ to sacrifice himself for others, thus pointing out the similarity of the lessons of ADAH and MARTHA.

After passing by MARTHA, the member is conducted to RUTH. Here she is told one of the most beautiful love stories of all literature. RUTH, the widow of Naomi's son, was a native of Moab. Moab was a nation of idol worshipers. RUTH came from a family rich in lands and cattle. But such was her love for Naomi and Naomi's God, that she left her home and her assurance of plenty to follow her mother-in-law to a strange land, and the chance of poverty and loneliness. In the teachings of our order, RUTH has come to be the embodiment of Constancy.

As the member is led on, she is conducted around the point of ELECTA. This heroine teaches of love, and her lesson on emphasizes the story of RUTH.

Now the Conductress leads the member to ESTHER who risked the loss of station and life itself to save her own people. The Persians, who had captured the Jewish people and who held them in low regard, called them the despised race. The King had no knowledge of her ancestry. But when ESTHER learned that the edict had gone out that on a chosen day the Jewish people would all be destroyed, she knew that she must do what she most dreaded. She must go to the King, confess her nationality, and plead for mercy. Relying on a promise he had made to her, she entered the presence of the King unbidden. The guards were stricken with terror, but ESTHER bravely went on and pleaded the cause of her people. The King, upon hearing the story, relented and saved the chosen people. ESTHER has become the symbol of Faithfulness to all members of the Eastern Star.

During the march from ESTHER to MARTHA, the member is conducted around ADAH, stressing again their willingness to sacrifice themselves for others.

Next, we come to the point of MARTHA. It was to her that the Savior made the statement that brings hope to all Christians. "I am the resurrection and the life, and he that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and he that believeth in Me, shall never die." How wonderful it must have been for her to hear this message, which was shared with the entire world. MARTHA was the one who did the work of the household, the one who seemed at times to have no thought except for the mundane things of life and yet, when Christ sought to comfort her, He graced her with those eternal words of life – the words that are the very foundation of our Christian faith.

From MARTHA, the member is conducted around RUTH, and there comes to our minds the fact that RUTH, who so nobly cared for Naomi, who became the ancestress of the Christ, the One who spoke the wonderful words to MARTHA many, many years later.

The lesson of ELECTA is love, as expressed in Charity and Kindness to all those who need it. She was the exemplification of the command of the Master when he said, "I give unto you a new Commandment, that ye shall love one another, even as I have loved you." We hear the lesson that is really taught in all the stories of our heroines – that of Love -- Love for God, Love for man, and Love for all living creatures.

From ELECTA, we then go around ESTHER'S station, and it comes to our mind that in the lessons of these two points, we have learned that two great truths, Love and Purity, are attributes that are the crowning glory of womanhood.

We have completed the Labyrinth march. We have seen the relation between the story of ADAH and MARTHA; of RUTH with that of ELECTA; the story of ESTHER has been compared with that of ADAH; the message of MARTHA with that of RUTH; and that of ELECTA with the story of ESTHER. In every instance, there was some characteristic that bound it up with the other. Through it all, we passed by the open Holy Bible on the Altar, as in indication that absolute reliance upon the Scriptures is essential to our faith and well-being.

Finally, the new member is conducted out of and around the outside of the Labyrinth, in the only circular movement in the initiatory march, emphasizing the relationship of all the heroines of our Order, their lessons, and the Holy Bible. When we consider all the lessons taught by our Star Points, we cannot help but believe that the march was truly inspired. Surely it was not chance that guided our Order to arrange the march in the highly symbolic, as well as beautiful, manner. Thank you for your attention!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We are now ready for the Ceremony of Initiation. Sisters and Brothers, we wish this ceremony to be as impressive as possible for our candidates. Please refrain from whispering, moving about, or leaving during the ceremony. We ask you to please turn off all cell phones -- or as Gary always says, put them on STUN! Your cooperation will insure the beauty and solemnity of this beautiful Ritualistic Ceremony.

The Cowboy Chorus presented a beautiful song: "In This Very Room".

The 2016-2017 Grand Officers presented an impressive and beautiful Ceremony of Initiation. Three new Sisters were initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Jim Taylor, Associate Grand Patron, recited the Scriptures from memory as the candidates traversed the Grand Chapter room. Beautiful music for the ceremony was provided by the Grand Organist, Sister Karla Lawler (142/92/264).

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Congratulations, to my new Sisters! I wish to be the first to welcome you into our Order. It was a great pleasure for us to perform the Initiation Ceremony for you and to be a part of giving you the gift of membership. As in all things, you will get out of Eastern Star what you put into it. Your Chapters need your participation and involvement and so does this Grand Chapter. We hope that you will become an active member in your Chapters.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
I have the honor of being the second to welcome you into the Order of the Eastern Star. You probably came here with many friends, but now you have a whole room full more of new friends and friends worldwide. As Sister Cheryl said, the more you participate, the more you will realize the gift that was given to you here tonight. It was an honor for me to initiate you into the Order of the Eastern Star. Welcome to the world of OES!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you, Grand Officers. You were fantastic. This is what you have worked for all year and your work was beautiful. Thank you!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
In order for you to feel like you know your newest members a little better, Gary and I would like to share a little about each one of them. As we say your name, will you please stand. If parents, grandparents, or spouses are here, will you please stand with them also.

Hannah King: Hannah King is the daughter of Devon King and David King. She is a 2015 graduate of Central City High School and has just completed her second year at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where she is studying Business Administration

and Travel and Tourism. Hannah belongs to Central City Bethel No. 7, International Order of Job's Daughters, and is currently serving as the Nebraska Grand Bethel Honored Queen. Hannah is now a member of Arbor Chapter No. 200 of Central City where she will be joining her aunts and fraternal grandmother as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Riley Arnold: Riley Arnold is the daughter of Bob and Sue Arnold of Utica. Riley is a 2012 graduate of Centennial High School of Utica. She graduated in 2016 from the University of Nebraska, Magna Cum Laude, with a degree in Exercise Science. Riley is currently a graduate student in the Doctorate Program for Occupational Therapy at the University of South Dakota. Riley has joined her grandmother, Faye Petersen, as a member of Utica Chapter No. 199 where she will be a fourth generation member. Riley enjoys working on creative projects and running. She has completed her 2nd Lincoln half-marathon just this past weekend.

Susan Arnold: Susan Arnold is a graduate of Bryan School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse and is currently completing her 18th year as the school nurse for Centennial Public School in Utica. Susan is following in the footsteps of her grandmother, Esther Rieger, and Great Uncle, Leland Rurup, and joining her mother, Faye Peterson, and her daughter, Riley Arnold, as a member of Utica Chapter No. 199 of Utica. Susan's interests include running and walking the country roads with her daughter, spending time with family, and dreaming about becoming a quilter and gardener like her Mom.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sisters and Brothers, please join us in welcoming our new Sisters into our Order. We celebrate with them, with their families and with their chapters and invite you all to greet them following our closing at the "End of the Trail Hoe Down" Membership Party. We would like to get a picture of our group just outside the Grand Chapter Room immediately after the Grand Officers retiring march.

The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Grand Secretary if there were any announcements and the Grand Secretary reminded those who had won the bid on the baskets at the Silent Auction, they are to be paid for and picked up this evening.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to close the Bible. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from Labor to Rest to reconvene at 9:00, Thursday morning.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were instructed to present the Bibles to the Worthy Grand Patron and then assist him in presenting the new members with the Bibles that each had held at the Altar.

CLOSING

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sisters and Brothers, we invite you to join us at the "End of the Trail Hoedown" Membership Party in the Crystal Ballroom immediately following the retiring march of the Grand Officers.

We would really like to have you join us tomorrow morning at 8:45 for another "Roundup of Stars." We ask everyone to please remain seated while the Grand Officers retire. The Grand Officers will retire.

The Grand Officers retired.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 11, 2017
8:45 A.M

Sister Ruth Negus (277) entertained those gathering for the Thursday morning session with musical selections.

At 9:00 a.m., Sister Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Deloyt Young, Past Grand Patron, were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East by the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Sharlene called the morning session to Order. The Grand Officers performed the opening march, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East, given Grand Honors, and the Grand Officers assumed their stations.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
It is Thursday morning and the last day of the Roundup of Stars with the Trails of Faith Grand Family. I'm glad to see you all here.

Sister Ruth, thank you for your beautiful music. It is always a pleasure to hear you and see you at the piano. Thank you for sharing your talent with us.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Sharlene and Brother Deloyt, thank you for opening our morning session. It was only two very quick years ago that you were standing here opening one of your "Music of the Stars" Grand Sessions. Thank you for being here and opening this session for us.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Past Grand Matron Sister Sharlene and Past Grand Patron Brother Deloyt, you appointed me as Grand Marshal for your "Music of the Stars" Session. Thank you for including me as part of your Grand Family. Thank you both for opening this Thursday morning session for us.

The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to open the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter from Rest to Labor.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
It is both an honor and a pleasure to call upon Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron, who will be giving our morning devotions.

Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron:
Good morning, everyone.

I chose the Scripture for this morning from Psalms Chapter 27, Verses 4 and 5: "*One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to*

inquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock."

I've always been fascinated by the Old West. I love all those old western movies with shootouts and cattle drives. I was thinking about those cowboys and their cattle drives, and about how the tumbleweed impacted them since they are such a nuisance. Tumbleweeds are plants that are in abundance in the Old West, and if you live in Western Nebraska, you're probably very familiar with them. The interesting thing about tumbleweeds is that they carry seeds everywhere they go when the wind blows and, of course, they grow. In fact, each plant typically has about 250,000 seeds.

The world these days is full of bad news, much like the tumbleweeds full of seeds. Tensions are growing all across the world; economies are on the brink of disaster, and nature is constantly adding to the chaos, with one disaster after another. It is troubled times, and for some of us it might be sometimes hard to believe, but it is never as bad as it seems. To illustrate, way out West in America, of course, a modern day cowboy was driving down the road. His dog was riding in the back of his pickup truck, and his faithful horse was in the trailer behind. As he took a curb in the highway, he suddenly lost control of his pickup truck and had a terrible accident. Sometime later, a State Police Officer came along to the rescue. He was a great lover of animals and the officer's attention was immediately drawn to the horse. Realizing the serious nature of its injuries, he drew out his service revolver and put the animal out of its misery.

In walking around the accident site, he found the dog, also critically wounded and whining miserably in pain. This grips the heart of this particular police officer, so he quickly ends the dogs suffering as well.

Finally, the police officer locates the cowboy, who suffered multiple fractures and can hardly breathe, "Hey, are you okay?", he says. The cowboy took one look at the smoking gun in the trooper's hand, quickly replies with unexpected energy, "Never felt better."

We are all pilgrims in this world, which will wound us at times so badly it will seem unbearable. Yet we have this promise from God: "In the time of trouble, He shall hide me." So when the world approaches me with a smoking gun, whether to put me out of my misery or not, I can find a supernatural strength and simply say, "I never felt better." May God give you for every storm, a rainbow; for every tear, a smile; for every care, a promise and a blessing in each trial; for every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share; for every sigh, a sweet song, and an answer for every prayer.

Let us unite in prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity to gather here in thy name and for thy sake. We thank thee for the food and remember those that are hungry. We thank thee for our health and remember those that are sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for our freedom and remember the enslaved. And finally, Lord, give us a chance to be our goodly best, fair, wise, and free; our goodly best for ourselves and others, 'til all men learn to live as brothers."

Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I think the Cowboy Chorus has a song for us – it is one of my favorites!

The Cowboy Chorus sang, "Tumbling Tumbleweed".

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Wanda, Thank you for our morning devotional. I knew that being from the Sandhills, you would be just the right choice for this "Trails of Faith" Session. Thank you for your spiritual inspiration and your dedication to our Order. And I want to

make sure that you all know, that beautiful quilt displayed out front was made by this special lady.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Mary Ann, Brother Jim and the Cowboy Chorus, Thank you for your beautiful music. The songs you have selected for this session have been just right. That last one was one of my favorites. Thank you!

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
You will present the Past Grand Patron for introduction.

The Grand Conductress presented Past Grand Patron Duard Dempster at the Altar.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Brother Duard, We cannot count the hairs of our head nor count the stars in the sky, but we can count on your friendship and thank you for coming.
Your cowboy wisdom: Never ask a barber if you need a haircut.

The Past Grand Patron was escorted through the Labyrinth to the East where he was given Grand Honors and was then seated in the Grand Chapter room.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS

(Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron; Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron; Mary Jo Peterson, PGP, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee; and Cynthia Timmermier, Parliamentarian.)

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Okay, we need to go back and pick up where we left off yesterday.

Mary Jo Peterson, PGM, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee:
Returning briefly to yesterday afternoon's business meeting, particularly in reference to Resolution 04-16, after review of the numeric outcome of the vote tally, it has been determined that the Resolution amending the Constitution did not attain the necessary two-thirds vote as mandated by Article 9, Section 1, of the Grand Chapter Constitution. **The Resolution has not passed.** Your original proxies and voting cards are to be used for the remainder of the session.

Mary Jo. Peterson: Resolution 06-16:
So we are now ready for **Resolution 06-16**. As Resolution 06-16 was an amendment to the Constitution, it was read at the 2016 Annual Session and was required by law to lay over until the 2017 Annual Session. This Resolution would change the qualifications for holding office as a Grand Officer.
The Rationale for the proposed change is: The consolidation of Chapters and the aging of our members make it increasingly difficult to find qualified members who are willing and able to serve this Grand Chapter. If adopted, it will take effect immediately. If adopted, Article 6, Section 1, No. 3, Grand Chapter Constitution would be changed to read: "Article 6, Section 1, No. 3, In no case shall more than

two officers of the Grand Chapter, elected or appointed, be chosen from the same chapter."

Member (Cheryl Beckius, Chapter No. 142): As Proponent of this resolution, **I move to adopt the resolution.**
Member: I second the motion.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
You have heard the reading of Resolution 06-16. A motion has been made and seconded to adopt Resolution 06-16. Is there any discussion? (No discussion).

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
If there is no discussion, all those in favor of adopting Resolution 06-16, will vote by raising your voting cards. Cards down. All those opposed, same sign. Cards down. **You have voted to adopt Resolution 06-16.**

Mary Jo Peterson: Resolution 01-17:
This Resolution would increase the number of Constitution, Bylaws and Books of Instruction to each chapter. The Rationale for this proposed change is: After much discussion, the Jurisprudence Committee concludes that two printed books per chapter (passed at the 2016 Grand Chapter Session as Resolution 01-16) is inadequate. This Resolution would increase the number of books to six (6) for each chapter. The Grand Secretary will be responsible for updating only those six books within each chapter, along with the District Grand Supervisors books and any other book the Grand Secretary determines is appropriate. For all other members who have printed the book from the website, notification of any updates will be printed in the OES News and members are responsible for printing those updates from the website and updating their own books. If adopted, Section 38 of the Book of Instruction would be changed to read: "Section 38. **Book of Instruction**. The Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska shall conform to the ritual and to the ritualistic work in the General Grand Chapter Book of Instruction. When changes are made in the ritualistic work or decisions and resolutions pertaining to the ritualistic work are adopted in General Grand Chapter, they shall immediately be in force in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, and Secretary shall each have a copy of the book containing the Constitution, Bylaws, and Book of Instruction. Any member of the Order in good standing may access and print the book (in whole or in part), as it is stored on the website of the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star, that is neoes.org, in a password-protected, read-only format.

The Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, and Secretary shall sign a receipt for the book given to them, and, at the expiration of their term of office, return said book(s) to the Secretary of the chapter, or on demand from the Grand Chapter, return it to the office of Grand Secretary.

A fine equal to the cost of replacement shall be imposed on any Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress, or Secretary for the loss of this book while in their possession according to the records of the Secretary." **I move the adoption of Resolution 01-17.**
Member: I second the motion.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the reading of Resolution 01-17. **A motion has been made and seconded to adopt Resolution 01-17.** Is there any discussion?
Member (Don Jelinek, Chapter No. 307): There was a –
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Are you for or against, Don?

Member (Don Jelinek): I think there needs to be—there is a page, if you open your Red Book cover -- the page that carries "the purchased by or loaned to" – at the bottom of the page there is a paragraph that shows the distribution. I realize that's not part of the Constitution, but it includes the Associate Patron in the distribution. Why? Well, the Worthy Patron is supposed to be a counsel to the Worthy Matron, so he reads the book. The Associate Patron can be called up there in a moment's notice, and he wouldn't even have a book. So I think the distribution has to be changed to seven (7), whereby not discriminating the Associate Patron, and giving a book to the Secretary.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you.
Member (Sharon Yockers, Chapter No. 8): I just have a question – not in dispute of it -- I just was wondering if it means that you have to have six? What if there are some chapters – I am just saying and I just wanted to ask that question, does it mean that you have to have six? It's not a problem for my chapter, but I thought I would just mention it; I wanted to have an answer to that.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: It is says, "shall"; it's stated, "shall have six".
Member (Denny Smith, Chapter 92): I think I know just enough to be dangerous, but –
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Are you for or against, Brother Denny?
Member (Denny Smith): Oh, I don't know – I'm trying to get this through my mind. This is one that you can print on 8 ½ x 11 paper?
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Yes, that will be the new size.
Member (Denny Smith): How many pages are involved under the new format?
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: The same number of pages. It's in a larger print, so each page is like it was prior, just bigger size.
Member (Denny Smith): Okay, then do I understand that any Star member in good standing can print that off, is that right?
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: That is correct, if they have the password.
Member (Denny Smith): What I'm trying to determine is, if I wanted a Red Book, I can go in and print it or is it better to buy it from the Grand Chapter Office?
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: My belief is that they would not be available to purchase from the Grand Chapter Office. It would need to be printed off the website.
Member (Denny Smith): I'm opposed to this in that I think while the I—
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Brother Denny, your time is up. I'm sorry. Is there any other discussion?
Member (Emily Schoenleber, Chapter No. 94): My understanding of scope of this amendment adds the additional officers back into the distributed books from the Grand Chapter. I ultimately don't have an issue with it, but I do have a question to the Jurisprudence Committee's rationale, being the rationale provided states that the amendment that was passed last year, which already established all of the online download stuff, that's already in law – but when it was passed last year, limited to just the Worthy Matron having a book, the Jurisprudence Committee at that time apparently didn't have an issue with it. So I would like an explanation from the Jurisprudence Committee as to why that was no longer the case.
Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee: Thinking about this more, I realize – or we realize that we're kind of contradicting ourselves from what was passed a year ago, but we figured the WIFI issue access to that -- the officers, if they are in their chapter room, they need that access to their own book, more than just two books in the chapter; there are those that – aging members like myself, don't always have access to a computer or get access from the computer, so we thought if there were more books available – even though those six officers have those books, they can loan them out or anyone can look at them.

Member (Betty Kirby, Chapter No. 153): I am speaking for the amendment. I just want to address a few of the concerns that have been raised here. When this was originally proposed, the idea was that – the Grand Secretary has to keep records currently of every person that owns a Red Book. This requires a lot of time and a lot of bookwork. We all have that wonderful thing – or most of us do in this day and age – a computer or a phone, and it is so easy to access these same things instead of using a printed page now, you can carry at least a download into the chapter room -- or pass the books for us who are more comfortable – so that it is not just confined to those six officers any more. The beauty of this Resolution is anybody has access to the Red Book at any time, and that was the main purpose of proposing this in the first place. So we are no longer limiting this to just a few people within the chapter. Thank you.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Is there any more discussion?
Member (Laurie Sieg, Chapter 271): I am a proponent of the Resolution, but I have a clarification question. How will the membership be notified that it is time to print off revised pages and which pages have been revised? Will that be published in the OES News or sent out by emails?
Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee: Yes, it will be published in the OES News, and I believe that each chapter – and, yes, it says in here: "For all other members who have printed the book from the website, notification of any updates will be printed in the OES News and members are responsible for printing those updates from the website and updating in their own book."
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Any more discussion?
Member (Chuck Sohm, Chapter No. 325): I stand in favor of the Resolution. The part about the printing of your own copies, that is already in our Law, am I understanding that correctly, and how we get notified of any changes if we have our own copy – I believe that is already in Law. It would be changing the number of paper copies that get distributed within the chapter, is that correct?
Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee: That's correct.
Member (Chuck Sohm, Chapter No. 325): So all the questions about, "How do I update my book if I have a personal copy," – that's already Law and we are not voting on that today. All we are voting on, as I understand it, is the change in the distribution and number of hard copies that go out to the chapters.
Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee: Yes.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: I believe we have reached the limitation of discussion and the proponents, so you have heard the reading of Resolution 01-17. The motion has been made and seconded to adopt that Resolution, so all those in favor, vote by the upraised cards. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. Cards down. **You have voted to adopt Resolution No. 01-17.**

Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee: Resolution 02-17, this Resolution would delete in its entirety Section 18, HONORARY TITLES, from the Bylaws governing the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.
The Rationale for this proposed change is: "Previous to the year 2010, the Emeritus title was given by a vote from the members of the Grand Chapter. The members voted from their hearts with no stipulations such as to time served or dollars spent. Reimbursement for expenses varies for different Grand Officers, so some may give much more monetarily than others in a shorter span of time. Actual time spent in devotion and duties to the Order also varies from officer to officer and cannot necessarily be measured in years only. Since the Emeritus title is strictly an honor and entails no further duties from the member it is awarded to, it seems unnecessary for laws to regulate the receiving or not receiving of the Emeritus title."
Member (Cathy Wagner, Chapter No. 122): I move the adoption of Resolution No. 02-17.

Member: I second the motion.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the reading of Resolution 02-17. A motion has been made and seconded to adopt Resolution 02-17. Is there discussion?
Member (Bev Donham, Chapter No. 299): I wish to present a friendly amendment. This resolution seeks to eliminate all references to the conferring of Honorary or Emeritus titles in Grand Chapter Bylaws. At a recent Jurisprudence Committee meeting, which was held after the Resolutions are sent out, it was pointed out that while Roberts Rules of Order, Section 47, provides that, "If an organization is to have honorary officers or honorary members, the action of conferring such titles must be authorized by the organization's bylaws. The Committee understands the thoughtful and benevolent motivation which prompted this Resolution; however, we wish to amend it by striking the words, "After ten (10) or more years in office…", so the Resolution would then -- if amended, would then read: "Upon motion and approval by the members, a corresponding honorary title may be conferred, for meritorious service, upon a Grand Chapter officer who is retiring. Rights carried with the honorary title include recognition and appropriate honors, but the title entails no duties of the office." This amendment by substitution is offered by the Jurisprudence Committee and has been handed to the Grand Secretary in written form. **I move the adoption of the Amendment to Resolution 02-17.**
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Is there a second to the motion.
Member: I second the motion.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the reading of the Amendment to Resolution 02-17. A motion has been made and seconded to adopt the Amendment to Resolution 02-17. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of adopting the Amendment to the Resolution 02-17, raise cards. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. Cards down. **The Amendment to the Resolution has passed.**
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Now, we can vote on **the motion that is on the floor to adopt Resolution 02-17 as Amended.** Sister Mary Jo, would you read the Resolution as amended again.
Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee: Okay, I just want to make it clear, that be it resolved that, "Section 18, HONORARY TITLES, will now read: Upon motion and approval by the members, a corresponding honorary title may be conferred, for meritorious service, upon a Grand Chapter officer who is retiring. Rights carried with the honorary title include recognition and appropriate honors, but the title entails no duties of the office."
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Motion: We are ready to vote on the Resolution as Amended. All those in favor, vote by the uplifted card. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. Cards down. **The Resolution 02-17 as Amended has passed.**

Mary Jo Peterson, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee: Resolution 03-17, this Resolution would change the number of Rituals that each chapter is required by law to have in the chapter room. The Rationale for this proposed change is: "As the cost of Rituals become increasingly higher, and as many smaller chapters are finding it more difficult to meet their necessary expenses, it seems that having a requirement that each chapter purchase two updated Rituals every three years is excessive. If a chapter has one copy of the latest edition of the Ritual in the room, any question of verbiage or ritualistic work can be settled in an orderly manner. This would allow an individual to own an updated Ritual and bring it to a chapter meeting so that the requirement is fulfilled. It also allows a chapter to purchase an updated Ritual if it is the wish of the chapter to have one on hand for reference. However, passage of this resolution would help eliminate a hardship on many of our smaller chapters."
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the reading of—

Member (Betty Kirby, Chapter 153): Worthy Grand Matron, I am the proponent. I would at this point in time like to – I propose that the Amendment be approved as written; however, within the Rationale I would like two sentences struck from the Rationale for the official record. Upon re-reading this and being pointed out by some members, we have a difference between the Rationale and the original Amendment. Therefore, I would like to strike the third and fourth sentences from the Rationale, so that we would be crossing out: "This would allow an individual to own an updated Ritual and bring it to a chapter meeting so that the requirement is fulfilled." And also strike the next sentence: "It also allows a chapter to purchase an updated Ritual if it is the wish of the chapter to have one on hand for reference." By striking those two sentences from the Rationale, the original Resolution stands as written where a chapter would be required to purchase only one Ritual instead of two, and to have that in the chapter room for meetings. Excuse me – it has just been pointed to me that we also need to strike that "However", in the last sentence, just so we are grammatically correct. Thank you. **I move for the adoption of this Resolution.**
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Is there a second?
Member: I second.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: You have heard the reading of Resolution 03-17. A motion has been made and seconded **to adopt Resolution 03-17.** Is there discussion? (Hearing none.) All those in favor of adopting Resolution 03-17, will vote by raising their voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. **You have voted to adopt Resolution 03-17.**

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: I want to thank Sister Cynthia Timmermier for all of her guidance with our parliamentary procedures. It is one of those things we don't use every day, and I certainly appreciate your guidance and the expertise. Thank you.

Member (Marlene Jones, Chapter No. 261): Worthy Grand Matron, **I move that we confer the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus on Sister Pam Brhel at the close of this Grand Chapter Session.**
Member: I second it.
Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: There has been a motion on the floor to award the Emeritus status for retiring Grand Treasurer Sister Pam Brhel. Any discussion? (Hearing none.) All those in favor, vote with the uplifted card. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. **The motion has carried.**

REPORTS OF SESSION COMMITTEES

Mileage Committee

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will now have Reports of Committees Sister Linda Teach will give the report on Mileage. Sister Linda:

Linda Teach (Chapter No. 194), Chairman, Mileage Committee:
Good morning, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Other Worthy Matrons and Patrons and Officers of the Jurisdiction, and any Distinguished Guests that we have:

I am Linda Teach, Co-Chairman of the Credentials Committee for 2017. You met the entire Credentials Committee yesterday, including Co-Chairs Sisters Dianne Wiberg (Chapters 41/55) and Andi Carpenter (Chapter No. 122). It is with pleasure that I present the Mileage Report as of yesterday at Noon. This is the second part of the Credentials Committee Report for the 2017 Grand Chapter Session.

The Credentials Committee has reviewed credentials and registrations filed for this 2017 Grand Chapter Session by 12:00 on Wednesday and has determined mileage to be paid and checks written by our wonderful and diligent Grand Treasurer, who has them written already – she must have been up all night!

The report is as follows:

	Number Paid	Amount Paid
Chapters entitled to mileage (72)	71	$ 6,606.20
Grand Officers	14	1,616.30
Past Grand Matrons	20	2,488.50
Past Grand Patrons	11	947.80
District Grand Supervisors	8	1,325.40
Members of Standing Committees	24	2,892.40
TOTAL	**148**	**$15,876.60**

Now some may wonder why some are entitled more than others. It is because they might be husbands and wives or they are serving in more than one capacity. For one reason or another, that is why the numbers don't necessarily jibe with the members that are present.

I want to thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve on this committee. The members have been an excellent group to work with, they have worked hard. There are a lot of regulations and rules for this committee and sometimes when question arise, we have to consult with Jan and we thank her for that. Jan has been very helpful to us as well as Sue Hedges, the Office Assistant, and of course, Sister Pam. **I move this report be placed on file.**

Linda Teach (194), Co-Chairman
Dianne Wiberg (41/55), Co-Chairman
Andi Carpenter (122), Co-Chairman

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Linda, for your report.

DISPENSATONS AND CHARTERS

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron, will give the report on Dispensations and Charters. Sister Wanda.

Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron, Chairman. Dispensations and Charters

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The Committee on Dispensations and Charters would like to give the following report:

There were no Charters or Dispensations granted during this year.

We are sorry that one chapter felt it necessary to consolidate. Consolidations are never easy. The decision to close an Eastern Star home of many years is difficult and emotional for a chapter, but we hope and pray that these members will become active and participate in the various activities of their new chapter and find joy in

working together for the good of our beautiful Order. The consolidation was as follows: Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 60, Chadron with Royal Chapter No. 184, Gordon, on November 14, 2016.

Three chapters failed to register credentials for the past two consecutive years:

Venus Chapter No. 49, in Cortland
Meridan Chapter No. 74, in Cozad
Naomi Chapter No. 121, in Fort Calhoun

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Cheryl Beckius notified these chapters that according to Grand Chapter Law, a representative of their respective chapters must meet with this committee to explain why no one had registered credentials for the past two years at Grand Chapter Session.

I visited on the phone with Sister Nona Hood, Worthy Matron of Meridian Chapter No. 74, and found out that one of their members had attended Grand Chapter for the past two years, but unfortunately, she was not a member who could register credentials.

