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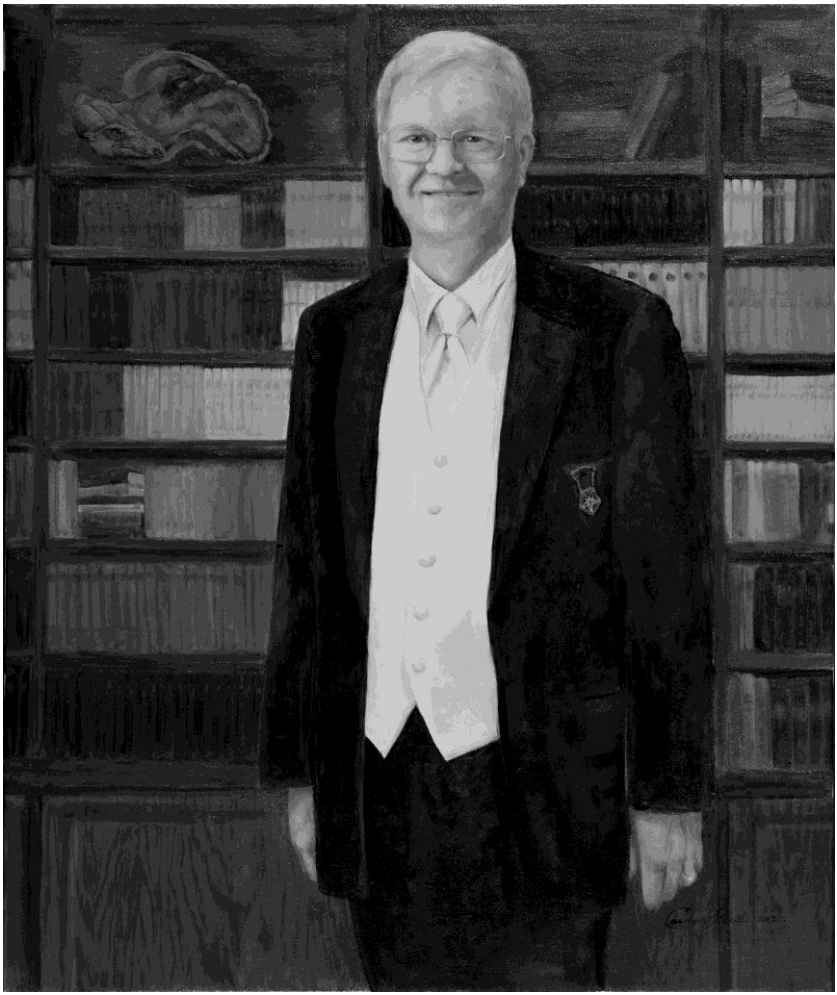

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2017-2018 GRAND OFFICERS

SEATED: Dottie Arent, Associate Grand Conductress; Karla Lawler, Grand Treasurer, Candace Martin, Associate Grand Matron, Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron; Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron, Harold Terry, Associate Grand Patron, Jan Thoman PGM, Grand Secretary, Karan Birdsall, Grand Conductress ROW TWO: Kelly Stahly, Grand Adah; Roxie Heim, Grand Ruth; Cindy Pedersen, Grand Esther; Katherine Meink, Grann Martha, Joan Alexander, Grand Electa;. ROW THREE: Sharon Eller, Grand Warder; Don Norman, Grand Chaplain; David Wetrosky, Grand Sentinel; Cynthia Timmermier, Grand Organist.

GRAND PAGES

ROW ONE: Sue Kittinger (199), Lynda Kessler (277), Laurel Wolfe (299), Laurie Sieg (271), Gayle Casey (189), Tara Luchtel (502 IA)
ROW TWO: Lori Nerud (214), Ruth Negus (277), KayLoni Triplett (269), Amy Shirley (1), Diane Frahm (84),Mary Ritter (113), Terre Cowan (132), ROW THREE: Diane Wilson (122), Tamarra Engler (299), Tami Stites (325), Dian Larsen (39), Neta Ridinger (55), Elizabeth Van Sky (325)

DISTRICT GRAND SUPERVISORS:
SEATED: Toby Varvais (301), Sharon Eller (299), Charleen Gusman (199), Julie Hornicek (264), Susie Baker (39), Bev Pickering (269), ROW TWO: Jean Smith (198), Dottie Arent (113), Laurie Sieg (271), Wanda Retzlaff (84), ROW THREE: Andrea Stewart (55), Becky Baker (325), Peggy Hitchcock (113), Linda Dubry (261,260,215).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

SEATED: Connie Havekost (122) Lynda Kessler (277), Christine Wood (55), Sarah Hobbie (1), Jeannette Heese (269), Karen Nichols (215), Darlene Spooner (ND), Gladys McCalla (142) ROW TWO: Kelsey Larsen (39,104), Coralie Hayes (264), Tam Engler (299), Elizabeth Charbonneau (6), Stacy Newcomb (301), Erin Marr (52,114), Carol Milander (175), Julie Fowler, ROW THREE: Bernie Beckius (142), Frances Carlson (Michigan), Lori Nerud (215,214), Diane Hershman (Ohio), Linda Penin (New Jersey), Elizabeth Van Sky (325), Angela Keck (84) ROW FOUR: Larry Brage (271), Jim Gansemer (189), Charleen Gausman (199), Ross Jackson (Alabama), Dan Watts, Duane Heim (189)

ASSISTANT GRAND WARDERS

ROW ONE: Barbara Wood (279,233) Joy Boyer (134), Joyce Quaring (41), Krystal Bogdahn (325), Sherry Craig (134), Anne Phillips (325), Heather Palmer (325), ROW TWO: Jerrie Wilcox,PGM (114), Bonnie Forney (92), Mary Ellen Kilmer (214), Sheli Rice (325), Anita Schultz (93), Suzanne Byler (9), Laura Ueberrhein (122) ROW THREE: Joyce Roberts (92), Shirley DeVasure (299), Sarah Bogdahn (325), Carrie Knapp (142), Deb McMullin (325), Chris Kennedy (263)

ASSISTANT GRAND SENTINELS

SEATED: Dennis Newman (52), Don Havekost (122), Keith Wood (279,233), Roy Phillips (55), Gene Frizzell (215), Gene Wehrbein (189)
ROW TWO: Wendell Wagner (122), Bernie Hauber (299), Bill Engler (299), Fritz McMullin (325), Cecil Smith (189), Dennis Dubry (260,215)
ROW THREE: John Kirby (153), Ken Sieg (271), Marlin Krull (198), Rick Baker (325), Kenny Schultz (93).

WORTHY MATRONS

SEATED: Linda Kneebone (301), Joyce Quaring (41), Rebecca Guss (8), Barb Wood (279,233), Sharon Yockers (8), Suzanne Byler (9) ROW TWO: Marna Raymond (325), Peggy Hitchcock (113), Rebeca Flores (299), Angela Keck (84), Cheryl Beckius, PGM (142), Ruth Negus (277), Cathy Wagner (122), Charleen Gausman (199), Tracey Hefner (200). ROW THREE; Karen Phillips (55), Linda Dubry (261, 260, 215), Sarah Hobbie (1), Julie Fowler (307), Anita Schultz (93), Jessia Hochstein (92), Erin Marr (52).

WORTHY PATRONS

SEATED: Dennis Dubry (261,215), Edgar Flores (299), Don Jelinek, PGP (307,271), Bill Raymond (325), Kirk Brown (92), Mike Hitchcock (113). ROW TWO: Gary Brhel, PGP (132), Dennis Newman (52), Gene Wehrbein (189), Wendell Wagner (122), Robert Carhart, PGP (194), Kenny Schultz (93).

CHOIR

SEATED: Judy Wehrbein, PGM (189), Maxine Hild (189), Ruth Negus (277), Jim Carlton (325), Mary Ann Stevens (189), Coralie Hayes (264), Myrna Vasta (198) SECOND ROW: Barb Sodomka (41), Maril Hauber (299), Joyce Quaring (41), Les Faulkenberry (277) Anne Phillips (325), Judy Pickle (325), Tracey Hefner (200), Ileen Smith (307): ROW THREE:: Bill Pickle (325), Hank Kessler (277), Bill Raymond (325), Fritz McMullen (325), Deb McMullen (325), Wanda Retzlaff (84), Bob Rhodes, PGP (199), Bernie Hauber (299), Mike Hitchcock (113).

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
OF THE
STATE OF NEBRASKA

One Hundred Forty-third Annual Session

The Year May 2017 to May 2018

"GOD BLESS THE U.S.A."

The one hundred forty-third annual Session of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska was held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska on May 8, 9, and 10, 2018. The theme for this year is "God Bless the U.S.A.".

Outside of the Grand Chapter Room, a beautiful quilt was displayed, made by Sister Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron (261), and presented to the Worthy Grand Matron. The quilt was made with fabric with a variety of patriotic themes. In front of the quilt were the portraits of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, which had been framed by Sister Karan Birdsall (271).

Several displays and vendors, as well as items for the silent auction, filled the hallways of the convention center. Representatives from the Masonic organizations were available at their displays to answer questions and had brochures to pick up.

As members entered the chapter room, they were greeted by the traditional red carpeting surrounded by a wide band of white carpet. White wrought iron fencing and white pedestals defined the chapter room floor. On top of the pedestals were decorations with a star. 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.

At floor level in the southeast, the traditional, open white Bible displayed the Scripture from Psalms 33;12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". In front of the dais on the floor was a beautiful display of various red, white and blue items including a miniature Statue of Liberty On the stage were posted the American flag, the Nebraska flag, the Christian flag and the various flags of our Masonic family, including the youth organizations. The traditional Masonic and the Eastern Star emblems were hung on the backdrop in the East. The Session name, "God Bless The U.S.A.", was made in large glittery letters by Brother Albert and Sister Wanda Fisher, PGM, and hung on the backdrop.

In the West just outsie the chapter room was a very beautiful and sobering POW-MIA rememberance table and area. There was also in the outer area a POW-MIA area where people could share stories in a notebook.

The sound system, set up in the northeast corner of the Grand Chapter Room, was under the supervision of Brother Albert Fisher (261), who worked tirelessly prior to and during the session to insure that everything went as planned. The organ and clavinova were in the southeast corner of the Grand Chapter Room with the "Star Studded" Grand Chapter Chorus seated in the risers nearby. Brother Jim Carlton (325) and Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189) were thanked for directing and accompanying the Chorus.

Throughout the Session, the overhead screen in the East changed to display the Session title, emblems and points of interest during the Session and various activities throughout the year. The songs sung during the Session were also displayed.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 2018
INFORMAL OPENING

The music of Brother Reg Kuhn (271) greeted members and visitors as they gathered for the informal opening of the one hundred forty-third annual Grand Chapter Session. Past Grand Matron Beverly Donham, acting for Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm, opened the informal session. She welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Sarah Focke, Sales Manager of the Kearney Tourism & Convention Bureau, who then brought greetings. Past Grand Matron Beverly thanked her for the welcome to Kearney and Sarah was given a hearty welcome.

PGM Beverly Donham, PGM: (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

We will now have the flag tributes by our Grand Marshal Brother Bruce Baker.

FLAG TRIBUTE

A ceremony for the presentation and tribute to the flags was written and presented by Brother Bruce Baker, 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.

Bruce Baker, Grand Marshal:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers, and Friends. Good evening and welcome to this one hundred forty-third annual session of the Nebraska Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

My name is Bruce Baker. As Grand Marshal, it is my honor and my pleasure

to kick off this "God Bless the U.S.A" Session with the traditional flag tribute. As each flag is presented, I will introduce the presenter along with his and her assigned flags. Please listen carefully to each as they were selected for their contributions not only to the ideals of our organization, but also to our country.

Before we begin, I would like to share a bit of United States of America "Flag Protocol". At the entrance of the U.S. Flag, all will stand at attention, hats removed with right hand over the heart; Veterans may salute. Additionally, as recognized, I will invite you to stand for the presentation of the Canadian Flag. It is acceptable also to stand for a State flag or organizational flag that is important to the individual. I would like to thank each one for their part and participation in tonight's Flag Tribute!

Additionally, I will be using the gavel in the traditional manner; three raps to raise and one rap to seat the assembly.

Bruce Baker, Grand Marshal:

The U. S. Flag: The American Flag….referred to by many names; "The Stars and Stripes", "Old Glory", "The Grand Old Flag"….represents simply and clearly the ideals of this Great Nation!

RED symbolizes courage, valor, blood and sacrifice.
WHITE symbolizes honesty, purity, justice and peace.
BLUE symbolizes vigilance, equality, respect for God & man.
The STARS symbolize the Heavens, the individual States that make up these United States, and the Divine goal of mankind.

The U.S. Flag is presented tonight by Most Worshipful Brother Patrick Barger, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska. Lieutenant Colonel Barger has served for 33 years in the United States Air Force, Active and Reserve, and has been deployed numerous times, including assignments in Turkey, Afghanistan and Korea. Most Worshipful Sir, we thank you for your service!

(The United States Flag was posted)

I invite you to listen carefully to the words as we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's Flag, followed by the singing of our National Anthem.

The Canadian Flag: The "Maple Leaf" is the National Flag of Canada. The Canadian Flag presented tonight was officially adopted on February 15, 1965 and is said to represent all the citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief or opinion.

The Red symbolizes fervency, strength, bravery & valor.
The White symbolizes purity, integrity, honesty & peace.

Canada, our neighbor to the North, and the United States of America have peacefully shared a common border for over 200 years.

The Canadian Flag is presented tonight by Sister Kelsey Larsen, a member of Acacia Chapter #39, Crete Chapter #104, and Martha Washington Chapter #153, and Grand Representative Alberta in Nebraska.

(The Canadian Flag was posted)

Please join in singing "O Canada" which can be found on page 45 in your program.

The Nebraska Flag: The Nebraska Flag…..I suspect many of you expected to see a red flag with a big white N, *(Laughter)* and while it is true that on many Saturdays the unofficial state flag is Red and White; however, the official Nebraska Flag displays the "GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA" on

a field of resolution blue. The State Seal symbolizes industry, agriculture, commerce and transportation, along with the state motto, "Equality Before The Law". The name "Nebraska" is based on an Otoe Indian word meaning "flat water", which refers to the Platte River. Interestingly enough, I know a person here in Nebraska that could help if you have any questions about the Platte River as being the official river of Nebraska, and I invite you to ask my wife for "the rest of the story".

The Nebraska Flag is presented by Brother Gene Frizzell, a member of Dome Rock Chapter No. 215. Brother Gene served in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1964. Brother Gene, we thank you for your service!

(The Nebraska Flag was posted)

The Christian Flag: We reverently recognize the Christian Flag. The appropriately simple design of a white field, with a red Latin cross inside a blue canton, portrays deep and meaningful symbolism.

The Red cross symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary.
The Blue represents the waters of baptism and the faithfulness of Jesus.
The White represents peace and the purity of Jesus.
Together, the colors symbolize faith in God, love for all mankind,
and hope of resurrection to a glorious life eternal.

The Christian Flag is presented tonight by Sister Mary Ellen Kilmer, a member of Sunflower Chapter #214. Sister Mary Ellen was a recipient of an ESTARL Award for her seminary studies.

(The Christian Flag was posted)

The O.E.S. and the Masonic Flags: It is appropriate that the Eastern Star Flag and the Masonic Flag enter the Chapter room together. In Nebraska, the two organizations enjoy a level of cooperation and mutual respect, which is a direct reflection of our values and purpose.

The Eastern Star Flag reminds us of Fidelity, Constancy, Loyalty, Faith and Charity as illustrated by the Heroines of the Order. The open Holy Bible, resting on the Altar, is located in the center of the Star, and serves to remind us that the teachings of God should be the center of our lives.

The Order of the Eastern Star flag is presented tonight by Sister Michelle (Shellie) Smith, a member of Martha Washington Chapter #153. Michelle Smith, Senior Master Sergeant, United States Air Force Retired, served from 1984 to 2012 full-time in the Air National Guard. Thank you for your 28 years of service, Sister Shellie!

The Masonic Flag bears the emblem of the oldest and largest fraternity in the world. The Square and Compass reminds every Mason of his gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and his commitment to the teachings of Freemasonry, and serves as an outward symbol of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We gratefully acknowledge this Masonic heritage, which is the foundation of our Order.

The Masonic Flag is presented by Worshipful Brother Alexander Straatmann, Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Brother Alex is a Major in the United States Army Reserve. Worshipful Brother Alex, we thank you for your service!

(The O.E.S. Flag and the Masonic Flag were posted)

The Youth Group Flags: It is fitting that the Youth Group Flags enter the Chapter room together as a symbol of unity, respect and equality.

The flag of The International Order of The Rainbow for Girls displays the colors of the Rainbow representing the impressive lessons of love, religion, nature, immortality, fidelity, patriotism and service.

The "Rainbow Flag" is presented by Joy Hartranft, Grand Worthy Advisor. Sister Joy is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325.

(The Rainbow Flag was posted)

The purple and white flag of the International Order of Job's Daughters displays a triangle, which serves to remind them of three important influences in their lives -- God, Country and Home.

The "Job's Flag" is presented by Meghann McCurdy, Grand Bethel Honored Queen.

(The Job's Daughters Flag was posted)

The red and white flag of the International Order of DeMolay displays the helmet and coat of arms of Jacque DeMolay. The white symbolizes purity and cleanness of thought, word and deed; the three red stripes represent love of God, love of Home and love of Country.

The DeMolay Flag is presented by Kyle Barchus, Nebraska State Master Councilor.

(The DeMolay Flag was posted)

The POW/MIA Flag: The stark image displayed on the black and white POW/MIA Flag is a fitting reminder of those "Unreturned Veterans". On August 10th, 1990, the 101st Congress passed recognition of the POW/MIA Flag as a symbol of our Nation's commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans who are prisoners, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

The POW/MIA Flag has been displayed in the US Capitol Rotunda and is the only other Flag other than the United States Flag to have ever been flown over the White House. It is fitting that it be displayed beside the American Flag tonight.

The POW/MIA Flag is presented by Brothers Elmer Huffman and Marvin Colson. Brother Elmer is a member of Herman Chapter No. 216 and Brother Marvin is a member of Dorcas Chapter No. 144. Brothers Marvin and Elmer purchased the POW/MIA flag, pole and stand, which they have donated to the Nebraska Grand Chapter. Brother Marvin is a United States Army Veteran having served both in Korea and Vietnam and Brother Elmer served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969, 3 of those years in Vietnam. Brethren, we thank you for your service and your gift!

(The POW/MIA Flag was posted)

Bruce Baker, Grand Marshal:

At this time I would invite Brother Marvin to make remarks. I might say before he gets started, we weren't expecting him to be here as he had surgery unexpectedly 2 days ago – amazing and we welcome you.

Marvin Colson (144):

It seems like this is getting to be a habit for me. Two years ago, my wife was appointed to Grand Martha and was in Kearney and I went through surgery again for cancer and they let me out to be with her; and it's the same thing this time. For the last couple of days, I had surgery for lung cancer, so in fact, I was still in the hospital and she came down and got me this morning so I could be up here.

First of all, let me say, to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, this means so much to me -- I really love the idea of the POW/MIA flag. This has been one of my pets for years and years of service and I wanted to

purchase this flag and give it to you for Eastern Star to use at its Grand Chapter. It has been a privilege, I appreciate it very much, and I thank you very much.

First of all, I am very proud of the service that I had; sometimes it was hard and I wish I could tell you more, but I can't. During my service in Viet Nam and my service in Korea, it was classified and I believe still is. Of all of the places in those two countries, I have probably been there one time or another. But no matter hard it is, when you make that pledge that no soldier will be left in the field, everybody would be taken home, you have no idea how hard that becomes. Just think about that yourselves. When you take that pledge, you say that nobody is going to be left behind, but there you are. Some of them had gone ahead from where they should be and some of them had stayed behind so you could be where you needed to be. Some of them are lost in aircraft in far-distant lands; some of them are lost at sea. But again, one thing I want you to remember is when you visit a graveyard on Memorial Day or whatever you want to call it, have you ever come upon the tombstone of a relative or good friend and you read what is on them, please say, "God help them; we miss you," and so on, because some of the parents never got to do that. Some have no idea where their sons or daughters are even now. We were discussing – Charlene and I – about good friends whose boy was just found after being lost in Viet Nam for over 68 years; but again, they promised to bring him home, back to Nebraska, even after 68 years! What a blessing! And I want you to remember every time you say your prayers or salute the flag – I believe it is the last thing I say every night: "God Bless the United States of America; may you rest in peace, and know that you are not forgotten". *(Applause)*

Bruce Baker, Grand Marshal:

In closing, I thank you for your attention, I thank all who were involved in tonight's Flag Tribute, and a special thank you to Sister Karla P. Lawler, a member of Ogallala Chapter No. 142, Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92, and Oshkosh Chapter No. 264 for her beautiful music! Enjoy the rest of the evening's festivities. Thank you

PRESENTATION OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand Officers were presented to the members and guests by Brother James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Patron with background music 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 proceeded to the East on the north and south marching lines. Following their presentations, they were seated on the dais where they remained until the opening formations were completed. Brother Jim's introduction of the Grand Officers was repeated at the opening of each evening session.

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

Good Evening and welcome to the "God Bless the U.S.A." celebration of the one hundred forty-third session of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. We are honored that you have shared your time with us at our informal opening. It is my pleasure to present the "Patriots", the 2017-2018 "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Officers; to share their favorite memories and to ask you to play a mental game of "Who Said It?" – a game of Presidential quotes.

Our Grand Sentinel, **Brother David Wetrosky,** is the Patriot who protects our proceedings from interruptions. He is escorted by his Worthy Matron, Sister Sarah Hobbie. They are members of Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Nebraska City. Brother David's special memory includes traveling the great State of Nebraska, visiting places that he has never been, meeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances while sharing the work of our great Order. Brother David asks, "Who said it?" "It's the beauty of all Nations to acknowledge the province of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." And the answer is: George Washington, First President of the United States. (Brother David was again escorted by Sarah Hobbie on Wednesday evening, and by his wife and companion, Flag Waver, Sister Martha, on Thursday evening.)

Sister Sharon Eller, our Grand Warder, is the Patriot of Peace. She is escorted by Sister Billie Mattern, Past Grand Matron. They are members of Trinity Chapter No. 299, Omaha. The entire year has been special for Sister Sharon, but her fondest memories are seeing new places, making new friends, and building closer friendships with the Grand Family. Sister Sharon asks: "Who said it?" "And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your Country can do for you, ask what you can do for your Country." And the answer is: John F. Kennedy, Thirty-fifth President of the United States. (Sister Sharon was escorted by Past Grand Patron Michael Donham, a member of Trinity Chapter No. 299, on Wednesday evening and by her husband and companion, Flag Waver Brother Gary, on Thursday evening, who is also a member of Trinity Chapter No. 299.)

Grand Electa, **Sister Joan Alexander,** our Star Point and Firecracker representing the red ray of Love. She is escorted by her Associate Patron, Brother Wayne Andreasen. They are members of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 84, Plainview. Sister Joan says she will always remember walking into her first gathering of the "God Bless the U.S.A." family. "I worried about not knowing anyone, but left with a whole new group of friends. We had so many laughs at the visitations and always made new friends. Getting to spend time with the Grand Officers, meeting the officers from other states, and just getting to relax in God's wonderful garden, made the trip to the Peace Garden a wonderful memory." Sister Joan asks, "Who said it?" "There is nothing wrong in American that can't be fixed with what is right in America." The answer: Bill Clinton, Forty-second President of the United States. (Sister Joan was escorted on Wednesday evening by her mother, Sister Dorothy Holmes, also a member of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 84. She was escorted on Thursday evening by her friend, Sister Diann Frahm, also a member of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 84, Plainview.)

Sister Katherine Meink, is our Firecracker of Faith. She is escorted by her husband and companion, Flag Waver Brother Don. They are members of Wausa Chapter No. 159, Wausa. Sister Katherine's most memorable event is "meeting the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Westmoreland, on our trip to the Peace Garden. I really enjoyed the roast of Sister Helen by the Queen of England impersonator. It is special to remember our visitations with the Grand Family, especially accompanied by my husband, Don. I also believe that being one of the Star Points was memorable and that we will continue to be great friends." Sister Katherine asks, "Who said it?" "Do not pray for easy lives, pray to be stronger men." And the answer: John F. Kennedy, Thirty-fifth President of the United States.

Our Grand Esther, **Sister Cindy Pedersen,** is our Firecracker of Light, Purity, and Joy. She is escorted by Sister Betty Garwood, Past Grand Matron. They are members of Laura Chapter No. 301, South Sioux City. The Tri-State Exchange is probably at the top of Sister Cindy's special memory list, "especially

that it happened in my home Chapter and one of my Rainbow girls became an Eastern Star member. Traveling across the State and learning how other Chapters do things, gathering new ideas and the unique ways in which we all make things work, will remain a great memory." Sister Cindy says: "Who said it?" "Honesty is the first chapter of the Book of Wisdom." And the answer: Thomas Jefferson, Third President of the United States. (Sister Cindy was escorted on Wednesday and Thursday by her husband and companion, Flag Waver Alan Pedersen.)

Sister Roxanne Heim, our Grand Ruth and Firecracker representing the yellow ray of Constancy, is escorted by her husband, Flag Waver Brother Duane. They are members of Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth. One of Sister Roxanne's fondest memories is "being one of the five Star Point Firecrackers for the area Chapter visitations and thanking the Host Chapter for their hospitality. The meetings were full of fun, laughter, and love. I will cherish this memory the rest of my life." Sister Roxie asks: "Who said it?" "Yours is not the task of making your way in the world, but the task of re-making the world that you will find before you." And the answer: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Thirty-second President of the United States.

Our Grand Adah, **Sister Kelly Stahly,** our Firecracker of Fidelity, is escorted by Brother Gary Brhel, Past Grand Patron. They are members of Blue River Chapter No. 132, Milford. Sister Kelly says, "My favorite memories are: All of it; from traveling west to Gering and Hyannis for our first weekend of visitations and giving our first skit as Revolutionary War Soldiers, to our last visitation at the Shrine Temple in Omaha where we roasted our Worthy Grand Matron, giving her an apron with plenty of green beans in the pockets, and dressing our Worthy Grand Patron as a farmer holding our American Flag instead of a pitchfork. We truly did become a Grand Family." Sister Kelly asks: "Who said it?" "My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope on Earth." And the answer, Abraham Lincoln, the Sixteenth President of the United States.