After visiting on the phone with Sister Catherine Genoways, Worthy Matron of Naomi Chapter No. 121, we understand that because of the age of their members, distance from Grand Chapter and some serious health issues, it has been difficult for them to attend.

It was a pleasure to visit with each of these Worthy Matrons and to encourage them in their efforts to maintain a viable chapter in difficult situations. I believe that the members of these chapters are doing their best to support their own chapter as well as Grand Chapter. I, therefore, feel that no further action should be taken. However, no one responded from Venus Chapter No. 49.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on this committee.

Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron, Chairperson

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you Sister Wanda, for your report. At this time, we would ask for a report from the Silent Auction Committee.

Silent Auction Committee

Margaret McCall (Chapter No. 52), Co-Chairman, Silent Auction Committee:

As we told you yesterday, we would give you an update and as we previously mentioned:

Prior to coming	$ 64.00
Collected on Monday	203.00
Collected on Tuesday	619.00
Collected on Wednesday	4,753.00
Collected on Thursday	303.00
For a Total of	$5,942.00
Plus we still have one check coming for	$ 260.00
For a Total of	$6, 202.00

Nellie Frizzell (Chapter No.215), Co-Chairman, Silent Auction Committee:

We really want to thank the membership, because you did it! We get the credit for being out there and collecting the money, but you did it. Without the baskets or without the donations, without the purchases – we don't do this, so thank you very much!

Margaret McCall: And God Bless you all!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
And I second both of those. Thank you, that is tremendous. Thank you so much for all you have done, Sisters, and thank you all for a successful auction.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Grand Secretary, is there any further business?

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:
Worthy Grand Matron, **I move that Honorary Memberships be extended to our Distinguished Guests attending this Session who have not previously received them.**

The motion was seconded and passed.

The Grand Secretary reminded everyone to pick up their Purple Ribbons at the Children's Home display and to display them proudly in their chapters.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
This completes all of the reports. I would like to thank each Chairperson and the Committee Members who worked on all of our Committees. You perform a valuable service to Grand Chapter and it was great to have so many willing to say yes when I asked for your help. Thank you!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
The Worthy Grand Matron Elect, Sister Anita Sohm, has requested an Open Installation of the Grand Chapter. What is the pleasure of the Grand Chapter?

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
I move that we have an Open Installation of Officers of the 2017-2018 Grand Officers.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
It has been moved and seconded that we have an Open Installation of Officers of the 2017-2018 Grand Officers, is there discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor, raise the voting card. Cards Down. Opposed, same sign. Cards down. The motion has carried.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We look forward to the Memorial Hour, which has been arranged by our Grand Chaplain, Brother Dennis Dubry. This will follow the closing of this morning's session. Sister Grand Secretary, are there any announcements?

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:
There are none within my knowledge, Worthy Grand Matron.

MEMORIAL HOUR

The Memorial Hour was arranged by the Grand Chaplain, Brother Dennis Dubry (260), who was assisted by Sister Linda Dubry (260) as Pianist. Others assisting were Brother Bernard Beckius (142), and Sisters Michelle Smith (153), Carol Medina (277), and Deloras Thomas (260).

Dennis Dubry (260), Grand Chaplain:

Sisters and Brothers, we are gathered here today to pay our respects to those beloved members who have gone to their Heavenly Home. May we be unified in the Spirit of our Lord as He searches our hearts; so that in our pain we can be consoled, in our mourning we may renew our faith, and in the presence of death we can be assured of resurrection.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus also tells us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Sister Conductress, you will open the Bible.

The Conductress opened the Holy Bible on the Altar while appropriate music was played, and then returned to her station.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain (Calls up the chapter and goes to the Altar):

Let us pray:

"Our Heavenly Father, in this hour, when our memory recalls those whose souls have found release from earthly toil and cares, we thank you for their lives, and their contributions to our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. May we find comfort as we mourn the loss of these beloved Sisters and Brothers. Bless us and our loved ones who are walking through their shadows. Bestow Thy special blessing upon this service. May it be a means of bringing us closer together in Thy Name. Amen."

The Grand Chaplain returned to the East. The chapter was seated.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:

"There's an open gate at the end of the road, through which each must go alone. And there is a light we cannot see, Our Father claims His Own; Beyond the gate our loved ones find happiness and rest, And there is comfort, in the thought, that a loving God knows best."

SONG: Whispering Hope.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:

We will now pay loving tribute to our departed Brother, James N. DeMoss, Past Grand Patron; Sister Margaret Worthman, Past Grand Matron; and Sister Evelyn Buettgenbach, Past Grand Matron, who have walked through this earthly Labyrinth of life and have left some of themselves in the hearts of us who are still on our earthly journey.

Past Grand Patron Duard Dempster will now give a tribute to our departed Brother James N. DeMoss, Past Grand Patron:

Tribute to Brother James N. DeMoss
Past Grand Patron

Duard Dempster, Past Grand patron:

I feel very honored to be asked by Carole to give a tribute sharing the life of Past Grand Patron, James DeMoss. Thank you, Sister Carol, for giving me this privilege. I would also like to thank Tish for this history of her dad and family.

James Nelson DeMoss was born July 23rd, 1930 in the small farm town of Pontiac, Illinois. His father fought in France in World War I and his mother taught piano, organ, and voice from their living room and served as the organist at United Methodist Church in Pontiac for 65 years. He came from a musical and religious background, and it was his mother's dream that her Jimmy would become a preacher. He did serve as a lay preacher for the Methodist Church, but turned his eyes toward the relatively new United States Air Force as a career. It was a good decision. He spent 22 years with the Air Force, retiring with the rank of Chief Master Sergeant and wearing Security Policeman Badge Number One.

The Air Force took him many places around the world. His first posting was to Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, New Mexico. One day while "window shopping" at a car dealership with some buddies, he started chatting with the dealerships' young bookkeeper, Mary Saint. He took her to lunch the next day and they were married four months later. And in spite of his mother's initial worry that her little Jimmy, all alone out there in the deserts of New Mexico, was being taken advantage of by some designing woman, Jim and Mary DeMoss had a strong and loving marriage for over 25 years until she succumbed to cancer.

Deby and Tish were both born in England. He spent many years in the Inspector General's Office at SAC Headquarters just up the road at Offutt Air Force Base. While there, he flew around the world inspecting security policies and procedures at various military installations. Sometimes, he was part of a crew trying to find a security flaw and sneak onto a base. Until the day he died, he kept in his wallet a card issued by the Air Force that stated: "No matter the security clearance required, he was to be allowed immediate access to any military installation or facility upon request."

The last two years of his Air Force career were spent in the Philippines, where he was Chief of Police for Clark Air Force Base. That was in the early 70's and it was a time of serious political upheaval and communist activity in the Philippines. As Chief of Police, he was responsible for the security and safety of about 10,000 troops and dependents, both on base and off. Think Tom Selleck or Blue Bloods, on a slightly smaller scale – that was the responsibility he carried for Clark Air Force Base.

After the Philippines, he retired from the Air Force and the family returned to Bellevue and he set about finding a new career. It was not long until a friend introduced him to a group of men who were starting a new bank in Omaha. He joined Omaha State Bank as Marketing Director when the bank was literally no more than a trailer in a parking lot, and retired from a flourishing financial institution twenty some years later as the bank's Senior Vice President.

So those were Jim DeMoss' careers, the measure of a man in his generation, and I think he would be measured a success. But while he was busy building his careers, he always considered his family his primary focus and responsibility. It was not until the girls were adults that they fully appreciated how blessed they were to have Jim DeMoss as their father. They lived in a safe home; a home filled with laughter, fun, and love. He was present in their lives every day with support and encouragement. He delighted in silly surprises and spontaneous excursions. The energy and joy he brought to their lives was a natural extension of who he was, but his parenting was a deliberate act of loving guidance. They will be forever grateful that he was their father.

Jim DeMoss was a Mason and throughout his life, he embodied the best virtues of Masonry. He was a man of honor. That is an old-fashioned term, but it describes him to a tee. A man of honor – of integrity and character. I am sure those guiding principles of Masonry, of living life as an upright and noble man, are what drew him to the organization. I doubt, though, that he realized at first how much his life would be broadened and enhanced by the fraternity when he first took his degrees.

He was involved at the local, state, and national levels in many of the organizations. There are so many facets to each of those organizations. Masonry

does definitely include pomp and circumstance – and Jim DeMoss could do pomp and circumstance. He'd put on his tuxedo and shiny patent leather shoes and go off to put on a show. He had a beautiful speaking voice. He was a fearless public speaker and an accomplished ritualist. He took pride in delivering perfectly memorized lectures, and strove to ensure that he was delivering a meaningful message to a new candidate or members on the sidelines.

He enjoyed the pomp and circumstance, but he didn't do pompous. He loved the fellowship of Masonry and at every gathering, he was there to greet old friends and make new friends. He wanted to be sure everyone around him was having as good a time as he was. He had an upbeat, positive personality and if you wanted to find Jim DeMoss, your best bet was to look for the group of people who were laughing. He was usually right in the middle of that group, stirring up some sort of devilish humor. Through Masonry, he met and shared lasting friendships with people all across the United States and places throughout the world.

And it was through Masonry that he met a very special person with whom he would share a 35-year adventure. A feisty little redhead named, Carole Jean Gubser. Jim and Carole were married in 1981 and shared a bond of true friendship, love, and devotion for the next 35 years. Their adventure eventually led them to "retirement" in Hawaii. They embraced their time in paradise and were embraced by the community there in return. The 20 years they spent in Hawaii was a reward here on earth to Jim for a life well lived.

Jim would probably have considered a greater reward to be the new members of his family he gained when he and Carole married. He was so proud to embrace her three grown children as part of his new family – Bruce, Shelley, and Mark. In his heart, they were family and that love passed on to the next generation with all of his grandchildren. From the Bots in Memphis, JaMike and Christopher, to the "Hawaiian group," Piialani, Pualani, and Kamalini, and someone in that group is a self-proclaimed favorite grandchild, to Jason and the infamous water gun fights, to Stephanie and Alyssa and the beautiful young women you've grown to be, he was proud to be able to say he was your grandfather and in recent years, a great-grandfather. Christopher, the watch you gave him with the twin's picture as the face piece – you can't imagine how many times he showed that watch and it started a conversation about grandkids and great grandkids.

Jim and Carole came home to Lincoln just a year ago when Jim's health started to fail. The family will always be grateful for this last year and the opportunity to try and give back to him some of the love and laughter with which he filled their lives. Thank you for that, Carole, and thank you for your loving care of Leona's little Jimmy. He loved you so very much for all you did.

These are Jim's Masonic affiliations:

Ancient Craft Masonry:	Raised Centennial Lodge #326, Omaha NE
	Member of Bellevue Lodge, Bellevue NE
	Member of Hawaiian Lodge of Honolulu
	Grand Lodge of Nebraska – 125th Grand Master of Masons
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite:	Member of Valley of Omaha
	Member of Valley of Honolulu
	Coroneted 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary
Shrine:	Member of Tangier Temple, Omaha NE
	Member of Valley of Aloha Temple, Honolulu HI
Order of the Eastern Star:	Member of Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue NE
	Member of harmony Chapter No. 4, Honolulu HI
	Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska
	Nebraska Grand Chapter Investment Counselor,

	1978-2014
International Order of Job's Daughters:	Associate Grand Guardian of Nebraska
Nebraska Masonic Home In Plattsmouth:	Board of Trustees, 7 years
Masonic Eastern Star Home For Children in Fremont:	Investment Manager, 1984-2015
Shiners' Hospital for Children In Honolulu	Chairman of the Board of Governors

He also belonged to Royal Court of Jester's, Omaha #19; Royal Order of Scotland; and Acacia Club of San Francisco CA.

He provided leadership in recognition by Nebraska Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons in Nebraska and other Jurisdictions and was a 50-year member of both Nebraska Grand Lodge and the Scottish Rite.

After serving as Grand Sentinel, Grand Marshal, and Associate Grand Patron, Jim was installed as Worthy Grand Patron in 1977 at the 102nd Session of Grand Chapter.

James N. DeMoss was born on July 23rd, 1930 and passed away on June 25th, 2016. A Memorial Service was held at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home in Lincoln, Nebraska on July 9th, 2016.

In closing, "What you gain on earth stays here, but what you are, lives to eternity." Rest in Peace, my friend!

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:

Past Grand Matron Dee Schuetz will now give the tribute for Past Grand Matron Margaret Watchhorn.

Tribute to Margaret Worthman
Past Grand Matron

Dee Schuetz, Past Grand Matron:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl, for asking me to bring this tribute to Past Grand Matron, Sister Margaret Worthman. I am very honored to share some of her busy and fulfilling life with you.

Sister Margaret was born in Iola, Kansas on June 26th, 1910 to Jessee and Clara Garner McShane. She moved with her family at a young age from Kansas to Spain for a few years where her father helped build an Ash Grove Cement Plant, and they then returned to Kansas and lived in Chanute where she attended school. After graduation, she became a Librarian in the Chanute Junior High School for 6 years.

Later on, Sister Margaret moved to Louisville, Nebraska where she met Dr. Herbert W. Worthman. They married in 1934 and to this union, two children were born: son, John, and daughter, Susan.

Sister Margaret was a dedicated wife and mother and very involved in community service in Louisville. She was also an active member of the Louisville First Methodist Church and of Chapter CR, P.E.O.

Her membership in the Order of the Eastern Star began in Primrose Chapter No. 103, Springfield, Nebraska, where she was initiated in 1946 and held many offices leading up to Worthy Matron. She was appointed a District Grand Supervisor and served in that capacity from 1956 through 1959. Sister Margaret was appointed Grand Warder and moved up the line to be installed as Worthy Grand Matron of Nebraska in May of 1961 with Brother Merle M. Hale of Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln, as her Worthy Grand Patron. Their session was called, "The Fellowship Session." Sister Margaret remained active as a Past Grand Matron, being named to the Board of Directors of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Fremont in 1963 and retired from the Board in 1975 after serving as President for 4 years.

Sister Margaret was also active as a Mother Advisor in Springfield Assembly No. 8 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls for many years, and received the Grand Cross of Color in 1964.

From 1981 to 1994, Sister Margaret very much enjoyed being a worldwide traveler, first with her husband, Dr. Herbert, and later with several close friends. It was through a mutual friend from Plattsmouth, who was also married to a doctor and one of those traveling companions, that I first heard of Sister Margaret and how much fun she was and about the great adventures they had traveling together. During those years, Sister Margaret's group traveled abroad at least once a year, and in both 1984 and 1987, they made two trips, and in 1992, they made three trips. So she pretty much kept a suitcase packed at all times.

At age 85, Sister Margaret decided she had traveled enough and retired to her lovely home in Louisville in 1995. in 2001, at the age of 91, she gave up her home and became a resident at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, and that is where I became personally acquainted with her while I was Worthy Grand Matron. Coincidentally, we found during one of our visits, that we both had been appointed District Grand Supervisors, served as Grand Ruth and then elected to Worthy Grand Matron, exactly 40 years apart, and it was fun to reminisce with her about her experiences, as well as mine.

Sister Margaret was a gracious, beautiful lady; always impeccably dressed, even up to the very last. But you almost had to make an appointment to be able to see her because most days you would find her in some cozy corner at a bridge table at the Home after rounding up friends from the Home or the Plattsmouth area to play bridge. She also actively pursued a hobby of hers while at the Home, and that was making Christmas tree wall hangings out of costume jewelry. She loved to share these special pieces of art with family and friends, and even made some to be sold at the Masonic Home's annual craft show.

It took two parties to celebrate her 100th birthday while living at the Home, one with her family, and one for all her friends at the Home. Most all of the residents who were able were there and although her hearing was failing very badly at the time, she was having a great time and truly enjoying her birthday.

Shortly after her 100th birthday, I visited her and asked if I could write an article about her for the O.E.S. Journal and she replied, "Oh, I don't know; I don't think anyone would want to read about my life. It is really not that interesting and I haven't done much." To this day, I regret not writing it because this beautiful lady accomplished so much in her 106 plus years and I am sure I only previously heard the tip of the iceberg of the stories she might have told had we written it!

At the time of her death, she was our oldest Past Grand Matron in both age and years of service. Sister Margaret passed away in Plattsmouth, Nebraska on October 28th, 2016 at the age of 106 years, 4 months, and 2 days. Her services were held at First United Methodist Church in Louisville, Nebraska on November 2, 2016, with internment at the Riverview Cemetery in Louisville. Sister Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Herbert Worthman, and her daughter, Susan Volwiler. Survivors include her son, Dr. John Worthman and wife, Carolyn, of Cozad, Nebraska; Grandsons David Worthman and his wife, Deb, also of Cozad; Douglas Worthman and wife, Lori, of Greeley, Colorado; Keith Volwiler of Texas, and Christopher Volwiler of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. There are also 7 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren who survive her.

The Minister at her services said that Sister Margaret had planned her funeral down to the last detail, including the words to be said, the Scriptures to be read, and the music to be played. And although I didn't know her for a long time, a poem that was included in the program for her services, seemed so much like her, and I'd like to recall it at this time. It is called, “A Poem for the Living”:

"When I am dead, cry for me a little.

Think of me sometimes, but not too much.
It is not good for you to allow your thoughts to dwell too long on the dead.
Think of me now and again as I was in life--
At some moment when it is pleasant to recall, but not for long.
Leave me in peace, as I shall leave you, too, in peace.
While you live, let your thoughts be with the living."

I don't know if Sister Margaret wrote this poem or if it is from some other writing and I neglected to ask about it; but somehow, I can hear her saying those words. I have a feeling that Sister Margaret is now happy in Heaven, sitting around a bridge table in some cozy little corner with dear friends. And just like the shining star she was and is, she made my life a little brighter just for having known her, even for a short time.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:
Past Grand Matron Bonnie Evans will now give the tribute to Past Grand Matron Evelyn Buettgenbach:

Tribute to Past Grand Matron Evelyn Buettgenbach
Past Grand Matron

Bonnie Evans, Past Grand Matron:
There is a bridge of memories,
From earth to heaven above.
It keeps our dear ones near us,
It is the bridge we call LOVE.

It takes us back to brighter years,
To happier sunlit days,
And to previous golden moments,
That will be with us always.

And those fond recollections are
Treasured in the heart.
To bring us always close to those
From whom we've had to part.

There is a bridge of memories
From earth to heaven above.
It keeps our dear ones near us,
It's the bridge we call LOVE.

We pause this morning with thanksgiving and grateful hearts to pay loving tribute to the life of Sister Evelyn Buettgenbach, Past Grand Matron.

Sister Evelyn was born on July 29th, 1929 in Havelock, Nebraska, and passed away January 11th, 2017 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Evelyn loved her family, The Order of the Eastern Star, and her membership and work in the Rebekah Lodge. She worked for a great many years, 42 years to be exact, in the office of a prominent Lincoln store, Ben Simons.

Sister Evelyn was initiated into Eastern Star on March 24th, 1953 in Myrtle Chapter No. 94 in Lincoln. She affiliated with Lincoln Chapter No. 148 on October 3rd, 1961. Lincoln Chapter consolidated with Starcraft Chapter No. 307 on July 7th, 2005.

Sister Evelyn served as Worthy Matron in Lincoln Chapter No. 148 in 1975. She was appointed as a District Grand Supervisor in 1978 and served in that position through 1984, thus starting her service in Nebraska Grand Chapter. Evelyn served

as Grand Martha in 1980 and then through her appointment to the door as Grand Warder by Sister Betty Mabon and Brother Bernie Paden in 1982, she began the long trek, a five-year journey, through the chairs of Nebraska Grand Chapter, serving as Worthy Grand Matron with Brother Duard Dempster in 1985-1986.

They chose as their theme that year, "Our World of Stars." They hitched their wagon to a star and traveled with their Grand Family plowing the fields of Nebraska and sowing seeds of Eastern Star wherever they journeyed, sharing their legacy of love and fun with all whomever they came in contact.

Esther was the chosen Honored Station that year and the special Worthy Grand Matron's project was the Nebraska Eastern Star Educational Loan Fund.

It is written that "you give a little when you give of your possessions; it is when you give of yourself that you truly give!" It can be said of Sister Evelyn that she gave much of herself those many years of service to our Order. She was awarded her 50-year pin in 2003.

In visiting with those who perhaps knew her best, she was described as a gracious lady, loving, having kind ways, and understanding; having a warm heart and heartfelt sympathy; and was a very hard worker. In Brother Duard's and wife, Lois', words: "We never heard a cross word from her about anybody." In Brother Duard's farewell address as Worthy Grand Patron, he said to Sister Evelyn: "You have been wise in your counsel and have always been willing to give your time to the welfare of our Order. I have been very proud of you and your fine ritualistic work. 'You are a great Star'." Brother Duard and Sister Lois were a great help to Evelyn during their year and they became very close to each other and remained good friends through the years.

Another good friend of Sister Evelyn is Shirley Frink, now Grand Secretary Emeritus, who spoke to me describing Evelyn as a "dear and gentle soul". She, too, had a lasting friendship long after Evelyn's service to Grand Chapter.

I spoke earlier of Sister Evelyn's love of family. Evelyn had one sister, Shirley Springer, who was not only a sister, but a very dear and close friend. Shirley passed away the same year that Evelyn held all the duties and responsibilities as Worthy Grand Matron – a difficult time indeed.

In all those years, Evelyn spoke often of her nephew, Wes Springer, his wife, Tami, and their children, Stephen and Stephanie. She came to think of Wes almost like a son and was like a grandmother to Wes and Tami's children.

At Evelyn's memorial service, there were two wrapped gifts close to the minister who then told us that it was Evelyn's tradition since Stephen and Stephanie were very young to give each of them a wrapped can of black olives because they were a favorite and held a special memory for all of them. Evelyn, even in ill health, hadn't forgotten them this past Christmas either!

Many knew that Sister Evelyn loved to play cards and was a great sports fan. What maybe we didn't know was that she clapped so very hard while cheering for the "Huskers" that she broke a blood vessel in her hand. What a "Go Big Red" fan she was!

As Sister Evelyn and Brother Duard's appointment as Grand Warder, it has been my honor and privilege to have been asked to give this tribute of remembrance to Sister Evelyn for she gave to me one of the greatest gifts of my life.

I will close with this favorite thought: "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal".

We will remember Sister Evelyn's legacy of love, living in all the lives and hearts she touched.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:

Thank you, Past Grand Patron Duard, and Past Grand Matrons Dee and Bonnie for those beautiful tributes. May their lives be an influence to each of us.

SONG: PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Tribute to Maxine Flint Justice
Past Most Worthy Grand Matron

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:

With reverence and sorrow, we mourn the passing of Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Maxine Flint Justice. Sister Maxine, age 91, passed away on March 26th, 2017, at her home in West Virginia. She was a proud member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 63 years, and served as Most worthy Grand Matron during the "Guiding Star" Triennium from 1994 to 1997. Sister Maxine visited Nebraska Grand Chapter in 1997, and was presented an Honorary Nebraska Citizenship by Past Grand Matron Susan Andreasen and Past Grand Patron Cal Armour, signed by Benjamin Nelson, Governor of Nebraska. Sister Maxine made the following remarks during her address: "I don't want to forget Brother Jim DeMoss and tell him what a beautiful job he did with introducing the Grand Officers. Brother Jim, you and Carole were so great to us when we made our visit to Hawaii." She also said: "To each one here in this beautiful, beautiful Grand Chapter, again may I say that I have witnessed probably the most perfect Grand Chapter that I've seen! I'd like to take this whole room to Orlando. It is simply beautiful." Many Sisters and Brothers remember Sister Maxine for her enthusiasm and sparkle.

In memory of Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Maxine Flint Justice, I share with you: "Life is a thread woven by the paths we have trod; until by Faith, it leads us Home to God."

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:

Our Grand family's golden chain was broken early in our year with the loss of Sister Donna Thoman, mother and companion of our Grand Secretary Jan Thoman, Past Grand Matron. Sister Donna devoted much of her life to the Order of the Eastern Star and lived its principles to the fullest. She had many, many friends throughout the state because of her loving and motherly charm. Her friendship and witty sense of humor is greatly missed. In memory of Sister Donna, I share with you:

"Those we love must sometimes pass, beyond our present sight,
Must leave us and the world we know, without their radiant light.
But we know that like a candle their lovely light still shines,
To brighten up another place, more perfect….more divine.
And in the realm of Heaven, where they shine so warm and bright,
Our loved ones live forever more, in God's eternal light."

In our Subordinate chapters many lives have been touched with sorrow as some of our Sisters and Brothers have been gathered in their Heavenly Home by our loving Father. Their faith, their many acts of kindness, and their influence will long be felt in the lives of all they touched. We extend our sympathy to the families and loved ones of these members, as well as to the chapters to which they belonged. As we remember each Sister and Brother, we will display their name in honor of their service.

A power point presentation with accompanying music listed the name of each 2016-2017 deceased member.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:

The flag folding ceremony we are about to see represents the same religious principles on which the freedoms of our proud country were originally founded. Please rise for the presentation of the American flag.

Sisters Michelle Smith, SMS, USAF Ret., and Carol Medina, CW2, presented the American flag for the flag folding ceremony west of the Altar.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:

The American flag is an important aspect in our patriotic, religious, and fraternal life. Let us remember the sacrifices, hardships, and struggles encountered by our forefathers, veterans, and active military persons who have fought and perhaps died for our great democracy. The American flag is the strongest emblem of our nation, and symbolized the patriotism that binds us together. I would like to thank all veterans and active military persons for their service to our country. As we listen to the narration and watch these two sisters who have and are presently serving in the military and are members of our beautiful Order, may we remember the principles that are evident in our own lives. You may be seated.

While the American flag was being unfolded, the Grand Chaplain recited each movement.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.”

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the Untied States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews’ eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians’ eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Thirteen fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation’s motto, “In God We Trust.”

Sisters Michelle Smith and Carol Medina remained with the unfolded flag while Brother Bernard Beckius, in full cowboy regalia, entered the Labyrinth,

kneeled west of the Altar, removed his cowboy hat, and assumed an Attitude of Prayer.

Dennis Dubry, Grand Chaplain:
Because we put our trust in God, we live by faith, not by sight. "Faith is Not Belief Without Proof, but Trust Without Reservations." As we have traveled the many Trails of Faith this past year, have we accepted what is, let go of what was, and do we have faith in what will be? Please rise, if you are able, and remain standing. Let us all assume an Attitude of Prayer.

A Cowboy's/Cowgirl's Prayer by Roy Rogers: "Lord, I reckon I'm not much just by myself, I fail to do a lot of things I ought to do. But Lord, when trails are steep and passes high, help me ride it straight the whole way through. And when in the falling dusk I get that final call, I do not care how many flowers they send. Above all else, the happiest trail would be for You to say to me: 'Let's ride, My friend'." Amen.

Song, "Peace in the Valley" was played.

The flag bearers folded the flag and exited with Brother Bernard Beckius through the Labyrinth during the playing of the last verse of the song. The Conductress was asked to close the Bible and the members quietly exited the Grand Chapter room.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 11, 2017
1:00 P.M.

The members who assembled for the afternoon session were entertained with a sing-along with the Cowboy Choir. At 1:15 p.m., the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Dee Schuetz, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Don Jelinek, Past Grand Patron, to the East. Sister Dee called the meeting to order and the Grand Officers escorted by the Grand Pages entered the Grand Chapter room and performed the Grand Officers March. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were then escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors. The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Our thanks again to the Cowboy Chorus and everyone who joined them! This afternoon was our last Sing-Along and I hope that you enjoyed this part of our Session. I know I enjoyed listening.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Dee and Brother Don, how special for me to have you open this session! I first met you both when we were in the "God Makes All Things New" Grand Family. You have both been "family" that I could always count on for help, encouragement and a good laugh when it was needed. Thank you both for opening this session.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Past Grand Matron Sister Dee and Past Grand Patron Brother Don.: Sister Dee, your Session was the "Star Love Celebration" Session. I remember when I was Grand Chaplain we all had various local chapters to visit. One that I had was assigned to visit was Elmwood. Sister Dee was installing their officers the evening I

visited. For some reason I was a just little late in getting to the meeting. As I walked in the door, Sister Dee saw me and said that she needed a Chaplain for the Installation of Officers. Well, what could I say? Thankfully, I had most of that prayer memorized. Brother Don, you have been a quiet force in Eastern Star. You do not say much, but you are always there supporting us. Thank you both for opening this Thursday afternoon Session.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to open the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter open from Refreshment to Labor.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
I was just handed a note that someone would like to announce the winner of the "candy jar."

Laurie Sieg (271), Member:
On behalf of Sister Dottie and Brother Bruce, Ken and I would like to announce the winner of the candy jar – and thank you all, we have had a lot of good guesses ranging from 100 and some to 3,000 and some. So the lucky number was 948, and if you are Dee Schuetz, you are the winner -- Dee had the closest guess at 937, so she was only 11 pieces of candy off. The next three closest winners – we also have a small gift for you from our Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel, Sister Margaret McCall, you were 15 pieces of candy off; Tim Birdsall, you were 26 pieces of candy off; and Karen Lyne, you were only 30 pieces of candy off. So please help me in congratulating all of the winners.

Ken Sieg (271), Member:
I strongly suggest that you try to find Dee as quickly as possible because that is way too much candy to take home.

Laurie Sieg (271), Member:
And you can just find Ken or me at the Registration Guest to claim your prizes. Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We have a couple of reports that we weren't able to get in this morning and with that, if Sister Joyce Porter will give the registration report now:

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will now have the report of the Registration Committee, Sister Joyce:

Joyce Porter (Chapter No. 189), Co-Chairman of Registration Committee:
Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: It is with pleasure that we present this report of the Registration Committee.

Registrations were received and recorded by the Co-Chairman and monies sent on to the Grand Chapter Office. The Grand Secretary checked and balanced the checks as she received them from the Co-Chairman of the Registration Committee, then deposited the monies and recorded the same. The registrations that were received before April 21, 2017 were recorded, balanced and deposited. Our list was consolidated with the list from Past Grand Matron Sharlene Coulter for Distinguished Guests and the Grand Secretary Jan Thoman.

Attendance at the breakfast, lunches, and dinners were as follows:

Pages, Warders and Sentinels Banquet	112
Past Grand Matrons and Patrons Luncheon	94
Membership Banquet	263
Grand Representatives Breakfast	135
Distinguished Guest Luncheon	178
Rose Association Luncheon	26
Past/Present District Grand Supervisors Luncheon	22
Line Officers Banquet	94
PAGO Banquet	63
50-Year Member Luncheon	118

The pre-registration count was 433, plus 46 registered at the Session, for a total of 479.

It is with pleasure that we mention those who served on the committee: Sisters Bridget Anderson and Ilah Anderson, Electa Chapter No. 8, Lincoln; Janice Carskadon, Harmony Chapter No. 13, Columbus; Betty Bierman, Tuscan Chapter No. 35, Kearney and Acacia Chapter No. 39, Hastings; Gayle Casey, Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth; Tonya Breitkreutz, Wayne Chapter No. 194; Marilyn Spohr, Elizabeth Chapter No. 250, Weeping Water; Wynona Bolton, Sunshine Chapter No. 261, Thedford; Melinda Brage and Mary Ann Townsend, Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln; and Maril Hauber, Trinity Chapter No. 299, Omaha. Thank you for serving on this committee and for a job well done.

It was an honor to serve on this committee with the other committee members; what a great group of people to work with. We are also grateful for the assistance we received from Sisters Jan Thoman, Grand Secretary, and Susan Hedges, Office Assistant. Thank you.

Joyce Porter (Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth) Co-Chairman
Diane Brown (Chapter No. 271, Lincoln), Co-Chairman

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sisters Joyce and Diane and your committee, for your report and all your hard work.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

This completes all of the reports. I would like to thank each Chairperson and the committee members who worked on all of our committees. You perform a valuable service to Grand Chapter and it was great to have so many willing to say yes, when I asked for your help. Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I think we are now ready for the afternoon. I think it was a very nice gesture I received up here. For those of you who have shopped at our vendors that were here this year, Nebraska does not charge those vendors to come and display – of course, it is at their own expense to come here and to get their merchandise here and the time they spend in the hotel to sleep in and whatever, but we received a very nice donation from Mary Ann Patterson for our Session. She was the last one out in the hallway and she has been coming as long as Grand Chapter has been here, so for the last 5 years, and that is something that she doesn't have to do, so I think this is a very kind gesture from her and I am sure it is in appreciation of your shopping, so thank you all, too.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Grand Conductress, you will introduce the Board of Directors of the Masonic-Eastern Home for Children and the Administrator. Sister Associate Grand Conductress, you will assist.

INTRODUCTION
Board of Directors and Executive Director
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress introduced the following members of the Board of Directors and Administrator of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children: Past Grand Matrons Sisters Joni Bennett, Mary Lou Erickson, Susan Andreasen, Ann Wells, and Judy Wehrbein; and Past Grand Patrons Brothers Michael Donham and Robert Rhodes; and Brother Ron Giesselmann, Administrator.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

As Worthy Grand Patron, I was privileged to attend some of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board of Directors meetings. I was always pleased to find that the Board's and Brother Ron's focus during these meetings was their concern for the welfare of the residents at the home. Every decision they made was with the residents' welfare in mind. Thank you for your dedication, service and concern for the children of the Home.

And your Cowboy wisdom: "The only people to get even with are those who have helped you."

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters and Brothers, you will unite with me in giving them a hearty welcome. Sister Grand Conductress, you will seat our guests, after which you will escort Brothers Ron Giesselmann and Mike Donham to the East. Sister Associate Grand Conductress, you will assist in seating our guests.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand matron:

Board President Ched House was not able to be with us, so Brother Mike Donham will give the report of the Board of Directors of the Children's Home on Ched's behalf.

Michael Donham, Past Grand Patron, Board Member:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to bring the report for Ched House, the President of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home Board of Directors:

I am pleased to report that things went as planned for the most part this past year. Paden Cottage is on the Board's agenda at every meeting. The Board has separated into different planning committees to handle different phases of the building project. Each committee put countless hours into the planning phase. Their work paid off – last fall, work on the basement began. A mild winter helped construction progress. As of the writing of this report, the walls are up and the roof is on. Weather permitting, we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony after Achievement Day – July 29th.

The building, formerly known to everyone as the Grand Executive Building has been repurposed. It is now our Technology Center. The former Board Room is now a classroom for 4-H. The former Eastern Star offices are woodworking shops. The other side of the building houses our wind generation, electrical, and robotics projects. All of these projects are new to our Rawhide Wrangler 4-H Club. They benefit the children by teaching them skills that they could use as a vocation or in their personal life. Our welding shop is still housed in a repurposed two-car garage at the opposite end of our campus.

Our Administrative team of Ron, Todd, and Gloria have been kept busy conforming to new Federal and State regulations. It has been quite a time consumer for them. Hopefully, by the end of 2017 a new set of regulations will have been approved by our State Senators so we can make appropriate adjustment to our procedures. In order to comply with the new regulations, we will need to increase family participation, individualize spiritual wants, increase the use of technology, and document activities. As most of you know, the children are kept very busy. Not only are they busy with 4-H, but they are also busy with their choice of individual extracurricular school activities. We put a lot of miles on our vans.

I speak for the interested and hardworking members of the Board, whom on your behalf performed their duties during this year of many challenges. We make an effort to operate within our budget, the funds of which are provided by your timely and most welcome donations, gifts, and bequests. The lives of the children of our wonderful Home have been greatly enhanced by your continued kindness, thoughtfulness and support. The children will thank you for the rest of their lives. Truly, Masonry at work!

Our mission says it all: We provide quality care for children in an environment of love, security, and acceptance where they can grow and develop into well-adjusted individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles E. "Ched" House
President, Board of Directors

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank You, Brother Mike, for the report and for filling in for Brother Ched. I have so enjoyed the experience of serving on the Board this past year. I feel that I have learned much more than I contributed. The love and dedication that the Board has for the Home and the children are legendary. We thank you all for your thoughtful attention to the many details at the Home. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Doug Kristensen and his wife, Sister Julie, have been our Children's Home Representatives, and I will ask Doug to give their Report.

Doug Kristensen (Chapter No. 159), Chairman, Children's Home Representative:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Family, Brothers and Sisters:

The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children had a steady rate of twenty-four children throughout the year, with six children in each of the four cottages. Seven children graduated from Fremont High School; four of the graduates entered a 4-year college, two entered a 2-year college, and one entered the Job Corps.

Twenty-one of the children participated in extracurricular school activities. The Rawhide Wranglers 4-H Club participated in three progress calf shows, the Fremont Fair, the Dodge County Fair, the Nebraska State Fair Static Exhibits, and the AkSarBen Beef Show.

The 4-H annual fundraiser was held in March. Achievement Day was held on the same day as the cornerstone ceremony for the Paden Cottage at the end of summer.

Capping off the year, nineteen Rawhide Wranglers earned a record-setting amount of portfolio awards at the Dodge County 4-H Awards Banquet. A total of 869 awards were received this year. That's a little short from the last few years, but a flood occurred on the grounds of the Home and 7 inches of rain fell in 4 hours, filling the Rawhide ditch, overflowing into the pasture and wiping out the 4-H garden. In talking to Ron, I thought the kids might be a little distraught at this and heartbroken, but he

said they were happy with it because there was no more weeding the garden! Kids are kids!

Andrew Miller traveled to the National 4-H Convention in Georgia for his supreme work on a science project.

Bob Olsen directed the Children's' Home Band for the third year. The Band performed at Louisiana Kitchen in Omaha, O.E.S. Grand Chapter in Kearney, and the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth.

House parent, Mary Lorset retired this year after serving twenty years.

As you know, the State Office for the Order of the Eastern Star moved to Lincoln. The half of the building that they moved out of has now been made into a woodworking shop, as woodworking was added to the list of 4-H projects.

Since the flood, 33 loads of dirt were added to the south feedlot so the water will be less likely to be run into the ditch.

Thank you all for being a part of the Eastern Star Home for kids, for all the donations, and for all you do. As you can see when you come there, you really benefit the kids; it gives them a place where they can be kids and where they can become involved, and thank you all.

Doug and Julie Kristensen
Co-Representatives
Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Doug, for being here and for your work with the Home this year. I do hope that you have all taken time to stop by the display for the Home. Seeing all the Purple Ribbons is inspiring and is certainly visible proof of what our membership is doing.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Ron, would you join me up here at the Podium? We would like to present to you a check to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children from our projects.

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director, MESH for Children:

Appreciate that and thank you. It will be put to good use.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: And I want to thank you for bringing your show box, set up out in the hall.

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director, MESH for Children:

Thank you, we have had a lot of fun with it so far, and thank you. For those of you who didn't get the part where we were joking around about it -- it is a show box for tools and it will be put to good use.

INTRODUCTION
Executive Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home
Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home

The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to introduce Sisters Mary Stockton, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home, and Jo Peters, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, behind Grand Esther's Station.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Mary and Jo, I apologize for sounding like a broken record; however, it is deserved. You keep the Nebraska Masonic Home running with the main concern

being that of care and comfort for the residents that live there. The Nebraska Masonic Home is the premier care facility in Nebraska. Thank you both for your love, care and service to our aging population.

And your Cowboy wisdom: "If it doesn't seem like it's worth the effort, it probably isn't."

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Mary, may we hear from you?

Mary Stockton, Executive Director of The Nebraska Masonic Home:

Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl, Worthy Grand Patron Gary, Grand Family, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters:

It is an honor and privilege for me to come before you with greetings and news from The Nebraska Masonic Home. Grand Chapter is highly thought of and appreciated by everyone at The Home.

Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary, you and your Grand Chapter Officers have had a successful year – congratulations! Your continued support to The Nebraska Masonic Home is truly appreciated.

Sister Anita and Brother Jim, I wish you a year of success and joy. May you accomplish all of your grand plans this upcoming year.

To each of you here today, I want to thank you for your involvement, your donations, your prayers, your cards and letters, and your overall support of The Masonic Home. The ongoing emotional and monetary support we receive from everyone continues to give us the strength and inspiration we need to maintain The Masonic Home's excellent reputation. On behalf of the residents and staff, I extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support.

The Nebraska Masonic Home's employees are committed to providing dignified and loving care to all of our residents on a daily basis. Keeping this as our mission and primary goal continues to be a challenge in this very competitive and changing industry of healthcare.

The resident census is down compared to last year. The current census is 73 residents. We have 16 men and 57 women, which includes 5 couples.

We have 29 apartments for Independent Living and an Assisted Living Center with 20 private rooms. Our 24-hour Nursing Care Facility meets the highest level of personal and medical needs for 58 residents. Our Alzheimer's Special Care Unit has 14 private rooms.

The Masonic Home's full continuum of services is why residents are attracted to our Home. Once a resident makes a decision to come to The Home, there is no need to move to another facility if their needs change. We are able to provide all levels of care from independent living to total 24-hour nursing care to our eligible Masons and their eligible female relatives.

The Home Chapter picnic at the Masonic Home on July 16th will be here before we know it. Having the Grand Chapter Family and their companions as our special guests that day is a lot of fun for everyone. The residents enjoy having their Brothers and Sisters see their home and they look forward to a day of good conversation with good friends. I am always proud to show off our beautiful facility to our guests and make them proud that they are such faithful donors to such a worthy cause.

This last year we were honored to have many lodges and chapters join us for a meal and conduct their regular monthly meeting. The residents really enjoyed attending the meetings.

Please know that you are invited to call and make arrangements to come for a visit at The Nebraska Masonic Home. Family groups, small groups, large groups, or your whole chapter are welcome to visit. Please call me or Chris Abbott, our Admissions Coordinator, to schedule your visit.

We appreciate your dedication to seeing that The Nebraska Masonic Home will be here to serve the Masons and their eligible female relatives for years to come. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

Brothers and Sisters, thank you for always making me feel so welcome and permitting me to speak on behalf of The Nebraska Masonic Home.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Stockton
Executive Director

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you Mary, for your report. Jo, may we hear from you.

Jo Peters, Executive Director of The Masonic Home Foundation:

It is my pleasure today to bring you greetings from The Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation, our Board of Directors, the Staff, myself, and most importantly, our residents. We truly appreciate your individual and your chapter gifts to The Home. It makes it possible for us to continue the fabulous care that we try to make sure that our members of the Masonic family receive when they reside with us. So thank you so very, very much for having the kindness in your heart to support the Children's' Home as well as to help us. That means a lot to all of us, so thank you for that.

On another note, you might wonder, did we get our Activity Bus? Yes, we got it – sooner than later it arrived last month; it's fabulous. The windows are bigger, it rides smoother, it can have four wheelchairs in it at one time; and if you could see the faces of those people when they get on that bus the first time, they even truck down to my office to say: "Wow, that bus is beautiful", and it's got Navigation on it, so nobody has to worry about where they are going on the next trip. It's awesome! That was made possible by gifts from people like you and a couple of families who had bequests that came in and said, "Oh, yeah, that would be a good thing"; so thank you again for helping us with that. And we are halfway there to get our "Easy Lifts," which are kind of a medical contraption that helps you move an immobile patient from a bed to a chair.

So if you haven't had a chance to make a gift and you want to, I'm there. But I would also like to remind you that our Caring Club Donation Dinner is going to be September 24th, it's a Sunday afternoon, and I promise it's going to be fun. So, if you haven't made a gift and you want to be there, there's still lots of time.

And on a personal note, I would like to thank you – I am going to retire at the end of November – but you have done such a marvelous job of making me feel welcome, as an outsider who knew squat about Masonry, to your Grand Chapter for the last 8 years. And the friendships that I have been developing over that time will forever be special in my heart, so thank you for including me in a wholeheartedly way, because it was a very new experience for me in the Foundation world. But I want you to know that Alisa will be there and hold the Foundation solid until the new person comes in and Mary in her kindness is going to let me stay until the end of November. So thank you so much; it has been a very big pleasure to work with all of you – and thank you for your gifts.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you ladies, we know that our Masonic Home is in good hands. It has been our pleasure to support you and The Home.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Ladies, it has been our pleasure to support The Nebraska Masonic Home and we always appreciate the opportunities you have given us to be included in the numerous activities there. We have enjoyed visiting with the residents. And if any of

you get an invitation to that Caring Club Dinner -- I had a ball this last year; they had an Elvis impersonator. It was fun; it really was.

Thank you for having your display here for all of us to see and the opportunity to ask questions of you about The Home. We also appreciate the "goodies" that you provide for us!! Thanks to you both.

PRESENTATION OF THE FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were instructed to introduce the 50-year and plus Members.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

My Sisters and Brothers, We are so glad you are here! You truly honor us with your presence here today. There is no way we can ever repay you for the foundation you have laid for our beautiful Order. May God bless you as you continue to give to our Order of the Eastern Star.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

What an honor it is for me to greet the 50-year and plus members here today. What a legacy you have prepared for us. I hope that I have made you proud with my small contribution to the Order.

And your Cowboy wisdom is from John Wayne: "Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. It comes into us at Midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learnt something from yesterday."

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron came from the East down to the Grand Chapter floor to greet the fifty-year and plus members. The Grand Conductresses were assisted by the Grand Pages, District Grand Supervisors or other special members in escorting the fifty-year and plus members from the Southwest and Northwest doors up the sidelines to the microphones at Adah's and Electa's stations, where they each gave their name, town, chapter number, and the number of years they had been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. They were each given a gift by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and then returned to their seats. Forty-four fifty-year and plus members introduced themselves.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I ask you again to join me in Thanking our 50 years and plus members for their dedication to our Order and for being with us this afternoon.

2016 AND 2017 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS OF OGALLALA CHAPTER NO. 142 AND BLUE RIVER CHAPTER NO. 132

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress introduced Sisters Kelly Stahly, 2016 and 2017 Worthy Matron of Blue River Chapter No. 132; and Sister Carrie Knapp and Brother Bernard Beckius, 2016 and 2017 Worthy Matron and Patron of Ogallala Chapter No. 142.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Kelly and all of the members of Blue River Chapter: You have been so supportive of Brother Gary and me these past four years and you have my heartfelt

thanks. Brother Gary has done his work so well and has certainly brought honor to all of you. You made me an Honorary Member, which I thank you for, and I hope to return for a visit now and then. Thank you for being the special chapter that you are, but most important, thank you for your friendship.

Sister Carrie, Brother Bernard and all of the members of Ogallala Chapter: I will never be able to repay the debt of gratitude I feel for all of the love, encouragement and support I have received from all of you. Our chapter had never been blessed with the honor of having a Worthy Grand Matron before, so this was new territory for all of us. I have so enjoyed all I have done and the many miles I have traveled, but I thank you for always being there and making our chapter a special place to call home. And it doesn't necessarily mean a whole lot, but I thought it was exceptionally neat that I'm from Chapter No. 142 and this is the 142nd Session of Nebraska Grand Chapter – I just thought that was unique.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Carrie and Brother Bernie – Bernard – Cheryl calls you Bernard, but I call you Bernie -- and all of the members of Ogallala Chapter No. 142: You have supported Sister Cheryl and me from the beginning. I consider all of you my friends. Sister Cheryl has done her work well and brings much honor to your chapter, also. I thank you for giving me an Honorary Membership to Ogallala Chapter. When I am in the area I also will want to attend your meetings and visit all my friends; however, your chapter meets the same night my lodge meets, so we will see what happens. But I want to come and visit as much as I can because you are a special chapter.

Sister Kelly, with your love and support I was able to meet all of my obligations to our Grand Chapter. I hope that I was able to live up to the legacy left by our previous Grand Officers. Thank you for excusing my absences for the past few years. I will try to do better after Grand Chapter. You all have worked hard making noodles to help with our expenses. I will never be able to repay all your love and support. Thank you for being the rock and foundation of my support system.

Now, you Cowboy wisdom: "Courage is being scared to death – and saddling up anyway."

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Would the members of Ogallala Chapter No. 142, please stand. (They stood.)

Okay, would the members of Blue River Chapter No. 132, please stand. (They stood.) Sisters and Brothers, you will unite with me in giving Ogallala Chapter and Blue River Chapter and their Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons a very hearty welcome and a very big thank you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will seat our guests.

FINAL THANK YOUS

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

A few more thank you's. I don't know if there is anybody in this room that hasn't found out who the next I want to thank are, but if they would please stand, I'd like my daughters to stand, and you can bring your Kleenex. I would like to thank my daughters, who have served as my Pages this week and are also responsible for these beautiful decorations in front of the stage and the arrangement. Everything is just as we planned. Thank you both for helping to make this Session so meaningful and running smoothly. I have to tell you I have had so many compliments on these two this week – the way they've marched together and thank goodness, they could do the march! I do want to thank them for all the support they have been for the last several weeks, and I think I am going to be home for a couple of weeks!

Sister Mary Ann Stevens, thank you again for playing for the formations and at other times. You truly do keep us in time at each and every session. Your dedication to your work is an inspiration to us all and your willingness to share your special God-given talent and help is truly what Eastern Star is all about. Thank you Mary Ann.

To Brother Jim Carlton and our Cowboy Chorus: What a treat it has been this week to be able to join together in song. I appreciate your willingness to take on the task as Director, Brother Jim, and I thank all of you for singing in the choir. The numbers have increased every year – it's a treat; it truly is. It's been great. My gratitude again to Mary Ann for helping out in all the planning ahead of time and playing for the Chorus this week. My sincere thanks to everyone that was a part or the Cowboy Chorus. This has been a wonderful addition to our Grand Chapter and I do think that it was enjoyed by everyone, those who were listeners as well as those who sang. Thank you.

To Sister Wanda and Brother Albert Fisher. I can't thank you two enough for all you have done for me and this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for creating the backdrop, videos, and for all the little extras that you helped with for sound, staging and everything else that we needed you for. Thank you very much!

Another really big thank you is to **Wayne Andreasen** and **Mike Donham**, the Co-Chairman of the General Arrangements Committee and their workers. Thanks to you and your committee members and everyone else who pitched in to set up this beautiful Grand Chapter Room. Please know that what you did does not go unnoticed. We humbly and gratefully thank you all!

As much as it seems that it just magically appears every year, it's not so magically, not when you are the one out there doing it, so please join me in thanking everyone who had any part in making all of this an enjoyable Grand Chapter Session for us all!!

Husband of the Worthy Grand Matron
Wife of the Worthy Grand Patron

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associated Grand Conductress, introduced Brother Bernard Beckius, husband of the Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Pam Brhel, Wife of the Worthy Grand Patron.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Brother Bernard: We didn't know each other before I started my journey to the East. I feel that we are now good friends. I like to be on your ranch with you as it is similar to the farm where I grew up. I enjoy the freedom of the outdoors on the ranch or farm wherever I may be. Thank you for including me in some of your activities on the ranch; I enjoyed it very much. Also thank you for becoming my friend, and you know our door will always be open to you whenever you are in Lincoln.

Pam, my wife, at this point, we have been married 3 years, 3 months and almost 10 days. Although we have known each other more than 30 years I didn't pay too much attention to you for most of that time. As of late, you may think that I have not been paying much attention to you again. For that I am truly sorry; for your knowledge of the Grand Chapter is amazing. There are times that I think that you know everyone in the state and can remember all their names, where they're from and where they belong. You have a hard outer shell, but you have tender inner feelings. Sometimes I tread on those feelings and I am sorry. Through it all you have

been loving and faithful to me. I could have not found a better friend. Thank you for being my partner on my journey. I love you!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Pam and Bernard, I found this tune that I thought would best describe the relationship I think we have found in our partners and with each other.

Brother Albert Fisher played a portion from the recording of the song, "Me and My Shadow".

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Am I wrong?

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Pam, I was excited when I started this journey up the line to Worthy Grand Matron and knew that we would once again be in a Grand Family together. I had no idea as did any of us that you would be my Worthy Grand Patron's wife. I could not have asked for a more supportive, dedicated, conscientious person to work with. We could always count on you to know the protocol and history or being able to find what we needed on the internet. You have been a helpmate every step of the way. I wish you and Gary the best of luck in the future and may your travels be safe. Don't forget where we live; come and stay when you can.

Bernard – once again, it's Bernard, not Bernie -- my best friend and husband for 49 years this coming October, I was already a member and officer of Eastern Star when you married me and as the babies came along you became the babysitter on Star nights. You have always been there to pick up the slack and help where you could through these almost 50 years of Eastern Star. There are no words to express my love and admiration to you for all the things you have done and made possible for me to do, especially these last five years. I am so glad you agreed to become a Mason some 18 year ago and then a member of Eastern Star. We have traveled many a mile these last five years; you have carried the luggage, the sound system, and whatever else I needed to drag along with little complaint and even though there were things left undone or left for the daughters and son-in-laws or grandkids to do. Thank you for taking the time. I can always count on your sound advice and solid support in all things as we travel this road of life together. I thank you, and I love you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Karla, has a special song for Bernard and Pam.

Sister Karla Lawler (142) sang, "I Love You 'Cause You're You."

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Grand Conductress, you will escort the Husband of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Wife of the Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

The Husband of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Wife of the Worthy Grand Matron were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you, Sister Karla, for conveying our thoughts through music and singing. It was beautiful as always; what a special talent you have and a good friend.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Thank you, Karla, that was beautiful!

FAREWELL REMARKS

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

FRIENDSHIP IS THE SUNSHINE IN THE NICE THINGS PEOPLE DO,
FRIENDSHIP IS THE LAUGHTER IN THE GOOD TIMES SHARED BY TWO.
FRIENDSHIP IS SWEET MEMORIES, LIKE ECHOES OF A SONG,
FRIENDSHIP IS A FEELING THAT LASTS YOUR WHOLE LIFE LONG.

It is with mixed emotions and a real lump in my throat that this Roundup of Stars at the "Trails of Faith" Grand Session is coming to a close. Brother Gary, what a journey this has been. We have traveled many miles, enjoyed so many memorable moments and shared treasured hours with the members of this wonderful Order. In my mind, we have had a successful year. Our Grand Family has joined with us by spreading their love of the Order all across this state and beyond. Grand Family, again, I thank you for being a part of my life and for taking this journey with me.

Sisters and Brother in Eastern Star, you are the ones who have given me the reason and the desire to serve this Grand Chapter as your Worthy Grand Matron. You have given me the gift of your love and friendship and have filled my heart with memories. For all of this I cannot thank you enough.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Cheryl, I don't think I can add much to what you have just said. I agree with everything. I also have mixed feelings about finishing this journey. This has been a great journey and it was made special by all of the members who belong to the Order. And our Grand Family – I don't care what all the Past Grands say – Ours is the Best! I will miss all of you. And don't be surprised if Pam and I occasionally show up at your meetings. Thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your Worthy Grand Patron! It has been a very honorable pleasure! Thank you.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Please be present this evening at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy the musical selections by Sister Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron, prior to Installation.

Following the closing ritualistic prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the closing ode, "Happy Trails to You", was sung by the membership and the Grand Conductress closed the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from Labor to Refreshment to reconvene at 6:15 p.m.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

I'd like to leave you with this poem about the Code of the West**.**

Ride for the Brand

Back in the day of the big cattle drives
When cowboys ruled the land,
Loyalty to the outfit would keep you alive,
They called it "Riding for the Brand."

The cowhands would all sign up for a year,
Despite the hardships and work.
Chasin' and brandin' the doggies and steers,

Tough duties they'd never shirk.

Come outlaws or weather to threaten the herd,
Each man would fight to the death.
Chasin' a stampede, they hollered and spurred,
'Till both horse 'n man's out'a breath.

There's lessons to learn from those rugged cowpokes,
To see where your loyalties lie.
Riding for the Brand is for all us folks
Whose outfit we'd never deny.

Signing on for the year would be hard work, but fun,
And we're counting on every hand,
We'll all pull together to get the job done,
And take pride as we Ride for the O.E.S. Brand!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters and Brothers, please remain seated until the Grand Officers have retired. The Grand Officers will retire.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Musical selections were played by Past Grand Matron Sister Sharlene Coulter for the enjoyment of those gathering for the evening session. At 6:15 p.m., Brother James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Patron, introduced the Grand Officers and narrated the opening formations. Music was provided by Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189). The Power Point Presentation designed by Brother Albert Fisher (261) was displayed.

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Marlene Jones, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Robert Rhodes, Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth to the East. Sister Marlene called Grand Chapter to order. The Grand Officers performed their opening march. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and were given Grand Honors. The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Marlene and Brother Bob, thank you for opening this session. Sister Marlene, you were the one to give me my first appointed office in Grand Chapter, I don't remember a lot of things these days, but I do remember that summer evening when you and Brother Jim Boshart called to ask me if I would serve as your Grand Martha. I don't think I even took time to think, I just said yes. I truly loved every minute of that year. Thank you for being here this evening and opening my last session as Worthy Grand Matron. And, Brother Bob, you are synonymous with Grand Chapter to me. It would not be the same without you. You truly lead by the example of your love and pride in our Order. Thank you for being here and helping this evening.

Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron:
Sister Marlene, you and Brother Jim presided over the "God Makes All Things New" Session. I remember that when you had your Grand Family reception in

Mullen, Marie and I had the opportunity to chauffer Jim's parents to the reception. That was an interesting trip. Thank you for coming back from Arizona to help open this Thursday evening Session.

Brother Bob, You had an uncommon opportunity. You not only presided over one Grand Chapter with Sister Carol Luther, but you also presided with Sister Ann Wells too. That takes a great love and dedication to our Order. I do not know where you get all that energy. I always enjoy visiting with you and Sister Roma. Thank you for opening this Thursday evening Session for us.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Shar, thank you for your prelude music this evening. It was as wonderful as I knew it would be.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to open the Bible and the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter open for the Ceremony of Installation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

The Worthy Grand Matron introduced Brother Ivan Vrtiska, Past Grand Master, from the sidelines and he was given a cowboy wisdom and a hearty welcome.

INSTALLATION OF THE 2017-2018 GRAND OFFICERS

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

We are now ready for the Ceremony of Installation of the 2017-2018 Grand Officers. We welcome the many friends, family, and members here this evening. Thank you all for coming!

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Anita, Brother Jim and your Grand Officers – your faith, strong convictions, and dedication to our Order have brought you safely to this time and place. I hope that as you travel our state this year and return here to this place next year that all of your dreams will have come true. Blessings to you!

I now have the honor of presenting Sister Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron, who will serve as the Installing Grand Officer.

Sister Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron, served as Installing Grand Officer and introduced those who would assist her in the Ceremony of Installation:

Brother Deloyt Young, P.G.P.	Assistant Installing Grand Officer
Sister Dee Schuetz, P.G.M. ……	Installing Grand Marshal
Sister Betty Kirby, P.G.M. ……	Installing Grand Chaplain
Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189) …….	Installing Grand Organist

Sister Beverly called a short recess to prepare for the Ceremony of Installation.

Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Matron:

Just my last thought: Always remember, “Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservations.”

The 2016-2017 Grand Officers retired. During the recess, music was provided by Sister Neta Ridinger (55). Also, during the recess, Brothers dressed in black tuxedos entered the Grand Chapter room to the music of “Ducks on Parade”. Each was carrying a chair, which was placed strategically in a semicircle behind Grand Esther’s station in preparation for the entrance of those who would be installed. Brother Chuck Sohm served as “Captain of the Ducks”. Others serving as “Grand Ducks” were: Rick Baker (325), Bernard Beckius (142), Tim Birdsall (271), Jim Carlton (325), Herb Coulter (216), Mike Donham, P.G.P., (299), Gary Eller (299), Duane Heim (189), Mike Hitchcock (113), Elmer Huffman (216), John Kirby (153), Marlin Krull (198), George McMullin (325), Bill Raymond (325), John Timmermier (169), Matt Vandergriff (277), Brandon VanSky (325), and Roger Warnke (153).

Grand Officers and Grand Trustee installed for 2017-2018 were:

Anita Sohm (325)…….Worthy Grand Matron
Jim Taylor (277)……Worthy Grand Patron
Candace Martin (122)…….Associate Grand Matron
Harold Terry (269)……...Associate Grand Patron
Jan Thoman, P.G.M. (9)……..Grand Secretary
Karla Lawler (142, 92, 264)…….Grand Treasurer
Karan Birdsall (271)……Grand Conductress
Dottie Arent (113)…….....Associate Grand Conductress
Bruce Raddatz, P.G.P (35)…….Grand Trustee
Don Norman (279)……Grand Chaplain
Bruce Baker (39)…….Grand Marshal
Cynthia Timmermier (169)……Grand Organist
Kelly Stahly (132)…….Grand Adah
Roxanne “Roxie” Heim (189)……..Grand Ruth
Cindy Pedersen (301) ……..Grand Esther
Katherine Meink (159)……..Grand Martha
Joan Alexander (84) ……..Grand Electa
Sharon Eller (299) ……Grand Warder
David Wetrosky (1)…….Grand Sentinel

As the Worthy Grand Matron was installed and later escorted to the East by the Installing Grand Marshal, a quartet consisting of Brothers Jim Carlton (325), Bill Raymond (325), Fritz McMulllin (325) and Bernie Hauber (299), all from The Shrine Chanters, sang, “God Bless the U.S.A.”

As the Worthy Grand Patron was installed and then escorted to the East by the Installing Grand Marshal, the quartet sang “The U. S. Air Force” for his years of service in the military. They were accompanied by Sister Ruth Negus (277)

Following the installation, prayer was offered by the Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister Betty Kirby, P.G.M. The Installing Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Officers duly installed. The "Grand Ducks" removed the chairs.

REMARKS FROM THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron Jim, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends:

It seems just like yesterday when I received a call from Past Grand Matron Bev Donham asking if I would be her "Door Appointment." I thought I must be dreaming, because I had hoped to one day be a Grand Officer, but never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would be the Worthy Grand Matron of this beautiful Order, but here I am. And I must tell, you that the view from the East is "Amazing"!

I thank the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for the trust you have placed in me. With your love and understanding, I will do my very best to be worthy of the honor you have placed in me.

Some of you may know, I born in Ohio. My family moved to Southern California when I was 8 years old to get away from the cold weather. I met my husband, Chuck, a native of Portland, Oregon, who was in the Air Force in California. We were married in 1969 – 48 years ago. We lived in Southern California; Tucson, Arizona; 7 years in Europe; and then came to Nebraska, 33 years ago. I had no Masonic background, but my husband's grandfather was a Mason and Chuck was in DeMolay. When we came to Nebraska, my husband became a Mason and shortly after that, we both joined Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue.

When I was Grand Warder, I asked the Worthy Grand Matron, Sharlene Coulter, who I would be serving with in the East, but she wouldn't tell me. So I asked her if he was tall – I have no idea why I asked her that. When I told my husband that, he said: "Why do you care, you are not going to dance with him!" Well, Jim, we're going to dance. I don't know when, but we are going to dance. Thank you, Sister Sharlene and Brother Deloyt for appointing Brother Jim. I am very pleased to be sharing the East with him. We have known each other for many years, but became a team four years ago when you were appointed, Brother Jim, as Grand Sentinel. The two of us, along with our spouses, have made a great team. Sisters and Brothers, I have the honor to present to you, your Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim Taylor.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

You may gather that my vision is not necessarily the best, I would like to thank Sister Anita for the kind words she has bestowed. I am awed and humbled by the confidence that the Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star members have afforded me the opportunity to assume the office as your Worthy Grand Patron. It is a position that cannot be greatly fulfilled without the strength and loving support from all of you. I have felt the strength and support through my journey and have seen it in the past before my years here, and I know that it will continue. We are one big happy family! Our Order has much to offer and our members should be proud of what the Order of the Eastern Star has been and will continue to be for the betterment of humanity. At the risk of over-using these words of praise, we need to bring out our light from under the bushel basket so everyone can enjoy the friendship and companionship that they enjoy.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce a person that I have been lucky enough -- who was chosen to make the journey with me. Sister Bev and Brother Jim, you could

not have chosen a better partner for me. Thank you for choosing her twenty-five years ago –

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Oh, no, I am not that old!

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
I said my vision wasn't nearly the best – thank you for choosing her as your Grand Warder. She is a very hardworking and passionate and committed to making this Order all it can be. I have come to know her as a Sister and a friend. I have the honor to present to you, Worthy Grand Matron for 2017-2018, Sister Anita Sohm – and she is the one making this all go together and work. Please give her a hand.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you, Brother Jim.

Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary, what a wonderful year we had with the "Trails of Faith" Grand Family, led by your guiding hands. We dusted off our boots, pulled them on tight, put our hats on straight – well, most of the time – and had a wild and enjoyable ride. You both shared with us your love for our Order and our members. Thank you, both.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary, we appreciate your leadership this year and the way you led with grace and commitment to the Order. Thank you for your leadership; thank you for your deep commitment; and thank you for letting us be a part of your Grand Family and sharing your time and your talents with us.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Would our Installing Officers please stand. Thank you very much for accepting this responsibility and doing an awesome job. You are very special to Jim and Me.

Sister Dee Schuetz, our Installing Grand Marshal: When Chuck and I moved to Nebraska 33 years, my first job at Offutt Air Force Base was working in the Base Legal Office with you. You were such an inspiration at that time and continue to be. I have treasured our friendship all these years.

Sister Betty Kirby, our Installing Grand Chaplain: When I was an Assistant Warder several years at the Grand Chapter in Lincoln, minding my own business, you asked me to be a District Grand Supervisor, and quite honestly, I was in shock. I was also very honored and I truly appreciated you giving me that wonderful opportunity. I thoroughly enjoyed my Supervising days.

Sister Mary Ann Stevens, our Installing Grand Organist: My first year as a District Grand Supervisor, we conducted our schools with three supervisors. That certainly made my first year much easier and I was very fortunate to be a member of Mary Ann's team. Thank you for all that you taught me.

Sister Beverly Donham, our Installing Grand Officer and my Fraternal Mom: My thanks to you and Brother Jim Dusch for asking me to be your Grand Warder. The time has flown by since that night you called me and asked me to be your "Door Appointment." She wanted to come over – and she asked me first, "Is Chuck at home?" Well, as usual, he wasn't and I told her, "No, he isn't," and I thought she wanted to talk to him – so she asked me on the phone if I would be her Door Appointment. Again, I was in shock. Your support and guidance over the past 4 years has been awesome and I truly thank you for being a terrific "Mom".

Brother Deloyt, thank you for serving as Assistant Installing Grand Officer and installing Brother Jim. And thank you again for appointing Brother Jim as Grand Sentinel.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Beverly, thank you for being our Installing Grand Officer tonight. I have known you for many years, but never fully appreciated the talents – especially as "Drill Sergeant" until I was appointed as Grand Sentinel.

Brother Deloyt, thank you for serving as Assistant Installing Grand Officer. Thank you for being my "Fraternal Father," and Sister Sharlene, who I call my "Fraternal Mother". I appreciate the confidence that you have had in me to appoint me as your Grand Sentinel in 2014. It was a quite a surprise to me to be chosen. This has been an exciting, but humbling experience.

Sister Dee, thank you for serving as our Installing Grand Marshal. I have known Dee for several years, but never really got to know you until we traveled together this past year. Thank you for all you do for our beloved Order.

Sister Betty, thank you for serving as our Installing Grand Chaplain. I have been very impressed with your dedication to our Order as evidenced by your work as Worthy Grand Matron from Martha Washington Chapter.

Sister Mary Ann, we thank you. Your music is always beautiful.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Let's give them all a hand for the wonderful job they did.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

I would like to thank Sister Nita Ridinger, Signet Chapter No. 55, for sharing her musical talents during the intermission. We became good friends during the "Beauty of the Stars" Grand year, and I thank you very much for your beautiful music and the support and encouragement she has given me.

My thanks also to Brothers Jim Carlton, Bill Raymond, Fritz McMullin from my own chapter, Alpha Chapter No. 325, and Brother Bernie Hauber from Trinity Chapter No. 299, for singing, "God Bless the U.S.A". I loved your song; it made me cry; and I thank you all very much. Also, thank you for singing Brother Jim's song, "The U. S. Air Force", and thank you to Sister Ruth Negus for playing Jim's song. I must tell you that two of the members who sang that song were Air Force, but a third member was U.S. Army and I think it was a little tough for him, but he did it. Thank you all.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Ruth, thank you for sharing your wonderful talent with us this evening. A special thank you to Brother Jim Carlton, Bill Raymond, Fritz McMullin, and Bernie Hauber for singing during our installation. You songs added a great deal to the evening and thank you.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Beverly Donham's and Brother Jim Dusch's "Stars Across the Prairie" Grand family; Sister Sharlene Coulter's and Brother Deloyt Young's "Music of the Stars" Grand family; Sister Brenda McGuire's and Brother Delbert Rogers' "Beauty of the Star" Grand family; Sister Cheryl Beckius' and Brother Gary Brhel's "Trails of Faith Family": Anita and I have so many previous memories to us and you are all very dear friends. As traveling across the prairies in Sister Bev's and Jim Dusch's family; with the trains in Brother Deloyt's and Sister Sharlene's family; and we all saddled up with the "Trails of Faith" Grand family. Thank you for all the leadership and companionship that you have shown us in our times together. Please join me in giving these Sisters and Brothers a hearty welcome.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Grand Conductress, you will introduce the husband of the Worthy Grand Matron and the wife of the Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Associate Grand Conductress you will assist.

Introduced behind Grand Esther's station were Brother Chuck Sohm, Husband of the Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Isobel Taylor, Wife of the Worthy Grand Patron.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Isobel, you and I were friends before we started this journey and we have become even closer as we planned for the 2017-2018 year. Thank you for all your assistance, the many car rides and keeping me straight.

Brother Chuck, my love and thanks to you for the past 48 years of our married life, and especially for the last four years when many of my days were spent on the road or at the computer getting ready for today and the upcoming year.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
Brother Chuck, I have come to know you as a friend and you are my Masonic Brother. We have traveled quite a few miles together. Those long hours in the car were always full of laughter. Thank you, Chuck for your friendship.

Sister Isobel, we've spent 55 years together and I have to say, the last 3 have been pretty eventful. You have held books for me to learn my parts, written speeches for me, and made sure that I knew where I was supposed to be and in the proper attire for each event. We are getting to be experts in packing the car. I love you!

The Husband of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Wife of the Worthy Grand Patron were given a hearty welcome and escorted to the East.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Brother Chuck has a special presentation he would like to make at this time.

Chuck Sohm (325):
It seems that I know the boss, so I get a privilege. This is going to be for Sister Helen, and for those of you who don't know, we made our Most Worthy Grand Matron a Nebraska Grand Duck on Monday at the Duck Luncheon, and so she is proudly wearing her pin. What she doesn't have is a "quacker", and I'd like to give it to her at this time.

The gift was given to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, who immediately tried the "quacker" out with a "duck" call.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Our families – at least for Chuck and myself, live in Southern California and in Oregon. My sister, nieces, and nephews and their families were unable to attend tonight, but wanted to send their greetings.

A video from the Worthy Grand Matron's family was shown on the big screen with "celebration" music and congratulatory words from her whole family.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
If you didn't already know and I kept it a secret for many, many years, but it is finally out, my family nickname is "Ta-Ta". My niece, Denise, who you just saw, couldn't say, "Anita". She's only 5 years younger than I am, so she shortened it to "Ta-Ta" and it has stuck all these years; but I never told anybody at school – you are

the first ones I have ever announced this to in a group. That is part of my email, so I thought people probably should know why I use that, and that's the reason why.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Tonight, some of our family is here and I am very proud to introduce them to you. As I call you name, please stand: Our daughter, Carol Medina, is a member of AkSarBen Chapter No. 277. She works in Lincoln and is also a Warrant Officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. Her daughter, Taylor Medina, and her fiancé, Dale, live here in Kearney. They are hiding out in the back row. Our son, Bob, and his wife, Brenda, live in Omaha and they were unable to attend this evening because their daughter, Marissa, is participating in her last band concert before graduation. They also have a son, David, who will be a junior at Peru State College this fall.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Would the members of the "God Bless the U.S.A. Grand Family, please stand – I should say Grand Officers and Grand Companions. Jim and I were very happy to have all of you take this journey with us as a Grand Officer or Grand Companion. Your willingness to give of your time and talents is very much appreciated. Please give them a hearty welcome.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Would the members of Alpha Chapter No. 325 please stand? There is no way to express my appreciation to each one of you, but I truly thank you all so much. You have been such a great support and encouragement. I thank you for the work you have been doing and will be doing for the coming year, and especially for being here tonight. I can't even tell you how much it means to have you all – well, almost all of you – but you truly remind me that there is "No place like home". I have missed so many meetings because we were on the road or whatever the case may be, and I miss all of you. But I did go back last month and I will be there Saturday when we have an initiation. You truly set a great example of what Eastern Star is all about. Thank you all. Please remain standing.

And will the members of AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 please stand? My thanks to AkSarBen Chapter. I appreciate your support to Brother Jim and me. And thanks also for making my husband and me Honorary Members of your chapter. You have helped us the past several years and I know you will continue to do that.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

What an exciting journey it has been so far, getting our Grand Family together. We were so pleased when you said yes when we asked you to join us in the "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Family.

To the members of AkSarBen Chapter No. 277, these people are the corps of my support and encouragement. I am proud to have you all as friends.

To the members of Alpha Chapter No. 325, you are a second family to me. I sincerely thank you for the Honorary Membership given to Sister Isobel and myself by your chapter and we feel very honored. You all are very special people. Would you all help me thank them for coming.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Would the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons please stand? We are so happy you are with us this evening and your guidance, support and friendship are truly appreciated. Please give them a hearty welcome.

It is an honor to welcome our 2017-2018 General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Appointees. Please stand as your name is called and remain standing until all have been introduced:

Brother Alvin Benemerito, Ambassador to the Philippines, Visayas, of the General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

Sister Dee Schuetz, a member of the Community Service Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Nebraska

Brother Carl Plants, a member of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Nebraska

Sister Betty Kirby, a member of the Service Dog Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Nebraska

Sister Wanda Fisher, a member of the Support First Responders Committee of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Nebraska

Please give them all a hearty welcome.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

We are pleased that our counterparts – I saw Jane Green earlier – but our counterparts, friends, and guests from other states chose to spend the evening with us. Your presence has made this even more special for all of us. We look forward to traveling to your Grand Chapter in the coming year. Thank you for coming to Nebraska – and Brother John Hauser as well.

For anyone who has not been introduced, please stand if you are able. We thank you for being here this evening and sharing in this special evening with us. Thank you very, very much. Please join me in thanking those people for being here this evening.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary, as our Junior Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron, will you approach the East – and would the following people also come to the East as well: Sisters Judy Wehrbein, Bev Donham, Pam Brhel, and Brothers Alvin Benemerito, Jim Dusch, and Bernard Beckius.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Cheryl, I present you with this Past Grand Matron's badge. You did an outstanding job this year and should be very proud of your accomplishments You now officially become a member of the Past Grands and will take your place in that prestigious group. You had a great year and I hope that now you can sit back a little bit and reflect on the special people and wonderful moments that made your "Trails of Faith" year so memorable.

Thank you for your leadership and the love you have for our Order.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

My Brother Gary, I present to you your Past Grand Patron's badge. This does not mean that since your Grand Session is over that you are released from the obligations that are awaiting. This actually continues to bind you to us as a permanent member of Grand Chapter. We thank you for your service.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

We will now have the presentation of jewels.

Judy Wehrbein, Past Grand Matron:

Wow, it is cold and windy up here – guess I found some hot women up here! I should have kept my shawl on up here.

Cheryl, my very, very dear friend. It is hard to believe that it has been five years ago that we had a little chat at Pershing and I asked her if she would consider being part of our Grand Family. As many of you know, and I have said this often, I had a

very short list that I was going to ask and I just want you to know that I would have never accepted "No," because I had no one else on my list, so I am so glad that you accepted to be our Grand Warder. You had a wonderful, wonderful year and a great "Trails of Faith" Session, and I am just so very, very proud of you – everything that you did and the way you represented yourself; the love you have always shown to our members, it just always warmed my heart and you reinforced the reason why I wanted you as my Grand Warder. And so it is really nice that I can say that I am her Fraternal Mom and here I am tonight officially welcoming you into the fold of the Past Grands, and that is just pretty special that next year when we are out here, you can be right behind me, so we can always be together. But I hope that there is not a fan going on then – I don't know how you women stand it up here. You need your long underwear up here.

Okay, and now I think you need to receive something official and Bernie, would you like to do this.

Brother Bernard Beckius, Husband of the Junior Past Grand Matron presented the Past Grand Matron's jewel to Sister Cheryl. The jewel was, in part, a gift from the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

Judy Wehrbein, Past Grand Matron:
She is receiving a beautiful Past Grand Matron's ring.

Alvin Benemerito, Past Grand Patron:
And I get to present her a shiny new card: "Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. This is to certify that Sister Cheryl Beckius is a Past Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, the State of Nebraska", presented today, witnessed, and signed and sealed by the Grand Secretary. Sister Cheryl, thank you for accepting this.

James Dusch, Past Grand Patron:
Brother Gary, Son –

Gary Brhel, Past Grand Patron:
Yes, Dad!

James Dusch, Past Grand Patron:
Don't forget me at Christmas! It has been a great pleasure to get to know you and it was a pleasure for you to accept from Sister Bev and I this appointment. It was almost instantaneous – 3 or 4 months – not really, but it was a long time – but he did very well this last year, and Sister Sherry and I were very sorry we were unable to come to all of your meetings, and I hope this year we will. But, my Brother, you are going to be a great Past Grand Patron, and I appreciate your friendship and thank you again for accepting your appointment.

Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron:
Brother Gary, it gives me great pleasure to present to you your Past Grand Patron card, and you had a wonderful session – you and Cheryl, and we love you both!

Gary Brhel, Past Grand Patron:
Thanks, Mom!

Cheryl Beckius, Past Grand Matron:
I just want to thank them for their kind words and being passed on to the Past Grand Matrons Group and thank you.

Gary Brhel, Past Grand Patron:
This is not an office that I sought, but I am sure glad I got into it. It has been a great ride. Hee-haw!

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
We would like to tell you about our plans for the "God Bless the U.S.A." Year: Brother Jim served in the U. S. Air Force for 24 years; my husband served in the U. S. Air Force for 26 years; I worked for the U. S. Army for 3 years and for the U. S. Air Force for 27 years. So it is no surprise that one of our watchwords is "Patriotism," and our session will be called, "God Bless the U.S.A."

Our plans for the upcoming Grand Chapter year are printed in the Installation Program and I hope you will take time to read through that information. I will not go over all of it now, but you will be hearing more about our projects during the coming year through the O.E.S. News, various communications to the chapters, and at our Area Visitations. We do hope you will embrace all of our ongoing projects as you have in the past as well as our new programs and activities. Since I am not going to read all of the material, I ask that the information be recorded in the proceedings.

Plans for the "God Bless the U.S.A." Year As Printed in the Installation Program

SESSION/THEME: **"God Bless the U.S.A."**
May 8-10, 2018
Younes Conference Center, Kearney

AIM: To Honor those who are serving and have served our Country, to spread friendship, love, and laughter.

WATCHWORDS:

- Patriotism, Friendship, and Happiness
- Patriotism promotes loyalty to our God, our Country, and our Sisters and Brothers
- Spread friendship, love, and laughter
- At every visitation and at Grand Chapter honor those who have served or are serving in the Military

SCRIPTURES: **"**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalms 33:12
"Now the Lord is in the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." Corinthians 3:17
"With God, All things are possible." Matthew 10:26
"My Command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12

COLORS: Red, White, and Blue

FLOWERS: Red Rose, White Orchid, and Blue Iris

EMBLEMS: The American Flag and Eagles

FUN SYMBOLS: Huskers and Planes

GRAND OFFICERS: Patriots

GRAND COMPANIONS: Flag Wavers

HONORED STATIONS: Secretaries, Warders, and Sentinels

SPECIAL PROJECT: Wounded Warrior Family Support (not affiliated with the Wounded Warrior Project)

GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS:

* Our three Youth Groups:
  International Order of Rainbow for Girls Assemblies
  Job's Daughters International Bethels
  DeMolay International Chapters
* Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont to help Purchase a larger TV for the Rec Center and adding Dish to it so the kids can have parties while watching sporting events that are not on broadcast TV
* Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth to help purchase a couple of Pressure Relieving Air Mattresses with a pump; these are specialty air mattresses that help with wound care
* ESTARL (Eastern Star Training for Religious Leadership
* Educational Loan Fund
* Scholarships

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS:

* 1618 Projects
* Permanent Disaster Relief fund
* Regenerative Medicine Project
* Support our First Responders
* Rob Morris Jewel

Fundraising to Benefit Our Projects:

* OES Red T-shirts
* OES Aluminum Card Cases
* Star Pins
* Note Cards
* Pens

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Our special project is Wounded Warrior Family Support. This organization is not affiliated with the Wounded Warrior Project. The Wounded Warrior Family Support program began in 2003 and provides support to the families of those who have been wounded, injured, or killed during combat operations. The families of military casualties suffer in many ways; some financially, some psychologically. All money collected will stay in Nebraska. They have a Charity Watch Rating of A, and are headquartered in Omaha. You will be hearing more about this project as we travel and meet in your area.

This year, Grand Chapter will continue to support the General Grand Chapter projects as may be appropriate to the respective Trienniums.

We will be contributing to the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth and hope to purchase a couple of pressure relieving air mattresses with a pump. These are special air mattresses that help with wounded care.

We will also be contributing to the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children. Our help will be used to purchase a larger TV in the Rec Center area and adding a Dish

to it so the kids can have parties while watching sporting events that are not on broadcast TV. Brother Ron recently asked me what my interests were when I asked him what he would like for us to do to support the home, so I said: "Well, I love sports – any kind of sports." So that is what he suggested that we might want to work towards.

We will also support ESTARL, scholarships, and the Educational Loan Fund.

At this time, I would like to announce the following appointments:

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following is a complete list of the Committees for the 2017-2018 years with the Worthy Grand Matron's appointments in bold type:

Standing Committees:

Benevolence……Mrs. Kathy Hartmann (122), ('18)
Ms. Andi Carpenter (122), ('19)
Mr. Kenny Schultz (93), ('20)
Mrs. Rita Lindvall (35), ('21)
Ms. Suzanne Byler (9), ('22)

Educational Loan…… Mrs. Julie Hornicek (184), ('18)
Mrs. Cathy Dzuris (298,213), ('19)
Mrs. Linda Dubry (261, 260), ('20)
Mrs. Bev Pickering (269),('21)
Mrs. Vernita Rodomger (55), ('22)

ESTARL…… Mrs. Charleen Gausman (199), ('18)
Mrs. Janet Zoucha (264), ('19)
Mr. Kirk Brown (92), ('20)
Mr. Gary Eller (299), ('21)
Mrs. Anne Phillips (325), ('22)

Jurisprudence…… Mrs. Jill Ramsey, PGM, ('18)
Mrs. Betty Kirby, PGM, ('19)
Mrs. Beverly Donham, PGM, ('20)
Ms. Billie Mattern, PGM, ('21)
Mrs. Betty Garwood, PGM, ('22)

Membership…… Mr. Keith Lindvall (35), ('18)
Mrs. Susie Nielsen (189), ('19)
Mrs. Laurie Sieg (271), ('20)
Ms. Linda Schuett (257), ('21)
Mrs. Nellie Frizzell (215), ('22)

Publicity…… Mrs. Emily Schoenleber (94), ('18)
Mrs. June Nielsen (261, 141), ('19)
Ms. Shannon Roberts (55), ('20)
Mrs. R. Lynn Cardey (92), ('21)
Mrs. Isobel Taylor (277), ('22)

Scholarship …… Mr. Ron Nielsen (35), ('18)
Mrs. Trudy Fankhauser (234), ('19)
Mrs. Bonnie Forney (92, 86), ('20)
Mrs. Margaret Nelson (216), ('21)
Mr. Ken Sieg (271), ('22)

Youth …… Mrs. Kimberly Ouderkirk (60), ('18)
Ms. Susan Arndt (264), ('19)
Ms. Jean Smith (198), ('20)
Mrs. Laurel Wolfe (8, 299), ('21)
Mrs. Jonelle Rogers (277), ('22)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Advisory Board…… **Mrs. Beverly Donham, PGM**
Mrs. Brenda McGuire, PGM
Mrs. Cheryl Beckius, PGM

Service Dog Committee ……. **Ms. Paula Beezley (153), ('18)**
Ms. Beth Benson (8), ('19)
Dr. Lorrie Bryant (271), ('20)
Mrs. Nan Rix (92), ('21)
Mrs. Cathy Wagner (122), ('22)

OTHER COMMITTEES

Children's Home Representatives…… . .**Mr. Douglas Kristensen (159)**
Mrs. Julie Kristensen (159)

Fraternal Relations…… **Mr. Dwight Smith (264)**

Special Projects …… **Mrs. Margaret McCall (52)**
Mrs. Nellie Frizzell (215)

Webmaster and Masonic Event Calendar……. **Mrs. Kerri Straub (269)**

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Credentials…… **Mrs. Linda Teach (194)**
Mrs. Dianne Wiberg (55, 41)

Dispensations and Charters…… **Mrs. Wanda Fisher, PGM**

General Arrangements ……. **Mr. Wayne Andreasen (84) Co-Chairman**
Mr. Michael Donham, PGP, Co-Chairman

March Directors …… …… **Mrs. Dee Schuetz, PGM**
Mrs. Beverly Donham, PGM
Mrs. Cyn Norman, PGM

Page Coordinators …… … **Mrs. Becky Baker (325)**
Mrs. Kristi Vandergriff (277)

Parliamentarian…… **Mrs. Cynthia Timmermier (169)**

Registration …… **Mrs. Joyce Porter (189), Co-Chairman**
Ms. Bridget Anderson (8), Co-Chairman

Tellers…… **Mr. Don Havekost (122), Co-Chairman**
Mr. Wendell Wagner (214, 122), Co-Chairman

CLOSING

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Jan, are there any communications?

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:
There are, Worthy Grand Matron. I have an invitation. It says: "You are cordially invited to a reception honoring Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron, Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron, 2017-2018 Grand Officers of Nebraska, and Grand Lodge Officers on Sunday, May 21st, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 202 South 20th Street, Omaha, Nebraska."

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
In closing, Jim and our Grand Family wish to thank you once again for sharing this evening with us. We hope to see you on our travels around the State of Nebraska as we spread patriotism, friendship, and happiness.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
Thank you all for your presence here tonight. Our words cannot express how much it means to us. We pray that the Supreme Architect of the Universe be with you during your travels to your homes and families. Tell your chapter members that we are looking forward to meeting them and greeting them during our "God Bless the U.S.A." visitations.

The Closing Ode, "God Bless the U.S.A." was sung by all. The Worthy Grand Matron asked Pastor Gary Eller, Grand Companion to Grand Warder Sharon Eller, to give a closing prayer.

Gary Eller, Pastor and Grand Companion:
Let us pray. Creator and Redeemer, we give thanks to all who are gathered here tonight; the many hands who have been at work for so long that this evening might come to pass. We are grateful for faithful skies that sustains us along all the trails and trials and joys of our lives. Continue to bless America, we pray. And may we always remember that faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservations. Amen.

The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to close the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the One hundred forty-second Grand Chapter closed.

PRESENTATIONS

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Alpha Chapter No. 325 and AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 appeared at the west entrances to the Grand Chapter Room and requested permission to approach the East. To the song, "There is No Place Like Nebraska:, they approached the East, joined by their respective chapter members.
Checks for the projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and personal gifts were presented by both Alpha Chapter and AkSarBen Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Matron announced that there would not be a receiving line following the retiring march, but that the Grand Officers would gather outside the Grand Chapter room informally to greet friends and family and receive greetings. The 2017-2018 Grand Officers retired.

GLEANINGS

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On Saturday, May 6th the "Trails of Faith" Grand Family met at the Younes Conference Center and Fairfield Inn in Kearney to greet each other and to assist the General Arrangement Committee in the preparation of the Grand Chapter room. All were excited to be together again. What an exciting time to catch up on activities and to prepare for the upcoming week. After a no hotst dinner, we returned to the hotel to sign the Bibles for the initiates and to assemble the gift bags for the Distinguished Guests registered for the Session.