Sister Cynthia Timmermier, our Grand Organist and Patriot of Music, is escorted by her husband and Flag Waver Companion, Brother John. They are members of Luna Chapter No. 169, Elkhorn. A memory that sparkles for Sister Cynthia comes from the first area visitation, "when we took the scenic route and stopped to wade in the shallows of Lake McConaughy on a balmy June afternoon. The next day in Hyannis, we were astounded to find eight women who had served our Grand Chapter as Organist. What a collection of talent from our Star family in a town of 182 people. Traveling the State reminds me of how blessed I am to be a Nebraskan." Sister Cynthia asks, "Who said it?" "America is a Nation with a mission; our aim is a democratic peace, a peace founded upon the dignity and rights of every man and every woman." And the answer: George W. Bush, Forty-third President of the United States.

Our Grand Marshal, **Brother Bruce Baker,** is our Patriot of Direction. He is escorted by his wife and companion, Flag Waver Sister Susie. They are members of Acacia Chapter No. 39, Hastings. "We've talked and reminisced; there is no single favorite memory," recalls Brother Bruce. "This Grand Family has really rallied around each other with the many challenges, health and otherwise, that we have experienced this year. It has really been an honor to serve our Order with these Sisters and Brothers in the "God Bless the U.S.A." O.E.S. Grand Family." Brother Bruce asks: "Who said it?" "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." And the answer is: Harry S. Truman, Thirty-third President of the United States.

Brother Don Norman, our Grand Chaplain and Spiritual Patriot, is escorted by his wife and companion, Flag Waver Sister Cyn Norman, Past Grand Matron. They are members of Imperial Chapter No. 279, Imperial. "Meeting and re-

connecting with Eastern Star Sisters, Brothers, and Friends during the year's travels" are Brother Don's fondest memories. "Many of my dearest and closest friends in life are O.E.S. members – what a blessing! Friends make our yesterdays worth remembering and our tomorrows worth sharing." One truly special memory for Brother Don, believe it or not, "he did not get a single speeding ticket the whole year of our travels. Brother Don asks, "Who said it?" "Believe you can and you are half-way there." And the answer: Theodore Roosevelt.

Our Associate Grand Conductress, **Sister Dottie Arent**, is our Patriot of Leadership. She is escorted by Sister Peggy Hitchcock, Worthy Matron. They are members of Bethany Chapter No. 113, Ainsworth. Sister Dottie says: "Sister Anita's excellent planning provided our Grand Family with many memorable experiences, including the trip to Canada, the Youth Conference, the Kansas-Nebraska and the Iowa-South Dakota and Nebraska Tri-State Exchanges, to name a few. Perhaps the most precious memory was at the DeMolay Conclave when our Grand Officers who were there, found a place of quiet behind the curtains, formed a circle, and offered up a prayer for our beloved Worthy Grand Matron". Sister Dottie asks, "Who said it?" "Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination." And the answer is: Dwight D. Eisenhower, Thirty-forth President of the United States. (Sister Dottie was escorted by Brother Alvin Benemerito, Past Grand Patron, on Wednesday evening; and by her husband and companion, Flag Waver Keevin on Thursday evening.)

Sister Karen Birdsall, our Grand Conductress, is our Patriot of Preparation, and a member of Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln. She is escorted by her companion and husband, Flag Waver Brother Tim, who is also a member of Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln. According to Sister Karan, "Traveling is a great joy. Meeting and sharing time with our Chapter members is a treat; however, if you are traveling from Lincoln to Scottsbluff and need a break, you might think twice before stopping at Mark Ferrari's Coffee." Seems it was a warm, sunny day, and Jan and Tim were especially thirsty, so they both selected an iced double-shot mocha…a nice, large, cool and caffeinated refreshing treat. About 20 minutes west of Oshkosh, the caffeine started kicking in; so imagine how entertaining Jan and Tim were, at least in their own minds. Sister Karan asks: "Who said it?" "There are as many opinions as there are experts" Surprising that wasn't Brother Tim – but it was Franklin D. Roosevelt, Thirty-second President of the United States. They are my Chapter Sisters and Brothers, so I can kid them! (Sister Karan was escorted by her Godson, Marine Reservist Joseph Kopetka on Wednesday; and by Army Veteran Shawn Scherer, her daughter Cass' fiancé.)

Our Grand Treasurer, **Sister Karla Lawler,** is our Patriot of Financial Security, and in an attempt to stay out of trouble, Sister Karla is not only a plural member of Ogallala Chapter No. 142, but also a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92, Fremont, and Oshkosh Chapter No. 264, Oshkosh – she believes in sharing the credit. She is escorted by Sister Lori Nerud, a member of Sunflower Flower No. 214 in Mitchell. Sister Karla says: "Being elected as your Grand Treasurer was wonderful and it has allowed me to travel with this Grand Family. Finding we can all pull together and live our motto is so special. And yes, I got to 'toot my own horn' at the district meetings with Sister Jan." Karla asks, "Who said it?" Hollywood and the feel goods do not fill the emptiness of lives which have no confidence or purpose." And the answer: Jimmy Carter, Jr., Thirty-ninth President of the United States.

Sister Jan Thoman, our Grand Secretary, is our Patriot of Knowledge and Support. She is a member of Vesper Chapter No. 9, Beatrice. She is escorted by Sister Cathy Wagner, Grand Secretary Emeritus, who is a plural member of

Sunflower Chapter No. 214, Mitchell, and Friendship Chapter No. 122, Hooper. Sister Jan's special memory occurred "while we were attending our visitations where at each meeting the Veterans and Active Military members were honored. The pride on each face as they were introduced always brings a tear to my eyes." Sister Jan asks, "Who said it?" "Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, cannot long retain it." And the answer: Abraham Lincoln, Sixteenth President of the United States. (On Wednesday, Sister Jan was escorted by Sister Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer Emeritus and a member of Blue River Chapter No. 132, Milford. On Thursday, she was escorted by Sister Bonnie Evans, Past Grand Matron, who is a plural member of Bethany Chapter No. 113, Ainsworth and Utica Chapter No. 199, Utica.)

Brother Harold Terry is our Associate Grand Patron and Patriot of Devine Guidance. He is escorted by his wife and companion, Flag Waver Sister Sue. They are members of Narcissus Chapter No. 269, Omaha. Brother Harold remembers "the Tri-State Exchange as being wonderful; three great Grand Families at their best, supported by wonderful subordinate Chapters; fun, tiring, and rewarding. The trip to the Peace Garden was fun-filled and once again, gave us the opportunity to be with Eastern Star friends from all over our country. In typical fashion our tour guide, Bev Donham, had us on a 1-hour feeding schedule. During our travels, Candy taught us how to play Mexican train and what a crowd pleaser! All we had to do was sit down in a hotel breakfast room and BOOM, there were people all around us, wanting to join in. I can't imagine how many people we met that we wouldn't have without Candy's traveling tin of dominos." Brother Harold asks, "Who said it?" "Sometimes by losing the battle, we found a new way to win the war." And the answer: Donald Trump, Forty-fifth President of the United States. (On Wednesday, Brother Harold was escorted by his daughter, Sister Colleen Nelson of Narcissus Chapter No. 269, Omaha. On Thursday, he was escorted by Gretchen Grupe, Associate Matron of Narcissus Chapter No. 269, Omaha.)

Our Associate Grand Matron, **Sister Candace Martin,** is the Patriot representing Leadership and a member of Friendship Chapter No. 122, Hooper. She is escorted by her friend and companion, Flag Waver, Sister Linda George. Linda is a member of Arbor Vitae Chapter No. 92, Fremont. Sister Candace's favorite and fondest member is when "we recognized our Sisters and Brothers at the area visitations who served or are presently serving in our Armed Forces. What an honor it was to hear them tell a little about their experiences." Sister Candace asks, "Who said it?" "If the actions inspire others to learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." And the answer: John Quincy Adams, Sixth President of the United States..

Brother Jim Taylor, our Worthy Grand Patron, represents our Masonic relationships. He is escorted by his wife and companion, Flag Waver Sister Isobel. They are members of Aksarben Chapter No. 277, Omaha. One of Brother Jim's fondest memories is, "the way the Past Grands and the Grand Family stepped up to fill in the vacancies during the Worthy Grand Matron's absence. What a blessing that was to me." Brother Jim, Jesse Owens once said, "We all have dreams, but in order to make dreams become a reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort." Your actions on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska embodied those traits. We thank you for fulfilling our dreams.

Sister Anita Sohm, our Worthy Grand Matron, represents Authority. She is escorted by her husband and companion, Brother Chuck Sohm. They are members of Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue. Although this is not a direct quote from Sister Anita; she might very well have said that, "organization is the foundation to get the rest of our lives in gear." Sister Anita recalls receiving

phone calls, emails and texts from friends who were at the visitations, saying what a great job her Grand Family was doing and how they stepped up in their actions. Her planning and organization allowed her year in the East to serve as an example of love and dedication for all of us. Blessings and love to you, Sister Anita. Sister Anita asks, "Who said it?" "If we succeed, it will not because of what we have, but it will be because of what we are; not because of what we own, but rather because of what we believe." And the answer: Lyndon B. Johnson, Thirty-six President of the United States.

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

Sisters and Brothers and friends, there you have the 2017-2018 "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Family. The Patriots and Flag Wavers are gathered in the East. *(Applause)*

OPENING FORMATIONS

Opening formations were performed each night at the beginning of each session. They were created and directed by March Directors, Past Grand Matrons Dee Schuetz (189), Beverly Donham (299) and Cyn Norman (279). Appropriate music during the marches was provided by Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189). 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:

I am Past Grand Patron Jim Brown and we have just presented the "God Bless the U.S.A.." Grand Family and their escorts. These Grand Officers, called "The Patriots", have traveled throughout the State of Nebraska and other jurisdictions this past year spreading patriotism and friendship, and have honored those who have served or are presently serving in the U. S. Military.

We now invite you to enjoy this year's formations created by our March Directors, Past Grand Matrons Bev Donham, Cyn Norman, and Dee Schuetz, accompanied by Past Matron Mary Ann Stevens.

The formations are being performed by our Nebraska Eastern Star members who help make this Grand Chapter Session possible. Through song and verse, "patriotism", "friendship", and "happiness", the watchwords of this year's Worthy Grand Matron Anita and Worthy Grand Patron Jim, will be portrayed.

President Gerald Ford once said, "Our values, our principles, and our determination to succeed as a free and democratic people will give us a torch to light the way. and we will survive and become stronger, not only because of a patriotism that stands for love of country, but a patriotism that stands for love of people."

A patriotic video, prepared by Albert Fisher (261) was presented each evening prior to the start of the opening formations.

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

Our first group this evening is our Nebraska Grand Representatives and their visiting counterparts. They are forming the letter "N" to introduce all to the "good life" of Nebraska and have entered to the Nebraska Cornhusker Fight Song, "There is No Place like Nebraska", which just happens to be one of our Worthy Grand Matron's favorite songs as she is the Number One Fan of the Huskers!

They are now forming a globe around the altar, representing all the jurisdictions throughout the world where Grand Representatives can be

appointed as our goodwill ambassadors for the Order of the Eastern Star and where they can share friendships and happiness. it just proves that, "It is a Small World After All".

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

Our next formation is a combined group of our Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels and Worthy Matrons and Patrons.

"While the storm clouds gather across the sea, Let us swear allegiance to the land that's free. As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer, let us all be grateful for a land so fair," Remembering the familiar refrain: "God Bless America, Land that I love! Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above."

(This group formed a replica of the mountains, prairies, and oceans.) "From the mountains,…. to the prairies,…. to the oceans, white with foam, God Bless America, my Home, Sweet Home."

According to President Kennedy, he once said this about America: "God Bless America. When you consider what He went through to bring our forefathers to this magnificent land, and when you realize what He accomplished in bringing forth a new nation on this continent dedicated to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, you have to realize that God had a dramatic vision and purpose for this nation."

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

"My Country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride. From every mountain side, let freedom ring."

(This group formed a Liberty Bell, complete with ringing of the "bell".)

Thomas Jefferson said: "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time." Our Grand Pages and District Grand Supervisors have formed the liberty bell, a symbol of our freedom. Let us always remember the inscription on the liberty bell itself: "To proclaim liberty through all the land to all the inhabitants thereof."

The last formation included all the participants: Grand Representatives, Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, Grand Pages, District Grand Supervisors, and Worthy Matrons and Patrons, and they first formed stars with contrails in the East to replicate shooting stars, followed by the American Flag being carried into the Grand Chapter Room by Sister Marna Raymond (325). There were six escorts to the American Flag, who remained in the West behind Esther's Station.

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

In reflections from President Calvin Coolidge, we find these words, "We do honor to the stars and stripes as the emblem of our country and the symbol of all that our patriotism means. We identify the flag with almost everything we hold dear on earth. It represents our peace and security, our civil and political liberty, our freedom of religious worship, our family, our friends, our home. We sit it in the great multitude of blessings, rights and privileges that make up our country."

(The American Flag was then presented at the Altar by Sister Marna.)

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

Will all please rise and salute the flag of our country.

"I thank my lucky stars to be living here today, 'cause the flag still stands for freedom, and they can't take that away, and I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me. And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today 'cause there ain't no doubt, I love this land – "God – Bless – the – U.S.A.!

(Cards with the wordsl "God", "Bless", "The", "U.", "S.", "A" were raised by the flag bearers. Sister Marna left the Altar, carrying the American Flag and remained just inside the Grand Chapter Room while another video was shown in the East with a display of fireworks.)

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

"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation, evermore."

(The American Flag was withdrawn by Sister Marna, followed by the flag bearers, and the Grand Chapter was seated.)

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

This concludes our formations for this evening. We hope you will join us again on Wednesday night when we will be entertained by the kids from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children, followed by the initiation of several new members into our Order performed by our Grand Officers. On Thursday night, we invite you to attend the installation of the new Grand Officers for 2018-2019, and the conclusion of this Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, we are now ready for the dedication.

DEDICATION AND INVOCATION

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

The "God Bless the USA" Grand Chapter Session is dedicated to the many caring members of this Grand Jurisdiction, who have provided immense support and outpouring of love to our Order and the Grand Family.

To the dedicated Active Duty members of the U.S. Military and the Veterans who so willingly have provided service to our Country.

To our wonderful Grand Family, the "Patriots" and the "Flag Wavers", who have shared their time, smiles and talents with all of the members across this beautiful State. We especially remember the family of Sister Ruth Fosler, Companion of our Grand Adah, who lost her battle to cancer this year.

To the members of Alpha Chapter No. 325 of Bellevue and Aksarben Chapter No. 277 of Omaha for sharing their undying support, encouragement and love as we saw the fulfillment of this year.

To Sister Isobel and Brother Chuck, you have given us your love, support and understanding; thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Betty Garwood, Past Grand Matron, will bring us our invocation.

Betty Garwood, Past Grand Matron:

Let us be in an attitude of prayer.

Gracious and merciful God, as we open this 2018 Session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star, we thank you for bringing us safely together once more to join our voices in celebration of fraternity, patriotism, charity, and Eastern Star love and friendships.

We rejoice in our joys and we thank you for good health and good fortunes. But keep those in need, wrapped in the arms of your love and tender care; heal our bodies, minds and troubled souls.

As we carry on with the business of this Grand Chapter, give us wisdom to make good decisions for the benefit of our Order and our members.

We count the limitless blessings of living in this great country and give thanks to you for those selfless warriors who have made those blessings possible. God Bless the U.S.A. God bless our world and every person whose heart beats strong with the love of country, family and fraternity. Help us be sensitive to and to fulfill, to the best of our abilities, the needs of every earthly brother and sister within and without the boundaries of our Eastern Star.

May all our acts be pleasing in your sight and bring honor and glory to Your Holy Name. Amen. (So may it ever be.)

The opening song, "God Bless the U.S.A." was sung by The Enchanters, a group of Eastern Star Brothers from Tangier Shrine Chanters Group of Omaha, Brothers Jim Carlton (325), Bernie Hauber (299), Bill Raymond (325), and George "Fritz" McMullin (325), accompanied by Mary Ann Stevens (189).

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

Have a great evening. The Grand Officers will retirel

The Grand Officers retired from the East and the formation participants exited the floor.

GRAND CHAPTER CALLED TO ORDER

Following the opening formations, the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Cheryl Beckius, Junior Past Grand Matron, and Brother Gary Brhel, Junior Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth to the East.

Cheryl Beckius, Junior Past Grand Matron:

To our guests, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Sister Betty Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Trustee; Sister JoAnn Sheppard, our Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, our many Distinguished Guests, our Sisters and Brothers, family and friends, **GOOD EVENING!** Brother Gary, good evening to you also. You know, Bernard and I were in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – you have to be careful saying that - two weeks ago for their "The Ties that Bind" Grand Chapter; and you and Pam were at Kansas Grand Chapter 3 weeks ago for their "Believe in God's Miracles" Grand Session, and now here we are, back in Kearney and ready to open this "God Bless the U.S.A." 143rd Grand Chapter Session of Nebraska. It just seems impossible for it to actually have been a whole year since we were welcoming everyone to our own "Trails of Faith Session", but here we are in this star spangled setting ready for another Grand Chapter Session.

Gary Brhel, Junior Past Grand Patron:

Welcome to our Distinguished Guests and my Sisters and Brothers, and good evening to you also, Sister Cheryl. It seems like only a year ago that we were just leaving the East – oh wait, it was just a year ago! I dream of this often. I believe that this 143rd annual session of our Nebraska Grand Chapter will be

enjoyable, satisfying, and I hope, inspiring. This is always a time to renew friendships and to make new friends. It is wonderful to see so many of you here and it is a privilege for me to join Sister Cheryl in welcoming you to the "God Bless the U.S.A." session.

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

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 Matron through the Labyrinth to the East. They ascended the dais and were given the Grand Honors by the members. The Grand Officers then assumed their stations and the Grand Pages exited the floor to assume their duties.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Wow! The view from the East is wonderful. I remember the first time I went to a Nebraska home football game. We walked up several stairs and then I saw the field and all I could say was, "Wow"!

It is a pleasure to be here tonight to enjoy this time and to enjoy everyone's company at the "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Session. It is with great honor that Jim and I, along with our Grand Family, have the pleasure to welcome you – our distinguished and honored guests, Sisters, Brothers, and friends to the 143rd Annual Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary, thank you both for opening our Session tonight. After traveling with both of you and Brother Bernie and Sister Pam, we missed having you on the trails with us this year, but while we were getting ready for this Grand Chapter Session, we understand why you wanted and needed a break.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
Thank you, Sister Cheryl and Brother Gary, for opening our tonight's session. We are pleased that Sister Cheryl agreed to do the task. Brother Gary, I watched when you performed your duties as Worthy Grand Patron, and I wish I could be as articulate as you. Thank you.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Patron:
After Sister Judy's and Brother Alvin's year in the East, I talked to Brother Jim Carlton, a member of my Eastern Star Chapter and told him what a great job the Choir did and if I was ever in the East – which I didn't think that was going to happen -- but I would love to have a choir as well. Of course, I was just kidding him because I never thought I would be in the East, but I've reminded him every year since and I'm so happy that they are with us again this year. Thank you all, very much! We will now be pleased to enjoy our "Star Studded" Choir.

(The choir performed the song: "What a Wonderful World".)

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you Choir, that was wonderful – and Brother Jim, I really loved kidding you about it all those years!

Grand Marshal Brother Bruce, 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 privilege it is to be living in America with the freedoms and liberties we enjoy. *(Applause)*

Sister Mary Ann, once again we thank you for being here to accompany us at our opening formations. Your talent and willingness to help others is amazing. Thank you for all you do. *(Applause)*

Brothers Jim, Bill, "Fritz" and Bernie, you will never know how pleased I was when you said that you would sing for us tonight. I have enjoyed your music and love the way you sang our theme song. *(Applause)*

Sister Betty Garwood, Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty is the Supreme Patriotism and Supreme Inspector for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska. Thank you, my dear friend! (Applause)

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. I asked each of our officers to write something that was memorable to them during the past year, but I also told them not to be surprised if you tweaked it a little just to add some humor. I didn't see anyone with a shocked look on their face, so you must not have changed too much. Thank you, Jim. (Applause)

Brother Reg, thank you for sharing your music with us during the prelude and for helping us open our session this evening. Is there anything you can't do? You're a Past Grand Master, currently the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and I'm sure you hold many other titles. *(Applause)*

Sisters Dee, Bev and Cyn, It seems like just yesterday that I asked one of you if it made a difference what color dresses we wore, and I was told to wear whatever color I wanted; they would make the formations work. I don't know how you do it, but in a short amount of time you took some of us who didn't know our left from our right at our visitations into a beautiful formation. Thank you for all you do! *(Applause)*

To our General Arrangements crew under the expertise of Chairman, Wayne Andreasen, and Co-Chairmen, Mike Donham…what a blessing to come into this room and find everything in perfect order. Younes is a beautiful venue, but I know it takes lots of hours to make it look like it does tonight. 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. *(Applause)*

Before my first year in the Grand Line, Brother Mike Donham was talking with my husband, saying they could sure use some help in setting up the Chapter Room that year – and I think it was the first year we were here at the Younes. We decided to come in a few days early and help where we could. After the Chapter Room was set up, Brother Wayne told me how much help my husband, Chuck, was and he hoped we would be there again next year to help. I chuckled to myself because Brother Wayne didn't know I was the Door Appointment and that we would, of course, be back the next year, and the next year, and the next year, etc. and we would be here as long as our health would allow.

To Brother Albert Fisher, a few years ago you were given the official title of "technical guru," and that is exactly what you are and so much more! What a treasure you are to us! Thank you for all you have done and will do in the next few days. You, along with your wife Wanda, are a blessing to our Order and Grand Chapter. *(Applause)*

To Brother Ed Nolte, a member of my own Chapter, thank you for honoring

our American Flag with the "Toast to the Flag" at one of our banquets. I always enjoy hearing you share that "Toast".

To Sister Marna and Brother Bill Raymond, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Alpha Chapter No. 325, please stand. They wanted to have the POW/MIA table not only as a tribute to Marna's cousin, Mike, but for all POW/MIA's. We are sure there are others within our OES family across this state with family members or friends who were POW/MIA, so this table is a tribute to all of them and countless others across our great nation. We hope that message is heard loud and clear – that we will never forget. You undoubtedly noticed this special table set at the banquet this evening. This table will be set up at two of our banquets during this Grand Chapter Session and it will be set up right outside the Grand Chapter Room. Thank you, Marna and Bill, for sharing this with us and setting this up. If you have a family member, friend, or know of someone who is a POW/MIA, please write their name and yours on a piece of paper and drop it in the basket in the lobby.

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. We are blessed to have each of you.

Please join with me in giving these dedicated Sisters and Brothers a hearty welcome and a big thank you. *(Applause)*

PRESENTATION OF GUESTS

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Now the time has come for us 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.

I have some thoughts to share tonight and those are: "Our abundant plains and mountains would yield little if it were not for the applied skill and energy of Americans working together as fellow citizens, bound up in common destiny. The achievement of brother- and sisterhood is the crowning objective of our society." That was said by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

GRAND OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE AF & AM OF NEBRASKA AND 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 behind Grand Esther's station:

From the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska: Right Worshipful Brothers Robert H. Moninger, Deputy Grand Master; Ronald D. Stites, Grand Senior Warden; James A. Carlton, Grand Junior Warden; Most Worshipful Brothers Reginald S. Kuhn, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary; Grand Worshipful Brother Charles J. Odorizzi, Grand Chaplain; Worshipful Brothers Russell G. Reno, Past Grand Master, Grand Historian; Alexander F. Straatmann, Grand Senior Deacon; John L. Millington, Grand Junior Deacon; Robert C. King, Grand Senior Steward; and David A. Wetrosky, Personal Representative of the Grand Master.

From the Grand York Rite of Nebraska: Sir Knight Cecil Smith, Right Emminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandary Knights Templar in

Nebraska; and Right Excellent Companion, Dennis Newman, Grand Secretary-Recorder, Grand York Rite of Nebraska.

From the Shrine: Potentate Illustrious Sir G.G."Ole" Friesen, Sesostris Shrine, Lincoln.

From the Daughters of the Nile: Her Majesties Donna Walter, Queen, Sat-Ra Temple #59, Omaha; and Sharon Yockers, Queen, Naphis Temple #66, Lincoln.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters, Brothers and Friends, we are honored by your presence. We share many of the same challenges, opportunities, goals and visions to make this world a better place. Thank you for your continued commitment to our Masonic Family.

The Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge, AF&AM of Nebraska and Headers of other Masonic Bodies were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Past Grand Masters

The Grand Conductress introduced the following Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, AF&AM, behind Grand Esther's Station: Most Worshipful Brothers Donald E. Rasmussen, Dwight E. Smith, James F. Brown, Jr., Reginald S. Kuhn, Russell G. Reno, Bruce A. Baker, and Dennis E. Rix.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Most Worshipful Sirs: Your presence here is most appreciated and we are honored to greet you.

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

Grand Master of Masons, AF&AM

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, Most Worshipful Brother Patrick D. Barger, was presented behind Grand Esther's station by the Grand Conductress.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Most Worshipful Sir, we are delighted to have you and your Grand Lodge Officers with us this evening. Congratulations to you and all the members of your Grand Family. We know how very busy your days are and we are honored by your presence.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Most Worshipful Sir, we are very pleased to welcome you this evening. Thank you for your continued support of the Masonic Family.

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

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Most Worshipful Sir, please bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge

and all Nebraska Masons.

Patrick D. Barger, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska:

Thank you both, so very much, Worthy Grand Matron and Patron. I am very humbled to be here tonight and want to thank you for this gracious invitation to attend your annual communication of Grand Chapter. You know they told me that I should come up tonight and say a few things about my year and say some all-inspiring words of leadership wisdom, but as I was standing there tonight holding the flag and I was listening to the gentleman who spoke earlier, and I was thinking about having been in the military 32 years and we were chatting about those "exotic expense-paid vacations and locations", *(laughter)* and I was reflecting on all of these courageous leaders that I have encountered in my travels. and the only one I can think of right now – the only courageous leader I can think of right now in my mind is our own Worthy Grand Matron. *(Applause)*

I hope – and I can tell you tonight, Anita, that you have inspired not only me as a leader of another Masonic organization in this State, but all Masons in Nebraska. So that being said, I want to congratulate you for such a wonderful and tremendous year you have had, and the incredible obstacles that you have surmounted, to still deliver that to your people. Let's give her one more round of applause. *(Applause)*.

So that being said, I bring greetings to you and every person in this room from all the 9,500 Masons across 123 Lodges in Nebraska. It is definitely an honor to be here tonight and it is definitely an honor to stand on the same stage with you – and with that being said, I am going to take my leave at this time. Thank you so much. *(Applause)*

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you so much -- thank you, Patrick for bringing greetings. Our Nebraska Masonic Fraternal Family is a very special family and we are pleased for the unity of our families working together.

You are all invited to remain on the stage until after our Youth Presentations if you would like.

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 Grand Esther's Station: Meghann McCurdy, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters International; Sister Joy Hartranft, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska; Kyle Barchus, State Master Councilor of DeMolay; Sister Kiley Simmons, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter, Job's Daughters International; Kristen Sanford, Miss Nebraska Congeniality, Job's Daughters International; Sisters Jill Melvin, Grand Guardian, Nebraska Job's Daughters International; Betty Garwood, Supreme Inspector and Supreme Patriotism, Nebraska International Order of the Rainbow for Girls; Brothers Paul Kenyon, Associate Grand Guardian, Nebraska Job's Daughters International; and Kevin Grazier, Executive Officer, Nebraska DeMolay.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

We are so happy to have you with us this evening – and these are Anita's

words – and you are going to laugh at this, but these are Anita's words and because of that you will see why I said that! "When I was much younger, (*Laughter)* I was told I was the face of the future and I thought that this is way too much pressure to put on a young person, but now I understand." She has a thought: "The power of youth is the commonwealth for the entire world. The faces of young people are the faces of our past, our present and our future. No segment in the society can match with the power, idealism, enthusiasm and courage of the young people." Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Youth Leaders and Adult Youth Leaders to the East.

They were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

We are so happy you are with us this evening and we invite you to bring greetings.

Kristen Sanford, Miss Congeniality, Nebraska Job's Daughters, we would love to hear from you.

Job's Daughters International

Miss Kristen Sanford, Miss Congeniality, Nebraska Job's Daughters International:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Friends and Family. Greetings from Nebraska Job's Daughters. The theme for our Grand year is, "Dream Big; Restart the World, and Shine Bright." Our projects this year are Hearts, Service, and Membership. We are reminded through these projects to dream big in order to make them possible; restart the world by reaching out to our community, and lastly, be reminded to shine bright through Brotherly Love and support of organizations like Eastern Star. Our goals for this year consist of raising $25,000 for HIKE, bringing in three new members per Bethel, and serving our community; and it is through your continued support, that we reach these goals. Thank you so much for all you do for Nebraska Job's Daughters. We would like to present you with this gift to show our gratitude. Thank you. *(Gift was presented to the Worthy Grand Matron.)*

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you.

Grand Worthy Advisor

Bev Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Miss Joy Hartranft, Rainbow Grand Worthy Advisor in Nebraska, would you please bring us greetings:

Sister Joy Hartranft, Grand Worthy Advisor in Nebraska, International Rainbow for Girls:

Good evening, Everybody. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Anita; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim; Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished Guests, and Friends; Thank you so much for inviting myself and our Supreme Inspector to this Grand Chapter. This past year, Nebraska Rainbow has been known to shower upon our Masonic Orders with our theme, "We are Family." I chose this theme because – well, most of you guys don't know me, but I love you; I really do. And when I thought of family, I know we always help each other grow stronger; we help each other no matter what, really. Our motto for this year is,

"Family is not always blood; it's who you love and who loves you back.", by Jacque Duchesne. Our symbol is a square compass and a star, because our Masonic youth would be nothing without our adult sponsorship. Our mascot is the pit bull, because just like our Masonic family, they're misunderstood. But once you get to know them, they are a really cool thing, you know. My colors are white, orange, and turquoise: White for Faith, because some of the main virtues that we hold together in our Masonic family; Orange for Enthusiasm, because you should be excited about where our family is – we should be excited that we are a family, right; and Turquoise is for Loyalty, because we don't give up on each other in this family, do we? No, no we don't. My flower is the forget-me-not, because as the story goes, in 1934 soon after Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany, it became evident that Free Masonry was in great danger. Realizing this danger, the Free Masons went undercover and adopted this flower, the forget-me-not. They chose the square and compass as a symbol, so that the Brethren could identify each other in public as well as those who were in the Concentration Camps in Europe. In 1948 following World War II, it became the official Masonic emblem in honor of the valiant Brethren who carried on the Masonic work under very adverse conditions.

This year Nebraska Rainbow has been collecting items and money for an Animal Rescue in Sioux City, Iowa. This is a foster-based animal rescue, and we had hoped to raise $1,000. So far, Nebraska has collected close to about 500 items and we've actually had one Assembly raise about $1,000 in just selling dog treats, which is pretty impressive, and we're very fortunate that they decided to do that.

Another one of our projects this year, is the Educational Fund. This is an interest-free loan for girls who are in college or enrolled in a college and need a loan to help pay for it..

Sister Anita, it has been a true honor to serve with you this past year, and to share things with you this past year. It is so much fun to share Grand Chapter with you. I love you so much! Thank you.

Bev Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Kristin, I neglected to say thank you and give you this, but we do appreciate you being here. And, Joy, I need to give you this – and thank you, Joy, for your words tonight. That gift is from Jim and Anita.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you. And Kyle – I don't want to mispronounce any names, Kyle Barchus, would you please bring greetings?

Kyle Barchus, State Master Councilor, Nebraska DeMolay:

On behalf of the Nebraska DeMolay, I would like to thank you for inviting me here today and to thank you for the support Eastern Star has given to DeMolay. We look forward to you continuing that support. If there is anything that DeMolay can for Eastern Star, please let us know. I hope you will have a great session and a successful year. Thank you.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you, Kyle, for representing DeMolay this evening. DeMolay is providing a great service for our young men, and its growth in Nebraska gives us something to ponder and emulate. Keep it going! Our Masonic Youth Groups do a wonderful job and they are going to honor us by performing a special ceremony on Patriotism.

Youth Groups Presentation on Patriotism

An American flag was placed on the floor north of center in the East and the Youth Leaders participated in the following presentation:

Kyle Barchus, State Master Councilor, DeMolay:
What is Patriotism? Well, Bill Vaughan once said, "A real patriot is the fellow who gets a parking ticket and rejoices that the system works!"

Meghann McCurdy, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters International:
When I think of Patriotism, I think of my family in the military. We often take for granted those who lay down their lives. Both of my great uncles served in Vietnam and my father was part of the military for 17 years. But intertwining paths between the military and my family, is something I am certainly proud of.

Sister Joy Hartranft, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Rainbow for Girls:
Patriotism is a kind of a hard concept to grasp; but for me, it is kind of up to interpretation. But to me, it's not about blinding loyalty, but it is about love and respect. This is why patriotism is so important, especially for the younger generation.

Kristen Sanford, Miss Congeniality, Job's Daughters International:
What do our youth organizations have to say about Patriotism? Kyle, what does DeMolay have to tell young men?

Kyle Barchus, State Master Councilor, DeMolay:
By placing the Crown of Youth, the jewel of patriotism, thousands of young men hardly older than ourselves, have proved their heroic devotion to their country by offering their lives in the defense of its honor. Many of them have made the supreme sacrifice and have helped win the blessings which we now enjoy. In all the crisis in the nation's history, youth has risen up as its defender. In their very veins flows patriotic blood, but let me urge upon you this thought, that there is a patriotism of peace as well as a heroism of war, and that good citizenship is the only opportunity peace affords for the display of this virtue. We are on the threshold of the duties and responsibilities of manhood and I commend to you most earnestly the virtue of good citizenship – that patriotism which will make you live worthily for your country as well as the die bravely for it, if the need shall come.
Job's Daughters has a flag ceremony. Kiley, Kristin, Meghann, could you tell us about that.

Sister Kiley Simons, Miss Nebraska Job's Daughter:
The Stars and Stripes stand for the land, the people, the government and the ideals of the United States. Its red signifies the courage and sacrifices of the nearly 45 million men and women who have defended our nation, and those who have shed their blood so that we might be free. The white represents the purity of our country's ideals and our desire for liberty. The 50 stars do not only symbolize our states, but as that great Mason, George Washington, stated, "they represent a new constellation in the universe; a beautiful new addition that through the goodness outshines the glow of every other nation." Its field of blue, which contains the stars, speaks to the strength and unity of our states and the vigilance to maintain our freedoms and justice. The colors belong to us all because we have ensured the preservation of these ideals for more than 200 years.

Kristen Sanford, Miss Congeniality, Job's Daughters International:

Our flag is the very fiber that binds us with our past and to those who have laid down their lives for our country. It stands in this room for liberty, freedom, the rights we enjoy, and a guarantee for protection. It symbolizes free elections, free speech, religious freedom, and the right to assemble, which brought us here today. It is a guarantee, a promise, and our protector.

Meghann McCurdy, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters International:

We proudly display our flag in this room today because it is the very basis of the very beliefs that are taught in Masonry, Eastern Star, and Job's Daughters. The lessons of Masonry are at one with this emblem. The red on our nation's flag is made even more brilliant by our commitment of preserving freedoms; the blue is even more richer because of the steadfastness to stand together for the United States; and the white is more stainlessly pure because of the actions of our Masons, Eastern Star members, and Job's Daughters, who live the lessons they are taught.

As members of the Masonic bodies, we are at one with each other, our country, and its symbol. Do we work together to fight the battle of those who would infringe on our freedoms and the freedoms of others? Are our actions as pure so that we may be a guiding force for those living in suffrage that they may continue to fight for our freedom?

These are hard questions, but they are the founding reasons why our country came into existence. Our forefathers were courageous to answer, "Yes". That is why this flag has stood for more than 200 years. May it continue to stand as a symbol for our country and a guiding light for all the world.

Joy, does Rainbow have anything to say about patriotism?

Sister Joy Hartranft, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls:

Patriotism -- in Rainbow tradition its color is indigo. It is an intensified color because it demands even a young life on the altar of sacrifice. The world is too prone to think when we speak of the battles fought, that the Manhood of the nation must form its first line of defense; but equally strong and true have always been that line of defense formed by Womankind. Hers is the first battle and hers is the first victory. It is the sister that kisses her brother goodbye, placing her sweet benediction upon his lips. He marches away under the flying colors to the sound of martial strains; but she, in the silence that follows, fights the first battle. Womanhood stands back of the ranks and holds up the flag at home. For if it were not for Womankind and the love that is centered in her realm, there would be nothing to incite him to deeds of bravery on the battlefield.

At this station, you dedicate your life to your country and its flag, the Stars and Stripes, symbol of American civilization, enlightenment, and liberty.

Ever lift your voice in its defense and if, in the years to come, should you be a wife and mother, let the lessons of the flag be sacred and let the lessons be taught therein. But whether the future shall have war or peace, there shall always be patriotism.

Revered W. Mark Sexton wrote this lesson of Patriotism when he founded our Order in 1922. Today, both women and men both serve our country and fight for our Nation's flag.

Kyle, have we answered your question?

Kyle Barchus, State Master Councilor, DeMolay:

Well, I think I have an answer: "We, the People of this great country,

recognize that we have responsibilities as well as rights. That our destinies are bound together. That our freedom which only asks, 'What's in it for me?', is a freedom without a commitment to others, is a freedom without love or charity or duty or patriotism; and is unworthy of our founding ideals and those who died." Calvin Coolidge said it simply, "Patriotism is easy to understand. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country."

God Bless America.!

Sister Joy Hartranft, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls:

God Bless America.!

Meghann McCurdy, Grand Bethel Honored Queen, Job's Daughters International:

God Bless America!.

ALL (In unison):

God Bless America!

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in thanking these young men and women for sharing their talents with us this evening. (*Applause)*

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you all very much for this special Presentation. Now, I would ask Joy, Meghann, Kristen, and Kyle to please join us here at the podium. Tonight Jim and I would like to present to each of your Organizations a check. 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, with our love and gratitude as you are our future! Thank you so much!

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Would our Adult Youth Leaders, Kevin, Betty, Jill and Paul, please come forward?

Our thanks to all of you for all you have done and continue to do for our kids and our Youth Organizations. We would also like to acknowledge all of our adult leaders who are here with us tonight. Our Youth Organizations are a very important part of our Masonic family, but nothing would happen if we didn't have the adult volunteers. Would everyone here in this room who has ever volunteered in any way with our youth, please stand? *(Applause)* What a very special group of people you are and we THANK YOU all for your dedication to our kids. Jim and I are included in this group as I know Jim was involved with the Jobie's for several years and I was involved with my husband in our local Rainbow Assembly for a few years and we have both judged or been a hall monitor at their annual sessions for the past several years. My husband, Chuck, is a Senior DeMolay. If you have never attended a Youth Organization's local meeting or gone to their annual session, I encourage you to do so. Our future is in very good hands, but they could still use our help. *(Applause)*

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

You know you may have already noticed, but our Youth Groups each have their display out in the hallway. So do take time to stop by, visit with the representatives who are there and feel free to take any information or petitions that they may have available. It's good information just to have on hand if you

come in contact with someone who would like to join. Just as we should carry petitions for becoming a Mason or Eastern Star member, we should be ambassadors for our Youth Organizations, as I know they would appreciate our help.

Sisters and Brothers, you will again unite with me in giving our Youth Leaders and Adult Leaders, and those who took part in the presentations this evening, a very sincere thank you!! *(Applause)*

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Heads of Other Masonic Bodies, and the Youth Leaders and Adult Leaders were seated in the Chapter Room.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

We will have a Presentation by the Service Dog Committee.

The Grand Chapter Service Dog Committee entered the Grand Chapter room holding props.

Paula Beezley , Service Dog Committee Chairman:

Good Evening, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, and Friends. I am Paula Beezley, Chairman of the Service Dog Committee. The other members of this fabulous committee are Sisters Beth Benson of Electa Chapter, Lorrie Bryant of Hooper Chapter, Nan Rix of Arbor Vitae Chapter, and Cathy Wagner of Sunflower Chapter. Since Beth and Lorrie were unable to be here this evening, Past Grand Matron Betty Kirby, and Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary Jan Thoman are assisting us in our short presentation. This committee has been working very hard this year. We invite you to stop by our information table out in the lobby. We have a packet of information for each Chapter, as well as a cute coin jar made by Sister Cathy Wagner, for you to take back to your Chapter. The packet includes information to help you get started raising funds for service and therapy dogs, a Frequently Asked Questions page and an informational brochure with fundraising ideas, Service Dog Etiquette, sample news articles to help to get the word out in your communities for your fundraisers, as well as other helpful information. We are also offering cute note cards, note pads, and t-shirts, all thanks to Sister Nan Rix and her creativity. There are also some raffle tickets for a cute dog wall hanging -- thanks to Cathy Wagner for making this wall hanging. Shortly, and some of you have already met “Louie”, and he would love to come to your Chapter and make a presentation for the Therapy and Service Dog Project. Since “Louie” can’t drive or talk, his Mom, Nan, will accompany him. Any one of the committee members would also be happy to visit your Chapter and make a presentation. All you need to do is ask. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to entertain you, tonight.

The Service Dog Committee completed their presentation by exiting to the song by the Choir, “How Much is that Doggy in the Window”.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Thank you for the presentation, we are pleased that this has become a permanent Committee for the Order of Eastern Star. At this time, probably everybody needs to stand for a second -- or maybe a minute. Turn around and say “Hi” to your closest neighbor. Okay, time’s up!

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

PRESENTATION OF GUESTS

The Grand Conductress was directed to open the Bible on the Altar.

General Grand Chapter Elected Officers

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress presented the Elected General Grand Chapter Officers: Sisters Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Wyoming; and Betty Briggs, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Iowa.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Nebraska. Sister Marianne, Wyoming is one of our neighbors to the West, and Sister Betty, Iowa is our neighbor on the East, and we feel just kind of snuggled right in there. Thank you for joining us this evening.

Sisters Marianne and Betty were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, were given the Grand Honors, and were seated in the East.

General Grand Chapter Appointed Officer

The Grand Conductress presented the General Grand Chapter Appointed Officer at the Altar: Sister JoAnn Sheppard, Right Worthy Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma.

Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron:
Sister JoAnn, we are happy that you could join us this evening. Welcome to Nebraska!

Sister JoAnn was escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, given Grand Honors, and was seated in the East.

General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, presented the following General Grand Chapter Ambassadors and Committee Members at the Altar: Brother Alvin Benemerito, Ambassador to the Philippines, Visayas and Past Grand Patron of Nebraska; Sister Dee Schuetz, Community Service Committee and Past Grand Matron of Nebraska; Brothers Jerry Jones, Credentials Committee and Past Grand Patron of Iowa; Jack Frantz, Eastern Star Journal Committee and Past Grand Patron of South Dakota; Larry Swaim, ESTARL Committee and Past Grand Patron of Kansas; Sister Nancy Ramthun, Regenerative Medicine Committee and Past Grand Matron of Iowa; Brothers Carl Plants, Scottish Rite Charities Committee and Past Grand Patron of Nebraska; Dennis

DeJoode, Support First Responders Committee and Past Grand Patron of Iowa; and Sister Wanda Fisher, Support First Responders Committee and Past Grand Matron of Nebraska.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sisters and Brothers, it is an honor to be appointed to a General Grand Chapter Committee. We are very proud of these dedicated members who have graced us with their presence here this evening.

The Ambassadors and General Grand Committee Members were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, greeted and given Grand Honors. They were then seated in the Chapter Room.

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: Sisters Mary Hayseldon, Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas; and Karlene Baylous, Worthy Grand Matron of Missouri; and Brothers Charles Young, Worthy Grand Patron of Iowa; Kenneth Sisemore, Worthy Grand Patron of Missouri; and David Spooner, Worthy Grand Patron of North Dakota.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

There is a special tie that binds us as Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of our respective jurisdictions. I am extremely pleased to have the honor of greeting you and welcoming you to Nebraska. I am so sorry that my health issues prevented me from attending many of your Grand Chapter Sessions during the past year, but please know my thoughts were with you during that time. I've missed seeing you over the past year. It's been great to see all of you again.

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, given Grand Honors, and then seated in the Chapter Room.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, presented 15 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar: Sisters Sherri Dusch, Past Grand Matron of Colorado; Mary Jane Young, Past Grand Matron of Iowa and Grand Representative of Nebraska in Iowa; Beverly Reinert, Past Grand Matron of Iowa and Grand Companion to Grand Electa; Nancy Keihne, Past Grand Matron of Iowa; Jane Green, Past Grand Matron of Iowa; Dolores Smith, Past Grand Matron of Kansas; Pam Abel, Past Grand Matron of Kansas; Wanda Ryan, Past Grand Matron of Kansas; Frances Carlson, Past Grand Matron of Michigan and Grand Representative of Nebraska in Michigan; Eileen Cornelius,

Past Grand Matron of Missouri and Grand Treasurer Emeritus; Cinda Reeder, Past Grand Patron of Missouri; Mary Sisemore, Past Grand Matron of Missouri; Diane Schmolze, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of New Jersey; and Brothers John Hauser, Past Grand Patron of Iowa; and Jack Padley, Past Grand Patron of Missouri.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron: Your presence here tonight not only strengthens the bond between our Grand Jurisdictions, but it exhibits the strong ties that the Order of the Eastern Star creates. Welcome to Nebraska.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron: Several of us served our years around the same time, but you finished your year before me.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Other Jurisdictions were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, given Grand Honors and were seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nebraska

Twenty-five Past Grand Matrons and Eleven Past Grand Patrons of Nebraska were presented at the Altar by the Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress: Sisters Carole DeMoss, Marie Rasmussen, Judy Bespalec, Bonnie Evans, Carol Luther, Mary Lou Erickson, Jeanine Bryceson, Susan Andreasen, Ann Wells, Joni Bennett, Mary Jo Peterson, Dee Schuetz, Cyn Norman, Jan Thoman, Betty Kirby, Betty Garwood, Wanda Fisher, Billie Mattern, Jerrie Wilcox, Carol Hudkins, Judy Wehrbein, Beverly Donham, Sharlene Coulter, Brenda McGuire, and Cheryl Beckius; and Brothers Charles Spohr, James F. Brown, Jr., Robert Rhodes, Robert Carhart, Don Jelinek, Lowell Erickson, Bruce Raddatz, Denny Smith, Jim Dusch, Delbert Rogers, and Gary Brhel.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Once again, I must say WOW! What a beautiful sight you are and what a valuable source of knowledge, wisdom, understanding and inspiration you are to all of us. I know that Brother Jim and I have depended on your wise counsel many times during the year and we can't thank you enough for always being there for us. Thank you dear friends!

Just a thought: To me a real patriot is like a real friend. Who's your real friend? It's the person who tells you the truth. That's who my real friends are. So, you know, I think as far as our country goes, we need more people who will do that.

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

Elected Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Conductresses, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, presented the Elected Grand Officers from other Grand

Jurisdictions behind Grand Esther's station: Sisters Jean Koss, Associate Grand Matron and District Instructor of Iowa; Garrie Oppitz, Associate Grand Matron of Kansas; Nancy Niday, Grand Secretary of Iowa; Karen Monteith, Grand Conductress of Kansas; and Debi Olson, Grand Conductress of Missouri; and Brothers Bruce Thomas, Associate Grand Patron of Iowa and Eagle to the Most Worthy Grand Patron; and Ron Kammerer, Associate Grand Patron of Kansas.

Beverly Donham, PGM, (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Welcome to Nebraska. Thank you for your dedication to our Order. We wish you much success in your Grand Jurisdiction and safe travels.

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

Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, presented the following Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions behind Grand Esther's station: Sisters Jonnetta Tyson, Grand Marshal of Iowa; Cindy Moore, Grand Marshal of Kansas; Tracy Hughes, Grand Organist of Alabama; Betty Lewis, Grand Adah of Alabama; Gale Masten, Grand Adah of Kansas; Rebecca Adams, Grand Adah of Missouri; Nancy Hayselden, Grand Esther of Kansas; Martha Foster, Grand Esther of Missouri; Robin Jackson, Grand Martha of Alabama; Becky Allen, Grand Martha of Kansas; Mary Keffer, Grand Electa of Kansas; and Wendy Cunningham, Grand Warder of Kansas; and Brother Mike Reeder, Grand Sentinel of Missouri.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Brother Mike, you are like the "lonely little petunia in the onion patch." *(Laughter)* We are delighted that you have come to be with us and it is with happy hearts that we bid you welcome to Nebraska! My hope is that each and every one of you have enjoyed your year as a Grand Officer and have many wonderful memories.

A little thought for you: With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.-- Eleanor Roosevelt.

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

General Grand Chapter Florida Committee Member

The Grand Conductress presented Sister Lora Mae Kraynick, Past Matron and Chairman, General Grand Chapter Florida Decorations Committee.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Thank you for coming to Nebraska. This Fall you are going to be very busy with decorations, and thanks again for coming.

The General Grand Chapter Florida Decorations Committee Member was escorted to the East, greeted, given a hearty welcome, and seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

General Grand Chapter Special Appointment

The Grand Conductress presented the General Grand Chapter Special Appointment behind Grand Esther's station: Sister Doris Riebel, Hummingbird to the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Hummingbirds are busy little birds and we are happy that you could fly right into Nebraska.

The General Grand Chapter Special Appointment was escorted to the East, greeted, given a hearty welcome, and seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

Grand Officers Emeriti

The Grand Conductress presented the following Grand Officers Emeriti behind Grand Esther's station: Sisters Cathy Wagner, Grand Secretary Emeritus; Connie Havekost, Grand Treasurer Emeritus and Grand Representative, South Carolina in Nebraska; Jan Barnard, Grand Treasurer Emeritus; and Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
You have completed your duties with dedication and dignity. What an outstanding example you have been. Thank you for your years of service.

The Grand Secretary Emeritus and Grand Treasurers Emeriti were escorted to the East, greeted, given a hearty welcome, and seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions

The Grand Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions were presented at the Altar by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. Those introduced representing Nebraska were: Brothers Ross Jackson, Alabama; and Dennis LeClert, California; Sister Rita Higgins, Florida; Brother Nelson Cornelius, Missouri; Sisters Linda Penin, New Jersey; Darleen Spooner, North Dakota; Diane Hershman, Ohio; Joanne Todd, Pennsylvania; and Brother Russell Myers, Wyoming.

Those representing other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions were: Sister Claudia Hauser, Nevada in Iowa; Brother Ronald Kribbs; Rhode Island in Missouri; and Sister Connie Keyt, Utah in Iowa.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
We extend to you a sincere welcome to Nebraska and our "God Bless the

U.S.A." Session. You are truly the "Ambassadors of Goodwill." I have enjoyed hearing from many of you and hope that your time as a Grand Representative will be among your most rewarding memories.

The Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, given Grand Honors, and then seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

Grand Representatives of Nebraska

Twenty-six Sisters and Brothers, representing other Grand Jurisdiction in Nebraska were presented at the Altar by the Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress:

Kelsey Larson ……	Alberta
Margaret Nelson ……..	Connecticut
Sarah Hobbie ……	Idaho
Erin Marr……..	Illinois
Jeanette Heese……..	Kentucky
Coralee Hayes……	Maryland
Karen Nichols…….	Massachusetts
Duane Heim……	Michigan
Christine Wood……..	Minnesota
Lori Nerud……..	Montana
Tamarra Engler……..	Nevada
Stacey Newcomb……..New Hampshire	
Carol Milander……...	New Jersey
Elizabeth VanSky…….	New York
Jim Gansemer……..	North Carolina
Gerald "Jerry" White…….	Ohio
Brenda Frank-Collins……	Oklahoma
Dan Watts……	Ontario
Julie Fowler…….	Pennsylvania
Elizabeth Charbonneau…….	San Paulo
Bernie Beckius……	Saskatchewan
Angela Keck……	South Dakota
Charleen Gausman……	Texas
(and District Grand Supervisor, District #6)	
Terri Sherman……..	Vermont
Gladys McCalla……	Wisconsin
Odey Ray……..	Wyoming

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

What a great group of Grand Representatives. I know you will enjoy your commission. A warm welcome to each of you.