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On Sunday Morning, May 7th, the Grand Family attended a worship service at the First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive. Following the Worship Service, everyone enjoyed lunch at the Fairfield Inn. Following lunch the Grand Officers, under the direction of the March Directors, began their practice for the marches and their ritualistic work.

On Sunday evening, May 7th, Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius and Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel and their spouses, Brother Bernard and Sister Pam, hosted their "Thank You" dinner for the "Trails of Faith" Grand Family at the "Holiday Inn". They thanked the Grand Family for all of their love and support they have given during this special year and explained the events of the upcoming session.

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The hallway at the Younes Conference Center provided a most inviting and spacious area to host many displays and vendors, as well as the Silent Auction, Registration and Credentials.

DISPLAYS were located in the main hallway as you entered the Conference Center. They included: Nebraska Grand Chapter OES, Job's Daughters International, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay International, Nebraska Masonic Youth Foundation, Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth, Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont, Sales Table for this year's current sales items. The Nebraska Masonic Home provided coffee throughout the Session and assorted cookies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning.

VENDORS were invited to participate and were located in the east hallway of the Conference Center.
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THE SILENT AUCTION has become a tradition and is a major part of our fund raising for the WGM/WGP's Special Project, which this year was Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands.. Many theme baskets and various assorted donations from individuals and chapters made an inviting display. Our sincere *THANKS* to Sisters Margaret McCall (52) and Nellie Frizzell (215) for Chairing this Auction and for the time and effort that they put into this project to make it such a success.

SESSION REGISTRATION was just to the right as you entered the front doors of the Conference Center and the Credentials Registration was on the left side.

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Cowboy Chorus - The Choir was under the direction of Brother Jim Carlton (325) with accompanist Sisters Mary Ann Stevens (189). The Choir was seated in the southeast corner of the Grand Chapter Room, near the organ and clavinova. They sang at various times throughout the Session and lead each Wednesday and Thursday morning and afternoon Sessions in a sing-along. Words for their songs were shown on the overhead screen and everyone was invited to join them. What a wonderful addition this has made to our Grand Chapter Session.

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District Grand Supervisors gathered on Monday, May 8th at 11:30 a.m. for the annual District Grand Supervisors' Luncheon. Special guests were the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and Grand Conductress. Arrangements for the luncheon had been made by Sisters Claudia Ranslem, Carrie Knapp, Tracey Hefner, Bev Pickering, Laurie Sieg and Kristi Vandergriff. The luncheon was served by the Younes Conference Center. Each of the District Grand Supervisors introduced themselves, and provided some fun information on their travels and the chapters that they visited. A fun time was had by all in attendance.

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On Monday those Past and Present "Grand Ducks" who were able to attend, gathered at Old Chicago. The luncheon, hosted by Chuck Sohm (325) began at 11:30 a.m. This marked the twelth consecutive year that the Associate Grand Matron had appointed a core of Brothers to place and remove the chairs during the Ceremony of Installation. The job is always done in a precise, efficient and entertaining manner. Each Brother who has had the honor of serving as a "Grand Duck" has been presented an appropriate lapel pin to identify him as member of this group and those who are able, meet informally for lunch on the Monday preceding the Grand Chapter Session The luncheon was well attended.

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Bethany Chapter #113 of Ainsworth and Acacia Chapter #39, Hastings co-hosted the "Roundup has Begun" banquet honoring Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels on Monday, May 8th at 5:00 p.m. Special guests were the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. All Grand Officers attended to honor those members who had been appointed to serve during the "Trails of Faith" Session. Sister Dottie Arent, Grand Warder and Brother Bruce Baker, Grand Sentinel brought greetings. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron brought greetings and the Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels were thanked for the many services they would provide to the Grand Officers and membership during the Grand Chapter Session.

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At 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 11th, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons gathered for the "Sentimental Trails" luncheon in the Ruby Room at the Younes Conference Center for their annual luncheon. Sister Donna Carmichael, Past Grand Matron was in charge of arrangements. Special guests were Helen J. Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron , Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Worthy Grand Matron, Cheryl Beckius, and Gary Brhel, Worthy Grand Patron. Following the luncheon, a business meeting of the Past Grands' Association was held at which time the following were elected to serve as officers the 2017-2018 year:

President ..... Cynthia "Cyn" Norman, P.G.M.
Vice-President ..... Michael Donham, P.G.P.
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Wanda Fisher, P.G.M.
P. O. Box 133, Thedford NE 69166-0133
Phone: (308) 645-2443, Email: wandaf@nebnet.net

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The Nebraska Grand Representatives' Association hosted a tea for distinguished guests from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10th, in the Diamond Room of the Younes Conference Center. Honored guests at the head of the receiving line were Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius and Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel, and Sister Helen Westmoreland, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Robert Penoyer, Most Worthy Grand Patron, followed by several General Grand Chapter Committee Members including Nebraska's own appointees, Brother Alvin Benemerito, Ambassador to the Philippines, Visayas and Past Grand Patron; Sister Dee Schuetz, Community Service Committee, and Past Grand Matron; Brother Carl Plants, Scottish Rite Charity Committee and Past Grand Patron; Sister Betty Kirby, Service Dog Committee and Past Grand Matron; and Sister Wanda Fisher, Support First Responders Committee and Past Grand Matron.The centerpiece came from the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons luncheon and then was put on the Grand Secretaries desk to be enjoyed by the membership. Members and guests enjoyed homemade cookies that

were purchased by the Grand Representatives, tea, coffee and punch along with a wonderful social time.

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The “Riding the Grand” Membership Banquet was held at the Younes Conference Center at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 9th. Host Chapters for the event were Friendship Chapter No. 122, Hooper and Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln. Sister Brenda McGuire, Junior Past Grand Matron, emceed the event assisted by Brother Delbert Rogers, Junior Past Grand Patron. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were seated at the head table and brought greetings to those in attendance. Seated directly in front of the head table were special guests from the General Grand Chapter and other Grand Jurisdictions as well as many distinguished members of the other Masonic bodies in Nebraska including the youth and adult leaders of the three Masonic youth groups

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The “All Trails lead to Kearney” Grand Representatives’ Breakfast was held on Wednesday morning, May 10h and began promptly at 6:45 a.m., Members from far and near visited and exchanged business cards and small gifts, a tradition that has resulted in long-lasting friendships for many Grand Representatives. President Margaret McCall presided over the meeting.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented a monetary gift from the Grand Representatives’ Association and they and other distinguished guests brought early morning greetings to those in attendance.

During a brief business meeting following the breakfast the following members were elected to serve the Association for 2017-2018:

President..... Karen Phillips (55)
2710 Anna Ave, North Platte, NE 69101

Vice President ..... Bev Pickering (269)
4919 Shannon Dr, Papillion, NE 68133

Secretary-Treasurer..... Kelsey Larsen (39,104,153)
2333 S 47th St, Lincoln, NE 68506

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The “Riding the OES Trails” Luncheon for Distinguished Guests was held Wednesday May 10th in the Crystal Ballroom of the Younes Conference Center. Tables were decorated with the Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s theme for the year. Guests who attended were seated with their counterparts from other Grand Jurisdictions where they enjoyed getting acquainted, renewing old friendships and sharing experiences.

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In conjunction with the “Trails of Faith” Grand Chapter Session, the Past and Present District Grand Supervisors met for the “Cowgirl Up” luncheon on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 11:45 a.m., at the Younes Center for their meeting and luncheon. A brief business meeting was held following the luncheon at which time the following officers were elected to serve in 2017-2018:

President ..... Wynona Bolton (261,246)
38804 Canvasback Road, Valentine NE 69201
Vice-President..... Gloria Guern (114)
21944 Bobwhite Ave, Gretna NE 68028
Secretary/Treasurer .....Jessica Hochstein (92)
936 Paul Circle, Fremont NE 68025

All present and past District Grand Supervisors are welcome and encouraged to attend this luncheon and meeting held each year during the Grand Chapter Session.

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The “Lighting the Traili” Line Officers’ Banquet was held to honor the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Associate Matrons, Associate Patrons, Conductresses and Associate Conductresses of the Subordinate Chapters. This banquet was held at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday May 10th. Alpha Chapter No. 325 of Bellevue and AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 of Omaha were the host Chapters for this event. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were introduced and made brief remarks. Associate Grand Matron, Sister Anita Sohm and Associate Grand Patron, Brother Jim Taylor also brought greetings and thanked the line officers for their dedication to the Order.

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The Past Appointed Grand Officers held their annual PAGO Banquet on Wednesday May 10th at 4:45 p.m in the Crystal ballroom in the Younes Conference Center. Members and guests attended the “Trail of Memories” banquet. The following were elected to serve the organization for 2017-2018:

President .....Joyce Royal (257,1)
3424 H Road, Syracuse NE 68446
Vice-President..... Bev Pickering (269)
4919 Shannon Dr, Papillion NE 68133
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Charleen Colson (144)
PO Box 31, Bartley NE 69020

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The “Pioneers of the Trail” Fifty-year Luncheon held on Thursday May 11th at the Crystal Ballroom at the Younes Conference Center. It was hosted by
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members of Imperial Chapter No. 279, of Imperial, Royal Chapter No. 184, Gordon, Signet Chapter No. 55, North Platte, Laura Chapter No.301, South Sioux City and Utica Chapter No. 199, Utica. Special guests at the head table included Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Gary Brhel, who each brought greetings to those present. Following the luncheon many of the fifty-year members attended the afternoon session where they were introduced and honored on the floor of the Grand Chapter room.

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GRAND CHAPTER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES 2016-2017

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Mr. Dennis Smith, P.G.P. ('17).....2910 Wyoming Ave, Fremont NE 68025
Mrs. Jan Barnard, P.M. ('18) ..... 227 Vista Circle, Tekamah NE 68061
Mrs. Judy Wehrbein, P.G.M ('19) ..... 8817 Church Rd, Louisville NE 68037
Mrs. Cynthia Norman, P.G.M.('20).....116 Bennett Dr, Lexington NE 68850
Mr. Wayne Andreasen, P.P. ('21)..... 410 Ridgeway Dr, Norfolk NE 68701

BOARD OF GRAND SUPERVISORS

Mrs. Cheryl Beckius, W,G.M.(142).... PO Box 244, Keystone NE 69144
Mrs. Anita Sohm, A.G.M. (325) .....13505 S 22nd St, Bellevue NE 68123
Mrs. Candy Martin, G.C. (122) 7158 E Military Ave, Fremont NE 68025

STANDING COMMITTEES

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Mr. Fred Way (39) ('17)..... PO Box 11, Trumbull NE 68980
Mrs. Kathy Hartmann (122) ('18) .....2230 Estes Lane, Fremont NE 68025
Mrs. Deb Williamson (215) ('19).....910 Schmid Dr, Scottsbluff NE 69361
Ms. Andi Carpenter (122) ('20)..... 820 E 21st, Fremont NE 68025
Mr. Kenny Schultz (93) ('21)..... 419 Stagecoach Rd, Grand Island NE 68801

Educational Loan

Mrs. Maril Hauber (299) Chairman..... 18826 P St, Omaha NE 68135
Mrs. Julie Hornicek (220) ('18) .....56 Lincoln Ave, Chappell NE 69129
Mrs. Cathy Dzuris (298,213) ('19)..... 891 W Brewster St, Minden NE 68959
Mrs. Linda Dubry (261,260) ('20)..... 1503 Main St, Bayard, NE 69334
Ms. Bev Pickering (269) ('21)..... 4919 Shannon Dr, Papillion NE 68133

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Mr. Bruce Baker (39) Chairman..... 2510 S Deer Trail, Hastings NE 68901
Mrs. Charleen Gausman (199) ('18).....1053 252nd Road, Milford NE 68405
Mrs. Janet Zoucha (264) ('19)..... 17751 Road 58, Oshkosh NE 69154
Mrs. Sharon Eller (299) ('20) .....2006 S 143rd St, Omaha NE 68144
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Registration

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Mrs. Diane Brown (271) ..... 1192 Lazy M Circle, Red Lodge MT 59068

Tellers

Mr. Don Havekost (122) ..... 829 CR 19 Blvd., Hooper NE 68031
Mr. Wendell Wagner (214,122) .. 2830 Hogan Lane, Fremont NE 68025

PAST GRAND MATRONS

*1875 -- Mrs. Mary E. Imhoff (8)
*1876 -- Mrs. Jennie L. Jackson (6)
*1877-78 -- Mrs. Phoebe Fales, 2 years (7)
*1879 -- Mrs. Maggie Meagher (13)
*1880-81 -- Mrs. H.C. Smith, 2 years (8)
*1882-83 -- Miss Sarah Clark, 2 years (8)
*1884 -- Mrs. Mary E. Mount (6)
*1885 -- Mrs. Elizabeth Davis (6)
*1886 -- Mrs. C. Thompson (7)
*1887 -- Mrs. Mary A. Webster (19)
*1888 -- Mrs. Amelia J. Snider (24)
*1889-90 -- Mrs. Emily J. Scott, 2 years (24)
*1891-92 -- Mrs. Addie M. Billings, 2 years (28)
*1893-94 -- Mrs. Anna Musselman, 2 years (24)
*1895 -- Mrs. Angeline Whitmarsh (6)
*1896-97 -- Mrs. Helen H. Stires, 2 years (13)
*1898 -- Mrs. Eva Baldwin (55)
*1899 -- Mrs. Maude Green (80)
*1990-01 -- Mrs. Louise Mathews, 2 years (92)
*1902 -- Mrs. Minne Crites (60)
*1903-04 -- Mrs. Mary Haggard, 2 years (1)
*1905 -- Mrs. Sue A. Pace (148)
*1906 -- Mrs. Edith E. Winebrener (110)
*1907 -- Mrs. Edith E. Dobson (8)
*1908 -- Mrs. Marie L. Aplan (125)
*1909 -- Mrs. Hattie M. Scott (192)
*1910 -- Mrs. Annie M. Evans (65)
*1911 -- Mrs. Carrie E. Wright (75)
*1912 -- Mrs. Elizabeth C. Gamble (189)
*1913 -- Mrs. Floy Roper (94)
*1914 -- Mrs. Pearl E. Albertson (92)
*1915 -- Mrs. Harriet E. Willets (86)
*1916 -- Mrs. Josephine Swigert Smith (184)
*1917 -- Mrs. Anna C. Simpson (6)
*1918 -- Mrs. Carrie M. Spellman (9)
*1919 -- Mrs. Stella Yont (67)
*1920 -- Mrs. Anna J. Davis (185)
*1921 -- Miss Maud M. Smith (152)
*1922 -- Mrs. Emma McCelland (197)
*1923 -- Mrs. Ida M. Bumstead (8)
*1924 -- Mrs. Lou A. Conklin (213)
*1925 -- Mrs. Cassie H. Redfield (55)

*1926 -- Mrs. Grace Anness (237)
*1927 -- Mrs. Anna V. Peterson (273)
*1928 -- Mrs. Stella Thorson (57)
*1929 -- Mrs. Bessie A. Tully (39)
*1930 -- Mrs. Nan Martin (152)
*1931 -- Mrs. Ellan M. Fetterman (148)
*1932 -- Mrs. Louise C. Mantor (108)
*1933 -- Mrs. Mary Farnham (78)
*1934 -- Mrs. Clara Blanche Bathen (271)
*1935 -- Mrs. Margaret McPherson (269)
*1936 -- Mrs. Laura Nicholson (149)
*1937 -- Mrs. Ruby E. Coggins (93)
*1938 -- Mrs. Ethel Thrope (6)
*1939 -- Mrs. Frona Van Andel (8)
*1940 -- Mrs. Allie Wegner (92)
*1941 -- Mrs. Muriel Smith (273)
*1942 -- Mrs. Mary E. Finch (185)
*1943 -- Mrs. Ola M. Scheurich (279)
*1944-45 -- Mrs. Edna Malony (13)
*1946 -- Mrs. Jane Owens (78)
*1947 -- Mrs. Marie Landeryou (277)
*1948 -- Mrs. Leita Barton (133)
*1949 -- Mrs. Eleanor Steffensmeyer (307)
*1950 -- Mrs. Vera Jones (214)
*1951 -- Mrs. Pauline Moomey (39)
*1952 -- Mrs. Gertrude Marshall (40)
*1953 -- Mrs. Velma Morgan (86)
*1954 -- Mrs. Zelma Megrue (63)
*1955 -- Mrs. Jessie Bergquist (271)
*1956 -- Mrs. Lorene Peterson (220)
*1957 -- Mrs. Mary Eklund (193)
*1958 -- Mrs. Luella Regnier (9)
*1959 -- Mrs. Johanna Whited (269)
*1960 -- Mrs. Ruth Knight (185)
*1961 -- Mrs. Margaret Worthman (250),
*1962 -- Mrs. Martha Jane Dudden (294)
*1963 -- Mrs. Berneice Breland (86)
*1964 -- Mrs. Louise Skeen (263)
*1965 -- Mrs. Thelma Trego (55)
*1966 -- Dr. Helen Morten (301)
*1967 -- Mrs. Joan Steen (64)
*1968 -- Mrs. Lucile Titus (205)
*1969 -- Mrs. Gertrude Placek (57)
*1970 -- Mrs. Kathryn Brock (69)
1971 -- Mrs. Mary Ann Watchorn (122), 14715 W. Huron Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375
*1972 -- Mrs. Catherine Kennedy (113)

*1973 -- Mrs. Irene Berry (131)
*1974 -- Mrs. Agnes Bowman (52)
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*1978 -- Mrs. Betty J. Pauley (8)
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2013 – Mrs. Beverly Donham (Mike) (299), 1901 S 61st Ave, Omaha NE 68106
2014 - Mrs. Sharlene Coulter (Herbert) (216), 575 S 17th St., Blair, NE 68008
2015 – Mrs. Brenda McGuire (86), 703 W. L. Street, McCook NE 69001
2016 – Mrs. Cheryl Beckius (142), P.O. Box 224, Keystone NE 69144

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*1875-76 -- Jonathan N. Wise, 2 years (4)
*1877 -- Robert W. Furnas (2)
*1878 -- David E. Hume (6)
*1879 -- Edwin Davis (6)
*1880 -- Marshall Smith (13)
*1884-85 -- Rev. H.A. Guild, 2 years (8)
*1886 -- Fred S. Winning (6)
*1987 -- James B. Bruner (6)
*1888-89 -- William N. Nason, 2 years (6)
*1890 -- Thomas Batterton (6)
*1891 -- William N. Nason (6)
*1892 -- George W. Kern (35)
*1893-94 -- H.A. Turton, 2 years (33)
*1895-96 -- Alfred G. Pinkham, 2 years (41)
*1897-98 -- David B. Howard, 2 years (8)
*1899 -- Lorenzo D. Woodruff
*1900 -- Robert E. Evans
*1901 -- Henry M. Hurd (70)
*1902 -- James D. Hawthorne (35)
*1903 -- Peter Rubendall (99)

*1904 -- Jess Gidley (138)
*1905 -- Frank H. Young (175)
*1906 -- Joseph S. Pedler (78)
*1907 -- William W. Wright (9)
*1908 -- Harry F. Alverson (87)
*1909 -- DeForrest E. Green (8)
*1910 -- Oscar Allen (152)
*1911 -- Ben L. Tracy (201)
*1912 -- Lewis E. Smith (202)
*1913 -- William S. Rose (6)
*1914 -- George R. Chatburn (8)
*1915 -- Alpha Morgan (164)
*1916 -- Ed J. Pierce (97)
*1917 -- N. Dwight Ford (203)
*1918 -- Oliver E. Mickey (24)
*1919 -- Alfred Powell (183)
*1920 -- James E. Bednar (52)
*1921 -- Henry H. Andrews (222)
*1922 -- Carol E. Brown (94)
*1923 -- John S. Jones (105)
*1924 -- Clendenen W. Mitchell (60)
*1925 -- James C. Robinson (169)
*1926 -- George S. Dunlap (271)
*1927 -- Garnett A. Bash (86)
*1928 -- Edwin C. Yont (67)
*1929 -- George E. Thompson (264)
*1930 -- Rainsford O. Brownell (75)
*1931 -- William H. Brokaw (94)
*1932 -- Emmanuel D. Lundak (239)
*1933 -- William B. Wanner (306) (225)
*1934 -- Harry L.F. Proffitt (39)
*1935 -- Harold T. Landeryou (277)
*1936 -- Lewis W. MacDonald (202)
*1937 -- Edward J. Millie (102)
*1938 -- Harold Killinger (296)
*1939 -- William S. Cochran (2)
*1940 -- Wilbert Morris (41)
*1941 -- John R. Tapster (119)
*1942 -- Edwin J. Loutzenheiser (274)
*1943 -- Clinton C. McCracken (271)
*1944-45 -- William J. Krug 2 years (52)
*1946 -- Lester W. Carlson (74)
*1947 -- Norris Chadderdon (97)
*1948 -- Melvin P. Berge (40)
*1949 -- Herbert A. Evers (49)
*1950 -- Louis B. Houser (299)
*1951 -- Walter R. Raecke (200)
*1952 -- Thomas R. Barton (148)
*1953 -- Frank L. Burbridge (273)
*1954 -- Martin O. Trindel (9)

*1955 -- Norris W. Lallman (122)
*1956 -- Ernest C. Purdy (184)
*1957 -- Kenneth L. Stewart (321)
*1958 -- Herbert A. Ronin (148)
*1959 -- Clyde R. Worrall (57)
*1960 -- Lynn C. Moomey (87)
*1961 -- Merle M. Hale (271)
*1962 -- Theodore J. Janing (52)
*1963 -- Roy L. Smith (102)
*1964 -- Donald J. Wilson (6)
*1965 -- Jess Weyand (39)
*1966 -- Robert L. Murphy (55)
*1967 -- Richard A. Jones (296)
*1968 -- Lloyd Buchfinck (292)
*1969 -- Raymond Ruth (63)
*1970 -- Robert A. Metcalf (148)
*1971 -- Olen A. Brake (9)
*1972 -- Earl N. Hanel (41)
*1973 -- Charles A. Kurtz (238)
*1974 -- William Beckenhauer (271)
*1975 -- Donald L. Coad (33)
1976 -- Robert Bass (80), 4621 Enchanted Bay Blvd., Arlington TX 76016
*1977 -- James N. DeMoss (325)
1978 -- Joseph N. Lindquist, 6523 N. 105th Ave., Omaha NE 68122
*1979 – Glen Eberspacher
1980 -- Charles E. House (48), Box 70, Arlington NE 68002-0070
*1981 -- Raymond Evers (189)
*1982 -- Bernard Paden (92)
1983 -- Leslie Smith (279), Box 373, Imperial NE 69033-0373
1984 -- Fran Crowe (87), 1304 Rd. 2, McCool Junction NE 68401
1985 -- Gordon Clark (193), Box 96, Shelby NE 68662-0096
1986 -- Duard Dempster (300), 51630–865 Rd., Orchard NE 68764
*1987 -- Harold Swanson (121)
*1988 -- Clifford Nelson (57)
1989 -- Charles Spohr (250), Box 364, Weeping Water NE 68463
*1990 -- Lester Webb (144) (86), 1010 W. L St., McCook NE 69001
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*1994 -- C. Robert Todd (60)
1995 -- Robert A. Carhart (194), PO Box 173, Wayne NE 68787
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1997 -- Robert Rhodes (199), PO Box 22, Exeter NE 68351-0082
*1998 -- Robert Marks (307)
*1999 -- James D. “Jim” Boshart (132)
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2016 - Gary Brhel, 6520 Mesaverde Drive, Lincoln NE 68510

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1875-76 W.I. Baker (16)
1877-80 Mrs. Sara C. Baker (6)
1884-85 Mrs. Louis M. Merrill (21)
1886-95 H.A. Guild (8)
1896-98 Dr. Elanor Dailey (6)
1899- Miss Elfleda E. Wright (43)
1900- Miss Anna C. Peterson (6)
1901-15 Mrs. Anna C. Simpson (6)
1916-46 Miss Rose Owens (176-213)
1947-53 Mrs. Allie Wegner, PGM (92)
1954-79 Mrs. Wilma Harms (208)
1980-98 Mrs. Shirley Frink (92)
1999-09 Mrs. Cathy Wagner (214)
2010- Ms Jan Thoman (105)

GRAND TREASURERS:
1875- Mrs. Epsie E. Griggs (9)
1876- Mrs. Alice F. Crandel (8)
1877-78 Mrs. Jeanette Webb (9)
1879-80 Mrs. Agnes Smith (13)
1884-96 Mr. Edwin Davis (6)
1897-98 Mrs. Rose McGiverin (92)
1899-09 Mrs. Carrie E. Wright (75)
1910-22 Mrs. Lou A. Conklin (143)
1923-29 Mrs. Bessie M. Mickey (24)
1930-50 Mrs. Blanch Watson (40)
1951-57 Mrs. Jennie Jacobson (269)
1958-65 Mrs. Kathryn Brock (69)
1966-69 Mrs. Agnes Bowman (52)
1950-72 Mrs. Josephine Smith (279)
1973-76 Mrs. Barbara Aten (294)
1977-82 Mrs. Dorothy Metcalf (148)
1983-88 Mrs. Ona Eggerss (39)
1989-97 Mrs. Evelyn Evans (148-132)
1998-99 Mrs. Connie Marreel (122)
2000-03 Mrs. Connie Havekost (122)
2004-08 Mrs. Janice Barnard (216)
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11 Bev Pickering (269)..... 4919 Shannon Dr, Papillion, NE 68133
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Mrs. Virginia Jones, P.G.M. ..... 51 Years
Mrs. Betty Mabon, P.G.M. ..... 50 Years
Mrs. Ruby House (216) ..... 47 Years
Mrs. Naomi Rezek (272) ..... 47 Years
Mrs. Carole DeMoss, P.G.M. ..... 47 Years
Mrs. Marie Rasmussen, P.G.M. ..... 45 Years
Mr. Duard Dempster, P.G.P. ..... 43 Years
Mrs. Margaret Worthman, P.G.M. ..... 42 Years
Mrs. Arleen Kuhl, P.G.M. ..... 39 Years
Mrs. Lois Dempster (300) ..... 39 Years
Mrs. Leona Baxter (86) ..... 38 Years
Mrs. Shirley Frink (92) ..... 37 Years

Mrs. Beverly Donham (299) .....38 Years
Ms. Jan Thoman PGM .....36 Years
Mr. Robert Rhodes, P.G.P. .....34 Years
Mrs. Roma Rhodes (199).....33 Years
Mrs. Marilyn Livingston (92) ..... 33 Years
Mrs. Louise Nelson (299) .....32 Years
Mrs. Helen Dye (39) .....30 Years
Mrs. Barbara Wood (233-279).....32 Years
Mr. Ben Harvey (119).....28 Years
Mrs. Anne Phillips (325) .....29 Years
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Mrs. Katherine Kirby (52) .....28 Years
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Mrs. Marjorie Redfield (86).....23 Years
Mrs. Mildred Baxter (86).....22 Years

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(As of June 1, 2017)

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Arkansas	Julie Claybaugh (194)	P.O. Box 216 Caroll NE 68723	3-1-18
Australia	Linda Rose (279)	34053 Old 6 Hwy Enders NE 69027	12-31-17
Bolivia	Susan Olson	1016 Highway 75 Tekamah NE 68061	12-31-18
British Columbia & Yukon	Renee Albee (264)	95 Albee's #3 Lewellen NE 69	12-31-18
California	Kimberly Scherlie (264)	1803 Ave. B Plattsmouth NE 68048	3-1-19
Colorado	Bruce Bugbee (193)	P.O. Box 24 Taylor NE 68879	8-15-18
Connecticut	Beth Kollmorgan (233)	71545 Road 360 Trenton NE 69044	12-31-17
Delaware	Courtney Retzlaff (84)	310 N. 2nd Street Plainview NE 68769-0693	12-31-18
Dist. of Columbia	Joyce McCarter (84)	PO Box 602 Creighton NE 68729	12-31-17
Florida	Katherine Meink (159)	905 W. Colorado Crofton NE 68730	10-1-17
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		McCook NE 69001 3-5-19
Idaho	Pamela Raecke (271)	3800 N. 10th Street
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		Nenzel NE 69219 12-31-17
Indiana	Larry Brage (271)	620 Leavitt Lane
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Iowa.....	Dianne Wiberg (55,41)	307 S. 21st
		Ord NE 68862 4-1-19
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Kentucky	Jeannette Heese(269)	2907 S. 137th
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Maine	Julie Kristensen (159).....	401 East Grant Street
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Manitoba (3yr) .	Herb Coulter (216)…..	575 South 17th St.
		Blair NE 68008 6-30-17
Maryland	Coralie Hayes (264).....	1461 Country Road
		Chappell NE 69129 5-31-18
Massachusetts .	Karen Nichols (215)	702 W. 15th Street
		Scottsbluff NE 69361 12-31-18
Michigan	June Nielsen (262,142).....	804 East J street
		Ogallala NE 69153 1-1-18
Minnesota	Joyce Roberts (92)……	2118 N. Clarmar
		Fremont NE 68025 12-31-17
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		Chappell NE 69129 12-31-17
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		Bartley NE 69020-0031..... 12-31-17
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(3yr)		Cozad NE 69130..... 12-31-18
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		Dakota City NE 68731 12-31-16
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Quebec (3yr)	Carole Thompson (268	830 E. 3rd Street Superior NE 68978	8-1-19
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South Dakota	Marlin Kurll (198)	8901 Turchard Road Lincoln NE 68526	4-1-18
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In Loving Memory

Of

Brother James N. DeMoss

Worthy Grand Patron
The Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star
1977-1978

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Entered into rest
June 25, 2016

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"God saw he was getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around him and whispered, come with Me, with tearful eyes we watched him suffer and saw him fade away; Although we loved hear dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us-He only takes the best."