The Grand Representatives of Nebraska were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East, were greeted and given Grand Honors, and then seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

DISTRICT GRAND SUPERVISORS

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

Becky Becker……	Dist. No. 1
Lauri Sieg……..	Dist. No. 2
Bev Pickering……	Dist. No. 3
Jean Smith……	Dist. No. 4
Dottie Arent……..	Dist. No. 5
Linda Dubry……..	Dist. No. 7
Wanda Retzlaff……	Dist. No. 9
Toby Varvais…….	Dist. No. 10
Peggy Hitchcock……..	Dist. No. 11
Julie Hornicek……..	Dist. No. 12
Sharon Eller…….	Dist. No. 13
Susie Baker……	Dist. No. 14
Andrea Stewart……	Dist. No. 15

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Now this is coming from Anita: "Thank you very much for all you do. You come to the School of Instruction and then you travel to your schools to pass that instruction on to our members. Sister Betty Kirby appointed me (Anita) as a District Grand Supervisor, and I thoroughly enjoyed those years. I hope you are enjoying yours."

The District Grand Supervisors were escorted to the East, greeted, given a hearty welcome, and then seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES AND INSTRUCTORS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand Conductress introduced Sister Jani Faris, District Deputy Grand Matron of Missouri.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Your office is almost identical to our District Grand Supervisors. You teach and assist the Chapters to which you are assigned. I know you travel many miles in the execution of your duties. Thank you for all you do.

The District Deputy Grand Matron of Missouri was escorted to the East, given a hearty welcome, and seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

Beverly Donham, PGM, (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Sister Marianne Ann Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, may we hear from you?

Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of The General Grand Chapter:

Thank you, Sister Beverly.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Fellow General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: Hi, neighbors!

If you have been having great weather lately, you can thank Wyoming because every weather we've had, you have shortly thereafter. It is wonderful to be here with you at your one hundred forty-third Grand Chapter Session, "God Bless the U.S.A.".

Thank you for this opportunity to greet my Sisters and Brothers. Again, the

Chapter Room is beautiful; many hands working together have made it work so great.

Thank you for all the courtesies that have extended to me. My visit is a bit short at this time – I will be leaving after lunch tomorrow as I am sure you can understand, it is a mighty busy at my house.

I congratulate Nebraska on your year of service, knowing that it has not been an easy one. But one of your Scriptures: "With God, all things are possible," I hope has served as your guiding light. The support of your three Youth Groups has been wonderful, as well as the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. Thank you for all you have done this year in the name of Nebraska Eastern Star.

I would like to take this time to especially thank Sister Betty Kirby, General Grand Chapter Committee on Service Dogs, and her co-workers, Brother Alvin Benemerito and Laura Chytka, on behalf of the big kick-off of the Service Dog Program that we will have in Orlando on November 1, 2018. They have spent a great deal of time and effort this year for the Service Dogs and I truly appreciate their efforts. The Service Dog presentation that you had earlier this evening was wonderful. Nebraska is a true leader in this initiative and I thank you for that. Thank you for all of your support for this primary, permanent, and identifying charity of Service Dogs for Eastern Star. This program's support in making a difference in the lives of those we help is extraordinary, and as we build on our successes the program will bring us the much needed public awareness and publicity about our Order and the good work we do. Supporting the Service Dogs is easy; what they are and what they do is easily recognizable and fun to talk about. We have found in our communities across the land the perfect charity for us at this time when we are in serious need of public recognition about what we do in the Order to rebuild our organization. Thank you again, my Nebraska Sisters and Brothers, for your efforts.

I would like to tell you just a little bit about the 2018-2021 Triennial, and before I get down to what I know you are waiting to hear about, and those who have been appointed to serve during the Triennium, my theme will be, "Circle of Friendship and Service Around the World." The Installation of General Grand Chapter Officers will be held on November 1, 2018, in Orlando, Florida, and each and every one of you is personally invited by me to attend – I'd love to see you there. Then, in 3 short years, the 2018-2021 Triennium Assembly will be held from October 29th through November 5th, 2021, at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, and again, it would be really wonderful to see you all there. Oftentimes, I have heard – at least in Wyoming I've heard, "I won't be alive in 2021." Yes, you will; 2021 is not that far away; and I have made a promise of oxygen, wheelchairs, assistance; and if needed, recliners (laughter) -- but I just want you to come. I really seriously invite you to go to our installation and our Triennial Assembly and I do look forward to seeing you there.

Okay, each jurisdiction has an appointment on the Service Dog Committee and each jurisdiction has a Most Worthy Grand Matron Special Appointment called, "A Campfire Friend," and your appointments have done a great job of keeping their news under their hats, so this is going to be fun. And if there is no objection, I would like for you to please come and line up in the West and then be assisted to the East – if there is no objection:

(The General Grand Appointees and 2018 through 2021 Tri-Line Grand Officers lined up in the West and then were presented in the East.)

Marianne Shennefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, GGC:

This Past Grand Matron's friendliness and helpful manner is perfectly suited

to her duties as Ambassador to the Philippines, Luzon, **Sister Jan Thoman**.

Capable and reliable, this Past Grand Matron will be an asset to Appeals and Grievances Committee, **Sister Sharlene Coulter**.

This Past Grand Matron's dedication and enthusiasm will be an welcome addition to the Eastern Star Journal Committee, **Sister Cynthia "Cyn" Norman.**

This Past Grand Matron is "doggone" ready to serve and excited about doing her part as a member of the lead committee, the Service Dog Committee, **Sister Judy Wehrbein**.

Caring and hardworking, this Past Grand Matron will serve well on the Youth Committee, **Sister Beverly D**onham.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron's Special Appointment is dependable and always ready to help Past Matrons, Nebraska's "Campfire Friend" is **Sister Laurie Sieg**.

The three Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons – the Tri-Line for 2018-2021 -- are part of the family, too, and I would like to welcome them at this time: **No. 1, Worthy Grand Matron Sister Candace Martin and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Harold Terry; No. 2, Worthy Grand Matron Sister Karan Birdsall and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bruce Baker; and No. 3, Worthy Grand Matron Sister Dottie Arent and Worthy Grand Patron Brother David Wetrosky**.

Look at this wonderful crew. They are ready, willing and excited to serve the General Grand Chapter and to represent Nebraska to the World. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. Please give them a hand.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

What an honor for these Nebraska members.

Response from Distinguished Guests

Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron:

It is now my pleasure for me to introduce to you our dear friends: Sister Jane Green, Past Grand Matron, and Brother John Hauser, Past Grand Patron, of Iowa, who will respond on behalf of all of our Distinguished Guests.

Jane Green, Past Grand Matron of Iowa:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. It is an honor, pleasure, and privilege for John and me to respond on behalf of all the Distinguished Guests. Sister Anita and Brother Jim, thank you for your warm and friendly welcome to your "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Chapter Session. John and I were so excited when you asked us to jointly give this response.

Anita, you and I have worked together closely through our years to Worthy Grand Matron of our respective states. You and Sister Sandy Vennerman, Past Grand Matron of South Dakota, planned our three-state exchange and exemplified the Degrees in each of our states in September of 2017. That was one of the neatest highlights of my year. I heard so many positive comments about our working together and having so many members from each of our states to be in attendance. Sister Anita, I hope that your "God Bless the U.S.A." year has been all that you had envisioned it and more.

On behalf of the Distinguished Guests, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you this token of our appreciation, admiration, and love. Our wish for you is that your session will be all that you had hoped it would be. Thank you, dear friend, for giving me this special honor.

John Hauser, Past Grand Patron of Iowa:

Brother Jim and Sister Anita, we have known each other for many years and it is an honor to be a part of your Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for honoring those who are serving or have served in the military. You both should feel a great deal of accomplishment as you have worked to spread friendship, love, and laughter at every visitation and here at your Grand Chapter.

Brother Jim, on behalf of the Distinguished Guests, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present you with this token of our appreciation, admiration, and love. Our wish for you is that your Session will be all that you had hoped it would be. Thank you for giving Sister Jane and me the chance to honor the both of you here.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Jane and Brother John, I have enjoyed the friendship that has grown between us and I'm thankful our Eastern Star paths have crossed. It actually seems like we just got acquainted and were talking about our plans for the coming years and here I am finishing up my "God Bless the USA" Grand Session. So here we are, at the end of those busy, busy years. Having you bring the response on behalf of our Distinguished Guests tonight makes the evening beautiful and complete.

Thank you Sister Jane and Brother John. Thank you so much!

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Brother John, you have caught me completely off guard! Sister Jane and Brother John, I join with Sister Anita in thanking you both for responding on behalf of the distinguished guests and for the love gifts. We have a special relationship with Iowa, and enjoy our visits across the mighty MO. Thank you.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters KARAN and DOTTIE, our Grand Conductresses, what a joy to watch the two of you work tonight. You were truly grand, and you have my love and thanks. Thank them for a wonderful job! *(Applause)*

And, Sister CYNTHIA, our Grand Organist, and our Parliamentarian -- another one of our members who is multi-talented. You have added so much to our informal opening with your beautiful music. Thank you so much! *(Applause)*

The Grand Conductress was instructed to close the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Secretary announced lost and found items, and also thanked the Past Grands Association for the flowers that were displayed in the East. She also introduced Sister Peggy Hitchcock, the Session Nurse on duty for the Grand Chapter Session.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

The Worthy Grand Patron and I are so pleased that you have shared this evening with us. We hope that we will see many of you bright and early tomorrow morning at the Grand Representatives Breakfast.

And then, at 8:15 a.m., we invite you all to be right back here to enjoy the music of Sister Linda Dubry. In the lobby, there is a box with small American flags. As you leave this evening, please take one or two and take them home to your Chapter and community to share our patriotism.

I ask you to please remain seated until the Grand Officers have retired.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Grand Marshal, you will proclaim the 143rd Grand Chapter Session called from labor to rest, to reconvene at 8:30 tomorrow morning.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the 143rd Grand Chapter Session called from labor to rest to reconvene at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday morning, May 9th, 2018. The Grand Officers retired after the closing march.

SESSION COMMITTEES

Candidate Hosts

Isobel Taylor (277)……Omaha
Chuck Sohm (325) …… Bellevue
Roby Mason (94) …….. Lincoln

Credentials

Linda Teach (194), Co-Chm .....Wayne
Dianne Wiberg (55, 41) ..... Ord
Andi Carpenter (92)..... Fremont
June Nielsen (142, 262) ..... Ogallala
Patsy Kuhl (159)..... Bloomfield
Kathy Meink (159) ..... Crofton
Tonya Breitkreutz (194).....Wayne
Marilyn Carhart (194) .....Wayne
Charlene Schroeder (194) ..... Wakefield
Betty Kenyon (214).....Mitchell
Barbara Wood (279,233) .....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

Brenda McGuire, P.G.M., Co-Chm ..... McCook
Cheryl Beckius, P.G.M., Co-Chm.....Keystone
Suzanne Byler (9).....Beatrice
Fran Crowe, P.G.P.....McCool Junction
Bruce Raddatz, P.G.P..... Holdrege
Sandra Raddatz (35)..... Holdrege
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. ..... Exeter
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 Hitchcock (113) ..... Ainsworth

General Arrangements
Wayne Andreasen (84), Co-Chair ..... Norfolk
Michael Donham, P.G.P. Co-Chair ..... Omaha
Keith Lindvall (35) ..... Kearney
Jamie Janovec (94) ..... Lincoln
Greg Mason (94) ..... Lincoln
Robyn Mason (94) ..... Lincoln
Allan Guern (114) ..... Gretna
Gloria Guern (114) ..... Gretna
Betty Kirby P.G.M. ..... Lincoln
John Kirby (153) ..... Lincoln
Herbert Coulter (216) ..... Blair
Albert Fisher (261) ..... Thedford
Wanda Fisher, P.G.M. ..... Thedford
Bill Engler (299) ..... Omaha
Tamarra Engler (299) ..... Omaha
Chuck Sohm (325) ..... Bellevue

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
Bev Donham, P.G.M. ..... Omaha
Cyn Norman, P.G.M. ..... Lexington

Page Coordinators
Kristi Vandergriff (277)..... Omaha
Becky Baker (325)..... Bellevue
Kathy Hartmann (122) .....Fremont

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

Registration
Joyce Porter (189), Co-Chm..... Plattsmouth
Bridget Anderson (8), Co-Chm .....Lincoln
Diane Brown (271),.....Red Lodge MT
Ilah Anderson (8).....Lincoln
Janice Carskadon (13) ..... Columbus
Betty Bierman(39, 35)..... Kearney
Gayle Casey (189)..... Plattsmouth
Tonya Breitkreutz (194) ..... Wisner
Marilyn Spohr (250).....Weeping Water
Melinda Brage (271).....Lincoln
Mary Ann Townsend (271) .....Lincoln
Maril Hauber (299)..... Omaha

Tellers
Don Havekost (122), Co-Chm..... Hooper
Wendell Wagner (214,122), Co-Chm. .....Fremont
Susie Baker (39)..... Ainsworth
Bernie Beckius (142) ..... Keystone
John Kirby (153) .....Lincoln
Gene Wehrbein (189) ..... Louisville
Gene Frizzell (215).....Scottsbluff
Dennis Dubry (260) .....Bayard
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

The "Star Studded Chorus"
Choir Director
Jim Carlton (325)..... Bellevue
Accompanist
Mary Ann Stevens (189)……..Plattsmouth

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 2018
8:15 A.M.

At 8:15 a.m., the membership enjoyed special music by Sister Linda Dubry (261, 260, 214).

At 8:30 a.m., the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Brenda McGuire, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Delbert Rogers, Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth to

the East. Sister Brenda 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.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers. It was wonderful to see so many of you last night at the "My Country 'Tis of Thee" Membership Banquet. I hope you slept well and fast. I know that morning came pretty early for those of you who joined us at the Grand Representatives' Breakfast. What a lovely way to begin our day for our 143rd "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Chapter Wednesday morning Session.

Thank you, Sister Linda, for your beautiful music.

Sister Brenda and Brother Delbert, or as we call him, "Mr. Rogers," -- thank you for opening this morning Session. I was happy to share the "Beauty of the Star" Session with you and equally happy that you could start our Wednesday morning for us. Thank you.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers. Sister Brenda and Brother Delbert, thank you for opening our Wednesday morning session. It is a good thing we are all early risers. What a great way to start our day!

FORMAL OPENING

The Worthy Grand Matron directed all who were not members to retire and 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 2017-2018 Grand Officers then proceeded with the Opening Ceremony of the one hundred forty-third annual session of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star. The Grand Conductress was instructed to open the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Chaplain gave the ritualistic opening prayer, the opening ode, "Glory, Glory Hallelujah," 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 States Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

We will begin this morning with Introductions of our Guests.

PRESENTATION OR INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED PAST GRAND PATRONS

The Grand Conductress introduced Brothers Michael Donham and

DeLoyt Young, Past Grand Patrons. They were escorted to the East, greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, given Grand Honors, and seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

GRAND PAGES

The Grand Conductress introduced the Grand Pages of the "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Chapter Session behind Grand Esther's station.

Tami Stites (325), Papillion ..... Page for Worthy Grand Matron
Elizabeth Van Sky (325), Papillion ….. Page for Worthy Grand Matron
Lynda Kessler (277), Omaha……. Page for Worthy Grand Patron
Diane Wilson (122), Fremont……Page for Associate Grand Matron
KayLoni Triplett (269), Carter Lake IA Page for Associate Grand Patron
Sue Kittinger (199), Lincoln …….. Page for Grand Secretary
Lori Nerud (214), Bayard…….. Page for Grand Treasurer
Laurie Sieg (271), Lincoln……..Page for Grand Conductress
Mary Ritter (113), Ainsworth…... Page for Associate Grand Conductress
Tamara Engler (299), Omaha…… Page for Grand Chaplain
Dian Larsen (39), Juanita…….. Page for Grand Marshal
Vernita "Neta" Ridinger (55), North Platte……..Page for Grand Organist
Terre Cowan (132), Lincoln……Page for Grand Adah
Gayle Casey (189), Plattsmouth…….Page for Grand Ruth
Tara (Susie) Luchtel (502), Sioux City, IA……..Page for Grand Esther
Angie Keck (84), Plainview……..Page for Grand Martha
Diane Frahm (84), Plainview…….Page for Grand Electa
Laurel Wolfe (299), Omaha…….Page for Grand Warder
Amy Shirley (1), Nebraska City…… Page for Grand Sentinel
Ruth Negus (277), Omaha…….. Page for Distinguished Guests

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

How can we say thank you enough! Your smile shines through as you stand there waiting for us to come out on the floor. You take your place at our side and glide us across the floor with love and care. You are a blessing to us. Thank you for your time, encouragement, and commitment!

The Grand Pages were given a hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

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 Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress. The following Sisters and Brothers served as Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels for the 143rd Grand Chapter session. **Those printed in bold were present for introduction:**

Assistant Grand Warders

Anne Phillips (325), Co-Chairman	Bellevue
Heather Palmer, Co-Chairman	Bellevue
Suzanne Byler (9)	Beatrice
Joyce Quaring (41)	Shelton
Joyce Roberts (92)	Fremont
Bonnie Forney (92)	Fremont
Jerrie Wilcox, PGM (114)	Ralston
Joy Boyer (134)	Hyannis
Shari Craig (134)	Hyannis
Carrie Knapp (142)	Paxton
Pam Lindholm (153)	Lincoln
Mary Ellen Kilmer (214)	Mitchell
Chris Kennedy (263)	Brownville
Barbara Wood (279, 233)	Benkelman
Laura Uberheim (301)	Sioux City
Shirley Devasure (299)	Omaha
Krystal Bogdahn (325)	Bellevue
Sarah Bogdahn (325)	Bellevue
Deb McMullin (325)	LaVista
Sheli Rice (325)	Bellevue

Assistant Grand Sentinels

Rick Baker (325) Co-Chairman	Bellevue
Bill Engler (299) Co-Chairman	Omaha
Keith Lindvall (35)	Kearney
Dennis Newman (52)	Papillion
Roy Phillips (55)	North Platte
Kenneth Schultz (93)	Grand Island
Don Havekost (122)	Hooper
H. John Kirby (153)	Lincoln
Cecil Smith (189)	Plattsmouth
Gene Wehrbein (189)	Louisville
Marlin Krull (198)	Lincoln
Wendell Wagner (214,122)	Fremont
Gene Frizell (215)	Scottsbluff
Elmer Huffman (216)	Blair
Dennis Dubry (260,215)	Bayard
Ken Sieg (271)	Lincoln
Keith Wood (279,233)	Benkleman
Bernie Hauber (299)	Omaha
George "Fritz" McMullin (325)	Lavista
Brandon VanSky (325)	Papillion
Eric VanSky (325)	Papillion

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you to the Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels. Without your willingness to guard our doors, our meetings would not be secure.

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

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

After receiving instructions from the Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Conductresses presented the following members from the General Arrangements Committee. Those printed in bold were present for introduction: **Wayne Andreasen (84), Co-Chair; Michael Donham, PGP. Co-Chair; Keith Lindvall (35);** Jamie Janovec (94)**; Allan Guern (114); Gloria Guern (114);** Betty Kirby, PGM. **(**153); **John Kirby (153); Herbert Coulter (216); Albert Fisher (261);** Wanda Fisher, PGM**; Bill Engler (299); Tamara Engler (299); and Chuck Sohm (325).**

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

WOW! What a wonderful group! You take an empty room and transform it into a beautiful Grand Chapter Room, and this is completed in a short amount of time! When you walk into a room and roll up your sleeves, you make things happen! We thank you for all you do.

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

MARCH DIRECTORS AND FORMATION ORGANIST

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

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Well done, Ladies. You always come up with interesting and challenging marches. Thank you for your patience and understanding with those of us who have two left feet. Thank you.

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 Sisters Kristi Vandergriff, Becky Baker, Kathy Hartmann, and Jessica Hochstein.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Kristi, Becky, Kathy, and Jessica, thank you for accepting this awesome job. You find us, count us, put us in line, and hope if you leave us for a minute, that we stay in line. You make us look great and I know the Conductresses appreciate you! Thanks again.

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

STANDING, SPECIAL, SESSION AND OTHER COMMITTEES

The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to introduce the Chairpersons of the Standing, Special, Session, and other Committees. She was assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress. Those printed in bold were introduced on the Grand Chapter floor by the Grand Conductress: **Sister Jan Barnard,** Board of Trustees**;** Sister Kathy Hartmann**,** Benevolence; Sister Julie Hornicek, Educational Loan Fund; Sister Charlene Gausman, ESTARL; Brother Keith Lindvall, Membership; Emily Schoenleber, Publicity; Brother Ron Nielsen, Scholarship; Kimberly Ouderkirk, Youth; A. J. Johnson, Fraternal Relations; **Sisters Margaret McCall and Nellie Frizzell,** Special Projects, Wounded Warrior Family Support/Silent Auction; Sister Kerri Straub, Webmaster and Masonic Event Calendar; **Brother Jim Carlton,** Choir Director; Sisters Linda Teach and Dianne Wiberg, Credentials; **Wanda Fisher, PGM,** Dispensations and Charters; **Sister Cynthia Timmermier,** Parliamentarian; **Sisters Joyce Porter** and Bridget Anderson, Co-Chairs, Registration; Brothers Don Havekost and Wendell Wagner, Tellers.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
You are the backbone of our Chapters. Your ideas and execution of your plans keep our Grand Chapter fresh and moving into the future. Thank you.

Those chairmen present from the Standing, Special, Session, and Other Committees were given a hearty welcome and returned to their seats in the Grand Chapter Room.

GRAND COMPANIONS

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, introduced the Grand Companions to the 2017-2018 Grand Officers behind Grand Esther's station. The following were introduced: Brother Chuck Sohm, husband of the Worthy Grand Matron; Sister Isobel Taylor, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Linda George, Friend of the Associate Grand Matron; Sister Sue Terry, wife of the Associate Grand Patron; Brother Tim Birdsall, husband of the Grand Conductress; Sister Cyn Norman, PGM, wife of the Grand Chaplain; Sister Susie Baker, wife of the Grand Marshal; Brother John Timmermeier, husband of the Grand Organist; Sister Sarah Hobbie, Friend of Grand Adah; and Brother Duane Heim, husband of Grand Ruth.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
To our Flag Wavers: Thank you for keeping us on track, on time, and on the right roads. Thank you for being you!

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
What a wonderful family of friends! Thank you for all you have done to make their lives easier and everything you have done for me!

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

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, introduced the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2017 and 2018 from Chapter No.'s 1 through 325. Sixty-two Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were present on the floor. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron went down to the floor to greet them.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Good Morning. You are truly awesome. You are the true backbone of this Grand Chapter, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Subordinate Chapters. Thank you for all that you do and welcome to your Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were given a hearty welcome and then each passed by the microphones at Grand Adah's and Grand Electa's stations, gave their name, Chapter name, number, location of their Chapter, and the year they served as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron. They each were given a gift by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron before being seated. Listed below are those who participated as Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons at the one hundred forty-third Grand Chapter Session and those Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons who attended and were participating in other capacities.

2017-2018 Participating Worthy Matrons:

Rebecca Guss (6,299) …… Omaha
Denise Laguex (8,271) ..... Lincoln
Ada Marsh (13)…… ..... Columbus
Melva Kube (40) ..... Norfolk
Karen Phillips (55) .....North Platte
Carol Hudkins, PGM (132)..... Malcolm
Cheryl Beckius, PGM (142) ..... Keystone
Carol Hardy (189) .....Plattsmouth
Cathy Wagner (214,122) ..... Fremont
Rebecca Flores (299) .....Omaha
Marna Raymond (325).....Bellevue
Suzanne Byler (9)..... Beatrice
Joyce Quaring (41)..... Shelton
Jessica Hochstein (92) ..... Fremont
Anita Schultz (93) .....Grand Island
Peg Gross (113) .....Ainsworth
Candy Martin (122)……..Hooper
Kathy Hartmann (122) ..... Fremont
Susan Olson (131)..... Tekamah

Pam Lindhelm (153) ..... Lincoln
Carrie Knapp (142) ..... Paxton
Gayle Casey (189).....Plattsmouth
Tonya Breitkreutz (194) ..... Wisner
Jean Smith (198) ..... Lincoln
Charleen Gausman (199) .....Milford
Tracey Hefner (200)..... Archer
Ruth Batie (204)..... Doniphan
Lori Nerud (214)..... Bayard
Karen Nichols (215) .....Scottsbluff
Margaret Nelson (216)…… .Blair
Linda Dubry (260) ..... Bayard
Coralie Hayes (264)..... Chappell
Carole Thompson (268).....Superior
Jean Crary (271)..... Lincoln
Lynda Manning (277).....Omaha
Kristi Vandergriff (277).....Omaha
Barbara Wood (279,233) .....Imperial

2017-2018 Participating Worthy Patrons:

Deloyt Young, PGP (55).....North Platte
Gary Brhel, PGP (132)..... Lincoln
Herb Coulter (216)..... Blair
Albert Fisher (261,153) ..... Thedford
Edgar Flores (299).....Omaha
Don Jelinek, PGP (307,271) ..... Lincoln
Bill Raymond (325) .....Bellevue
David Wetrosky (1) ..... Nebraska City
Gerald White (41) ..... Grand Island
Dennis Newman (52) .....Papillion
Ken Schultz (93) ..... Grand Island
Mike Hitchcock (113) .....Ainsworth
Wendell Wagner (122,214)..... Fremont
Bernard Beckius (142) ..... Ogallala
Herbert Bose (175)……Laurel
Gene Wehrbein (189) .....Plattsmouth
Delbert Rogers, P.G.P (213).....Franklin
Herb Coulter (216)..... Blair
Dennis Dubry (260, 215)..... Bayard
Albert Fisher (261, 153) ..... Thedford
Harold Terry (269) .....Omaha
Matthew Vandergriff (277) .....Omaha
Keith Wood (279).....Imperial

TRIBUTE TO OUR SECRETARIES, WARDERS AND SENTINELS

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Anita chose this year to honor the station of the Secretaries. This was an

office that she held in her own Chapter and thoroughly enjoyed. The Grand Secretary and Chapter Secretaries are very important to our Chapters. Our Grand Secretary, Sister Jan Thoman, will now have a tribute for the Secretaries:

Tribute to Subordinate Chapter Secretaries

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:

The Secretary holds one of the most important offices in a Chapter. Your duties are essentially of a business nature and can be very demanding. This is a poem that helps describe your office:

S is for Secretary, an office of great renown.
E is for Efficiency, each detail written down.
C is for Courtesy, which she extends to all.
R is for her Readiness to give the best to every call.
E is for Earnestness displayed in every act.
T is for the Truthfulness, which she never lacks.
A is for many Aims she helps us to accomplish.
R is for the Richness with which she fills each wish.
Y is for her Yearbook, our history that it fills.
We now have spelled out Secretary, the office of many skills.