In Loving Memory

of

Sister Margaret Worthman

Worthy Grand Matron
The Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star
1961-1962

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Entered into rest
October 29, 2016

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"Grieve not for those whose souls, Take flight from earthly care; Tis but their lot to enter first, a world more fair. With heavenly eyes they watch, when we shall come and stand, a waiting, just within the gate, to clasp our hand."

In Loving Memory

Of

Sister Evelyn Buettgenbach

Worthy Grand Matron
The Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star
1986-1987

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Entered into rest
January 7, 2017

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"Her life a beautiful memory
Her absence a silent grief
She sleeps in God's beautiful garden
In the sunshine of perfect peace."

This Page is Lovingly Dedicated

To the Memory

of the

Honored Dead

of the

General Grand Chapter
and our
Sister Grand Jurisdictions

2016-2017

Those we love must one day pass
Beyond our present sight;
To leave us, and the world we know,
Without their radiant light.
But we know that, likea a candle,
Their lovely light will shine
To brighten up another place,
More perfect, more divine.

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❖ **Alpha No. 325**
Ms Pattijean Cluck 9/16/2016
Mrs. Blanche Deal 3/21/2016
Mr. James DeMoss, PGP 6/25/2016
Mr. Gerald Starkey 3/27/2016

ABSTRACT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER RETURNS-2016														
Number	Name	Location	Membership Close of 2015	Initiated	Reinstated	Affiliated	Died	Demitted	Suspended	Consolidation	Membership Close of 2016	Increase Decrease	Initiation Fee	Amount of 5G.C. Dues
1	Q. Esther	NE City	115	1			2				113	-2	4.00	230.00
6	Vesta	Omaha	65	9	1	2	3	1	2		68	3	36.00	130.00
8	Electa	Lincoln	152		1		11				142	-10		304.00
9	Vesper	Beatrice	99		1		4		5		91	-8		198.00
13	Harmony	Columbus	55	1			2		1		53	-2	4.00	110.00
16	Guild	Pawnee City	115	2			4	1	20		92	-23	8.00	230.00
20	Alma	David City	36				1		2		33	-3		72.00
31	Hebron	Hebron	90				7	3	2		78	-12		180.00
33	Dawson	Lexington	57				4				53	-4		114.00
35	Tuscan	Kearney	119	1			6				114	-5	4.00	238.00
39	Acacia	Hastings	145	1			5				141	-4	4.00	290.00
40	Beulah	Norfolk	51				1				50	-1		102.00
41	Andrew	Grand Island	122				6	1			115	-7		244.00
49	Venus	Cortland	18				1				17	-1		36.00
52	Adah	Omaha	64	2			5		4		57	-7	8.00	128.00
55	Signet	North Platte	113	1	5		5		10		104	-9	4.00	226.00
60	Ivy Leaf	Chadron	128				1			-127	0	-128		256.00
74	Meridian	Cozad	48				3				45	-3		96.00
84	Mt. Vernon	Plainview	92						2		90	-2		184.00
86	Eureka	McCook	141	4			14	2	5		124	-17	16.00	282.00
92	Arbor Vitae	Fremont	149	1			3	1	3		143	-6	4.00	298.00
93	Aurora	Aurora	39				1				38	-1		78.00
94	Myrtle	Lincoln	89	1			2	1	4		83	-6	4.00	178.00
104	Crete	Crete	48			1	4				45	-3		96.00
113	Bethany	Ainsworth	122			1	3	2	1		117	-5		244.00
114	Papillion	Papillion	96	2			5		4		89	-7	8.00	192.00
119	Ruth	North Bend	116	2			7		14		97	-19	8.00	232.00
121	Naomi	Fort Calhoun	39								39			78.00
122	Friendship	Hooper	89				4	3	2		80	-9		178.00
131	Tekamah	Tekamah	81				88	1			72	-9		162.00
132	Blue River	Milford	73	1		1	3		2		70	-3	4.00	146.00
134	Golden	Hyannis	31			2					33	2		62.00
142	Ogallala	Ogallala	87		3		1		3		86	-1		174.00
144	Dorcas	Bartley	53			1	5		1		48	-5		106.00
146	Stanton	Stanton	35						2		33	-2		70.00
153	M. Wash.	Lincoln	95				2	1	6		86	-9		190.00
159	Wausa	Wausa	76				1				75	-1		152.00
164	Arrow	Broken Bow	69				4				65	-4		138.00
169	Luna	Elkhorn	65	4			2	2			65		16.00	130.00
175	Miriam	Laurel	31								31			62.00
184	Royal	Gordon	96	2			5	1	5	126	213	117	8.00	192.00

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189	Home	Plattsmouth	157	4	2		5	3	4		151	-6	16.00	314.00
191	Fullerton	Fullerton	65							-65	0	-65		0
192	Rob Morris	Stromsburg	46				2				44	-2		92.00
193	Shelby	Osceola	44				1				43	-1		88.00
194	Wayne	Wayne	111	1	1		6	2			105	-6	4.00	222.00
198	Ceresco	Ceresco	107				5	2	4		96	-11		214.00
199	Utica	Utica	74				3		2		69	-5		148.00
200	Arbor	Central City	79	2			8	8	3	63	125	46	8.00	288.00
204	Phillips	Phillips	41			2	1		2		40	-1		82.00
207	Irene	Guide Rock	34				3				31	-3		68.00
213	Franklin	Franklin	43	2			4				41	-2	8.00	86.00
214	Sunflower	Mitchell	85				4				81	-4		170.00
215	Dome Rock	Scottsbluff	47	4		2			2		51	4	16.00	94.00
216	Herman	Herman	140				5		3		132	-8		280.00
233	Holly	Benkelman	53				4	1			48	-5		106.00
234	Humboldt	Humboldt	75				7				68	-7		150.00
246	Minnehaha	Valentine	67				5		2		60	-7		134.00
250	Elizabeth	Weeping W.	92				6	1	5		80	-12		184.00
257	Palmyra	Palmyra	40				1				39	-1		80.00
260	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	42	1		2	4				41	-1	4.00	84.00
261	Sunshine	Thedford	59				2				57	-2		118.00
262	Truth	Kimball	35	1	1				2		35		4.00	70.00
263	Brownville	Brownville	87				5		3		79	-8		174.00
264	Oshkosh	Oshkosh	89				2	1	1		85	-4		178.00
268	Davenport	Davenport	72				4		3		65	-7		144.00
269	Narcissus	Omaha	204	3	2	1	5	2			203	-1	12.00	408.00
271	Temple	Lincoln	135	4		1	8				132	-3	16.00	270.00
275	Columbia	Lincoln	67	1	1		1	2	7		59	-8	4.00	134.00
277	Ak Sar Ben	Omaha	81	2			1		5		77	-4	8.00	162.00
279	Imperial	Imperial	66				3		1		62	-4		132.00
298	Rose Croix	Ravenna	18								18			36.00
299	Trinity	Omaha	215	3		1	6	4			209	-6	12.00	430.00
300	Sunset	Orchard	32				2				30	-2		64.00
301	Laura	S. Sioux City	125	1			5	3	4		114	-11	4.00	250.00
307	Starcraft	Lincoln	137			1	4	1	1		132	-5		274.00
316	Symphony	O'Neill	38				1	2	1		34	-4		76.00
320	Capitol	Lincoln	28		1						29	1		56.00
325	Alpha	Bellevue	128	4		2	4		4		126	-2	16.00	256.00
			6462	68	18	18	272	53	159	-3	6079	-383	272.00	12,924.00

SUMMARY OF ABSTRACT

Number of members January 1, 2016 6,462

Initiated	68
Reinstated	18
Affiliated	18
Additions due to corrections	0
	6,566
Deceased	272
Demitted	53
Suspended	159
Loss by Consolidation (dual member)	0
Number of members December 31, 2016	6,079

CHAPTERS CONSOLIDATED

N0.	CHAPTER	LOCATION		NO.	CHAPTER	LOCATION	DATE
91	Unity	Blue Springs	with	105	Violet	Wymore	12-29-42
143	Hubbell	Hubbell	with	31	Hebron	Hebron	3-3-49
150	Hardy	Hardy	with	63	Olive	Superior	5-11-50
176	Bloomington.	Bloomington	with	213	Franklin (Wright)	Franklin	4-5-38
219	Ohiowa	Ohiowa	with	179	Tobias	Tobias	4-6-45
236	Grafton	Grafton	with	54	Sutton	Sutton	6-17-42
309	Honor	Bladen	with	47	Charity	Red Cloud	2-9-48
256	Exeter	Exeter	with	38	Mt. Moriah	Fairmont	1-9-58
308	Radiant	Sumner	with	278	Overton	Overton	3-17-58
95	Arcadia	Surprise	with	23	Alcyone	Rising City	4-6-61
170	Hildreth	Hildreth	with	182	Moab	Minden	2-19-62
235	Fidelity	Valparaiso	with	198	Ceresco	Ceresco	2-11-63
179	Tobias	Tobias	with	141	Laurel	Western	9-1-64
183	Bethlehem	St. Edward	with	102	Rose	Albion	2-2-65
201	Rama	Alexandria	with	68	Vashti	Fairbury	4-13-65
44	Naomi	Diller	with	9	Vesper	Beatrice	4-15-65
297	Otoe	Otoe	with	178	Brilliant Star	Syracuse	4-19-65
171	Roosevelt	Osmond	with	84	Mt.Vernon	Plainview	11-14-67
228	Doniphan	Doniphan	with	177	Gleaners	Glitner	1-2-68
76	Nemaha	Nemaha	with	263	Brownville.	Brownville	12-6-69
252	Ashlar	Elm Creek	with	278	Overton	Overton	1-19-70
324	Capella	Bertrand	with	66	Elmwood	Elmwood	2-16-70
154	America	Wilcox	with	97	Concordia	Holdrege	3-17-70
196	Gresham	Gresham	with	199	Utica	Utica	6-4-71
267	Wolbach	Wolbach	with	21	Ono	St. Paul	12-6-71
255	Prudence	Beaver Crossing	with	199	Utica	Utica	12-13-71
259	Tilden	Tilden	with	62	Trowel	Neligh	11-10-72
112	Logan Valley.	Pender	with	162	Amethyst	Bancroft	2-8-73
231	Diamond	Filley	with	226	Tecumseh	Tecumseh	6-13-73
291	Emerald	Stapleton	with	137	Rex	Arnold	12-12-73
85	Jephthah	Ewing	with	300	Sunset	Orchard	12-20-73
128	Sterling	Sterling	with	226	Tecumseh	Tecumseh	2-13-74
244	Fairfield	Fairfield	with	217	Evening Star	Clay Center	2-14-74
230	Mission	Walthill	with	162	Amethyst	Bancroft	2-18-74
195	Opal	Allen	with	106	Goldenrod	Wakefield	4-2-74
245	Cloverleaf	Cook	with	226	Tecumseh	Tecumseh.	7-10-74
312	Pioneer	Lyman	with	280	Morrill	Morrill	2-11-75
276	Beemer	Beemer	with	149	Wisner Star	Wisner	5-5-75
314	Golden Circle	Dalton	with	108	Providence	Sidney	8-13-75
293	Progress	Leigh	with	146	Stanton	Stanton	11-12-75
202	Blanche	Long Pine	with	113	Bethany	Ainsworth	4-6-76

163	Adams	Adams	with	9	Vesper	Beatrice	9-2-76
152	Maple Leaf	Omaha	with	277	AkSarBen.	Omaha	11-14-77
248	Douglas	Douglas	with	257	Palmyra	Palmyra	12-13-77
221	Valley	Wilsonville	with	197	Beaver City	Beaver City.	3-14-78
111	Star of Bethlehem	Hartington	with	124	Areme	Coleridge	11-2-78
162	Amethyst	Bancroft	with	208	Esther	Lyons	1-7-80
100	Creighton	Creighton . . .	with	84	Mt. Vernon.	Plainview	3-11-80
24	Osceola	Osceola	with	193	Shelby	Shelby	3-17-80
165	Faithful	Winside	with	194	Wayne	Wayne	4-14-80
315	Sargent	Sargent	with	64	Doric	Burwell	4-15-80
145	Orpah	Decatur	with	131	Tekamah	Tekamah	2-6-81
177	Gleaners	Glitner	with	204	Phillips	Phillips	2-21-81
98	Gold Leaf	Crawford	with	60	Ivy Leaf	Chadron	3-10-81
65	Dakota	Dakota City	with	301	Laura	S. Sioux City	6-10-81
283	Oakleaf	Lynch	with	247	Ornan	Spencer	4-1-82
123	Jewel	Emerson	with	106	Golden Rod	Wakefield	4-14-82
227	Loyal	Liberty	with	105	Violet	Wymore	10-16-82
110	Silver Leaf	Randolph	with	84	Mt. Vernon	Plainview	1-13-83
240	Rosemary	Hickman	with	49	Venus	Cortland	2-28-83
285	Justina	Gibbon	with	35	Tuscan	Kearney	4-16-83
141	Laurel	Western	with	173	Monica	DeWitt	1-20-84
237	Linden	Dunbar	with	I	Queen Esther	Nebr. City	2-29-84
323	Hardy	Hardy	with	63	Olive	Superior	3-6-84
88	Excelsior	Alma	with	304	Republican	Republican City	3-7-84
253	Merna	Merna	with	164	Arrow	Broken Bow	3-8-84
229	Samaritan	Crofton	with	159	Wausa	Wausa	4-25-84
280	Morrill	Morrill	with	214	Sunflower	Mitchell	11-28-84
21	Ono	St. Paul	with	41	Andrew	Grand Island	12-18-84
135	Edgar	Edgar	with	27	Nelson	Nelson	12-19-84
99	Pleiad	Madison	with	40	Beulah	Norfolk	4-13-85
203	Ansley	Ansley	with	287	Mason City	Mason City	4-29-85
136	Curtis	Curtis	with	86	Eureka	McCook	4-30-85
243	Hope	Danbury	with	86	Eureka	McCook	11-11-85
326	Goldenrod	Omaha	with	249	Fontenelle	Omaha	4-17-86
56	Mizpah	Ord	with	43	Crystal	Scotia	11-20-86
206	Anselmo	Anselmo	with	164	Arrow	Broken Bow.	12-2-86
217	Evening Star Clay Center		with	70	Harvard	Harvard	12-9-86
303	Greenwood	Greenwood	with	242	Matthews	Ashland	2-3-87
187	Mistletoe	Cambridge	with	144	Dorcas	Bartley	4-21-87
125	Garnet	Rushville	with	272	Hay Springs	Hay Springs.	5-4-87
266	Tyre	Oak	with	27	Nelson	Nelson	9-22-87
302	Roberta	Indianola	with	144	Dorcas	Bartley	3-14-88
310	Potter	Potter	with	108	Providence	Sidney	3-15-88
223	Lilly	Stuart	with	186	Atkinson	Atkinson	3-16-88
62	Trowel	Neligh	with	40	Beulah	Norfolk	3-9-89
286	Shelton	Shelton	with	115	Cement	Wood River	3-14-89
289	Chester	Chester	with	31	Hebron	Hebron	3-15-89
273	Liberty	Omaha	with	269	Narcissus	Omaha	4-20-89
239	Pierce	Pierce	with	40	Beulah	Norfolk	9-14-89
126	Mystic Circle	Scribner	with	122	Friendship	Hooper	4-26-90
254	Faith	Rulo	with	225	Falls City	Falls City	3-21-91
137	Rex	Arnold	with	164	Arrow	Broken Bow.	4-16-91
290	Silver	Silver Creek	with	210	Ivy	Clarks	6-17-91
209	Hypatia	Bassett	with	113	Bethany	Ainsworth	7-2-91
50	Oxford	Oxford	with	97	Concordia	Holdrege	9-3-91
305	Platte Valley	Sutherland	with	55	Signet	North Platte	2-13-92

313	Alice	Hampton	with	93	Aurora	Aurora	2-18-92
197	Beaver City	Beaver City	with	212	Rena	Arapahoe	3-12-92
238	Rose Star	West Point	with	149	Wisner Star	Wisner	4-13-92
178	Brilliant Star	Syracuse	with	257	Palmyra	Palmyra	4-14-92
158	Oakland	Oakland	with	157	Craig	Craig	6-9-92
208	Esther	Lyons	with	157	Craig	Craig	6-9-92
322	Dorothy	Cairo	with	41	Andrew	Grand Island	2-7-94
38	Mt. Moriah	Fairmont	with	180	Geneva	Geneva	2-8-94
42	Martha	Barneston	with	105	Violet	Wymore	3-19-94
64	Doric	Burwell	with	43	Crystal	Ord	5-19-94
282	Signal Hill	Bayard	with	260	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	11-8-94
138	Evergreen	Cedar Bluffs	with	119	Ruth	North Bend	1-3-95
295	Wauneta	Wauneta	with	279	Imperial	Imperial	3-8-95
78	Oriental	Loup City	with	43	Crystal	Ord	3-16-95
69	Blue Valley	Wilber	with	104	Crete	Crete	6-7-95
96	Fern	Burchard	with	16	Guild	Pawnee City	8-22-95
120	Bernice	Butte	with	186	Atkinson	Atkinson	11-8-95
210	Ivy	Clarks	with	200	Arbor	Central City	4-9-96
317	Ola	Stratton	with	233	Holly	Benkelman	6-13-96
173	Monica	DeWitt	with	9	Vesper	Beatrice	7-11-96
281	Wenona	Lodgepole	with	108	Providence.	Sidney	8-1-96
172	Ionic	Niobrara	with	117	Nazarene	Bloomfield	10-7-96
247	Oman	Spencer	with	316	Symphony.	O'Neill	6-12-97
226	Tecumseh	Tecumseh	with	16	Guild	Pawnee City	11-24-98
294	Perkins	Grant	with	142	Ogallala	Ogallala	2-9-99
274	Gothenburg	Gothenburg	with	74	Meridian	Cozad	2-18-99
66	Elwood	Elwood	with	33	Dawson	Lexington	5-3-99
115	Cement	Wood River	with	41	Andrew	Grand Island	1-3-00
2	Adah	Auburn	with	263	Brownville	Brownville	6-1-00
319	Sioux	Harrison	with	60	Ivy Leaf	Chadron	10-10-00
103	Primrose	Springfield	with	250	Elizabeth	Weeping Water	2-12-00
47	Charity	Red Cloud	with	39	Acacia	Hastings	2-12-01
278	Overton	Overton	with	33	Dawson	Lexington	4-2-01
318	Palisade	Palisade	with	86	Eureka	McCook	4-23-01
68	Vashti	Fairbury	with	9	Vesper	Beatrice	5-3-01
287	Mason City	Mason City	with	164	Arrow	Broken Bow	2-5-02
296	Owaissa	Omaha	with	269	Narcissus	Omaha	3-7-02
57	Stella	Wahoo	with	198	Ceresco	Ceresco	5-6-02
43	Crystal	Ord	with	41	Andrew	Grand Island	10-7-02
225	Falls City	Falls City	with	234	Humboldt	Humboldt	3-6-03
80	Sylvia	Genoa	with	191	Fullerton	Fullerton	4-14-03
70	Harvard	Harvard	with	39	Acacia	Hastings	5-5-03
157	Craig	Craig	with	216	Herman	Herman	9-4-03
23	Alcyone	Rising City	with	193	Shelby	Osceola	10-14-03
58	Peru	Peru	with	263	Brownville	Brownville	5-6-04
156	Seward	Seward	with	132	Blue River	Milford	7-12-04
124	Areme	Coleridge	with	175	Miriam	Laurel	9-13-04
106	Golden Rod	Wakefield	with	194	Wayne	Wayne	10-11-04
87	Grace	York	with	180	Geneva	Geneva	12-14-2004
218	Orleans	Orleans	with	304	Republican	Republican City	1-10-05
148	Lincoln	Lincoln	with	307	Starcraft	Lincoln	7-6-05
63	Olive	Superior	with	27	Nelson	Nelson	10-4-05
54	Sutton	Sutton	with	39	Acacia	Hastings	10-10-05
212	Rena	Arapahoe	with	86	Eureka	McCook	2-27-06
241	Wallace	Wallace	with	55	Signet	North Platte	7-13-06
292	Winifred	Mullen	with	261	Sunshine	Thedford	6-13-2007

109	Bethel	Culbertson	with	86	Eureka	McCook	6-25-2007
270	Minatare	Minatare	with	133	Scotts Bluff	Gerning	10-3-2007
183	Moab	Minden	with	35	Tuscan	Kearney	3-4-2008
102	Rose	Albion	with	13	Harmony	Columbus	6-3-2008
161	McKinley	Blair	with	216	Herman	Herman	7-10-2008
251	Laura May	Chapman	with	200	Arbor	Central City	10-14-2008
306	Mercy	Stella	with	234	Humboldt	Humboldt	11-6-2008
117	Nazarene	Bloomfield	with	159	Wausa	Wausa	1-7-2009
149	Wisner Star	Wisner	with	194	Wayne	Wayne	3-9-2009
224	Wood Lake	Wood Lake	with	113	Bethany	Ainsworth	4-7-2009
321	Willanna	Polk	with	192	Rob Morris	Stromsburg	10-6-2009
242	Matthews	Ashland	with	198	Ceresco	Ceresco	11-9-2009
48	Sarepta	Arlington	with	216	Herman	Herman	3-4-2010
67	Trestle Board	Brock	with	16	Guild	Pawnee City	5-25-2010
205	Springview	Springview	with	113	Bethany	Ainsworth	2-1-2011
181	Ideal	Elmwood	with	250	Elizabeth	Weeping Water	7-7-11
222	Clara	Callaway	with	164	Arrow	Broken Bow	12-6-11
75	Schuyler	Schuyler	with	119	Ruth	North Bend	3-6-12
185	Aloyah	Alliance	with	60	Ivy Leaf	Chadron	8-14-12
133	Scotts Bluff	Gering	with	214	Sunflower	Mitchell	9-4-12
27	Nelson	Nelson	with	268	Davenport	Davenport	10-2-12
105	Violet	Wymore	with	9	Vesper	Beatrice	12-6-12
288	Victory	Valley	with	92	Arbor Vitae	Fremont	1-10-13
186	Atkinson	Atkinson	with	316	Symphony	O'Neill	4-29-13
265	Rose Standish	Friend	with	199	Utica	Utica	7-8-13
304	Republican	Republican City	with	213	Franklin	Franklin	7-9-13
83	Olivette	Table Rock	with	16	Guild	Pawnee City	8-27-13
180	Geneva	Geneva	with	31	Hebron	Hebron	10-16-13
97	Concordia	Holdrege	with	35	Tuscan	Kearney	11-5-13
249	Fontenelle	Omaha	with	299	Trinity	Omaha	4-10-14
272	Hay Springs	Hay Springs	with	184	Royal	Gordon	11-17-14
191	Fullerton	Fullerton	with	200	Arbor	Central City	2-23-16
60	Ivy Leaf	Chadron	with	184	Royal	Gordon	11-14-16

NOTE: Approval of Worthy Grand Matron is final step in consolidation, Section 170 G.C. Law

DEFUNCT CHAPTERS
WITH DATE OF SURRENDER OF CHARTER

NO.	CHAPTER	LOCATION	DATE
3	Washington	Blair	June 19, 1877
4	Olivet	Plattsmouth	January 8, 1906
5	Nebraska	Bellevue	June 19, 1877
7	Ruth	Ashland	1891
10	Humboldt	Humboldt	June 19, 1877
11	Salem	Salem	Record incomplete
12	Falls City	Falls City	June 19, 1877 and May 6, 1902
14	Olive Branch	Juniata	Chartered June 19, 1877, record incomplete
15	Pearl	Harvard	Chartered June 19, 1876, record incomplete
17	Centennial	Riverton	Record incomplete
18	Hebron	Hebron	1888
19	Evergreen	Central City	March 28, 1900
22	Unity	Blue Springs	Record incomplete
25	Fairfield	Fairfield	Charter granted June 23, 1885, but not issued
26	Arcacia	Phillips	1891

28	Geneva	Geneva	March 28,1900
29	Ivy	Clarks	1894
30	Esther	Tecumseh	May 1902
	Astral	Kearney	instituted November 1, 1887
32	Grafton	Grafton	(Chartered June 20, 1888)
34	Stromsburg	Stromsburg	1894
36	Jessamine	Friend	(Chartered June 18, 1890)
37	Arrow	Broken Bow	1894
45	Ben Hur	Superior	July 1893
46	Fidelity	Shelton	April 1902
51	Mount Olive	Juniata	February 26, 1925
53	Evening Star	Clay Center	1898
59	Northern Star	Valentine	March 17, 1903
61	Harmosa	Wayne	(Chartered June 17, 1892)
71	Athena	Gibbon	June 11, 1904
72	Columbia	Sumner	Record incomplete
73	Crescent	North Loop	May 26, 1904
77	Miriam	Arcadia	Record incomplete
79	Melrose	Orleans	Record incomplete
81	Emerald	Gandy	June 15, 1905
82	Flowers	Cedar Rapids	December 21, 1913
89	Filley	Filley	April 23, 1904
90	Floral	Blue Hill	December 9, 1913
101	Utica	Utica	March 7, 1903
107	Merna	Merna	April 1, 1904
108	Providence	Sidney	April 7, 2011
116	Broken Column	Elmwood	January 24, 1909
118	Ulysses	Ulysses	March 5, 1928
127	Diana	Stratton	December 12, 1911
129	Ravenna	Ravenna	March 7, 1903
130	Wauneta	Wauneta	March 16, 1908
	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	May 1901
139	Kent	O'Neill	March 15, 1904
140	Alpha	Shickley	March 5, 1903
147	Stella	Stella	April 9, 1907
151	Marguerite	Carleton	April 25, 1905
155	Lilly of the Valley	Indianola	August 1905
160	Carnation	Bennett	January 13, 1981
166	Beemer	Beemer	January 1, 1907
167	Fidelity	Leigh	May 8, 1908
168	Hawthorne	Ponca	January 27, 1981
174	Naponee	Naponee	December 28, 1907
188	Bradshaw	Bradshaw	May 10, 1933
190	Hay Springs	Hay Springs	April 1, 1913
211	Furnas	Holbrook	February 7, 1962
232	Security	Battle Creek	March 25, 1924
258	Aster	Litchfield	March 3, 1961
284	Belgrade	Belgrade	December 28, 1944
311	Avesta	Elgin	November 8, 1979
108	Providence	Sidney	April 7, 2011

MEMORIALS, HONORARIUMS, DONATIONS
4-1-2016 to 4-1-2017

Cancer Fund

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1,000.00

Chapter Scholarship Fund

146, Stanton, Stanton	50.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	550.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	550.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	550.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	50.00
20, Alma, David City	50.00
262, Truth, Kimball	50.00
298, Rose Croix, Ravenna	50.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	550.00
28, Davenport, Davenport	50.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	50.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	550.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	50.00
260, Bridgeport, Bridgeport	50.00
257, Palmyra, Palmyra	50.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	350.00
233, Holly, Benkelman	50.00
199, Utica, Utica	50.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	550.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	350.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	550.00
164, Arrow, Broken Bow	50.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	50.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	100.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	50.00
132, Blue River, Milford	250.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	50.00
320, Capitol, Lincoln	50.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	50.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	300.00
92, Arbor Vitae, Fremont	550.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	50.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	550.00
104, Crete, Crete	50.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	50.00
131, Tekamah, Tekamah	50.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	50.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	550.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	150.00
74, Meridian, Cozad	50.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	550.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	50.00
216, Herman, Herman	50.00
31, Hebron, Hebron	550.00
31, Hebron, Hebron	500.00
300, Sunset, Orchard	550.00
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	50.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	3150.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	50.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	500.00
184, Royal, Gordon	50.00
269, Narcissus, Omaha	1550.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	300.00
52, Adah, Omaha	50.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	550.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	50.00
121, Naomi, Fort Calhoun	50.00
207, Irene, Guide Rock	550.00
86, Eureka, McCook	550.00
114, Papillion, Papillion	550.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	550.00
215, Dome Rock, Scotsbluff	1050.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	50.00
200, Arbor, Central City	550.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	50.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	500.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	50.00
93, Aurora, Aurora	50.00
33, Dawson, Lexington	`50.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	50.00
Karen Crawford	25.00
Lynda Manning	25.00
Ruth Negus	50.00
Jonelle Rodgers	55.00
Karen Crawford	100.00
Jacqueline Schapp	245.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	50.00
13, Haromony, Columbus	550.00
60, Ivy Leaf, Chadron	550.00
169, Luna, Elkhorn	550.00
49, Venus, Cortland	50.00
55, Signet, North Platte	550.00

Disaster Fund

298, Rose Croix, Ravenna	In honor of Claudia Ranslerm, DGS	15.00
55, Signet, North Platte	Donation	100.00
84, Mount Vernon	Donation	32.00

Educational Loan Fund

113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	Donation	25.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	In honor of Sharon Eller, DGS	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00