We pay a special tribute too
To say how grateful we are to you….
"Crossed Pens", we know, are blessed from above,
Because like Electa, they reflect your "love".

On behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and all of the members of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, thank you, Chapter Secretaries.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to introduce the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries for 2017-2018 behind Esther's Station, one of the honored stations for this year. The Associate Grand Conductress assisted.

Beverly Donham, PGM, (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Sister Secretaries, we know how important, as Jan said, this "job" is! Please join with me in giving them a hearty welcome.

Twenty-four honored guests passed by the stations of Grand Adah and Grand Electa and gave their name, Chapter name and number, and the years of service. They were given another hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter.

Tributes to Subordinate Chapter Warders and Sentinels

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

The station of Warder was my first office. I learned early on the importance of the stations of the Warder and the Sentinel. You are the ones who keep our Chapters safe from intrusions and interruptions. Thank you for accepting these appointments when you were asked.

Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron:

Now, Grand Warder Sister Sharon Eller and Grand Sentinel Brother David Wetrosky have a special tribute for these two honored stations.

Sharon Eller, Grand Warder:

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Grand Warder with the "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Family. Worthy Grand Matron Anita and Worthy Grand Patron Jim have chosen to honor the station of Warder at this Grand Chapter Session. As your Grand Warder, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to the gatekeepers within our Chapter rooms.

Working closely with our Sentinels to maintain the peace and efficiency of the work of our Chapters, we greatly appreciate the dedication of you, our Warders, the gatekeepers within our Chapter Room doors. Trustworthy and reliable, your service to our Chapters assures us that we will be safe and secure from any unexpected intrusion, allowing the harmony of our Chapter meetings to prevail.

Sister and Brother Warders, we thank you for your dedicated service to our Chapters. Your station is important for preserving our secrecy and assuring us that peace and harmony will surround us. You are most deserving of this tribute and we give you our heartfelt thanks.

David Wetrosky, Grand Sentinel:

It has been my honor to serve as Grand Sentinel for the past year. Worthy Grand Matron Anita and Worthy Grand Patron Jim have chosen the station of Sentinel to be honored at this Grand Session. As Grand Sentinel, it is my pleasure to pay tribute to this important station.

As the outer guard to our Chapter room, the Sentinel plays a very important role in insuring that our Chapters are able to perform their business in an efficient manner. Our Chapters rely on you to preserve the secrecy, which is essential to our proceedings. You also provide the protection to insure that our ceremonies are not interrupted by untimely alarms. Although you are often out of sight from the other Chapter members, the role you play in insuring that our Chapters run smoothly should never be underestimated.

Sister and Brother Sentinels, we offer our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation for all you do to make our Chapters complete and functional. Thank you and enjoy this honor given to you today.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to introduce the 2017 and 2018 Subordinate Chapter Warders and Sentinels, the other Honored Stations for this year's Grand Chapter. The Associate Grand Conductress assisted. The following were introduced: Brother Larry Hudkins (132), Milford, Warder; Mary Ellen Kilmer (214), Mitchell, Sentinel; Amy Goode (217), Omaha, Sentinel. They were given a hearty welcome and seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

The "Star Studded Choir" presented a special song, "Sentimental Journey," for the Honored Stations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Star Studded Choir, for that special music. 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, PGM and Grand Secretary:
Worthy Grand Matron, **I move the minutes of the 142nd Grand Chapter Session as printed in the proceedings and distributed and be approved**.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
I second the motion.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the 142nd Grand Chapter Session as printed in the proceedings. Is there discussion? (No discussion.)

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
All those in favor, raise your voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. Cards down. **The motion has been approved, Sister Grand Secretary**.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Grand Secretary, is there any other Unfinished Business?

Jan Thoman, PGM and Grand Secretary:
Worthy Grand Matron, **I move the minutes of the 141st Grand Chapter Session be approved as printed in the proceedings**.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
I second the motion.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand matron:
It has been moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the 141st Grand Chapter Session as printed in the proceedings. Is there any discussion? (No discussion) All those in favor, raise your voting cards. Cards down. Those opposed, same sign. Cards down.
The motion has been approved, Sister Grand Secretary.
Is there any other unfinished business? (None heard.)

Appointment Changes

Anita Sohm, 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 found they were able to participate or were inadvertently omitted from the program:
Sister Laura Kilmer, Worthy Matron, Myrtle Chapter No. 94
Sister Laura Uberheim, Assistant Grand Warder, Friendship Chapter No. 122
Sister Linda Kneebone, Worthy Matron, Laura Chapter No. 301
Sister Jessica Hochstein, Page Coordinator, Arbor Vitae No. 92
Brother George Kneebone, Grand Representative North Dakota in Nebraska, Laura Chapter No. 301

The following found they were unable to participate:
Sister Jamie Janovec, General Arrangements Committee, Myrtle Chapter No. 94
Brother Greg Mason, General Arrangements Committee, Myrtle Chapter No. 94

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

The Choir Members are not listed in the program, but we appreciate all that they are doing – and some of them have many jobs. The names of those serving on all Committees and the Grand Page assignments are listed in the Program Book. We thank you for the time you have taken to serve and for the sacrifices you have made to do so.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Worthy Grand Patron, will you please preside while I give my report.

REPORTS
Report of the Worthy Grand Matron

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron: (Portions read aloud are in bold print)

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

Sisters and Brothers, my report is printed in its entirety and I will not take time to read it to you. I do hope that you will take the time to read it. In addition to the printed report, I would add the following:

March 8 – I attended Alpha Chapter's Stated Meeting.

March 10 – Brother Chuck and I attended Tangier Shrine Potentate's Ball – and I danced, even though he didn't want me to, I did it. It was just a little bit!

March 15 - I attended Bethel No. 18, International Order of Job's Daughters/
Eastern Star Night. I was privileged to sit in the East with the Honored Queen.

March 21 – I attended the Omaha Area Grand Representatives Dinner.

March 24 – I attended Vesta Chapter No. 6 Initiation Ceremony.

March 28 – I attended Athena Assembly #24 Installation of Officers for Bethel No. 24, International Order of Rainbow for Girls.

April 12 – I attended Alpha Chapter's Stated Meeting.

Requested and received a Waiver of Jurisdiction for Initiation from the Worthy Grand Matron of Iowa.

It was my privilege and honor to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for the love and concern that you have shared with me. Our members are truly devoted to the lesson from Electa, that we share our love and concerns for one another. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I have not been able to attend as many things that I would have liked to have done, but do know that I thought of you each day, especially during the times that I had to miss an opportunity to be with you.

As I look back on this year, I can honestly say – I must say, it was much better than I anticipated. You all need to be commended for all that you continue to do for your Chapter and for the well-being of our Order. The attendance at the Area Visitations was appreciated and I especially thank Sister Candy for taking my place when I wasn't there. I am truly blessed.

<u>Sister Candy and Brother Terry:</u> I know that you have many plans for the coming year and I know it will be wonderful. Thank you both for being there for me and
Brother Jim. HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

<u>To the Grand Line Officers:</u> May God bless you as you travel in your days to the East. Please enjoy the years of preparation. It comes fast!

<u>To our Appointed Grand Family Members:</u> How very special you are. We ask and you gave – your love, support and friendship have blessed us

in so many ways. Thank you for your dedication.

Brother Jim: Thank you for saying "yes" when Sister Shar and Brother Deloyt asked you to serve this Grand Chapter. I really appreciate all that you and Sister Isobel have done for me the past four years. Thanks again for a great year!

To Alpha Chapter: What a wonderful Chapter! All of our Chapters are wonderfully, but my special Chapter in Bellevue -- you have been there for me every step of the way! Thank you for everything!

To Aksarben Chapter: Thank you for sharing Jim and Isobel with us as we traveled – well, mostly they traveled through this year. God Bless You!

To Brother Chuck: Thank you for being there for me. You have toted many bags the last few years and have been a great sounding block. You are appreciated for those 49 years – 49 years and we are going to make it to the – I know we are going to make it to our 50th. Thank you!

Sisters and Brothers: You all have done so much this year and you all are much appreciated. THANK YOU! *(Applause)*

WRITTEN REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I have been very proud being the Worthy Grand Matron in Nebraska for the Order of the Eastern Star. I thoroughly enjoyed the four years leading up to being the Worthy Grand Matron. Unfortunately, my health issues began in July 2017 and hindered my traveling as much as I would have liked in my fifth year. I have always been one to be early to events and have articles, reports, etc., in early or at least on time. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case this past year. If it hadn't been for my Masonic Mom, Beverly Donham, and our Grand Secretary, Sister Jan Thoman, and my husband, Chuck Sohm, I don't believe the Grand Chapter Session program would have gotten done, the Supervisors School of Instruction, nor many articles. Many have told me I'm too hard on myself and, yes, perhaps I am. I must say, however, that many of the things Brother Jim Taylor and I planned for our year came to fruition and I'm very thankful for that.

We had three consolidations this past year. Going to our Chapters for these meetings was difficult, yet sharing time with our members was always inspiring and uplifting. We must look to these consolidations, painful as they are, as opportunities. Opportunities for those Chapters receiving new members to rejoice and welcome them and their traditions into their Chapters, to make them stronger and more vital; and then for those members, that for whatever reasons they needed to consolidate, they can now be active in a new home. For those members in a chapter that was struggling and not able to be active, their membership remains secure and that is a blessing to them and to us all.

Our theme this past year has been "God Bless the U.S.A." and our aim was to honor those who have served our Country in the military, to spread friendship, love, and laughter.

It is an honor for me to now WELCOME each of you to our "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Session!

DEDICATION

The "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Session is dedicated to the many caring members of this Grand Jurisdiction who have provided immense support and outpouring of love to our Order and the Grand Family.

To the dedicated active duty members of the U.S. Military and the veterans who so willingly have provided service to our Country.

To our wonderful Grand Family, the "Patriots" and the "Flag Wavers", who have shared their time, smiles and talents with all of the members across this

beautiful State. We especially remember the family of Sister Ruth Fosler, Companion of our Grand Adah, who lost her battle to cancer this year.

To the members of Alpha Chapter No. 325 of Bellevue and AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 of Omaha for sharing their undying support, encouragement and love as we saw the fulfillment of this year.

To Sister Isobel and Brother Chuck, you have given us your love, support and understanding, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

And, to our Heavenly Father, for leading us on this journey and for all the blessings he has showered upon us.

IN REMEMBRANCE

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.
They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.
The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them.
Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Each Grand Family is a very special group of Sisters and Brothers and our "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Family is no exception. Making the selection of the Appointed Grand Officers is a very difficult task, as there are so many dedicated, deserving members across the State. We were very pleased these ten individuals graciously accepted their appointment and have served our Order with exceptional style, grace and unending commitment for our beautiful Order and its members.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain…….. Don Norman (279) Imperial
Grand Marshal.....Bruce Baker (39),Hastings
Grand Organist…… Cynthia Timmermier (169), Elkhorn
Grand Adah..... Kelly Stahly (132), Lincoln
Grand Ruth.....Roxanne "Roxie" Heim (189), Plattsmouth
Grand Esther.....Cindy Pedersen (301), South Sioux City
Grand Martha .....Katherine Meink (159), Wausa
Grand Electa .....Joan Alexander (84), Plainview
Grand Warder..... Sharon Eller (299), Omaha
Grand Sentinel ..... David Wetrosky (1), Nebraska City

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

With gratitude we thank all our Sisters and Brothers who so willingly accepted our request to serve on a Committee or to be a Project Chairperson. These Committees and Projects are an integral part of our Organization and the members devote a great deal of time and effort to their responsibilities. THANK YOU all for your dedication and hard work so that the great work of our Order may continue. A complete listing of the Committee members is found in your Program Book. I appointed the following:

Standing Committees:

Benevolence .....Suzanne Byler (9)
Educational Loan Fund.....Vernita Ridinger (55)
ESTARL.....Anne Phillips (325)

Jurisprudence..... Betty Garwood, P.G.M
Membership..... Nellie Frizzell (215)
Publicity..... Isobel Taylor (277)
Scholarship..... Ken Sieg (271)
Youth..... Jonelle Rogers (277)

Special Committees:
Advisory Committee .....Beverly Donham, P.G.M,
.....Brenda McGuire, P.G.M.
.....Cheryl Beckius, P.G.M.

Children's Home Representatives.....Doug & Julie Kristensen (159)
Fraternal Relations .....Dwight Smith (264)
Masonic Event Calendar.....Kerri Straub (269)
Special Projects – Wounded Warrior
Silent Auction .....Margaret McCall (52)
.....Nellie Frizzell (215)
Webmaster.....Kerri Straub (269)

Session Committee Chairpersons:
Credentials .....Linda Teach (194)
Dispensations and Charters.....Wanda Fisher, P.G.M.
General Arrangements .....Wayne Andreasen (84)
March Directors .....Dee Schuetz, P.G.M.
.....Beverly Donham, P.G.M.
.....Cyn Norman, P.G.M.
Page Coordinators.....Kristi Vandergriff (277)
.....Becky Baker (325)
Parliamentarian .....Cynthia Timmermier (169)
Registration .....Joyce Porter (189)
Tellers .....Don Havekost (122)
.....Wendell Wagner (214, 122)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDED

What a pleasure it was to recommend a Sister or a Brother to represent another Grand Jurisdiction in Nebraska as a Grand Representative. You are all most deserving of this honor because of the love and dedication you have shown to our Order and I sincerely thank each of you for accepting this important appointment. The bond of fraternal friendship between our Grand Jurisdictions is largely due to your enthusiasm as Ambassadors of Goodwill for our State. I sincerely hope that you enjoy your Commission and may God be with you as you visit your counterparts in the Grand Jurisdictions you represent.

Connecticut …… ....Margaret Nelson (216) Blair
District of Columbia …… ....Shirley Boardman (153) Seward
Florida .....Kerri Straub (269) Omaha
Idaho .....Sarah Hobbie (1) Nebraska City
Illinois …….. ....Erin Marr (52) LaVista
Manitoba…… ....Gerald (Gary) Kassebaum (320), Lincoln
Michigan …… ....Duane Heim (189) Plattsmouth
Minnesota.....Christine Wood (55) North Platte
Mississippi …… ....Marcine Pierce (40) Norfolk
Missouri.....Lois Gapen (277) Omaha
Montana .....Lori Nerud (214, 260) Bayard
Nevada …… .....Tamarra Engler (299) Omaha
New Jersey.....Carol Milander (175) Coleridge

New York.....Elizabeth Van Sky (325) Bellevue
North Carolina.....Jim Gansemer (189) Plattsmouth
North Dakota.....George Kneebone (301) Jefferson, SD
Nova Scotia & PE Island.....Dora Redwine (9, 307) Beatrice
Oklahoma.....Brenda Frank-Collins (8, 94) Lincoln
Ontario .....Dan Watts (119) North Bend
Rhode Island.....Sam Smith (263) Brock
South Carolina.....Connie Havekost (122) Hooper
South Dakota .....Angela Keck (84), Plainview
Texas .....Charleen Gausman (199) Milford
Vermont .....Terri Sherman (307) Lincoln
Wyoming.....Leota "Odey" Ray (184) Hay Springs

I was very honored to personally present the Grand Representatives commission to the recipients in the local area.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES COMMISSIONED

It was an honor, upon recommendation 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.

Alabama…… Ross Jackson
Arizona……Katherine Meyer
Arkansas……..Judy Harmon
British Columbia & Yukon……Faye Riches
California…… Dennis Le Clert
Connecticut……..Robert D. Sherrick
Delaware……Ernest Fehnel
District of Columbia…… Rumonda Thompson
Idaho……..Nancy Allen
Illinois……Heather Becker
Iowa…….... Lavonne Vander Sluis
Kansas……Doreen Foster
Louisiana……Margaret Hanchey
Manitoba…… Elizabeth "Liz" Clarks
Massachusetts……Michael D. Wolfe
Michigan……M. Frances Carlson
Missouri……...Nelson Cornelius
Nevada……Linda Linter
New Hampshire……Jean FanStelten
New Jersey……...Linda Penin
New York……Jack Dombrowski
North Carolina……Martin Holder
North Dakota……Darlene Spooner
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island……James Franey
Ohio……Diane Hershman
Oklahoma…… Betty "Jeanie" Franklin
Oregon……...Sunny d. Klampe
Saskatchewan…….. ……Ron Reierson
West Virginia……..…Sharon Starr
Wisconsin……Joan Burr
Wyoming……..Russell Myer

QUESTIONS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I received numerous phone calls, letters 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 Committee, these questions were answered to the best of my ability. I received no questions under seal.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Due to lack of Quorum (illness, bad weather) on day of Stated Meeting:

Eureka Chapter No. 86, McCook
Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln
Oshkosh Chapter No. 264, Oshkosh
Sunshine Chapter No. 261, Thedford
Queen Chapter No. 1, Nebraska City
Beulah Chapter No. 40, Norfolk
Thedford Chapter No.261, Thedford
Beulah Chapter No. 40, Norfolk
Franklin Chapter No. 213, Franklin
Papillion Chapter No. 144, Omaha
Dome Rock Chapter No. 210
Rob Morris Chapter No. 192, Stromsburg
Davenport Chapter No. 268, Davenport
Papillion Chapter No. 114, Papillion
Trinity Chapter No. 299, Omaha
Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue

Due to a Community or other Masonic event on day of Stated Meeting:
Martha Washington Chapter No. 153, Lincoln
Minnehaha Chapter No. 246, Valentine
Martha Washington Chapter No. 153, Lincoln

To change Halls temporarily:
Herman Chapter No. 216, Herman

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION REQUESTED

I received an email from the Grand Chapter of Iowa regarding the petition of Nick Triplett of Carter Lake, Iowa in favor of Narcissus Chapter #269 in Omaha. The Waiver was granted on May 23, 2017.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Our Consolidations represent a reduction in our total list of Chapters, but it should also be looked upon as an opportunity for members to become active in a Chapter where that didn't seem to be possible in their own Chapter for many reasons: the age of their members, physical limitations of many, declining membership, lack of growth in the community etc. With the Consolidation, those members who can stay active have an opportunity to be a vital part of a Chapter and for the Chapter who receives these new members, they see growth and new ideas to implement into their own Chapter. It is important that we do look upon these consolidations as positive steps forward and a way to continue the traditions and history of a Chapter by joining another and thus to make our membership stronger and more vital in their Chapters as well as in their communities. And for those members not able to continue to be active because

of various reasons, it is a way to secure their membership in our Order. I finalized the following consolidations:

October 10, 2017	Shelby Chapter No. 193 of Osceola into Harmony Chapter No. 13, Columbus
March 1, 2018	Venus Chapter No. 49 of Cortland into Vesper Chapter No. 9, Beatrice
March 5, 2018	Rose Croix Chapter No. 298 of Ravenna into Andrew Chapter No. 41, Grand Island

SUPERVISION

This year I appointed three new Supervisors. Each one came to the school well prepared and very excited to be appointed. They were honored to be asked and I was honored that they accepted.

The Board of Grand Supervisors and the Grand Secretary discussed plans and ideas throughout the year with meetings held on three separate occasions in Lincoln to prepare for the 2018 School of Instruction. We then met just prior to the School on January 10th and 11th in to go over all our presentations and set up for the School.

The School of Instruction was held at the Masonic Lodge in Bellevue on January 11-15, 2018 with Alpha Chapter No. 325 hosting. Lodging was in Bellevue at the Comfort Inn.

Fifteen District Grand Supervisors gathered on Saturday afternoon at 12:30 to begin along with the Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who were there for all or part of the School. Everyone was welcomed, introduced and the new supervisors were presented with their Supervisor Badge. Jan Barnard, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Jill Ramsey, P.G.M., 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 thanked the Board of Trustees for again providing this meal for us. Following the pizza, the Supervisors were given individual help at the 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 were also invited to take part at these help stations. Talk-throughs by the Board were given on Sunday and into Monday morning and then the District Grand Supervisors were given an opportunity to do their assigned talk-throughs. Near the conclusion of our School, Detective Kevin Potter, with the Omaha Police Department, gave our Winter Driving Tips. The School came to a close after the Supervisors received their final instructions, their Supervisors Packets, District Assignments, and new Red Books to be given to their assigned Chapters.

My thanks to my Advisory Board: Beverly Donham, P.G.M., Brenda McGuire, P.G.M. and Cheryl Beckius, P.G.M. for being at my side for help, advice and constant reassurance; to my 'Sound Man', Brother Tim Birdsall, who made sure that everyone could always be heard, and to my Chapter, Alpha Chapter No. 325, for an outstanding job of preparing delicious meals, being there when we arrived in the morning and when we left at night, wonderful snacks and catering to 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 the Board of Grand Supervisors, Sisters Candy and Karan, Grand Secretary Jan and Brother Jim, my heartfelt thanks to you for all your help to

ensure that our School was a success. I am grateful for all that you did and thank you for being so supportive and just for being such special Sisters and Brothers.

Finally, my love and gratitude to the ladies who accepted their appointment as a Supervisor and gave of their time to be with us at the School. They all came prepared, did a great job at our School and seemed eager to take on the tasks given to them. I know that our members will benefit from the instruction they will bring to our Chapters.

IRREGULARITIES

The following Irregularities were reported by the District Grand Supervisors from their Schools of Instruction with their Chapters in 2018. These will be used by the Worthy Grand Matron elect for her School in 2019.

1. Copy of bylaws not in front of the Chapter Membership Book.
2. Chapter records kept on a computer, but not known where by Chapter members.
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. Failure to memorize the work.
7. Chapters using long form opening less than eight (8) times per year.
8. Chapter having more than one open Ritual.
9. Not all the Secretary's and Treasurer's books brought to the School of Instruction.
10. Wording in the minute book was not "The report of the Investigating Committee was read."
11. Imhoff Awards not displayed.
12. Books not audited or audit report not found.
13. Ledger book was locked away and not available for Supervisor to see.
14. Failure of new members to sign the membership book.
15. Failure of Officers to bring their Books of Instruction and Secret Work to the School of Instruction.
16. Dues and fees not posted on ledger sheets for a couple of years.
17. Members who paid their dues were not issued a dues receipt.
18. Books of Instruction not in the hands of those Officers assigned to them.

CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE

The following dedicated Sisters who served as District Grand Supervisors received their Certificates of Service:

Tracey Hefner
Carrie Knapp
Claudia Ranslem
Kristi Vandergriff

OFFICIAL VISITS
2017 - 2018

May 11 ..... Installation of Grand Officers – Younes Conference Center, Kearney

May 12 ..... Breakfast with the "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Family – Younes Conference Center, Kearney

May 21 ..... Luncheon and Joint Reception with WGM, WGP, Grand Officers, Grand Master Rick Myers and his Grand Officers

and Personal Representatives – Scottish Rite Masonic Center, Omaha

June 3 ..... Listened to Masonic Band play in park and attended Shrine Parade: Rode in the parade in a convertible provided by Sesostris Shrine. Lunch with Eastern Star members following the parade in Kearney.

June 4 ..... Attended Adah Chapter #52 125th Anniversary Celebration - Papillion

June 9 ..... Rainbow Grand Assembly: Judged Ritual Competition

June 10 ..... Rainbow Grand Assembly: Grand Cross of Color Ceremony, Received Grand Cross of Color, Informal Opening – brought greetings from Grand Chapter and presented checks from Projects, attended Formal Opening with Initiation, Assembly parties

June 11 ..... Rainbow Grand Assembly: attended the Installation Grand Worthy Advisor Joy Hartranft and Officers

June 13 ..... Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting and lunch at the Picnic Pavilion with the residents and staff – Fremont

June 14-17…… Job's Daughters Grand Session brought greetings from Grand Chapter and presented checks and scholarship certificates – York

June 23 …… Area 1 Visitation, Evening – Chapters: Mitchell, Scottsbluff, Bridgeport, Kimball, and Oshkosh.

June 24 ..... Area 2 Visitation, Noon – Chapters: Hyannis hosted with Gordon.

July 7 ..... Area 3 Visitation, Evening – Chapters: McCook, Bartley, Broken Bow, Benkelman, and Imperial.

July 8 ..... Area 4 Visitation, Noon – Chapters: Lexington, North Platte, Cozad, and Ogallala.

July 11…….. Visited Shelby Chapter #193, Osceola with Jan Thoman, P.G.M. Grand Secretary

July 12..... Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting

July 14..... Area 5 Visitation, Evening – Chapters: Ceresco hosted with Electa, Myrtle, Martha Washington, Temple, Columbia, Starcraft and Capitol

July 14..... I was rushed to the Emergency Room after the Area 5 visitation and had emergency surgery on July 16.

Aug 6……. Narcissus Chapter #269 100th Anniversary Celebration, Cooper Farm, Omaha

Aug 25…….. Kansas/Nebraska Exchange, Alpha Chapter #325, Omaha

Sept 9…… Grand Representative Luncheon, Kearney

Sept 9…… Davenport Chapter #268, 100th Anniversary, Davenport

Sept 13……. Meeting with Venus Chapter #49, Cortland with Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman, P.G.M.

Sept 21..... Visited Davenport Chapter #268 and Lily Lodge No. 184 with Grand Master Rick Meyers

Sept 23 …… Attended Masonic Youth Leadership Conference

Sept 24…….. Nebraska Masonic Home Caring Club Dinner, Plattsmouth

Sept 30…… Area 4 Visitation, Noon: Bellevue, Adah, AkSarBen, Narcissus, Trinity, Vesta, Papillion

Sept 30 ……. Party with Grand Officers, Bellevue Masonic Center, Bellevue

Oct 10…… Completed Consolidation of Shelby Chapter #193, Osceola into

Harmony Chapter #13, Columbus with Jan Thoman, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

Oct 28 ……. Attended All-Committee Meeting – Hastings

Nov 6…….. Planning meeting for School of Instruction in Conference Room Grand Lodge, Lincoln

Nov 7……. Visited Arrow Chapter #164 Broken Bow with Jan Thoman, P.G.M. Grand Secretary

Nov 29..... Telephone Conference with Penny (Younes Conference Center) planning Grand Chapter meals at Grand Chapter Office with Grand Secretary

Nov 29…….. Planning meeting for School of Instruction - Conference Room Grand Lodge, Lincoln

Dec 5..... Visited Phillips Chapter #204, Phillips with Grand Secretary Jan Thoman, P.G.M. and Beverly Donham, P.G.M.

Dec 9..... Grand Family Christmas Party – York

2018

Jan 7 ..... Attended Bellevue Lodge Installation, Bellevue

Jan 11-12 ..... Preparation for School of Instruction – Alpha Chapter #325, Bellevue

Jan 13-15 ..... School of Instruction – Alpha Chapter #325, Bellevue

Jan 19 ..... Attended Installation – AkSarBen Chapter #277, Omaha

Jan 20 ..... Attended Installation – Adah Chapter #52, Papillion

Jan 27 ……. Attended Installation - Alpha Chapter #325, Bellevue

Feb 1-3..... Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Younes Conference Center, Kearney. Brought greetings from Grand Chapter.

Feb 17..... Jurisprudence meeting, Conference Room at Grand Lodge, Lincoln

Feb 25..... Judged Bethel #18 Job's Daughters Chili Cook-off Fundraiser, Omaha

Feb 27 Worked Alpha Chapter #325 and Aksarben Chapter #277 Card Party; profits go toward WGM/WGP Project

March 1……. Completed Consolidation of Venus Chapter #49 into Vesper Chapter #9, Beatrice

March 3 .Attended Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Chili Feed, Fremont

March 10 ……. Attended Tangier Shrine Potentate's Ball – Omaha

March 14 ……. Attended Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children Board Meeting - Fremont

March 15…… Attended Bethel #18 Mason/Eastern Star Night – Omaha

March 17 ..... Attended School of Instruction, Alpha Chapter #325, Bellevue.

March 29 ..... Attended Grand Representatives Dinner – Omaha

I appreciated all the invitations that I received to attend your meetings, installations, fund-raisers and various activities, but I regret that I was not able to attend many of them. In order to cover as many events as possible across the State, I did encourage my Grand Officers to attend as many functions as they were able to and to bring greetings on behalf of Nebraska Grand Chapter and myself.

RECEPTIONS

On May 21, 2017, Alpha Chapter No. 325 and AkSarBen Chapter No. 277 hosted a joint Reception for the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all the Grand Officers and Companions at Scottish Rite Masonic Center in Omaha. Joining us for this event was Grand Master Rick Myers, his Grand Lodge Officers and their companions. The day began with a lunch for the Grand Lodge and Eastern Star Grand Officers and their companions hosted by the WGM and WGP. During the lunch there was a "Toast to the Flag" presentation given by Brother Anthony J. Johnson, a photo opportunity and then everyone gathered for the Reception. The Reception was made possible with the help of the members of Alpha and AkSarBen Chapters. The Scottish Rite is a beautiful building with much history and several in attendance enjoyed a tour of the building. The weather was very pleasant and the reception was attended by many Sisters and Brothers, relatives and friends, who made the day a very special one for all involved. It is also a memorable day when we can show our Masonic unity by joining with our Masonic Organizations to share these events. Our thanks to Grand Master Rick and his officers for sharing the day with us.

Our Appointed Grand Officers were honored during the year at receptions hosted by their own Chapters. We appreciate all the love of these Chapters for their own Sisters and Brothers who have served the Grand Chapter so proudly this year. I am so happy that these Chapters honored their member and am very sorry I was unable to attend.

INSTALLATIONS
January 7……...Bellevue Lodge, Bellevue
January 19……..…AkSarBen Chapter #277, Omaha
January 20 …….. Adah Chapter #52, Omaha
January 27…….. …… Alpha Chapter #325, Bellevue

VISITATIONS

At our Grand Chapter Installation in May 2017, we invited everyone to join us at the area visitations during the year. Each Visitation was an opportunity to come together to renew old friendships and make new ones. Our goal was to honor those who are serving and have served our Country in the military. Visitations began on June 23, 2017, and the last one was on September 30, 2018. Because of my health issues, I was only able to make the first five visitations and the last one in Omaha. Our seating arrangements had each Grand Officer sitting with their counterparts from the Chapters, and everyone appreciated the opportunity to get acquainted with one another. The Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron from each Chapter was asked to share with everyone what had been happening in their Chapter. We heard from our sisters and brothers and how busy they are in their Chapters and their communities. Our Grand Conductress Karan Birdsall spoke about our Special Project, the Wounded Warriors Family Support. This is an organization based in Omaha that supports wounded warriors and their families. Their mission is to provide support to the families of those who have been wounded, injured or killed during combat operations. The families of our casualties suffer in many ways: some financially, some psychologically. After the presentation about our Special Project the Grand Companions sold bracelets and small candy bars to support our Project. All money raised will stay in Nebraska. The 50-year and more members were introduced and asked to tell something they remembered about their initiation or their chapter at the time of their initiation. Each Sister was given a Star Ornament pin by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand

Patron; the Star pin was made by Sister Tami Stites, Alpha Chapter #325. The Brothers were given flag pins. Those currently serving in the military and veterans were asked to stand, were thanked for their service to our Country and were given a coozie.

The Grand Family was treated royally at every Visitation. The Grand Family was always greeted with smiles and hugs and the Eastern Star tradition of good food at every stop. Many of the Chapters used red, white, and blue decorations. The Nebraska Chapters gave generous donations to the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's projects using clever cards and gifts in their presentations.

We know how much time and effort goes into planning and hosting a Grand Officer Visitation and we certainly will be forever grateful to everyone for the loving kindness shown to us. Due to health issues, the Worthy Grand Matron was not able to attend many of the visitations but received many positive comments about each one. Grand Warder Sharon Eller prepared a booklet for the Worthy Grand Matron detailing each visitation's attendance, the number of military honored, decorations, food, chapter sharing, and program. In addition, Grand Secretary Jan Thoman provided many pictures to the Worthy Grand Matron; some of the pictures will be shown at the "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Chapter Session.

EXCHANGES

The Kansas – Nebraska Grand Officer Exchange was held on August 25th at Alpha Chapter #325 in Bellevue, Nebraska. Practice began at 4:30 p.m. for the Kansas Grand Officers with dinner at First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue. The meeting was opened at the Bellevue Lodge by officers of Alpha Chapter; the ceremony of initiation was then given by Kansas Grand Officers. On August 26th practice began at 10:00 a.m. for the Nebraska Grand Officers at Miriam Chapter #14 in Emporia, Kansas. The meeting was opened by members of Miriam Chapter and lunch was at the Chapter. The ceremony of initiation was given by the Nebraska Grand Officers. I was able to attend in Bellevue but unable to attend in Kansas.

The Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Exchange was held on September 15-17, 2017 beginning at Morningside Rose Croix Chapter in Sioux City, Iowa with practice beginning at 2:00 p.m. Dinner was at 6:00 p.m. and the Chapter was opened at 7:30 p.m. by the officers of Morningside Rose Croix Chapter with Ceremony of Initiation given by the Iowa Grand Officers. They then traveled to Laura Chapter #301 in South Sioux City, Nebraska where the South Dakota Grand Officers practiced at 8:00 a.m. and then enjoyed a brunch at St. Paul United Methodist Church. The Chapter was opened by Laura Chapter and initiation of a Rainbow Girl by South Dakota Grand Officers. That afternoon the meeting was held at the Masonic Center in Yankton, South Dakota. The Nebraska Grand officers practiced at 4:00 pm followed by dinner and the meeting at 7:30 pm. The meeting was opened by the Keystone Chapter #33 Officers and the initiatory work was performed by the Nebraska Grand officers.

This exchange came about at a tabletop discussion amongst the Associate Grand Matrons from Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska. I was really looking forward to it but unfortunately, my health issues made it impossible for me to attend, I was very happy that the weekend went well though. It was a wonderful weekend to spend time with our counterparts and just enjoy each other's company.

My sincere thanks to the Iowa and South Dakota Worthy Grand Matrons, all the chapters, grand officers, and other individuals involved.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Attending Grand Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions is a wonderful opportunity to see old friends, make new friends, see the different ways our Star work is done, enjoy the unique themes that are used and learn about new projects and activities they are doing. Even though my health prevented me from attending other Grand Chapters this year, it is gratifying to have so many Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Representatives, District Grand Supervisors and members attend these sessions.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDENS

Sister Beverly Donham, PGM, was the chairman of this event. There were 48 Nebraska and Iowa members who rode the bus to the International Peace Gardens in North Dakota/Canada. Some members started off in Omaha with others joining in at South Sioux City, Nebraska. I was unable to attend but did receive a phone call from those on board the bus singing to me. It was a wonderful opportunity to share friendships and memories.

ANNIVERSARIES

One hundred years is certainly a noteworthy occasion and the Grand Family had an opportunity to join with Narcissus Chapter #269 in Omaha on August 6, 2017 for their 100th Anniversary. The day began at Cooper Farm Pavilion and Picnic Area in Omaha with a Communion Service given by Sister Brenda McGuire, PGM. Pictures were on display for everyone to enjoy. A Certificate of Achievement was presented to Narcissus Chapter with our love and congratulations on behalf of Grand Chapter. What a special day it was to be with our sisters and brothers at Narcissus and our thanks for all the courtesies extended to us.

On September 9, 2017 celebrated the 100th anniversary of Davenport Chapter #238 in Davenport with a lovely reception. The afternoon was spent enjoying the memorabilia that was displayed and playing several "getting to know you" games. A Certificate of Achievement was presented with love and congratulations on behalf of Grand Chapter. We again enjoyed the benefits of membership with the hugs and smiles of our devoted members.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS

It was a real delight to meet, greet and congratulate our 50-Year and plus members. We presented each member with a gift and a hug during our Visitations. It has also been a joy to participate in 50-year pin presentations during Visitations and at stated meetings. Being included in these celebrations is one of the highest honors afforded a Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We are overwhelmed by the number of 50-year members who are active in our Chapters, and it warms the heart to see the unending commitment by these members. We thank each of them for their continued support and devotion.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

There is no greater compliment than an honorary membership to a Chapter or Grand Jurisdiction to which one is not a member. Over the years as a Grand Officer, it has been an honor to receive the gift of Honorary Memberships including:

Grand Chapter of Colorado
Grand Chapter of Iowa
Grand Chapter of Kansas
Grand Chapter of Missouri
Grand Chapter of North Dakota

Grand Chapter of South Dakota
AkSarBen Chapter #277, Omaha, NE

MEETINGS of BOARDS, COMMITTEES, ASSOCIATIONS

I attended the meetings of the Board of Grand Trustees and Jurisprudence Committee this year. I truly appreciated being able to attend and ask for their advice and assistance as needed. Their dedication over the affairs of Grand Chapter is greatly appreciated. The Sisters and Brothers elected deserve our utmost appreciation and thanks for all they do for Nebraska Grand Chapter.

It was an honor to serve on the Masonic Youth Leadership Conference Board and to attend the conference on September 23, 2018 in Kearney. This is a very important conference for our youth and those in attendance all seemed to enjoy it. It was very interesting to hear all the behind-the-scenes work that needs to be accomplished before the beginning of the conference.

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 the meetings when I was able to and always welcomed the opportunity I was given to update the Board on the activities of Eastern Star in Nebraska. It was also a pleasure to see the completion of the Paden Cottage. Our Home is a wonderful place for those young people who are in need of a very structured type of environment and yet have a very nurturing, kind, and caring staff to surround them. The Board is a very diversified group of people and I have enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of this group. My thanks to the Board and Administrator, Ron Giesselmann, for the outstanding work they all do. It has been a wonderful learning experience and I have been honored to serve with this Board for the benefit of our kids.

I had the privilege to work with all the Standing Committees this past year and appreciate all the questions and comments they have shared with me and keeping me informed on their progress and activities. The All-Committee Meeting Day was held on October 28, 2018 at the Hastings Masonic Center in Hastings. The Committees looked at their responsibilities and set goals for the coming year. My thanks to Brother Bruce Baker, Sister Susie Baker, and the Hastings Lodge for hosting this event and to all the Committee members who attended.

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Our Project this year in support of the Home has been to provide money 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.

The Grand Family also supported the Annual 4-H Achievement Day Chili Feed held on March 3, 2018.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME

The Grand Family was invited to attend the Caring Club Donor Recognition Dinner at the Masonic Eastern Star Home in Plattsmouth on September 24, 2017. As always, the meal was delicious and It was a pleasure to visit with the residents.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

I thoroughly enjoyed going to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly on June 9-11 at Doane University in Crete. It was an extreme honor to be inducted into the Grand Cross of Color. The ceremony was impressive and I am honored to be included in this special group. I brought greetings on Saturday and the other Grand Officers were introduced. I attended the Rainbow Banquet and initiation. On Sunday, I attended the installation of

Joy Hartranft as Grand Worthy Advisor. Sister Joy is a member of Alpha Chapter #325 in Bellevue and we are very proud of her. Her theme is "We are Family"

We were home for a few days and then went to Job's Daughters International Bethel on June 14-17 in York. It was an honor to be asked to judge for their Ritual competition.

MASONIC COURTESIES

It is so important that our presence and our willingness to participate is visible to our Masonic Family, so attending events around the State is very important. In addition, it is interesting to see how the other Masonic groups operate. We all face challenges, uniting together is what will give us strength and hopefully success as well. I have enjoyed the opportunities I have had, along with my Grand Family, to attend several Masonic activities and I do thank those involved for always extending the hand of friendship and the courtesies extended to our Grand Family.

SALES TABLE

Finding items that would be of interest to our members and not expensive was a challenge, but with help from Sister Isobel Taylor, we found items that our members liked and they sold quickly. We had red t-shirts, which was a recommendation from Sister Pam Brhel. Also, red, white, and blue Star pins from an Eastern Star member whose company is in Pennsylvania. Sister Krystal Bogdahn from Alpha Chapter #325 in Bellevue did the drawing of the flag on our note cards. We also had red pens and red aluminum card cases/ RFID Blocking Credit Card Holders with the OES logo on the front. My thanks to Sisters Isobel Taylor, Sue Terry, Susie Baker, and those who helped in any way by loading and unloading the items to be sold.

PROJECTS

WGM/WGP SPECIAL PROJECT

The Wounded Warriors Family Support charity is based in Omaha, Nebraska. When America goes to war, our families go to war. Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines face the kind of stress that most Americans will never know. That stress takes its toll on more than just the military members themselves, but also their families. The strain on the family is only increased when a family member is wounded or killed while serving.

Wounded Warriors Family Support is an independent nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide support to the families of those who have been wounded, injured or killed during combat operations. Rated a four-star nonprofit by Charity Navigator, *Wounded Warriors Family Support* aids veterans and their families in healing the wounds that medicine cannot.

The families of our casualties suffer in many ways — emotionally, psychologically and financially. This organization supports wounded veterans and their families, even after physical needs are met, to help them heal, recover and reconnect. They work to provide services and resources to combat-wounded veterans and their families that supplement those provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies. They also work with military and nonprofit partners to identify and fill gaps in services for wounded veterans and their families.

All money raised by Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star will stay in Nebraska

The Silent Auction is an ongoing activity at our Grand Chapter Session with proceeds going to our Special Project. Chapters and Lodges were asked to contribute with a donation and/or support the auction by buying and bidding on items. The Grand Officers were also encouraged to participate. My thanks to Margaret McCall who is Chairman of this event and Nellie Frizzell as co-chairman; both of these ladies continue to put their heart and soul into making this such a profitable event. In addition to working many hours at Grand Chapter, they also publicize the event at many different functions during the year, encourage participation prior to Grand Chapter, make and collect some of the items.

GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children – To help purchase a larger TV for the Rec Center and to add Dish to it, so the kids can have parties while watching sporting events not broadcast on TV.

Nebraska Masonic Home – To help purchase a couple of Pressure Relieving Air Mattresses with a pump; these are specialty mattresses that help with wound care.

ESTARL – continued financial help for those pursuing religious training.

Youth Groups – support of our Masonic Youth Groups

Educational Loan Fund

Scholarships

Financing our Projects - The proceeds from the sale of our sales table items and the sale of bracelets and small candy bars at our visitations goes towards our projects.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

We continued to support the GGC Projects with emphasis on our own GGC Committee members including the Service Dogs, the Eastern Star Journal, Membership, Regenerative Medicine Project, Support our First Responders, and the 1618 Project

CORRESPONDENCE

My thanks to all who sent “Get Well” and “Thinking of You” cards, who sent emails and texts, telling me they were keeping me in their prayers and thoughts, in their prayer circles, those who called to see how I was doing, and those who scheduled meals for us, those who brought us meals, and those who have driven me to a variety of places. These have all helped Chuck and me tremendously. My love to all of you.

APPRECIATION

Our flag stands for freedom,
And we are so very proud,
When it waves in the breeze,
It usually draws a crowd.

Its colors are so beautiful,
The red, white and blue,
And when you see them up close,
They are so very true.

So today we celebrate our flag,
And this I want to say,
Wave your flag with honor,
On this very special day. ---Unknown Author

THANK YOUS

TO ALPHA CHAPTER NO. 325, BELLEVUE: What an amazing group of people! Several of you came up to me the night the announcement was made that I would be the door appointment and asked what you could do to help me. At that point I didn't even know what I was supposed to do, but we learned together. I knew I could count on you every time I needed something and you always came through. Love you all!

TO AKSARBEN CHAPTER NO. 277, OMAHA: Thank you for the courtesies extended to me. I'm so glad that we live close to one another so we're able to visit each other from time to time. Thank you for the honorary membership in your Chapter; that was a very special evening and one that I will never forget.

TO THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I thoroughly enjoyed planning our year in the East together. Because of our military backgrounds, I thought things came together fairly well.

TO THE PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS: Your love and support has been wonderful. Thank you very much for everything. You always said yes when I asked for your assistance.

TO SISTER BEVERLY DONHAM, PAST GRAND MATRON AND BROTHER JIM DUSCH, PAST GRAND PATRON: When Sister Bev called me on an evening in 2012, I really thought I was dreaming when she asked me to be their door appointment. Me? At the time I was still working at USSTRATCOM, but was considering retirement. I asked her a few questions and then had to wait for my husband to return from one of his many Masonic meetings before making the final decision as to whether to say yes. Actually, I knew I was going to say yes, but wanted to make sure he agreed and he did.

TO THE ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON & ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Sister Candy and Brother Terry----My very best wishes to both of you for a wonderful year. It has been a pleasure getting to know both of you over the past several years as we traveled the State. Thank you to Sister Candy for filling my shoes (yes, I know they are big) during this past year.

TO OUR GRAND SECRETARY: Sister Jan ----- Thank you, thank you, thank you. From reminding me when things were due, to being patient when I couldn't get them done. There are not enough words to thank you for everything you have done for me and for our Order. I know you will probably say you're just doing your job, but I truly believe you go above and beyond.

TO OUR GRAND TREASURER: Sister Karla ----- While I was sad to see that Sister Pam Brhel was not interested in running for Grand Treasurer, I was very happy to see that you were. You bring so much fun and enjoyment to the entire Grand Family. Sometimes you don't even say a word and people are laughing…not at you, but just waiting to hear what you are going to say or do.

TO OUR GRAND CONDUCTRESS & ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Sisters Karan and Dottie----It has been a pleasure to have both of you in our Grand Family. Sister Karan has a beautiful way with words and I loved when she talked about our Wounded Warriors Family Support project. Sister Dottie and I have known each other for several years going back to when we roomed together as District Grand Supervisors at Grand Chapter.

TO OUR APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS: Each of you were chosen for your own unique talents and your love of our Order. I was very happy at our first Grand Family get together how well everyone got along; we knew we had made the right choices.

TO OUR GRAND COMPANIONS: Thank you for always being there, to help carry items in from the car, to holding doors open, selling bracelets and candy bars, and for the support you have shown to your Grand Officer and the Grand Family.

TO THE GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: My sincere thanks for your commitment to the committees you serve on. The time spent working with the other members of your committee is very important and will continue to contribute to the success of our Grand Chapter.

TO THE GRAND TRUSTEES: We thank you for your dedication to our Order, all the assistance you have provided, your support and friendship.

TO MY HUSBAND: Chuck – Little did we know when I told my Masonic Mom, Beverly Donham, that I would love to go on this journey, that we were also going to have to deal with health issues in the last two years. You have been my rock! You went with me to doctor appointments, kept me on tract with my medications, and drove me to functions when you could. I told you when we started on this journey, I didn't want you to give up any of the things you enjoyed doing, but I know you gave up several just to make sure I was at certain functions. I love you very much and hopefully we can take our motor home out more next year and maybe even a cruise to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary.

IN CONCLUSION

My sincere thanks to everyone who gave me their support and love during this journey. I know at times I wasn't the easiest person to get along with because I couldn't move as fast as I used to and my thoughts got jumbled up, but I truly believe keeping positive and your support will help get me back on the road to recovery.

Star Love – God Bless the U.S.A,
Anita L. Sohm
Worthy Grand Matron 2017 – 2018

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Are there any questions of the report that I have not read? (None heard.)

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will now hear the report of the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim.

Report of the Worthy Grand Patron

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron: (Portions read aloud are printed in bold)
Worthy Grand Matron, 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 herewith submit my Annual Report of my Official Acts during the past

year. As required by the By-Laws of this Grand Jurisdiction, my counter-signature appeared on all checks issued by the Grand Chapter.

I will not read my report in its entirety as it is printed in the report booklet. However, at this time, I would like to thank this Grand Chapter for allowing me to fill the office of Worthy Grand Patron during the past year. It was an honor to serve our members and I sincerely want to thank you for this privilege. God Bless the U.S.A.! *(Applause)*

WRITTEN REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

WGP OFFICIAL VISITS

4/1/17	GRAND FAMILY GET-TOGETHER	BELLEVUE, NE
4/8/17	TRUSTEE'S MEETING	LINCOLN, NE
4/25/17	KANSAS GRAND CHAPTER	TOPEKA, KS
5/2-3/27	SHRINE BOWL	KEARNEY, NE
5/9-11/17	NEBRASKA GRAND CHAPTER	KEARNEY, NE
5/12/17	GRAND FAMILY BREAKFAST	KEARNEY, NE
5/21/17	RECEPTION FOR GRAND OFFICERS	OMAHA, NE
6/4/17	ADAH #52, 125TH ANNIVERSARY	PAPILLION, NE
6/8-11/17	RAINBOW GRAND ASSEMBLY	CRETE, NE
6/13-17/17	JOBS GRAND BETHEL	YORK, NE
	ALPHA #325 & TRINITY #299	
6/22/17	VISITATION	BELLEVUE, NE
6/23/17	AREA 1 VISITATION	GERING, NE
6/24/17	AREA 2 VISITATION	HYANNIS, NE
7/1/17	TRUSTEE'S MEETING	LINCOLN, NE
7/717	AREA 3 VISITATION	MCCOOK, NE
7/8/17	AREA 4, VISITATION	NORTH PLATTE, NE
7/12/17	TRUSTEE'S MEETING	MESCH, FREMONT, NE
7/14/17	AREA 5 VISITATION	LINCOLN, NE
7/15/17	AREA 6 VISITATION	NORTH BEND, NE
7/15/17	DEMOLAY CONCLAVE	FREMONT, NE
7/16/17	HOME PICNIC	PLATTSMOUTH, NE
7/16/17	RECEPTION FOR GRAND RUTH	PLATTSMOUTH, NE
	LUNA CHAPTER MEETING	
7/20/17	& ICE CREAM SOCIAL	ELKHORN, NE
7/21/17	AREA 7 VISITATIION	NEBRASKA CITY, NE
7/22/17	AREA 8 VISITATION	PAWNEE CITY, NE

7/22/17	AREA 9 VISITATION	SEWARD, NE
7/22/17	RECEPTION FOR GRAND ADAH	SEWARD, NE
7/29/19	4-H DAY AT MESHC	FREMONT, NE
8/4-5/17	AREA 10 VISITATION	VALENTINE NE.
8/5/17	AREA 11 VISITATION	WAUSA, NE
8/5/17	RECEPTION FOR GRAND ESTHER, MARTHA & ELECTA	WAUSA, NE
8/6/17	NARCISSUS CHAPTER #269, 100TH ANNIVERSARY	OMAHA, NE
8/11-13/17	INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN	BOTTINEAU, ND
8/25 & 26/17	NE-KS EXCHANGE	BELLEVUE, NE & EMPORA, KS
9/8/17	AREA 12 VISITATION	RAVENNA, NE
9/9/17	NEBRASKA GRAND REPRESENTATIVES MEETING	KEARNEY, NE
9/9/17	AREA 13 VISISTATION	DAVENPORT, NE
9/9/17	DAVENPORT #238 100 ANNIVERSARY	DAVENPORT, NE
9/11'/17	AWARDED GRAND REPRESENTATIVE AKSARBEN #277	OMAHA, NE
9/14/17	AWARDED GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, ALPHA #325	BELLEVUE, NE
9/15-17/17	TRI STATE EXCHANGE	NE, IA, SD
9/21/17	MEET WITH GRAND MASTER M R MEYERS, LILY LODGE #184	DAVENPORT, NE
9/22-24/17	MASONIC YOUTH CONFERENCE	KEARNEY, NE
9/30/17	AREA 14 & BLACK BOOK PARTY	OMAHA, NE
10/9/17	MISSOURI GRAND CHAPTER	JEFFERSON CITY, MO
10/12/17	SO. DAKOTA GRAND CHAPTER	PIERRE, SD
10/19-21/17	IOWA GRAND CHAPTER	PRAIRIE MEADOWS, IA
10/28/17	ALL COMMITTEE MEETING	HASTINGS, NE
1/6/18	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, HOME CH #189	PLATTSMOUTH, NE
1/13-15/18	SUPERVISOR'S SCHOOL	BELLEVUE, NE

1/19/17	INSTALLATION- AKSARBEN CH #277	OMAHA, NE
1/20/18	INSTALLATION- ADAH CH. # 52	PAPILLION, NE
	AWARDED GRAND REPRESENTATIVE	
1/20/18	PAPILLION #114	PAPILLION, NE
	INSTALLATION-	
1/20/18	ARBOR VITAE #92	FREMONT, NE
2/1-2/2/18	GRAND LODGE	KEARNEY, NE
2/17/18	JURISPRUDENCE MEETING	LINCOLN, NE
3/1/18	ATTENDED MESHC CHILI FEED	FREMONT, NE

DEDICATIONS

To My Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Anita: Serving in the East with you has been an interesting experience. We have worked well together. Our year has had its challenges, but with the love and support of our Sisters and Brothers, we have been able to move forward. It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

To members of Aksarben Chapter #277, Omaha and of Alpha Chapter #325, Bellevue: Thank you for the love and support you have given the Worthy Grand Matron and me these past four years. This support has made the journey much easier, and I am very grateful.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: Your leadership, advice, and willingness to step in whenever needed has made you an invaluable asset. One I specifically like to thank is Sister Beverly Donham, who has spent many hours working with our Worthy Grand Matron and me to prepare our Grand Chapter Session, and keep it running smoothly. Thank you Sister Bev, and all other Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

To our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron: Sister Associate Grand Matron Candy and Associate Grand Patron Terry, you are in my prayers as you prepare to make the transition to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I know you will have a great year. Sister Candy, you have a head start by filling in for Sister Anita several times during her illness. You did an outstanding job. I know you will carry on this quality of work during your year.