ESTARL, Harold T. Landeryou Fund

Larry Swaim, GGCCM	Sale of ESTARL pins at Grand Chapter	40.00
Robert Carhart, PGP	Donation	130.90
Diann & Jack Frahm	In honor of Dottie Arent, Grand Warder	20.00
Diann & Jack Frahm	In honor of Angie Keck, WM	20.00
Grand Chapter	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

ESTARL, Yount Endowment Fund

Roma & Bob Rhodes	In memory of Bill Luther	30.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	In honor of Jessica Hochstein	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00
Barb & Fran Crowe	In memory of Phil Towle	25.00
Betty Garwood	In memory of Arnold Wilcox	20.00
Steps to the Stars Grand Family	In memory of Arnold Wilcox	20.00
Connie Havekost	Old sales table items	318.10
Suzanne Byler	Old sales table	5.00
Marilyn & Robert Carhart	In honor of Beauty of the Star Grand Family	180.00
Susie & Bruce Baker	Donation	125.00
Barb & Fran Crowe	In memory of Nancy Beach	15.00
Barb & Fran Crowe	In memory of James DeMoss, PGP	15.00
Barby & Fran Crowe	In memory of Everett Roop	15.00
Charleen Gausman	In memory of Beanie Haas	20.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	Donation	50.00
Susie & Bruce Baker	Donation	50.00
Kathy Anders	Donation	10.00
Roma & Robert Rhodes	In memory of Al Smith	25.00
Barb & Fran Crowe	In memory of Darrell Bryceson	20.00
Barb & Fran Crowe	In memory of Evelyn Buettgenbach, PGM	25.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	Donation	25.00
Myrna Vasta	In honor of installing officers	40.00
199, Utica, Utica	In honor of installing officers	30.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	In honor of Sharon Eller, DGS	10.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	In memory of Merwyn French	10.00

Heart Fund

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1,000.00

International Headquarters Fund

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1,000.00

Knights Templar Eye Fund

113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00
Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

Christmas and Thanksgiving Ingathering MESH:

198, Ceresco, Ceresco	50.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	100.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
104, Crete, Crete	25.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	25.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	35.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	50.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	25.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	50.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	50.00
Starcraft Kensington	50.00
104, Crete, Crete	50.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	50.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	25.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
86, Eureka, McCook	25.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	15.00
31, Hebron, Hebron	50.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
Betty Bierman	25.00
216, Herman, Herman	500.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	125.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	60.00
260, Bridgeport, Bridgeport	20.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	50.00

193, Shelby, Osceola	25.00
298, Rose Croix, Ravenna	15.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	200.00
Louis Pollock	10.00
199, Utica, Utica	100.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	25.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	500.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	20.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	250.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	120.00
86, Eureka, McCook	240.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	123.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	143.10
41, Andrew, Grand Island	30.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	100.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromburg	100.00
271 Temple, Lincoln	50.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	65.50
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	75.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	150.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	188.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	135.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	50.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	107.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	50.00
200, Arbor, Central City	100.00

Donations MESH: (Placed in Funds Designated by the Donor)

Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	100.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	School supplies & clothing	225.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	Donation	65.00

301, Laura, South Sioux City	School supplies	115.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	Donation	300.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	Craft Use	40.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
20, Alma, David City	School supplies	25.00
184, Royal, Gordon	School supplies	50.00
200, Arbor, Central City	School supplies	100.00
AkSarBen, Kensington	Donation	50.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	Coin March donation	20.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	Donation	300.00
257, Palmyra, Palmyra	4-H club	25.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	School supplies	48.55
194, Wayne, Wayne	Donation	100.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	Donation	50.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	Donation	50.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	Back to school gift	50.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	School supplies	25.00
262, Truth, Kimball	Donation	25.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	Donation	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	Paden Cottage in lieu of Past Matron pin	25.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In lieu of PM & PP pins for Terri Sherman & Don Jelinek	50.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	Chili Feed	50.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	4-H chili feed	25.00
300, Sunset, Orchard	4-H chili feed	35.00
Beverly Donham	In lieu of gift as installing officer Friendship #122	25.00
Beverly Donham	In lieu of gift as installing officer at Arbor Vitae #92	25.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	4-H chili feed	20.00
Jan Thoman	New cottage fund	25.00
Marilyn & Robert Carhart	New cottage fund	1000.00
Dee Schuetz	New cottage fund	100.00
Past Grands Association	New cottage fund	1200.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	75.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	Donation	10000.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	New cottage fund	50.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	Donation	125.00
215, Dome Rock, Scottsbluff	For Paden Cottage Furniture	100.00

Honorariums MESH:

300, Sunset, Orchard	In honor of Sharon Eller, DGS	25.00
113, Ruth, North Bend	In honor of Claudia Ranslem, DGS	25.00
13, Harmony, Columbus	In honor of Marilyn Jcobsen, Dona Ridenour	100.00
13, Harmony, Columbus	In honor of Toby Varvais, DGS	25.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	In honor of Linda Dubry, DGS	15.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	In honor of Andy Stewart, DGS	25.00
93, Aurora, Aurora	In honor of Cloaudia Ranslem, DGS	10.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	In honor of Bev Pickering, DGS	25.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	In honor of Dottie Arent, DGS	25.00

41, Andrew, Grand Island	In honor of Claudia Ranslem, DGS	10.00
131, Tekamah, Tekamah	In honor of Dian Larsen, DGS	25.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	In honor of Wanda Retzlaff, DGS	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	In honor of Carrie Knapp, DGS	20.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	In honor of Jessica Hochstein, DGS	25.00
207, Irene, Guide Rock	In honor of Wanda Retzlaff, DGS	25.00
Wanda & Albert Fisher	In honor of 2015-2016 Grand Officers	100.00
Marna Raymond	In honor of Trinity Chapter #299	25.00
Assistant Grand Sentinels	In honor of Harold Terry, Grand Sentinel	100.00
262, Truth, Kimball	In honor of Peggy Hitchcock, DGS	25.00
Betty & John Kirby	In honor of 2016-2017 Grand Family	100.00
Betty & Dale Kirkpatrick	In honor of Dottie Arent	25.00
Dona Hurst	In honor of 50 year members at Electa #8	91.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In honor of Tracey Hefner, DGS	25.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	In honor of District Grand Supervisor	15.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	In honor of 2016 Worthy Matron & Worthy Patron	80.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In honor of Susan Hedges	25.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In honor of Jan Thoman, PGM	25.00
Darlene Gerner	In honor of William Lauber, WP	15.00
Darlene Gerner	In honor of Kelly Stahly, WM	15.00
Sue Bell-Heilman	In honor of installing officers	80.00
Dee & Jon Schuetz	In honor of 2017 officers of Home Chapter #189	15.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In honor of Kristi Vandergriff, DGS	10.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	In honor of Peggy Hitchcock, DGS	25.00
Kathy Pierce	In honor of Bruce & Sandra Raddatz anniversary for Christmas gifts	50.00

Memorials MESH:

194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Jason Preston	10.00
Betty Garwood	In memory of William Luther	20.00
Dee & Jon Schuetz	In memory of Bill Luther	20.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In memory of Ernest Remmers	25.00
Dottie Arent	In memory of Bill Luther	5.00
Jeanine & Darrel Bryceson	In memory of Val Jean McKeever, Walter McGuire & Bill Luther	50.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	In memory of Evelyn Niebrugge	25.00
9, Vester, Beatrice	In memory of Virgina Keilstrup	10.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	In memory of Walter McGuire	50.00
Marleen Dinklage	In memeory of Bill Luther	15.00
Connie Havekost	In memory of Bill Luther	25.00
Carol Luther	In memory of Bill Luther	310.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Betty Predoehl	10.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Delmar Sutherland	10.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Ethel Tschirren	10.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Stannis Spencer	10.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In memory of Tom Fisher & Charles Godwin	50.00
Dianne & Orville Wiberg	In memory of Nancy Beach	25.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	In memory of Barbara Turner	10.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Dorothy Harrison	10.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Russell Hietbrink	15.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Ruth Fishwood	25.00

86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Ersel Boyd	10.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Jack Gardner	10.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	In memory of Gerald Curry for new cottage	10.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	In memory of Nona Adcock, Doralene Weed, Minerva Sanderson	30.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	In memory of Shirley Fletcher	10.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Lorraine Earls	10.00
Joan & Michael Jones	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Ellen & Alan Ott	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Reg Kuhn	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
Sharon Yockers	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Sandi Hahn	In memory of Donna Thoman	10.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Stars Across the Prairie	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
Karen & Ivan Vrtiska	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Mary Ann Townsend	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Ingrid Hansen	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Betty Garwood	In memory or Donna Thoman	50.00
Ernie McKeever	In memory of Donna Thoman	15.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Susan & Wayne Andreasen	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Barbara Kostal	In memory of Donna Thoman	10.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Ruth Beach	In memory of Donna Thoman	10.00
Jeanne Krenk, Mark Poston	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
Connie & Don Havekost	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Shirley Bauer	In memory of Donna Thoman	10.00
Orville & Dianne Wiberg	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Cathy & Wndell Wagner	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Anita & Chuck Sohm	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
Betty & John Kirby	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
Kathy & Mike Berger	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Marilyn & Wayne Jacobsen	In memory of Donna Thoman	10.00
Kelly Stahly	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Miollie & Kirk Brown	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Brenda McGuire	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
Carol Luther	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Stars in Harmony	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Diann & Jack Frahm	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Ruth & Jim Batie	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Nan & Dennis Rix	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Anita & Kenneth Schultz	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Carol & Larry Hudkins	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Vernita Redinger	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Jean Smith & Marlin Krull	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Jan Thoman	In memory of Donna Thoman	1503.00
Margaret McCall	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Bonnie Evans	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Debra & William Williamson	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Joni & Ed Bennett	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Arnola Zabokritsky	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Hariet & Bill Parrish	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00

Betty Garwood	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
Grand Chapter of NE	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
Shanda & Alvin Benemerito	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	In memory of Donna Thoman	10.00
Shirley DeVasure	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Nancy & Darrel Weers	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
Laurie & Ken Sieg	In memory of Donna Thoman	50.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Star Love Celebration Grand Family	in memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Dee & Jon Schuetz	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In memory of Bob Bass, PGP	25.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Don Jelinek, PGP	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Jeanine & Darrel Bryceson	In memory of James DeMoss, PGP	15.00
Jeanine & Darrel Bryceson	In memory of Donna Thoman	20.00
David Thoman	In memory of Donna Thoman	70.00
Sheila Cordry	In memory of Donna Thoman	10.00
132, Blue River, Milford	In memory of Frank Smiley	10.00
132, Blue River, Milford	In memory of of Bernice Haas	10.00
Joyce Royal	In memory of Roy Bretthorst	25.00
Joyce Royal & Linda Schuett	In memory of Donna Thoman	40.00
Jan Thoman	In memory of Donna Thoman	75.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	In memory of Lowell Minert for purple ribbon club	25.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Marie Busboom	25.00
Mary Ann & Larry Gerdes	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
Marilyn Coatney	In memory of Barbara Kennedy	10.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Harold Hartzer	10.00
8, Elect, Lincoln	In memory of Marion Kantner	200.00
271, Temple,. Lincoln	In memory of Irma West	15.00
Elizabeth Barker	In memory of Donna Thoman	25.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	In memory of Betty Erdman	10.00
Dianne & Orville Wiberg	In memory of Margaret Sorensen	25.00
Dianne & Orville Wiberg	In memory of Betty Kirkpatrick	25.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In memory of Margaret Sorenson	25.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In memory of Warren DeVasure	25.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In memory of James DeMoss, PGP	25.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	In memory of Shirley Ann Newcomb	10.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	In memory of Barbara Wilson	10.00
144, Dorcas, Barley	In memory of Margaret Bell	10.00
Linda & Frank Teach	In memopry of Jean West, Chuck Carhart, Betty Kirkpatrick	75.00
104, Crete, Crete	In memory of Sharleen Rochelle	10.00
104, Crete, Crete	In memory of Ella DaMoude	10.00
104, Crete, Crete	In memory of Alma Park	10.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	In memory of Barbara Kennedy	25.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Margaret Worthman, PGM	10.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In memory of Jayme Gentzler	10.00
Donna & Hoagy Carmichael	In memory of Darrell Bryceson	25.00
Carol Luther	In memory of Darrell Bryceson	20.00
Jan Thoman	In memory of Darrell Bryceson	20.00

L.Jean Hansen	In memory of Donna Allen	15.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In memory of Marian Mosler	20.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In memory of Jean Bonner	20.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In memory of Vernon Corman	20.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Ruby Schobert	10.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Donna Liska	10.00
307, Starcarft, Lincoln	In memory of Evelyn Buettgenbach, PGM	25.00
104, Crete, Crete	In memory of Florence Freeauf	10.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In memory of Johnny Seefeld	20.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In memory of Violet Miller	20.00
20, Alma, David City	In memory of Donna Allen	10.00
20, Alma, David City	In memory of Florence Belknap	10.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Evelyn Buettgenbach, PGM	20.00
Marilyn & Robert Carhart	In memory of Kenneth Schroeder	25.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	In memory of Margaret Sorensen & Dona Wilson	20.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	In memory of Joan Case	10.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	In memory of Leona Webb	10.00
104, Crete, Crete	In memory of Roberta Anderson	10.00

Purple Ribbon Club MESH:

153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	100.00
52, Adah, Omaha	52.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	50.00
216, Herman, Herman	50.00
164, Arrow, Broken Bow	50.00
301, Laura, So.Sioux City	150.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	25.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	25.00
320, Capitol, Lincoln	100.00
131, Tekamah, Tekamah	50.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	75.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	25.00
Betty Bierman	25.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	50.00
104, Crete, Crete	50.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	150.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	100.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
86, Eureka, McCook	100.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	25.00
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	100.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	50.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	250.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	75.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	25.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	50.00
215, Dome Rock, Scottsbluff	50.00
20, Alma, David City	50.00

84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	50.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	25.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	25.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	150.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	100.00
132, Blue River, Milford	200.00
184, Robyal, Gordon	50.00
199, Utica, Utica	100.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	100.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	125.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	200.00
300, Sunset, Orchard	20.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	25.00
257, Palmyra, Palmyra	25.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	50.00
269, Narcissus, Omaha	300.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	75.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	100.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	50.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	50.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	50.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	50.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	50.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	50.00
200, Arbor, Central City	100.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
262, Truth, Kimball	25.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	25.00

The Nebraska Masonic Home

Christmas and Fall Ingathering NMH:

8, Electa, Lincoln	125.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	50.00
246, Minndhaha, Valentine	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
104, Crete, Crete	25.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	25.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	35.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plaiinview	50.00
193, Shelby, Oeceola	25.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	50.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	50.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	50.00
Starcraft Kensingon	50.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	25.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
86, Eureka, McCook	25.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	20.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	123.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	50.00
200, Arbor, Central City	100.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
31, Hebron, Hebron	50.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
260, Bridgeport, Bridgeport	20.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	25.00
298, Rose Croix, Ravenna	15.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	100.00
199, Utica, Utica	100.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	500.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	50.00
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	75.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	150.00

Donations NMH: (Placed in funds designated by donor)

Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	75.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	For Caring Club	325.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	For Caring Club	500.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	Donation	65.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	Donation	300.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	Activity Use	40.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
215, Dome Rock, Scottsbluff	Caring Club	250.00
AkSarBen Kensington	Donation	50.00
131, Tekamah, Tekamah	Donation	50.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	Donation	50.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	Donation	250.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	Donation	50.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
262, Truth, Kimball	Donation	25.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	Caring Club	250.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	Bus Fund	1100.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	For Foundation	500.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	Activity Bus Fund	100.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	Bus Fund	100.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	Donation	100.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	Donation	65.50
39, Acacia, Hastings	Bus Fund	135.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	Donation	50.00
Trinity Chapter Officers	For bus in honor of Tam & Bill Engler	120.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	In lieu of birthday cards	25.00
55, Signet, North Platte	For Chapel	250.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	Donation	25.00

Honorariums NMH:

271, Temple, Lincoln	In honor of installing officers	150.00

Memorials NMH:

Dee & Jon Schuetz	In memory of Walter McGuire	20.00
250 Elizabeth, Weeping Water	In memory of Eunice Stock	10.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	In memory of Madeleine Schmucker	25.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In memory of Muriel French	25.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	In memory of Eunice Hogeland	10.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Darrel Koso	10.00
Wanda & Albert Fisher	In memory of Arnold Wilcox	25.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	In memory of Ina McKenzie	10.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Catherine Mendenhall	10.00
84, Myrltle, Lincoln	In memory of David Mickey	10.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In memory of Lois Johnson	25.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	In memory of Alice Smith	25.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	In memory of James DeMoss	25.00
Spirit of the Star Grand Family	In memory of Walter McGuire	25.00
Judy & Gene Wehrvein	In memory of Arnold Wilcox	25.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Benita Lindsay	10.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	In memory of Howard Mayberry	10.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Jerry Mullins	25.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Alice Smith	10.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Byron Neiman	10.00
Dee & Jon Schuetz	In memory of James DeMoss, PGP	15.00
Karen & Larry Foster	In memory of Donna Thoman	10.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Delores Shrader	15.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Ruby O'Mara	15.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Jane Steele	15.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Dorothy Engstrom	15.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Myrna Musgrave	10.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Dorothy Johnson	10.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Carolee Heim	25.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In memory of Margaret Worthman, PGM	10.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	In memory of Margaret Worthman, PGM	10.00
Dee & Jon Schuetz	In memory of Mona Beins	50.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	In memory of Marion Kantner for van purchase	200.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	In memory of Margaret Worthman, PGM	10.00
Cynthia Timmermier	In memory of Marion Rapp Fuller-Nelson	100.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In memory of Jean Shane	25.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In memory of Donald Miller	25.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In memory of Anna Buckmaster	25.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	In memory of Evelyn Buettgenbach, PGM	10.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In memory of Clarence Christensen	25.00

Military Fund

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

Other Charities

86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Lila Adams for First Unithed Methodist	10.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	MASMB scholarship	275.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	MASMB scholarship	275.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Deloras Shanholte for First Presbyterian Church	10.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	HIKE in honor of Carrie Knapp, DGS	25.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	HIKE, Bethel 24	100.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Lester Webb, PGP for McCook Pantry	10.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Elvira Potthoff for United Methodist Women	10.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In honor of Diane & Phil Lyons for McCook Pantry	50.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Jeanine Wehrbein for First Presbyterian Church	10.00
55, Signet, North Platte	HIKE Fund	300.00
Dee & Jon Schuetz	Shrine Transportation Fund in memory of Darrell Bryceson	25.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	2 MASMB scholarships	550.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Margaret Toman-Ingwerson for Christ Lutheran Church	20.00

Red Cross

132, Blue River, Milford	Honor of Kristi Vandergriff, DGS	20.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In lieu of corsage at Grand Chapter	10.00
Jeanette Heese	In honor of Jim & Sherry Dusch	20.00

Red Cross & Rite Care

159, Wausa, Wausa	In honor of Dian Larson, DGS	10.00
Wanda & Albert Fisher	In memory of Walter McGuire	25.00
Margaret McCall	Silent auction	2.00
Toby Varvais	In honor of Brenda MCGuire	100.00
Karan & Tim Birdsall	Silent auction	75.00
Margaret McCall	Silent auction	277.00
Brenda McGuire	Silent auction	20.00
Julie Kristensen	Silent auction	20.00
Tracey Hefner	Silent auction	20.00
Barbara & Fran Crowe	Silent auction	40.00
Liz Ravenscroft	Silent auction	25.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	Silent auction	180.00
Margaret McCall	Silent auction	180.00
Margaret McCall	Silent auction	50.00
Betty Kenyon	Silent auction	37.00
Robin Brown	Silent auction	60.00
Margaret McCall	Silent auction	1325.00
Amy Curtis	Silent auction	50.00
Bev Pickering	Silent auction	40.00
Marilyn & Robert Carhart	Silent auction	42.00
Peggy Gross	Silent auction	35.00
Suzanne Byler	Silent auctin	46.00
Cheryl Beckius	Silent auction	68.00

Mary Lou & Lowell Erickson	Silent auction	38.00
Marlin Krull	Silent auction	90.00
Ruth Batie	Silent auction	70.00
Virginia White	Silent auction	65.00
Dale Hix	Silent auction	107.00
Robyn & Greg Mason	Silent auction	105.00
Joan & Deloyt Young	Silent auction	200.00
Robin Brown	Silent auction	80.00
Rita Lindvall	Silent auction	27.00
Julie Mosier	Silent auction	20.00
Sandra & Bruce Raddatz	Silent auction	73.00
Jo Peters	Silent auction	75.00
Maril Hauber	Silent auction	101.00
Lynnette Schellpeper	Silent auction	60.00
Corlynn & Warren Wibeck	Silent auction	100.00
Matthew Vandergriff	Silent auction	50.00
Glee & Roger Warnke	Silent auction	75.00
Jean Smith	Silent auction	20.00
Terri Sherman	Silent auction	35.00
Susan Gray	Silent auction	35.00
David Wetrosky	Silent auction	60.00
Laura Frye	Silent auction	20.00
Betty & Ronald Marcellus	Silent auction	50.00
Judy Bespalec	Silent auction	95.00
Wanda & Gale Retzlaff	Silent auction	25.00
Myrna Vasta	Silent auction	115.00
Barbara Sodomka	Silent auction	31.00
Karen Phillips	Silent auction	79.00
Joyce Quaring	Silent auction	233.00
Nellie Frizzell	Silent auction	144.00
Pam Abel	Silent auction	150.00
Cynthia Timmermier	In honor of Delbert Rogers	100.00
Betty Garwood	In honor of 2015-2016 Grand Family	25.00
Beauty of the Star Grand Family	Balance of courtesy account	144.00

Scottish Rite-- RiteCare Program

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1,0000.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Walter McGuire	10.00
Dottie Arent	In memory of Walter McGuire	5.00
Anita & Chuck Sohm	In memory of Walter McGuire	50.00
Spirit of the Star Grand Family	In memory of Walter McGuire	25.00
142 Ogallala, Ogallala	In honor of Peggy Hitchcock, DGS	25.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	In honor of Dian Larsen, DGS	25.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	In honor of Trinity members serving at Grand Chapter	100.00
Carl Plants	In memory of Walter McGuire	25.00
Carl Plants	In honor of 2015-2016 Grand Officer	100.00

Carl Plants	In memory of Ralph Sinamer PGP of NS/PEI	25.00
Betty & John Kirby	In honor of 2015-2016 Grand Family	100.00
Brenda McGuire	In memory of Walter McGuire	1100.00

Service Dog Project

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1,0000.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	In honor of 2016 Worthy Matron & Worthy Patron	80.00
Cornhusker Kiwanis	In honor of Betty Kirby	100.00

Shrine Hospitals and Transportation Fund

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

Youth Fund

Donations, Memorials:

113, Bethany, Ainswoth	Donation	10.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In honor of Betty Garwood, PGM	20.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworrth	Donation	10.00
Grand Chapter of NE	On behalf of all members	1000.00
Brenda McGuire, WGM Fund	Transfer to youth	2544.21
Cheryl Beckius, WGM fund	Transfer to youth	2092.39

2016-2017 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Projects

Isobel Taylor	Sales table	421.00
Charleen Gausman	Sales table	36.00
Carol Thompson	Sales table	40.00
Bruce Baker	Sales table	48.00
Linda George	Sales table	48.00
Toby Varvais	Sales table	78.00
Dorothy Arent	Sales table	92.00
Candace Martin	Sales table	102.00
Linda & Dennis Dubry	Sales table	188.00
Ruth Batie	Sales table	25.00
Kelly Stahly	Sales table	25.00
Laurel Wolfe	Sales table	32.00
Margaret Nelson	Sales table	32.00
Betty Kirby	Sales table	40.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	Sales table	46.00
Jean Smith	Sales table	48.00

Suzanne Byler	Sales table	60.00
Susan & Harold Terry	Sales table	60.00
Kimberly Ouderkirk	Sales table	63.00
Deborah McMullin	Sales table	114.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table	80.00
Beverly Armour	Sales table	13.00
Dianne Wiberg	Sales table	16.00
Barbara Wood	Sales table	16.00
Susan Hedges	Sales table	18.00
Billie Mattern	Sales table	22.00
Judith Wehrbein	Sales table	23.00
Lynda Manning	Sales table	32.00
Beverly Pickering	Sales table	38.00
Carrie Knapp	Sales table	40.00
Christine McKnight	Sales table	42.00
Elaine Jenkins	Sales table	42.00
Cathy Wagenr	Sales table	45.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Sales table	52.00
Brenda McGuire	Sales table	63.00
Karan & Tim Birdsall	Sales table	224.00
132, Blue River, Milford	Donation	1500.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Sales table	12.00
Charlotte Contatore	Sales table	20.00
Susan & Harold Terry	Sales table	20.00
Pam & Gary Brhel	Sales table	28.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	Sales table	30.00
Susan Hedges	Sales table	30.00
Ruth & Jim Batie	Sales table	51.00
Carolyn & Carl Plants	Sales table	64.00
Maril & Bernie Hauber	Sales table	64.00
Glee & Roger Warnke	Sales table	69.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table	407.00
Connie & Don Havekost	In honor of 2016-2017 Grand Officers	100.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	Sales table	299.51
Pam & Gary Brhel	Sales table	302.07
International Order of Rainbow	Donation from Grand Assembly	200.00
Jerrie Wilcox	In honor of the Trails of Faith Grand Family	100.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table area 1	77.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table area 2	128.25
Kimberly Ouderkirk	Sales table	30.00
60, Ivy Leaf, Chadron	Donation	20.00
184, Royal, Gordon	Donation	20.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table	211.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	Sales table	16.00
Anita & Chuck Sohm	Sales table	20.00
Joseph Charbonneau	Sales table	23.00
Marilyn Good	Sales table	32.00
Erin Marr	Sales table	32.00
James Carlton	Sales table	34.00
Geraldine Wilcox	Sales table	34.00
Shirley DeVasure	Sales table	37.00
Frances Hix	Sales table	64.00

260, Bridgeport, Bridgeport	Donation	25.00
262, Truth, Kimball	Donation	25.00
215, Dome Rock, Scottsbluff	Donation	50.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	Donation	50.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	Donation	25.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	Donation	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	Donation	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	Donation	25.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	Donation	25.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	Donation	150.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	Donation	50.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	Donation	50.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table	128.00
Karla Lawler	Sales table	28.00
Charleen Gausman	Sales table	40.00
Kathy Worrell	Sales table	46.00
Peggy Gross	Sales table	51.00
Dottie Arent	Sales table	54.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	Sales table	70.00
Peggy & Michael Hitchcock	Sales table	91.00
Metro Area Line Officers	Donation	350.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table	123.00
Anita & Chuck Sohm	Sales table	30.00
Susan Andreasen	Sales table	32.00
Charleen Gausman	Sales table	40.00
Kelsey Larsen	Sales table	40.00
Dorothy Arent	Sales table	56.00
Tonya Behlers-Breitkreutz	Sales table	64.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Sales table area 6	138.00
Brenda McGuire	Sales table	25.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Sales table	56.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table area 7	126.00
Barbara Davenport	Sales table	32.00
Carl Hardy	Sales table	10.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table area 8	42.00
Sara Nims	Sales table	4.00
Sara Nims	Sales table	9.00
Alma Mach	Sales table	10.00
Suzanne Byler	Sales table	14.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	Sales table	60.00
92, Arbor Vitae, Fremont	Donation	100.00
92, Arbor Vitae, Fremont	Donation	100.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	Donation	25.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	Donation	25.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	Donation	25.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	Donation	25.00
131, Tekamah, Tekamah	Donation	25.00
131, Tekamah, Tekamah	Donation	25.00
216, Herman, Herman	Donation	100.00
257, Palmyra, Palmyra	Donation	50.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	Donation	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	100.00
49, Venus, Cortland	Donation	25.00

16, Guild, Pawnee City	Donation	25.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	Donation	25.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	Donation	25.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	Donation	50.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	Donation	25.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	Donation	25.00
Julie Fowler	Sales table	11.00
Susie & Bruce Baker	Sales table	12.00
Kathleen Armour	Sales table	20.00
Charleen Gausman	Sales table	40.00
Linda George	Sales table	45.00
Candace Martin	Sales table	47.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table	157.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	Donation	20.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table area 10	92.00
Rebecca Beck	Sales table	10.00
Alma Mach	Sales table	37.75
Dianne & Orville Wiberg	Sales table	40.00
Tracey Hefner	Sales table	58.00
Eileen& Howard Whitmore	Sales table	30.00
Marilyn Giles	Sales table	25.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table area 11	191.25
Isoble Taylor	Sales table area 12	42.00
Susan Gray	Sales table	24.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	Sales table	46.00
Linda & Dennis Dubry	Sales table	48.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table	101.00
Marcia Donley	Sales table	12.00
Susie & Bruce Baker	Sales table	32.00
Karan & Tim Birdsall	Sales table	72.00
320, Capitol, Lincoln	Donation	25.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	Donation	25.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	Donation	25.00
93, Aurora, Aurora	Donation	25.00
200, Arbor, Central City	Donation	25.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	Donation	50.00
199, Utica, Utica	Donation	29.00
132, Blue River, Milford	Donation	25.00
Isobel Taylor	Sales table area 14	136.00
Gladys McCalla	Sales table	9.00
Anita & Chuck Sohm	Sales table	10.00
Diana Ham	Sales table	12.00
Barbara Davenport	Sales table	32.00
Janet Zoucha	Sales table	48.00
Coralie Hayes	Sales table	57.00
Toby Varvais	Sales table	70.00
33, Dawson, Lexington	Donation	25.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	Donation	25.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	Donation	25.00
31, Hebron, Hebron	Donation	50.00
Lincoln Chapters and Ceresco	Visitation proceeds	360.07
Grand Chapter of KS	Half of coin march KS/NE exchange	96.43
Lincoln area Chapters & Lodges	Chili cook off proceeds	109.00