To our Grand Secretary: The slang use of the word “awesome” is often overdone in today’s society, but I can think of no better word to describe Sister Jan Thoman. Her knowledge and understanding of Grand Chapter law and regulations is amazing. Her compassion expressed in her treatment of all of our members is without equal. Thank you for your understanding and compassion when we struggle with our memory work.

To our Grand Officers: You were each selected for the special talents you possess. The dedication and love you have given to your own Chapters is a measure of why you were selected as a Grand Officers. You have brought honor to yourselves and to your Chapters. Getting to know you this year has been a delight. We are grateful that we could count you and your Companions

for your support as we traveled the state. Thank you for sharing this experience with us.

To our Grand Companions: Your help hauling, setting up, manning, and taking down the sound system and sales table is invaluable. You help your Grand Officers in so many ways. Thank you and we celebrate each of you.

To Sister Sharlene and Brother Deloyt: Thank you for your trust and confidence in appointing me your Grand Sentinel. I pray that I have met your expectations.

To everyone on our various committees: There are many things we would like to accomplish as leaders in this Order. Your service and sacrifice on these committees is appreciated. Thank you for your service.

To the Board of Trustees: Thank you for your continued support. You, as a committee have been diligent in your supervision of the financial affairs of this Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you for supporting and investing in the future of this Grand Chapter.

To Youth Groups: Thank you for being our hope and inspiration for the future. We applaud your youthful enthusiasm.

To our Grand Treasurer: Sister Karla, Your dedication, and careful handling of our funds help us keep our finances in order. We appreciate your devotion to the Order.

To my Wife: Thank you for all the support you have given me over the past four years. I would never have made it without your help, support and love.

CONCLUSION

I am proud to be a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, and I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Worthy Grand Patron. I have seen our numbers decrease, but I have also felt the love and support given by each member. In accordance with the Grand Chapter By-Laws, I submit my annual report of my "Official Acts" during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron

We will hear the report of the Grand Secretary, Sister Jan:

Report of the Grand Secretary

Jan Thoman, PGM and Grand Secretary: (Portions of the report read aloud are in bold print)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

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

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, 2017 6079
- Initiated 44
- Reinstated 25
- Affiliated 27
- Additions due to corrections 0
- Total increases 96
- Deceased 288
- Demitted 68
- Suspended 110
- Decreases due to dual members 0

Number of members close of 2017 5709
Number of Chapters January 1, 2017 77
Chapters Consolidated in 2017 1
Number of Chapters December 31, 2017 76

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, 2018

GENERAL FUND		
Cash in General Fund April 1, 2017		619,106.66
Receipts:		
Annual Dues	10,768.25	
Grand Chapter Registration	4,790.00	
Interest & Dividend Income	282,165.42	
Partnership Distributions	86,875.00	
Investments sold at cost	344,799.50	
Gain (loss) on investments sold	-103,274.57	
Initiation fees	212.00	
Grand Chapter Session Income	23,954.06	
Bequest	0.00	
Miscellaneous	717.00	
Supplies Sold	3,250.20	
		654,236.86
		1,273,343.52
Disbursements:		
ESTARL from investments	6,325.60	
ESTARL	6,000.00	
Fees to International Headquarters	430.00	
General Grand Chapter Dues	6,088.00	
General Grand Chapter Travel	0.00	

Grand Chapter Expense	67,458.77	
Grand Chapter Relief	3,000.00	
Insurance	11,844.00	
Investments in Stock	545,247.72	
Masonic Home Caring Club	2,500.00	
Masonic OES Home	15,000.00	
Mileage Expense	13,000.00	
Miscellaneous	14,268.24	
Office Expense	44,455.48	
Officer & Committee Expense	51,216.19	
Payroll & related taxes	106,947.14	
Publicity	3,410.64	
Scholarship Program	32,900.00	
Supervising Expenses	14,278.04	
Supplies Purchased	2,448.18	
Youth Groups	17,000.00	
Youth Leadership Conference	1,000.00	
Total Disbursements		964,818.00
Net Transfer from General to Restricted		(16,438.37)
Cash Balance 3-31-18		292,097.15
Cost of Investments		6,049,450.79
Total Cash and Investments General Fund, March 31, 2018		6,341,537.94
SUPPLY FUND		
Supplies Sold		3,250.20
Inventory April 1, 2017	3,305.48	
Supplies purchased	2,448.18	
Inventory March 31, 2016	(2,418.76)	
Cost of Supplies Sold		3,334.90
Profit (Loss) on Sales		**(84.70)**
MILEAGE FUND		
Cash on hand April 1, 2017	6,765.21	
Net Transfer	13,000.00	
		19,765.21
2017 Mileage Checks	16,532.91	
2017 Interest income	-	
		16,532.91
Cash Balance March 31, 2018		**3,232.30**
JANE C. THOMPSON FUND		
Value of fund March 31, 2018		**5,500.00**

BETTY VLASNIK MEMORIAL FUND		
Value of fund March 31, 2018		**43,859.56**
RESTRICTED FUND		
Balance April 1, 2017		18,597.99
Net Receipts from Chapters & Individuals		76,527.85
Net transfer General to Restricted Account		16,438.37
Total Receipts		111,564.21
Disbursements		
Alzheimer's Association	1,000.00	
Cancer Fund	1,025.00	
Diabetes Fund	7,565.50	
Educational Loan Fund	60.00	
ESTARL	2,182.20	
Heart Fund	1,000.00	
International Headquarters	1,000.00	
Knights Templar Eye Fund	1,010.00	
Masonic-OES Home	18,686.93	
Masonic Home	9,720.19	
Military Fund	1,000.00	
Other Charities	5,620.86	
Rite Care	212.00	
Scholarship Fund	19,850.00	
Shrine Hospital Fund	1,000.00	
Wounded Warrior Family Support	9,500.22	
Youth Fund	4,464.71	
Project Expenses	6,771.61	
Total Disbursements		91,669.22
Balance March 31, 2018		**19,894.99**
STATEMENT OF ASSETS		
Cash March 31, 2018		
West Gate Bank - General account		178,313.71
West Gate Bank - Landeryou account		13,639.52
UBS Financial Services		133,668.43
Mileage		3,232.30
Cash on hand		38.00
Cost of Investments in General Fund		6,049,450.79
Value Jane C. Thompson Fund		5,500.00
Value Betty Vlasnik Memorial Fund		43,859.56
Value Yount Endowment Fund for ESTARL		113,359.01
HAROLD T. LANDERYOU MEMORIAL FUND FOR ESTARL		
Balance April 1, 2017		$10,737.41

Receipts:		
Membership Dues	1,519.75	
Gifts	1,160.00	
Dividends (Yount Fund & Interest)	6,332.36	
Transfer from the General Fund	6,000.00	15,012.11
		25,749.52
Disbursements:		
Awards (11)	10,700.00	
Audit	1,400.00	12,110.00
Cash Balance March 31, 2018		**$13,639.52**
BETTY YOUNT ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ESTARL		
Cost Value Securities, April 1, 2017		112,230.91
Received for investment		1,128.10
Value of Fund March 31, 2018		**$113,359.01**
NEBRASKA EASTERN STAR EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND		
Cash Balance April 1, 2017		293,444.60
Receipts:		
Received on Accounts	57,462.60	
Gifts and Memorials	60.00	
Dividends and Interest	51,068.14	108,590.74
		402,035.34
Disbursements:		
Note Advances	35,200.00	
Audit	3,450.00	
Bank fees	185.00	
Investment in stock	100,000.00	
		138,835.00
Cash Balance March 31, 2018		**$263,200.34**
First State Bank, Certificate of Deposit, Educational Loan Fund		
Value April 1, 2017		$45,720.74
Interest Earned		287.76
Value of CD March 31, 2018		**46,008.50**
UBS Financial Services Loan Fund Account		
Cash Balance March 31, 2018	23,088.85	
Cost Value of Securities, March 31, 2018	780,873.38	
Value of UBS Financial Services Loan Fund March 31, 2018		**803,862.23**
Summary Educational Loan Fund		
Total Cash	286,289.19	
Certificate of Deposit	46,008.50	

Cost Value of Securities	780,873.38	
Notes Receivable	432,958.57	

Audited and found correct.
Lutz & Associates, 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. We appreciate all of our fifty-year members that continue to take an active part in our Grand Chapter.

(Certificates presented April 1, 2017- April 1, 2018)

QUEEN ESTHER NO 1
Betty Stoll

ELECTA NO 8
Bruce Nichelson

VESPER NO 9

Dale Novotny
Betty Spilker
Kyle Lantz

ALMA NO 20

Jane Marie McElravy

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HEBRON NO 31
Barbara A. Crowe
Francis L. Crowe, PGP

TUSCAN NO 35
Gloria Tye
Tom Tye
Terry Loper

ACACIA NO 39
Donna Dudley
Rosemary Peterson
Barbara Crowe
Fran Crowe, PGP
Shirley Engel

BEULAH NO 40
Pamela Sue Nadracha

EUREAKA NO 86
Steven Fries

ARBOR VITAE NO 92
Harriet Finlay
Mary Ann Paulger
Ann Wells
Robert Wells
Lila Launer
Gayle Paschall

AURORA NO 93
Zandra Nelson

MYRTLE NO 94
Linda Livingston

RUTH NO 119
Della Cunningham

FRIENDSHIP NO 122
Cecil Hocking

TEKAMAH NO 131
Mary Jane Blodgett
Ralph Anderson
Larry Jackson

BLUE RIVER NO 132
Linda Miers

GOLDEN RULE NO 134
Pamela Spitzer

Francis Rine

OGALLALA NO 142
Cheryl Beckius, PGM
Joanne VanVelson

LUNA NO 169
Kenneth Bunnell
Linda Bunnell

HOME NO 189
Elizabeth Hall

SHELBY NO 193
Lynda Patience

CERESCO NO 198
Sharon Moellers
Barbara Hedlund
Beverly Swanson

IRENE NO 207
Garold Ohmstede

DOME ROCK NO 215
Opal E. Helm

HOLLY NO 233
Eugene Jones

BRIDGEPORT NO 260
Linda Jo Brooks

BROWNVILLE NO 263
Donnalee Andrew

NARCISSUS NO 269
Patti Papek
Mary Beth Taylor

IMPERIAL NO 279
Leslie Smith, PGP

Susan Nielsen
Mary Reddish

ARROW NO 164
Nadine Reinhard

ROYAL NO 184
Dixie Coggin

ROB MORRIS NO 192
Carol Sandsted
Sharon Sundberg
Leigh Ann Smelker

WAYNE NO 194
Marleen Dinklage, PGM

ARBOR NO 200
Nancy Cunningham
Earl Ferguson
Phillip Foulk
Sharon Frizzell
Bruce Frizzell
Chris Wait

SUNFLOWER NO 214
Sharon Herman
Helen Jane Vogel

HERMAN NO 216
Penny SEugene Jones

ELIZABETH NO 250
Camila Svobada
Ronald Svobada
Eleanor Baker
Judith Duff

TRUTH NO 262
Darlene Kiefer

DAVENPORT NO 268
Peggy Duey
Nancy Edwards

TEMPLE NO 271
S. Nadyne Bauer
Judith A. Bigler
Sherry A. Scheurich

TRINITY NO 299
Sandra Passer

Sue Smith

LAURA NO 301
Mary Therrien
Jacklynn Petersen

SYMPHONY NO 316
Gayle Paschall

ALPHA NO 325
Marilyn Goolsby
Jack Lofgren

MEMORIALS

We are all saddened by the death of four of our Past Grand Matrons. Sister Helen Brannan, P.G.M., Sister Barbara Aten, P.G.M., Sister Betty Mabon, P.G.M. and Sister Marleen Dinklage, P.G.M... Cards were printed and distributed to all Nebraska Chapters and all other Grand Jurisdictions. All four of our sisters lived a life of service and loved our beautiful order. I was able to attend Sisters Barbara and Marleen's funeral services and what great testimonial's to their lives.

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 Don will give you more information on that in his report.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Sister Anita 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 Anita 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 and would love to have you attend.

CONSOLIDATIONS

The Worthy Grand Matron and I finalized three consolidations this past year. We made seven visits to answer questions or concerns about consolidations. 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 Chapters 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-eight 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 fourteen dedicated 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. What a joy to see all the active duty military and veterans across our state stand and be honored at our visitations. Other special events this year that I had the privilege of attending included Rainbow Grand Assembly, DeMolay Conclave, 4-H Achievement Day at the Children's Home, Nebraska/Kansas Exchange, in Bellevue and Emporia, KS. The tri-state exchange with South Sioux City, NE, Sioux City, Iowa and Yankton, South Dakota. The fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers from all three states was wonderful. 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. Another fantastic Masonic Youth Leadership Conference was held this year in Kearney at the Holiday Inn. I also attended Grand Lodge at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney. What a great year for Nebraska Masonry. Attended several installations and celebrated a new year with the chapters.

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

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:

I'd like to give a few appreciations:

To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: Jim, it has been such a pleasure to work with you and to get to know you better over the last few years. You are always a gentleman and I am proud to call you my friend.

Sister Anita, what a year. I would like to say publicly how much I respect and admire you. This year wasn't what we planned, but you have handled it with dignity and grace. I love you my dear sister and my friend.

To Sue Hedges: You are an asset to the Order and an asset to have in the Office. Thank you. Your assistance is invaluable to me.

APPRECIATIONS FROM WRITTEN REPORT

To our Grand Treasurer: Karla, it is always a joy to have you around. Your humor keeps me on my toes. I so appreciate your love for our membership and our beautiful order. Thanks for all you do as Grand Treasurer.

To the Elected Officers: 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 2017-2018 Appointed Officers: What a blessing this Grand Family has been. Keep your love of the Order and continue to share it with your

Chapters. You have represented Grand Chapter well and it has been wonderful getting to know each of you better.

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.

CONCLUSION

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:

This has been a memorable year. One huge undertaking was completing the on-line red books by proofing, purchasing binders, tabs, printing tabs, labels, assembling and disbursing the new large red books. It has taken so many volunteer hours by so many people. A huge thank you to all those involved in this endeavor.

Thank you to the many Sisters and Brothers that helped in any way with this Grand Chapter Session. You are appreciated.

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, PGM and Grand Secretary:

Worthy Grand Matron, the financial portion of this Report has been audited and found correct by the firm of Lutz and Associates, Certified Public Accountants.

I move the auditor's endorsement be accepted.

The motion was seconded and passed by a majority vote.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Jan. We will hear the report of the Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Karla Lawler, Grand Treasurer: (Portions read aloud are printed in bold)

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

This is my first year as the Grand Treasurer and if I embarrassed you, I refer you to Sister Pam, who thoroughly educated me on the Treasurer's duties! There have been a couple of bumps in the road and they are going to get smoothed out from time to time, but my report is printed in the Reports Program, so I am not going to read it in its entirety. I hope you take time to enjoy some of my comments. I certainly enjoyed being your Grand Treasurer. It was so much fun to go to all the visitations and to get to know this Grand Family. The next one will soon be coming up and I will enjoy their friendship. I respectfully submit this report. Thank you.

WRITTEN REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

It has been my extreme honor to serve this year as your Grand Treasurer. From the first visitation in Gering to the last in Omaha it was a delight to give our upcoming schedule with Sister Jan sharing laughter while keeping in the theme of this Grand Family of God Bless the USA.

The mileage checks were all cashed in timely fashion. Our bank accounts balanced with much thanks and diligence due to our Grand Secretary, Sister Jan.

On top of the visitations came the trip to Bellevue and Emporia Kansas for the KS-NE Exchange. The pirates in Bellevue started us off on the adventure and sailing on to Kansas where our Nebraska officers concluded a most prosperous weekend.

The Youth Groups, especially the Youth Conference held in Kearney will also stay in my memories as highlights. Crete hosted the Rainbow Assembly, York for the Job's Daughter Grand Bethel, of which I was a judge for the music talent portion and then Fremont to the banquet for DeMolay. It is a pleasure to see our young people with respect for the organization. It lets us know our future is in good hands.

Of course stopping along the way in Fremont later in the year to be with my dear friends Ann Wells PGM and her husband Bob to watch them receive their 50-year pins was a plus. This became a stepping-stone to the 5 state exchanges. It was initiation work with differences in each state, but work that was done to perfection. Each time I watch I learn something new. Our order is still relevant in today's world and should be shared often.

In conclusion I wish to thank you all for this privilege and hope to greet more of you whenever possible.

Star Love,
Karla A. Lawler
Grand Treasurer

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Karla, I know you have enjoyed this year and I know the Grand Family has enjoyed having you.

We will now hear the report of the Grand Chaplain.

Report of the Grand Chaplain

Don Norman, Grand Chaplain:

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

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Anita and Worthy Grand Patron Jim, for asking me to be a part of the "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Family and serve as Grand Chaplain. It has been a very fine honor to serve.

As Grand Chaplain, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star, I sent sympathy cards to other Grand Jurisdictions for the loss of forty-five Past Grand Matrons and forty-five Past Grand Patrons, a Grand Representative, and two General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star officers, Gary Ernest Miller, Right Worthy Grand Secretary 2015-2018, and Tammy Clawson, Worthy Grand Martha 2015-2018. Memoriam notices received

came from all around the United States, the District of Columbia, Canada, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

From the Chapters of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star that reported, the loss of members due to death during the 2017 calendar year and to April 2018 totaled 333 members. Our thoughts and prayers continue for their loved ones and friends.

Thank you.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Don, for your report – and thank you for sending courtesy cards to the other Grand Jurisdictions.

I just want to add, I received so many cards and emails and flowers – oh, my gosh. But to follow up, I don't know how you all found out; but, oh my gosh, it was wonderful. I knew everybody was pulling for me. I wish I could thank everybody.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Nebraska is most honored to have five of our very own who have been appointed to serve for the 2015-2018 Triennium and they include: Ambassador and General Grand Chapter Committee Members –

Brother Alvin Benemerito, PGP, Ambassador to the Philippines, Visayas,
Sister Dee Schuetz, PGM, Community Service
Brother Carl Plants, PGP, Scottish Rite Charities
Sister Betty Kirby, PGM, Service Dogs,
And Sister Wanda Fisher, PGM, Support First Responders

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

I invite each of these General Grand Chapter special appointees to share their greetings. Brother Alvin, Ambassador to the Philippines, Visayas, please bring greetings.

Ambassador to the Philippines, Viysays
Of the General Grand Chapter

Alvin Benemerito, Past Grand Patron:

Let's start it out this way – Once upon a time, God looked around on Earth. He wanted to know what kind of behavior was going on, so He sent an Angel to check on us. The Angel returned and said, "God, it is bad on Earth! Ninety-five percent are misbehaving and five percent are not." God could not believe this, so He sent another Angel for a second opinion. The Angel returned and said, "Yes, it's true. Earth is in a decline; Ninety-five percent are misbehaving and five percent are being good." God was not pleased, so He decided to write an email to the five percent who were good because he wanted to encourage them; give them a little something extra so that they could keep on going. Do you know what the email said? No? I didn't get one either. (Laughter)

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

As I reported to you at our last Grand Chapter Session, I had the honor to travel to the Philippines with the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Patron, and some General Grand Chapter Deputations in February of 2017. Unfortunately, this trip did not coincide with their Triennium Assembly, which was held a few months later in September, which was in Butuan City in the Philippines. Since I can speak Filipino, the national language of the Philippines, I was able to help, organize and get the Chapters lined up, for the inspection of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand

Patron. Also, since it was his first trip there, I was able to assist our late Brother Gary Miller, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, regarding the documentations and even some translations. Yes, there is such a thing as "lost in translation". This is something that I never thought about since you know, I grew up there and was born in the Philippines. For example – and there are a lot of examples here -- during part of the School of Instruction, a short recess was called. What happened then? Well, our Sisters and Brothers started eating and having their drinks and whatnot. As you can imagine, the General Grand Chapter Deputation was confused and some were actually quite dismayed that this was happening. I had to explain that in the Philippines when you say, "Recess," it means "snack time"! Some of my Brother Filipinos that are here, you ask them if this is not true. So, the flared tempers turned into laughter!

Another example, and yes, those of you who are related to the Philippines, this would just be upsetting if you do not know of this particular thing. During one of the greetings -- one of them brought greetings and in the Philippines, you may hear somebody from Visayas who may say in Filipino, it sounds like this: "Hi, how are you doing? Tuminain ka taba." – what it actually says in English -- it would sound like this: "Hi, you look fat." (Laughter) That would be upsetting if you did not know that it actually is a compliment – yes, a compliment. When you say that in the Philippines, it is a simple translation to: "You look healthy." So, "healthy", a simple translation in Filipino is – yes, you guessed it, "fat"! So, if you can imagine, this experience was literally quite enjoyable to me and certainly to my oldest son, A.J., who accompanied me on this trip.

The General Grand Chapter entourage was treated like royalty. The Chapters dined us in fancy restaurants and to local fairs where a couple of songs and dances were performed just for us. One of those even had a pig's head on the buffet. We toured different sites. We traveled to an active volcano about 30 miles south of the Capital City of Manila. Thank goodness, it was not spewing anything at that time. One of my favorite tours was to Aguinaldo, where the Philippines declared its independence from Spain in June 1898. This was the inception home of the first President of the Philippines, General Emilio Aguinaldo, and as you can imagine, I had to have my picture taken with the following background: A life-size picture – a picture, not a painting – of General Aguinaldo wearing his Masonic regalia.

The Chapters in the Philippines are very active. As an example, this past year alone, a Chapter sponsored eye operations for the visually impaired children in their city. They brought in doctors, they brought in medicines, and arranged for the operations. Several Chapters have sent boxes of food and clothing to Malolos, a city that was devastated due to the war against Muslim extremists. Many such charities are being carried out by local Chapters throughout the Philippines. Members open up their own pocketbooks and sacrifice their own time and talents for the benefit of humanity. My dear Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, I am proud to report to you that the Order of the Eastern Star is alive, loved, and enthusiastic in all the corners of the Republic of the Philippines.

In closing, it has, indeed, been a true honor and great pleasure to represent the Grand Chapter of Nebraska in this capacity of Ambassador to Visayas, Philippines. Let's say this before I go, one more Filipino word, "Mabuhay," Ma as in "Ma", B as in "Bee", Ha as in "Hi" – let's all say it, "Mabuhav". Say it again, "Mabuhav". Thank you very much – that means "long live".

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Alvin. Sister Dee is a member of the Community Service Committee. May we hear from you.

Dee Schuetz, Member of the Community Service Committee, General Grand Chapter:

First let me say, I've been following Alvin for three years, and that's a tough act to follow, but it also has been a treat because he always leaves our audience with a beautiful smile and happy faces, so I am happy to follow him.

Good morning. Protocol having been established, I thank you, Sister Anita and Brother Jim, for allowing us time to bring our reports.

I have been fortunate to visit seven more Grand Chapters this past year in addition to our own and hope to visit several more before my term as a General Grand Chapter Committee member ends. At each of these visits, I continue to be amazed at what caring, sharing, and loving people our Eastern Star members are; not only in our own communities, but throughout the world.

I also had the pleasure of being a part of our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's trip to the International Peace Garden last summer. We had a bus full of Nebraska members along with some of the Iowa Grand Chapter Officers and Members as well. Our own Past Grands Bev and Mike Donham were wonderful hosts and did a great job of keeping us very busy with typical Eastern Star activities of visiting, fun, games, and lots of snacks, but little time for sleeping. The flowerbeds and displays were all in full bloom, containing almost every kind of flower and plant imaginable and were truly awesome.

I have to admit it is sort of trek to get to the Peace Garden from Nebraska as it is located on the borders of North Dakota and Canada. Actually, part of the Garden is on the United States side and the other part is on the Canadian side, so you do need a birth certificate or a passport to leave the park on the Canadian side. We were a part of the General Grand Chapter Triennial Pilmigrage to the Peace Garden last year, so there were many States represented with lots of planned activities. This was my second trip there and when my husband, Jon, and I visited the first time, we were able to stay in a Lodge located inside the Garden and I believe that is still an option, but that would probably depend on what activities might be going on at the time. There is even a Masonic Lodge on the American side of the Garden that can be attended by any visiting Mason.