Omaha Metro Area Officers	Donation	106.01
Tamarra & Bill Engler	Honor of Matt Vandergriff	10.00
Tamarra & Bill Engler	Honor of Beverly Donham, PGM	10.00
Tamarra & Bill Engler	Honor of Michael Donham, PGP	10.00
Pam Brhel	Sales table	80.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	Sales table	15.00
Dottie Arent	Sales table	24.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	Honor of Dora Redwine & Kyle Lantz	42.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	Sales table	12.00

2016-2017 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Projects Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands

Visitation & Other Donations:

Candace Martin	100.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	75.00
Barb Sadomka	19.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	5.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	20.00
Sue Terry, cow tails	73.43
Sue Terry, cow tails	149.00
Sue Terry, cow tails	62.00
Sue Terry, cow tails	125.00
Gary Brhel, NE/IA exchange	190.00
Brenda McGuire	50.00
Sue Terry, cow tails	178.00
Sue Terry, cow tails	124.00
Sue Terry, cow tails	98.50
1, Queen Esther, NE City	50.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	100.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	50.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	50.00
153, Martha Washington	25.00
Sue Terry, Cow tales	149.50
Ken Sieg	3.00
164, Arrow, Broken Bow	50.00
Sue Tery, cow tales	101.00
Sue Terry, cow tales	115.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	25.00
275, Coilumbia, Lincoln	25.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	25.00
94, Myrle, Lincoln	25.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	25.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	25.00
298, Rose Croix, Ravenna	15.00
20, Alma, David City	25.00
104, Crete, Crete	50.00
13, Harmony, Columbus	100.00
Bruce Baker	1.00
6, Vesta, Omaha	50.00
Sue Terry, cow tales	143.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	50.00
86, Eureka, McCook	50.00
55, Signet, North Platte	100.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	50.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	100.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	50.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	2000.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	230.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	51.00
233, Holly, Benkelman	25.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	100.00
Brenda McGuire	25.00
Anita Sohm	123.00
Cheryl Beckius	62.25
Dorothy Arent	8.00
Andrea Stewart	8.00
Beverly Donham	25.00
Beverly Donham	25.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	25.00

Honorariums, Memorials:

Cynthia Timmermier	In honor of Cheryl Beckius	100.00

Betty Garwood	In honor of 2016-2017 Trails of Faith Grand Family	25.00
Betty & Dale Kirkpatrick	In honor Cheryl Beckius and Gary Brhel	25.00
Jean Smith & Marlin Krull	In honor Cheryl Beckius and Gary Brhel	50.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In honor of Trails of Faith Grand Officers	100.00
Susan & Harold Terry	In honor of CherylBeckius, WGM	25.00
Susan & Harold Terry	In honor of Gary Brhel, WGP	25.00
Carolyn & Dayton Ballentine	In honor of Cheryl Beckius, WGM	25.00
E Annette & Phillip Calkins	In honor of Cheryl Beckius, WGM	25.00
Janet & Merlin Zoucha	In honor of Gary Brhel, WGP	50.00
Janet & Merlin Zoucha	In honor of Cheryl Beckius, WGM	50.00
Marilyn Giles	In honor of Gary Brhel, WGP	40.00
Mary & John Parsons	In honor of Gary Brhel, WGP	30.00
Toby Varvais	In honor of Gary Brhel, WGP	20.00
Linda & Dennis Dubry	In honor of Cheryl Beckius, WGM	25.00
Linda & Dennis Dubry	In honor of Gary Brhel, WGP	25.00
Susie & Bruce Baker	In honor of Grand Family in lieu of birthdays and anniversaries	100.00
Loraine & Delbert Rogers	In honor of Trails of Faith Grand Family	150.00
Gary Brhel	In honor of Grand Family	20.00
Anita & Chuck Sohm	In honor WGM/WGP Special project	100.00
Pam & Gary Brhel	In honor of Trails of Faith Grand Family	200.00
277, AkSarBen	In honor of WGM and WGP	300.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In honor of Karen Christensen,WM and Fred Way, WP	50.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In honor of Joyce Quaring, WM & Jerry White, WP of Andrew #41	25.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	In honor of Charleen Gausman, WM & Ken Gale, WP of Utica	20.00
Carrie Knapp	In honor of Cheryl Beckius, WGM and Gary Brhel, WGP	200.00
Marilyn Good	In honor of Jim & Isobel Taylor	15.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	In honor of Kristi Vandergriff, DGS	25.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	In honor of Peggy Hitchcock, DGS	25.00
Kristi & Matt Vandergriff	In honor of installing officers #277	100.00
216, Herman, Herman`	In honor of Claudia Ranslem, DGS	25.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In honor of Carrie Knapp, DGS	35.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	In honor of Tracey Hefner, DGS	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	In honor of Laurie Sieg, DGS	20.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	In honor of Linda Dubry, DGS	25.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	In honor of Linda Dubry, DGS	25.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In honor of Tracey Hefner, DGS	25.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromburg	In honor of Toby Varvais, DGS	25.00
132, Blue River, Milford	In honor of Carrie Knapp, DGS	20.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In honor of Trails of Faith Grand Family	50.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	In honor of Dottie Arent, DGS	25.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	In honor of District Grand Supervisor	25.00
146, Stanton, Stanton	In honor of Sharon Eller, DGS	25.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In memory of Evelyn Buettgenbach, PGM	20.00

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6	Vesta	Omaha	Mrs. Paulissa Kipp 2565 Mary Street Omaha NE 68112 (402) 880-6139 paulissaisms@gmail.com	Mr. David Kipp 2565 Mary Street Omaha NE 68112 Home: (402) 619-7009	Mr. Joseph Charbonneau 4324 Burdette Street Omaha NE 68111 (402) 880-5763 athenicus@yahoo.com	2nd Saturday 1:00 P.M. 5903 Maple St.
8	Electa	Lincoln	Ms. Sharon R. Yockers 6130 Tennyson Ct. Lincoln NE 68516 (402) 423-8307 C: 402-802-7313 sharonyockers@yahoo.com	Mr. Doouglas B. Johnson 4600 Birch Hollow Dr. Lincoln NE 68516-5107 (402) 421-7006 C:402-610-0157 djohnson1@neb.rr.com	Susan M. Dunn 4000 Garfield Street Lincoln NE 68506-1142 (402) 890-6733 Electa8secretary@gmail.com	1st Saturday 7:30 P.M. 1635 L St
9	Vesper	Beatrice 68310	Ms. Suzanne Byler 2121 Jefferson Beatrice NE 68310 (402) 288-4223 Skbyler1@gmail.com	Mr. James Terwilleger 1107 Union Avenue Beatrice NE 68310-1950 (402) 228-4067 twiglois@charter.net	Mrs. Lois Terwilleger 1107 Union Avenue Beatrice NE 68310-1950 (402) 228-4067 twiglois@charter.net	1st Thursday 7:00 P.M. 130 N. 7th
13	Harmony	Columbus 68601	Mrs. Ada Marsh 2918 34th Street Columbus NE 68601 (402) 564-8486 dmarada@megavision.com		Miss D'Ann Wurdinger 1920 28th Street Columbus NE 68601 (402) 710-1911 Dann.rose.wurdinger@gmail.com	2rd Tuesday 7:00 P.M. 4722 28th St

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16	Guild	Pawnee City 68420	Ms. Sandi Corbitt-Sears 1106 5th Street Pawnee City NE 68420 (402) 852-2597 sandi@sageliving.com	Mr. Shad Gager 712 State St. Table Rock NE 68447 (402) 839-2180 No email	Ms Elaine Sheldon 1113 5th Street Pawnee City NE 68420 (402) 852-2821 esheldon71@yahoo.com	4th Tues (Dec: 2nd Tues) 7:30 P.M. 1010 7th St
20	Alma	David City 68632	Mrs. Jane Rehmer 1338 North 9th Street David City NE 68632 (402) 367-4443 jlrehmer@hotmail.com	Mr. Rex Rehmer 1338 North 9th Street David City NE 68632 (402) 367-4443 rrehmer@windstream.net	Mrs. L. Jean Hansen 761 D St. #1 David City NE 68632-1723 (402) 367-4343 ljeanhansen@gmail.com	2nd Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 458 1/2 E St
31	Hebron	Hebron 68370	Mrs. Sharon Bliss 624 Eads Avenue Hebron NE 68370 (402) 768-6913 ebliss@windstream.net	Mr. Edward Bliss 624 Eads Avenue Hebron NE 68370 (402) 768-6913 ebliss@windstream.net	Mr. Fran Crowe, PGP, Pro-Tem 1304 Road 2 McCool Jct. NE 68401 (402) 724-3164 C6lu@windstream.net	3rd Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 1004 South Ave
33	Dawson	Lexington 68850	Mrs. Sarah Beans 42875 Road 763 Lexington NE 68850 (308) 325-0459 Tsbeans.farm@gmail.com	Mr. Robert Kennicutt 405 Maple Eddyville NE 68834 (308) 858-4535 bkkennicutt@gpcom.net	Mrs. Beth Rogers 75205 Road 429 Lexington NE 68850 (308) 324-6892 brogers@krvn.com	1st Monday 7:30 P.M. 810 N. Washington
35	Tuscan	Kearney	Mrs. Julie Mosier 865 West 78th Street #101 Kearney NE 68845 (308) 293-2844 Mosier_julie@yahoo.com	Mr. Bruce Raddatz, PGP 1003 East Ave. Holdrege NE 68949 (308995-4571 braddatz@allophone.com	Mrs. Kay Wolfe 2 East 35th Street Kearney NE 68847-2923 (308) 234-4129 kaywolfe@juno.com	1st Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 2314 Central Ave

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39	Acacia	Hastings 68901	Mrs. Karen Christensen P.O. Box 293 Harvard NE 68944 (402) 469-3779 wchrist@windstream.net	Mr. Fred Way P.O. East Ave. Trumbull NE 68980-011 (402) 473-2235 maandpawaydog@hamilton.net	Mrs. Vickie Summers #65 Kingston Dr. Hastings NE 68901 (402) 463-0165 Vsummers65@gmail.com	2nd Monday 7:30 P.M. 411 N Hastings
40	Beulah	Norfolk 68701	Mrs. Shirley Hughes 2514 Westside Ave. Norfolk NE 68701 (402) 640-7914	Mr. Rodrick Hughes 2514 Westside Ave. Norfolk NE 68701 (402) 640-7914	Ms Marcine Pierce 705 E. Walnut Circle Norfolk NE 68701 (402) 379-0897 mpierce@wjag.com	2nd Sat, 1:30 pm Nov thru March 2nd Thur, 7:30 pm Apr thru Oct 907 Norfolk Ave
41	Andrew	Grand Island	Mrs. Joyce Quaring 27010 Wiseman Road Shelton NE 68876 (308) 467-2382 joyceq@juno.com	Mr. Gerald "Jerry" White 23 Saint James Grand Island NE 68803-1845 (402) 675-1063 white@kdsi.net	Mrs. Becki Beck 568 E. 19th Street Grand Island NE 68801 (308) 984-0954 Becki_beck@yahoo.com	1st Monday 7:30 P.M. 417 West 3rd St
49	Venus	Cortland 68331	Ms Pamela Boesiger 3400 Pella Road Firth NE 68358 (402) 798-7681 db05219@windstream.net	Mr. Daryl Doolittle 550 West 2nd Street Cortland NE 68331 (402) 798-7815	Mrs. Lila Mae Papke PO Box 46 Cortland NE 68331 (402) 798-7748 lilamaepapke@gmail.com	2nd Wednesday (May: 3rd Wed.) 7:00 P.M. 400 Sheridan St
52	Adah	Omaha	Mrs. Margaret McCall 310 Fleetwood Dr. Papillion NE 68133-2336 (402) 651-3337 mmcall5@cox.net	Mr. Dan Marr 7705 S. 70th St. Circle LaVista NE 68128 (402) 314-9276 danmarr@outlook.com	Mrs. Shirley Carlson 404 Pheasant Run Lane Papillion NE 68046 (402) 250-4616 Shirley.carlson@icloud.com	2nd Friday 7:30 P.M. 84th & Centennial Papillion

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55	Signet	North Platte 69101	Msr. Karen Phillips 2710 Anna Street North Platte NE 69101 (308) 532-5807 spookyps@charter.net	Mr. Roy Phillips 2710 Anna Street North Platte NE 69101 (308) 532-5807 spookyps@charter.net	Mrs. Shannon Roberts 107 N. McCabe North Platte NE 69101 (308) 530-7141 Shanroberts82@gmail.com	2nd Thursday 7:30 P.M. 1600 West B St
74	Meridian	Cozad 69130	Mrs. Nona E. Hood 76215 Road 418 Cozad NE 69130 (308) 784-2774	Mr. Brent T. Scroggin 42350 Road 761 Cozad NE 69130 (308) 784-3244	Ms. ReNelda A. Wenburg 711 West 13th Street Cozad NE 69130-2106 (308) 784-3272 rwenburg@cozadtel.net	3rd Thursday 7:30 P.M. 208 West 9th St
84	Mount Vernon	Plainview 68769	Mrs. Angela Keck 54031 866 Road Plainview NE 68769 (402) 582-3256 Aek_usa@hotmail.com	Mr. Larry Wiegert Sr. 54827 Highway 20 Osmaond NE 68765 (402) 841-5142 awamle2008@yahoo.com	Mrs. Diann Frahm 86419 – 533 Avenue Plainview NE 68769 (402) 582-4888 jgfrahm@plvwtelco.net	4thThursday 7:30 P.M. 211 N King
86	Eureka	McCook 69001	Mrs Beverly Green 608 E. 1st Street McCook NE 69001 (308) 345-4722 Bjgreen73@hotmail.com	Mr. Phil Lyons 1007 East 1st McCook NE 69001 (308) 345-2189 pdlyons@gpcom.net	Ms. Jane Shield 1519 West 5th Street McCook NE 69001 (308) 345-5279 janesharley@hotmail.com	4th Mon (Dec: 3rd Mon.) 7:00 P.M. 322 Norris Ave
92	Arbor Vitae	Fremont 68025	Mrs. Jessica Hochstein 936 Paul circle Fremont NE 68025 (402) 721-5166 jessicah@neb.rr.com	Mr. Kirk Brown 715 E. 5th Street Fremont NE 68025 (402) 721-6239 buckshoe@txsonline.net	Mrs. Linda Prochaska 333 West 20th Street Fremont NE 68025 (402) 727-0994 prochaskalinda@yahoo.com	2nd Thursday 7:30 P.M. 350 E 23rd St

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93	Aurora	Aurora 68818	Mrs. Anita Schultz 419 Stagecoach Road Grand Island NE 68801 (308) 384-1138 ivytroy@gmail.com	Mr. Kenneth Schultz 419 Stagecoach Road Grand Island NE 68801 (308) 384-1138 ivytroy@gmail.com	Mrs. Janet Roberts 1203 South K Road Aurora NE 68818 Cell: (402) 694-8454 notezj42@yahoo.com	1st Monday 7:30 P.M. 1417 L St
94	Myrtle	Lincoln	Mrs. Jeanne Bonnett 6329 Hartley Lincoln NE 68507 (402) 465-4817 fjbonnett@twc.com	Mr. Robert "Bob" Foreman 6320 Newton Street Lincoln NE 68506 (402) 489-5432	Mrs. Deb Kendle 1400 N. 64th Street Lincoln NE 68505 (402) 617-3991 dmkendle@gmail.com	2nd Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 2610 N 48th St
104	Crete	Crete 68333	Mrs. Brenda Vlasak 414 N. court St. Wilber NE 68465 (402) 821-2108 bubble-628@hotmail.com	Mr. Jerry Bespalec 1140 Grove St. Crete NE 68333 (402) 826-2458 Judy.bespalec@doane.edu	Mrs. Darlene Pribyl 386 State Hwy N. 103 Crete NE 68333-5020 Cell: 402-826-1755 grannyprib@hotmail.com	1st Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 1105 Main
113	Bethany	Ainsworth 69210	Mrs. Peg Gross 41616 US Hwy 20 Johnstown NE 69214 402-722-4416 C: 402-760-2837 Nc.contracting@hotmail.com	Mr. Mike Hitchcock 43196 Richardson Road Ainsworth NE 69210 (402) 387-2291 No email	Ms Mary Ritter 429 North Walnut Ainsworth NE 69210 (402) 387-2169 mritt@threeriver.net	1st Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 404 N Wilson
114	Papillion	Papillion 68046	Mrs. Shelly Ybay 19849 Allis Road Pacific Junction IA 51561 (402) 598-6474 Shely.ybay@gmail.com	Mr. Allan Guern 21944 Bobwhite Ave Gretna NE 68028 402-312-4718 Wayrider9@yahoo.com	Mrs. Gloria Guern 21944 Bobwhite Ave Gretna NE 68028 (402) 212-1291 grgraham1966@yahoo.com	2nd Thursday 7:30 P.M. 84th & Centennial Road

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119	Ruth	North Bend 68649	Mrs. Kathy cummings 1455 2nd Street Rogers NE 68659 402-352-3308 Cu_sons@hotmail.com	Mr. Dennis Bostow 10618 Adams Drive Omaha NE 68127 (402) 660-7675 dbostow@cox.net	Mrs. Susanne Krula 1244 Road 18 Rogers NE 68659 (402) 352-3021 susannekrula@hotmail.com	1st Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 1041 Locust St
121	Naomi	Fort Calhoun 68023	Ms Catherine Genoways 121 N. 10th, PO Box 577 Fort Calhoun NE 68023 (402) 468-5685 No email	Mr. Roland Husk 4132 County Road 39 Fort Calhoun NE 68023 (402) 468-5692 No email	Mrs. Joan Christensen 7751 County Road 38 Fort Calhoun NE 68023 (402) 468-5898 jchristensen@huntel.net	2nd Friday 8:00 P.M. 102 S 14th St
122	Friendship	Hooper 68031	Mrs Kathy Hartmann 2230 Estes Lane Fremont NE 68025 (402) 721-1008 Doxie2mom@gmail.com	Mr. Doug Hartmann 2230 Estes Lane Fremont NE 68025 (402) 721-1008 Dogdad1@gmail.com	Mrs. Connie Havekost 829 County Road 19 Blvd Hooper NE 68031 (402) 654-2133 C: 719-4025 coma@midlands.net	2nd Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 109 North Main
131	Tekamah	Tekamah 68061	Mrs. Susan Olson 1016 Hwy 75 Tekamah NE 68061 (402) 374-1117 Susanolson267@gmail.com	Mr. Ronald Grass 420 N. 13th Street Tekamah NE 68061-1506 (402) 374-2689 ronaldgrass@yahoo.com	Mrs. T. Joyce Grass 420 N 13th Street Tekamah NE 68061-1506 (402) 374-2689 Tjgrass60@yahoo.com	2nd Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 1220 O St
132	Blue River	Milford 68405	Mrs. Kelly Stahly 4435 "B" Street Lincoln NE 68510 (402) 617-6325 Kelly.stahly@gmail.com	Mr. William Lauber 101 South C Street Milford NE 68405 (402) 761-4542 lauberfuneralservicer@windstream.net	Mrs. Tracy Dickes 510 2nd Street Milford NE 68405 (402) 217-0994 tddickes11@live.com	2nd Monday 7:30 P.M. 115 B St

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134	Golden Rule	Hyannis 69350	Mrs. Cindy McKimmey P.O. Box 106, 107 w. Mock Ave. Ashby NE 69333 (308) 577-6768	Mr. Bryan Regier P.O> Box 294 Hyannis NE 69350 308-458-8347	Mrs. Joy Boyer PO Box 274, 201 S. Grant Hyannis NE 69350 (308) 458-2605 No email	2nd Wednesday 5:00 P.M. Main St
142	Ogallala	Ogallala 69153	Mrs. Carrie Knapp PO Box 6 Paxton NE 69144 (308) 289-2164 Cknapp326@hotmail.com	Mr. Bernard Beckius PO Box 224 Keystone NE 69144 (308) 726-2302 bcbeckius@lakemac.net	Ms. Karla Lawler 615 E. 10th Ogallala NE 69153 (308) 289-5370 slenderella02@yahoo.com	2nd Tuesday 7:00 P.M. 1005 E 3rd St
144	Dorcas	Bartley 69020	Mrs. Mary Frandsen 603 Sunset Road McCook NE 69001 (308) 350-4217 frandsen.mary@gmail.com	Mr. Gary Newcomb PO Box 112 Bartley NE 69020-0112 (308) 692-3426 gnewcomb@swnebr.net	Mrs. Lavonne Ohlson 904 West J Street McCook NE 69001-3073 (308) 345-1749 No email	3rd Tuesday 7:30 P.M Main St
146	Stanton	Stanton 68779	Mrs. Lynn Schellpeper 56849 844 Road Stanton NE 68779-2056 (402) 439-5188 boblynn@stanton.net	Mr. Gerald Kuhn 205 South Eastwood Norfolk NE 68701	Mr. Gary Benson P.O. Box 896 Stanton NE 68779-2056 (402) 439-2528 GARREF@stanton.net	Wednesday after First Thursday 7:30 P.M. 1020 Ivy
153	Martha Washington	Lincoln	Mrs Sue Bell-Heilman 521 Lakeside Dr. Apt 102 Lincoln NE 68528-1796 (402) 217-7155 Heilman.bell99@gmail.com	Mr. David L. Sierks 6525 Hartley Street Lincoln NE 68507 (402466-2514 Davidsierks2016@gmail.com	Mrs. Betty Kirby, PGM 4501 Eagle Ridge Road Lincoln NE 68516 402-421-2502 C: 402-450-9137 Bkirby9137@gmail.com	1st Thursday 7:30 P.M. 4430 N 70th St

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159	Wausa	Wausa 68786	Mrs. Margaret Stottler P.O. Box 164 Bloomfield NE 68718-0164 (402) 373-4927 mtottler@hotmail.com	Mr. Douglas Kristensen 401 East Grant Street Wausa NE 68786 (402) 586-2534 boneskr@hotmail.com	Mrs. Mary Lou Erickson PGM PO Box 41 Wausa NE 68786-0041 (402) 586-2164 talk2us@gpcom.net	1st Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 522 ½ Broadway St
164	Arrow	Broken Bow 68822	Mrs. Charldeen Lichtenberger 406 E Kimball St, P.O. box 235 Callaway NE 68825 (308) 836-4492 billich@gpcom.net	Mr. Kevin Lindly 819 South 10th Ave. Broken Bow NE 68822 (308) 872-5041 No email	Ms Shirley Pierce 42906 Hwy 40 Oconto NE 68860 (308) 836-2958 spierce@gpcom.net	1st Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 1106 South E
169	Luna	Elkhorn 68022	Mrs. Meagan Lasiter P.O. Box 76 Waterloo NE 68069 (402) 669-8623 melasiter@gmail.com	Mr. Jack Lasiter P.O. Box 243 Waterloo NE 68069 (402) 779-2597 prestwu@aol.com	Mrs. Marcia Imig 5836 Blondo Street Omaha NE 68104 (402) 670-4252 LunaCh169OES@gmail.com	3rd Thursday 7:30 P.M. 20295 Hopper St.
175	Miriam	Laurel 68745	Mrs. Judy Pehrson 57109 873 Road Laurel NE 68745 (402) 256-3146 No email	Mr. Herbert Bose 87360 Hwy 15 Laurel NE 68745 (402) 256-9126 boserentals@yahoo.com	Carol Milander 116 Town & Country Dr. Coleridge NE 68727 (402) 283-4916 carolmilander@yahoo.com	1st Monday 5:00 Nov-Mar 7:30 April-Oct 105 E Second St
184	Royal	Gordon 69343	Mrs. Sharon Harris 217 N. Maple St. P.O. Box 348 Gordon NE 69343 (308) 282-0815 euharris@gpcom.net	Mr. Jim Smith 2158 690th Road Gordon NE 69343 (308) 282-0488 jjlvst@enebraska.net	Mrs. Shirley Adkinson 312 N. Elm Street Gordon NE 69343 (308) 360-0321 Sja5@gpcom.net	2nd Monday 7:30 P.M. 211 W. 2nd St. Methodist Church

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189	Home	Plattsmouth 68048	Mrs. Carol Hardy 1526 Trumball Terrace Plattsmouth NE 68048 (402) 235-2721 squirrellmom@gmail.com	Mr. Gene Wehrbein 8817 Church Road Louisville NE 68037 (402) 298-8192 gwehrbein@jagwireless.net	Mrs. Joyce Porter 318 11th Avenue Plattsmouth NE 68048 (402296-9232 Porters318@windstream.net	1st Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 513 Main St
192	Rob Morris	Stromsburg 68666	Mrs. Judy Beatty 12429 P Road Stromsburg NE 68666 (402) 764-3950 judysbells@gmail.com	Mr. Wayne Beatty 12429 P Road Stromsburg NE 68666 (402) 764-3950 judysbells@gmail.com	Mrs. Susan Peterson 915 E. 9th Street Stromsburg NE 68666 Cell: (402) 363-2117 No email	1st Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 214 Commercial
193	Shelby	Osceola 68651	Mrs. Karen Bugbee PO Box 24 Taylor NE 68879 (402) 366-6172 kjbjbugbee@hotmail.com	Mr. Bruce Bugbee PO Box 24 Taylor NE 68879 (402) 366-2762 kjbjbugbee@hotmail.com	Mrs. Myrla Grossnicklaus PO Box 3 Shelby NE 68662 (402) 527-5871 mgross40@yahoo.com	2nd Tuesday 7:30. April-Oct. 2:00 Nov. -March Hawkeye St Osceola
194	Wayne	Wayne 68787	Mrs. Tonya Breitkreutz 1148 Hwy 51 Wisner NE 68791 (402) 529-6389 BandB-Acres@hotmail.com	Mr. Robert Carhart PGP PO Box 173 Wayne NE 68787-0173 (402) 375-2976 mgcarhart@hotmail.com	Mrs. Karen Jones 58085 858 Road Wakefield NE 68784-5100 (402) 369-2655 jonesbobkaren@yahoo.com	3rd Monday 7:00 P.M. 913 Lincoln St
198	Ceresco	Ceresco 68017	Ms. Myrna Vasta 2505 s. 155th Circle Omaha NE 68144 (402) 650-1688 ccu4100@aol.com	Mr. Jack Johnson 21305 N. 70th Ceresco NE 68017 (402) 785-5415 jbojaks@yahoo.com	Mrs. Donna Hansen 1605 South 58th Street Lincoln NE 68506 (402) 488-5820 djhansen@windstream.net	2nd Monday 7:30 P.M. 121 W Elm

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199	Utica	Utica 68456	Mrs. Charleen Gausman 1053 252nd Road Milford NE 68405-8702 (402) 643-2482 C: 646-8087 Charleen_g2003@yahoo.com	Mr. Kenneth Gale 941 Parkridge Ct. York NE 68467 (402) 362-7082 kgale@neb.rr.com	Mrs. Patricia Collister PO Box 116 Dwight NE 68635-0116 (402) 643-7976 pc00520@windstream.net	2nd Monday 7:30 P.M. 3rd & C St
200	Arbor	Central City 68826	Mrs. Tracey Hefner 2144 Archer Road Archer NE 68816-9801 (308) 795-2214 C: 940-1446 rthefner@gpcom.net	Mr. Gary Loseke 56923 South 290th Ave.. Fullerton NE 68638 (308) 550-0444 No email	Mrs. Donna Williams 102 10th Street Chapman NE 68827 (308) 986-2289 No email	4th Tuesday 8:00 P.M. 1625 17th St
204	Phillips	Phillips 68865	Mrs. Ruth Batie 415 Campbell Avenue Doniphan NE 68832 (402) 845-6512 jrbatie@hamilton.net	Mr. James Batie 415 Campbell Avenue Doniphan NE 68832 (402) 845-6512 jrbatie@hamilton.net	Miss. Justine Batie 415 Campbell Avenue Doniphan NE 68832 (402) 845-6512 justbulls1@hotmail.com	1st Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Main St
207	Irene	Guide Rock 68942	Ms. Louise Petsch 655 Road 2400 Guide Rock NE 68942 (402) 257-4395 lpetsch@yahoo.com	Mr. Rick Hunter 2425 Road F Guide Rock NE 68942 (402) 257-4705 rh02135@windstream.net	Mrs. Evelyn Thompson 390 Road 2575 Guide Rock NE 68942 (402) 257-4535 Ethomp433@gmail.com	2nd Monday 4:30 P.M. 120 W. Douglas
213	Franklin	Franklin 68939	Mrs. Catherine Dzuris 891 W. Brewster St. Minden NE 68959 (308) 832-5939 catherinedzuris@gmail.com	Mr. Delbert Rogers 615 13th Avenue Franklin NE 68939 (308) 425-3608 dzrogers@frontiernet.net	Mrs. Loraine Rogers 615 13th Avenue Franklin NE 68939 (308) 425-3608 Rogers_dl@hotmail.com	1st Monday 1:30 P.M. 1401 J Street

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