As some of you may know, the International Peace Garden is a result of a Resolution proposed in 1953 by the Grand Chapters of North Dakota and Manitoba Canada. That Resolution was adopted at the 27th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter with the aim of endorsing the establishment, development, and maintenance of the Garden, and to urge the Grand Chapters and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star to assist in the Garden's future. To this day, the Garden is still being maintained primarily by Eastern Star and Masonic volunteers. And although the Peace Garden is not a responsibility of my committee, what a wonderful "Community Service" project that is for individual Eastern Star Members or our Chapters, and the reason I am bringing this up is because you, too, could be a part of that. So, if anyone would be interested in volunteering at the Peace Garden, I would be happy to find a contact for you or maybe even join you myself. The International Peace Garden is truly a most beautiful and tranquil place and I know you would enjoy it, even if you are working.

This is my last report as my appointment will come to an end when we meet in Orlando, Florida in late October of this year for the "Precious Memories on the Wings of Love," 49th Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter. It will be a little bittersweet for it has truly been a humbling and wonderful experience, but it will soon be time for our new Nebraska General Grand Chapter Appointments to have the same opportunities that I have enjoyed. I sincerely congratulate each of them and wish them the very best. We are so proud of all of you!

I thank the members of Nebraska Grand Chapter for all you do for our

communities, our Youth, our Churches, and the Order of the Eastern Star in giving of your time for not only Community Services, but for your charitable giving as well.

And lastly, I again thank our Members and the Grand Chapter Trustees for all the support given to us as General Grand Chapter Appointees and for all the courtesies extended to me personally at not only this Grand Chapter, but everywhere I have been around the State of Nebraska for the past 2 and ½ years. I love you all!

Sister Anita and Brother Jim, I wish for you a happy and memorable Grand Chapter Session and we look forward to welcoming you both into our Past Grands. Thank you very much!

Dee Schuetz, Past Grand Matron
GGCCM, Community Service Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Dee. Some you may know, that when we first moved to Nebraska, I started working in Civil Service and at that time, there were a lot of jobs. At the time, one of those was as a secretary, so I was able to choose whichever job I went to, but I was so fortunate because Sister Dee was there in that particular office, and I remember she and another one in the office as being Eastern Star members. We were really only together for about a year, but our friendship over the years has been wonderful.

Brother Carl, Scottish Rite Charities Committee member, please bring us your greetings.

Carl Plants, Past Grand Patron, Scottish Rite Charities Committee of the General Grand Chapter:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Protocol being established, I am Carl Plants, Past Grand Patron of Nebraska and Scottish Rite Charities Committee, and I need to tell you first, that my travels of late have been somewhat curtailed, so I am going to give you a little commercial on the Scottish Rite Charities. I figured we can always use another prompt, shall we say, and we will kind of go forward from there.

In the early 1950's in Colorado, the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program tied to the establishment of the RiteCare, the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program, whose clinics provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

These clinics, centers, and special programs are operating or planned for children and their therapists throughout the United States. Each facility is staffed by speech-language pathologists or other trained personnel. With the support of the Scottish Rite, clinics, centers and programs continue to increase. The value of this philanthropy is readily apparent. With the good work of the dedicated clinicians and the childrens' parents, the Scottish Rite has achieved a tremendous success. Children who might have remained educationally behind for a lifetime can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

There are currently three clinics in Nebraska: Omaha, Lincoln, and Hastings. Their vision is that all Nebraska children will have the verbal communication skills needed for success at home, in school, and in life. There is also a satellite clinic through the University of Nebraska at Kearney that operates a tele-practice service. In 2014, this satellite tele-practice option provided services for over 50 children.

Nebraska's RiteCare Clinics have been providing clinical services for children in Nebraska for more than 40 years, with locations in Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings,

and Kearney. These services are provided at no cost to families, thanks to the tremendous support of Nebraska's Scottish Rite Masons and our community of donors. These are currently in prime locations: Hastings, Lincoln, and Omaha. The last number that I saw was that in 2014, 1,097 children received services in 5,567 sessions of therapy. The budget for services is about $600,000 in Nebraska, and that is entirely through the Scottish Rite philanthropy arm. Families receive services without regard to their ability to pay. Today, there are 178 RiteCare programs throughout the United States. Each program operates independently and rely heavily on local donations to augment the support of the Scottish Rite Foundation of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA, and the local Scottish Rite Foundations. These programs continue to increase in numbers, and the value of this philanthropy has long been apparent because tens of thousands of children across the United States have been helped. With the good work and dedicated clinicians and parents, RiteCare has achieved successes that could only be imagined a few years back. Children, who might have remained essentially educationally behind for a lifetime, can now talk, read, and lead productive lives.

Sisters and Brothers, I wish to thank you all for your support and good work during this Triennium and for the opportunity to serve you and General Grand Chapter. Again, thank you.

Carl Plants, Past Grand Patron
GGCCM, Scottish Rite Charities Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Carl. Sister Betty, Service Dogs Committee Member, please bring your greetings.

Betty Kirby, Past Grand Matron, Service Dogs Committee of the General Grand Chapter:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, and most importantly, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with a sense of gratitude and humility that I can make this report, my last as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on the Service Dog Committee.

You have all been so supportive of me throughout these past three years while I served on this fledgling committee after it was announced about the new program for Service Dogs at the General Grand Chapter level. I am very happy to report that the program will receive an official introduction at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Chapter in Orlando this year. The "Paws", or in this case, the dogs, will be out of the bag. In retrospect, I look back on these years with the satisfaction of the work we have accomplished, but there is still much more to be done and now we must put these programs into action.

I am happy to report that each Grand Jurisdiction and Province will have a Service Dog Committee Member beginning in November to continue on with our work of Service Dogs as the primary charity of our beautiful Order. Somehow, I know the Committee will continue at this Jurisdictional level. I encourage each and every one of you to become actively involved in this project, and that each and every Chapter here in Nebraska make a concerted effort to bring this wonderful, charitable project to the forefront in our communities. There is such a need for Service Dogs throughout our society; more so now than ever. I feel like we can provide independence, confidence, and medical and psychological support to countless individuals, who may have a variety of difficult or psychological problems. Please, as members, learn all you can about what these marvelous animals can do, and then support and advocate for the training

programs for these dogs.

My hope as a Committee Member is that the Service Dogs Project will be relevant to each Chapter in the Nation and that the Order of the Eastern Star will find a purpose for outlets in each community where a Chapter is located. For so many years, our beautiful Order has done so much good, but it has accomplished all of this behind closed doors. I hope that the Service Dogs Project will bring our Chapters out from behind those closed doors and let people know what a beautiful Order we represent. Perhaps, done right, we can bring new members through this project. Perhaps, this project will encourage more of our Jobies and Rainbows and DeMolays to continue their participation in our Order when they receive their Majority. Perhaps, we can encourage more cooperation with our Masonic families with this project. The possibilities are endless.

So now, as my service to the Service Dogs Project comes to a close, please consider that you, as an individual, and what your Chapter can do with this opportunity; even if it is just providing foster care for a puppy in training, collecting funds at the grocery store or mini-mart, even if you just designate your coin marches to this project – or have a special event to dedicate funds to this special project. Again, the possibilities are endless and the needs are so great. We even have many ideas for you to plan all kinds of exciting fundraisers; just ask.

We have a few months before this program is officially announced, but now is the time and you need to be thinking about what we can do as individuals and as Chapters to make this project just a "howling success"! Thank you so much.

Betty Kirby, Past Grand Matron
GGCCM, Service Dog Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Betty. Sister Wanda Fisher, Support First Responders Committee Member, please bring greetings.

Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron and General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Support First Responders Committee:

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Anita, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jim, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Serving on this committee has made me humble and has really brought home the thought that our First Responders are our Heroes. They are our first line of defense and in times of disaster, illness, fire, or any type of events, they are right there and they accept the challenge. It goes along with their chosen field and they perform their duties without a second thought.

In Nebraska, many, many of these First Responders are volunteers. Growing up and living in rural Nebraska, that fact is really brought home of Volunteer Fire Departments and Volunteer ambulance drivers – it is just mostly a Volunteer organization, so I decided that the money from the coins that the First Responders Committee is selling is going to go to the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association. They are the ones who provide the Fire Schools to help the volunteer firemen to learn how to fight fires safely, and I don't think that in Nebraska there would be any better place to put funds for the First Responders. We are still counting funds and I think if I remember, in February the Committee had sold a total of 11,500 coins. So at the beginning of the Triennium, I set a goal that each Chapter should sell a certain number – purchase a certain number of coins and almost each Chapter stepped up to that goal and bought coins. However, I do have to commend Dome Rock Chapter in Scottsbluff – they bought 25 coins and gave them to their Fire Department. I still

have coins on hand and if I need to, I can still order more. So come see me and help Support Our First Responders.

I would like to thank Worthy Grand Matron Sister Anita and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jim for allowing the coins to be sold on their Sales Table during their Summer visitations, and they will once again be on the Sales Table for the summer visitations this coming year.

This will be the last time I will be addressing you as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member. I want to thank all of you for the opportunity you have given me in helping me serve in this capacity. It has been an honor to represent Nebraska Grand Chapter at General Grand Chapter and it is an added joy that the committee I was assigned to was the Support First Responders Committee.

Once again, thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Support First Responders Committee.

Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron
GGCCM, Support First Responders Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

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. Thank you for your unending dedication to our Order. Sisters and Brothers, please join with me in giving them another warm welcome. *(Applause)*

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Jan Barnard will now give Report of the Grand Trustees. The presentation of the Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 will be given by Sister Jan this afternoon.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Jan Barnard (216), Past Matron:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

The Board of Grand Trustees consists of five of your peers and are elected to serve a five-year term. I would like to introduce the members who served with me this year:

Sister Judy Wehrbein, Chairman-Elect and Past Grand Matron
Sister Cynthia "Cyn" Norman, Past Grand Matron
Brother Wayne Andreasen, Past Patron and General Arrangements Co-Chairman
Brother Bruce Raddatz, Past Grand Patron

Thank you all for your dedication to our Order and for your help this year. We are charged with the duty of overseeing the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter. A complete list of our duties is listed in the Red Book under Grand Chapter Bylaws, Section 17. Since the last Grand Chapter Session, the Board has met five times. I will give you a little bit of what we discussed at those meetings.

Our first meeting was on July 1, 2017 to review and approve the expenses of Grand Chapter. We approved the purchase of new flowers for the baskets at this Grand Chapter and a red cross flag to be placed in the Northwest corner of the Chapter room for members ease in locating the Nurse's Station. We want to thank Sister Peggy Hitchcock, RN, for her services during our session.

Prior to this meeting, the Board approved $3,000, which was requested by the Benevolence Committee to assist one of our members with the cost of a prosthesis.

We approved sharing the expense of the new entry system at the office with

the Grand Lodge, improved the Wi-Fi system for the office, purchased a new screen for use at School of Instruction and at other functions, and will prepare a basket for the Silent Auction at Grand Lodge.

Grand Secretary Sister Jan Thoman gave a report on the Educational Loan Fund and the progress on the Proceedings.

Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron are Ex-officio members of our Board and attended several meetings to report on the activities of the Grand Family.

Our Grand Secretary, Sister Jan Thoman, brings her expertise to our meetings and records the minutes of each meeting. She is a huge asset as she handles the day-to-day activities of our many accounts and keeps excellent records that are at our disposal. Thank you, Sisters Jan and Sue Hedges, our Office Assistant, for your dedication to our Order.

On October 23, 2017, we met at the office in Lincoln to receive a report from our Auditor, Jody Decker. She reported a clean audit report, explaining the process in some detail. Next, David and Dale Kloeckner of UBS Financial Service reported on our financial portfolio of the General and Educational Loan Accounts. We approved their suggestion for a reinvestment to move from T. Rowe Price to International Dividend as it involves lower expenses.

Contracts with Younes Conference Center were signed through 2023 at no cost increase.

New Red Books are printed and ready to be assembled and distributed at the School of Instruction for District Grand Supervisors to deliver to the Chapters.

We met in Hastings in conjunction with the All-Committee Meeting on October 28, 2017. Associate Grand Matron Candy Martin and Associate Grand Patron Harold Terry shared their plans for the 2018-2019 Session. We approved the increase in mileage from 35 cents a mile to 50 cents a mile. The Federal rate stands at 55 cents a mile. We felt this was one way to thank our members who travel many miles to serve our Grand Chapter.

We also approved a one-time stipend of $250.00 to a Chapter receiving a consolidated Chapter to help cover expenses and added work of the Chapter Secretary.

We thank Brothers Elmer Huffman and Marvin Colson for donating the POW/MIA flag and pole for the Grand Chapter Flag Ceremony.

We will prepare a basket for the Silent Auction at Grand Chapter.

On a cold weekend in January 2018, we met in Bellevue in conjunction with the School of Instruction. We were pleased to learn the 2016 Proceedings were completed and being distributed to those present.

We are working on a list of duties for the Board of Trustees Chairman, and also the Office Assistant, and reviewing the duties of the Grand Secretary.

We did not have a solution for the question of the lost ID number the Grand Representatives' Association was dealing with and suggested they apply for a new number.

As you may remember, the cold weather continued and delayed our final meeting until April 28, 2018, so the budget is hot off the press! We will address that this afternoon. A keyboard has been purchased for use at Grand Chapter in lieu of renting one each year. The 2017 Proceedings are completed and printed. A price of $30.00 was set for the purchase of the new Red Book. Brother Wayne Andreasen presented three notebooks containing information needed each year with directions and pictures in preparing for the set up of our Grand Chapter. They were given to the Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, and Grand Secretary for reference.

In closing, I thank you for the honor and opportunity to serve you as a Grand Trustee. I assure you that as a group, each year we gave much thought, research, and prayer to the decisions we make on your behalf -- throw in a

couple of sleepless nights -- and as Chairman, I wish only good things to those who serve in the coming years. And as it says in Proverbs 3:6, "In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity to present this report. **I move the adoption of this report.**

Jan Barnard, Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees
Judy Wehrbein, Past Grand Matron
Cynthia "Cyn" Norman, Past Grand Matron
Wayne Andreasen, Past Patron
Bruce Raddatz, Past Grand Patron

The motion was seconded and passed and the Report of the Grand Trustees was accepted. The Worthy Grand Matron expressed her appreciation and devotion to our Order to Sister Jan and the Board of Grand Trustees.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

The Silent Auction will close at 7:00 this evening. Be sure and check your bid. Don't think of it as just purchasing something – you are investing in our future when you purchase something from it.

Sister Grand Secretary, are there any announcements?

Jan Thoman, Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary:

There are, Worthy Grand Matron. The first thing, I received a note from the Chairman of the Tellers Committee and they will have a meeting in Meeting Room No. 3, and that is upstairs, at 1:00 p.m. So, all Tellers please report in Room 3 at 1:00 p.m. Then I received a note from the Therapy and Service Dogs Committee and they have a packet of information for each Chapter. So, if a representative from each Chapter would stop by the table to receive your packet. They are very enthusiastic and they have money jars with cute little dogs on them. You can also shop while you are at that booth, so please go out there and save them some money by helping get that out to your Chapter and see that each Chapter gets one.

Thank you very much, Worthy Grand Matron.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

At 1:00 today, you are invited to return back here to join us for a sing-along with our "Star Studded Choir." The call to order is at 1:15 p.m., followed by the Election of Grand Officers at 1:30 p.m.

Please take note: Voting delegates must be within the confines of the Grand Chapter Room to vote and no ballots will be collected in the outer hallways or the divider 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 9, 2018
1:15 P.M.

While members assembled early for the afternoon session, they joined in a sing-along with the “Star Studded Choir”.

At 1:15 p.m., the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Deloyt Young, Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth to the East. Sister Sharlene called the session to order. The Grand Officers entered informally and took their stations. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were given the Grand Honors.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Sharlene and Brother Deloyt, thank you so very much for opening the Wednesday afternoon session for us. It was an honor to have you open our session. We thoroughly enjoyed your “Music of the Stars” Grand Session. My thought for you is, and it’s kind of like two rails on a railroad track – “At all times, you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are going in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on; and no matter how many bad things that are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for.” Thank you.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
Sister Sharlene and Brother Deloyt, thank you for opening our Wednesday afternoon session. You have become very special people since it was you who put me in the Line. It is an honor to have you opening our session.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you again for our “Star Studded” Choir and to all of you who joined them. I again welcome all of you to our afternoon session. It is our hope that it will be filled with 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.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

The Grand Conductress introduced Past Grand Patron Fran Crow. He was greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, escorted to the East where he was given Grand Honors and was then seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

BUSINESS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER REPORTS OF SESSION COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
May we hear the report of the Credentials Committee given by Sister Linda Teach, of Wayne Chapter No. 194, Wayne. Co-Chairperson, and Sister Dianne

Wiberg, of Signet No. 55, North Platte and Andrew Chapter No. 41, Grand Island, Co-Chairperson.

Linda Teach, (194), Co-Chairperson:

Good Afternoon, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and members. I am Linda Teach, Chair of the Credentials Committee. I would like to introduce and thank the other members of my committee, and as I read their names, they will stand: My Co-Chair is Diane Wiberg, but unfortunately she had some surgery just recently and the doctor won't let her get up on her feet, so she could not attend, but she is in our thoughts and prayers; Marilyn Carhart, Wayne Chapter No. 194; Andy Carpenter, Friendship Chapter No. 122; Betty Kenyon of Sunflower Chapter No. 214; Betty Kucera of Herman Chapter No. 216; June Nielsen of Ogallala Chapter No. 142; Truth Chapter No. 262, and Acacia Chapter No. 39; Ellen Ott of Friendship Chapter No. 122; and Ileen Smith of Starcraft Chapter No. 307. They are invaluable as members of this Grand Jurisdiction and truly appreciated for their work and dedication to this committee.

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

The Committee on Credentials reports the following:

Representation:	
Chapters Represented	67
Chapters Not Represented	7
Chapter Representatives Present	135
Accredited votes as follows:	
Chapter Representatives	226
Grand Officers	18
Past Grand Matrons	25
Past Grand Patrons	15
Past Matrons	83
Past Patrons	18
Total Votes Possible for Balloting	**385**

On behalf of the committee, **I move that the role of delegates, hereby submitted, be the official roll of voting members of this Grand Chapter Session. The motion of the Credentials Committee does not require a second. Thank you.**

The motion of the Credentials was voted upon and accepted as the official roll of voting delegates as submitted by the Credentials Committee. The Worthy Grand Matron stated there was a quorum present to transact business.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND TRUSTEE

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Worthy Grand Patron, you will preside during the Election of Grand Officers.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Brothers Don Havekost and Wendell Wagner have been appointed as Chairmen of the Tellers Committee. Before proceeding, the following Nebraska Grand Chapter Laws pertain to the Election of the Grand Officers:

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 and be present at the nearest microphone, state her or his name, title and Chapter and wait for recognition from the presiding officer before proceeding. He or she 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 holds 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 Jill Ramsey is the current 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 Betty Kirby, Bev Donham. Billie Mattern, and Betty Garwood.

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 Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Taylor, 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 Sisters Jan Barnard, Judy Wehrbein and Cyn Norman, and Brothers Wayne Andreasen and Bruce Raddatz. Sister Jan Barnard, current Chairman of the Grand Trustees, will leave that committee at the close of this session; therefore, either a Sister or a Brother may be considered for election to the Board of Grand Trustees at this election.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sisters and Brothers, in the event we go to a written ballot for any office, do not mark your ballot until instructed to do so. I will repeat: In the event we go to a written ballot for ANY office, do NOT mark your ballot until instructed to do so.

The Worthy Grand Patron then asked for nominations for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. The election proceeded in order with the nominations made for each office. All Elected Officers and the Grand Trustee were elected by acclamation with the following being elected:

Sister Candace Martin (122), Worthy Grand Matron
Brother Harold Terry (269), Worthy Grand Patron
Sister Karan Birdsall (271), Associate Grand Matron
Brother Bruce Baker (39), Associate Grand Patron
Sister Jan Thoman (9), Grand Secretary
Sister Karla Lawler (142,92,264), Grand Treasurer
Sister Dottie Arent (113), Grand Conductress
Sister Sharon Eller (299), Associate Grand Conductress
Sister Cheryl Beckius (142), Grand Trustee (5-year term)

Brother Don Havekost, (122) Co-Chairman of the Tellers, introduced and thanked the Tellers. The tellers were Brother Wendell Wagner (214, 122), Co-Chairman; Sister Susie Baker (39); Brother Bernie Beckius (142); Brother John Kirby (153); Brother Gene Wehrbein (189); Brother Gene Frizzell (215), Brother Dennis Dubry (260); Sister Shirley DeVasure (131, 299); Sister Sue Terry (269); Brother Tim Birdsall (271); Brother Keith Wood (279); Sister Maril Hauber (299), and sister Laurel Wolfe (8, 299).

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
Thank you, Brothers Don and Wendell, and all the members of the Committee for the outstanding and very efficient manner in which the election was conducted. Please join with me in sharing our appreciation. *(Applause)*

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Brother Jim and I wish to congratulate each of the newly elected Grand Officers. You will join with us in extending our heartfelt congratulations to these Brothers and Sisters and wish them well in the coming year. *(Applause)*

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES, BUDGET REPORT

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will now have the presentation of the proposed budget for 2018-2019 by Sister Jan Barnard, Past Matron, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees. Sister Jan –

Jan Barnard, PM, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees:
Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The 2018-2019 Budget has been distributed to members of this Grand Chapter for review. I would like to comment on some of the line items and ask you to follow along on your printed copy. Toward the top is:

Interest and Dividend Income: This is a projected figure that we received from Dale and David Kloeckner of UBS Financial Services.

It is as simple as that. And then we go on to Grand Chapter Mileage: With the increase in mileage set at 50 cents a mile, this is the estimate of what will be needed to cover mileage to this Grand Chapter.

Committee Operating Expense: This, too, reflects the increase in mileage for the committee members to attend the All-Committee Members Meeting and other expenses.

Miscellaneous Expense: The expense from this year includes several one-time expenses such as the shared cost with the Grand Lodge for the sign in front of the office, a new entry system, air conditioner, and purchase of the keyboard for Grand Chapter.

General Grand Chapter Expense: As you know, the Triennial General Grand Chapter Session will be held in Orlando, Florida this year, so the amount listed is the estimated cost of expenses for Nebraska Grand Chapter to attend that session.

General Grand Chapter Dues: If you recall, General Grand Chapter increased the per capita dues to $3.00. Grand Chapter approved to pay that extra $1.00 per capita last year as a savings to our members. Because of the time of when this is to be sent in to General Grand Chapter, this is the year that we see that increase.

Nebraska Service Dog: This is a one-time line item to cover the startup for this new program that we are pretty excited about.

Reinvestment: We receive advice on reinvesting from our Investment Company as to when and how much to reinvest. We hope that happens real soon.

With these explanations, are there any further questions regarding the proposed 2018-2019 budget? (Hearing none.)

Worthy Grand Matron, **I move the approval of the 2018-2019 Budget.**

A second not being required, **the motion was voted upon and passed by a majority vote and the Budget was approved.** Copies of the 2018-2019 budget had previously been distributed to the membership.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019			
INCOME			
	2017-2018 Budget	**Received**	**2018-2019 Budget**
ANNUAL DUES	12,178.00	10,768.25	11,420.00
INITIATION FEES	200.00	212.00	200.00
REGISTRATION FEES	4350.00	4,790.00	4300.00
MISCELLANEOUS	25.00	717.00	100.00
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	371,000.00	377,090.93	360,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	387,753.00	393,578.18	376,020.00
EXPENSES			
	2017-2018 Budget	**Spent**	**2018-2019 Budget**
GRAND CHAPTER MILEAGE	15,000.00	13,000.00	20,000.00
GRAND CHAPTER EXPENSE	25,000.00	26,104.95	30,000.00
GRAND CHAPTER PROCEEDINGS	13,000.00	8,643.76	5,500.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	13,000.00	11,844.00	12,000.00

RENT AND SERVICES	8,800.00	5,400.00	6,000.00
PRINTING AND STATIONERY	9,200.00	11,678.03	6,000.00
STORAGE	4,000.00	3,966.00	4,000.00
AUDIT AND PROFESSIONAL FEES	8,000.00	8,125.00	8,200.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	17,500.00	11,615.18	13,000.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	8,900.00	7,637.27	8,900.00
COMMITTEE OPERATING	7,900.00	8,716.19	12,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	6,000.00	15,692.27	6,000.00
GGC EEXPENSES	0.00	.0.00	16,500.00
PINS AND BADGES	1450.00	1,106.46	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	12,178.00	6,088.00	17,130.00
FEE TO INTERNATIONAL	430.00	430.00	355.00
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER	,11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
PGM AND PGP JEWELS	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
SALARIES AND RELATED TAXES	106,294.35	106,184.46	111,674.51
HOME MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
SUPERVISORS' FUND	17,950.00	14,278.04	18,000.00
ESTARL--FROM DUES	1,522.25	1,519.75	1,427.50
ESTARL	6,000.00	6,000.00	500.00
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	3,725.00	3,410.64	3,450.00
COMMITTEE PROJECT EXPENSES	500.00	427.85	500.00
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	32,650.00	32,900.00	33,000.00
YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
NEBRASKA SERVICE DOGS	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	408,799.60	394,640.00	430,387.01
REINVESTMENT	0.00	0.00	
GRAND TOTAL	494,242.00	394,640.00	430,387.01

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Betty Kirby, Past Grand Matron, a member of the Jurisprudence Committee, will now give the Report of that Committee. Sister Betty:

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would just like to introduce the other members serving on the Jurisprudence Committee this year. They are Sisters Beverly Donham, Billie Mattern, and Betty Garwood, Past Grand Matrons. The Chairman Past Grand Matron Jill Ramsey was unable to attend. I also want to thank Sister Jan Thoman, Past Grand Matron and Grand Secretary, for all her help. Thank you, Jan. And also, Sister Cynthia Timmermier, Parliamentarian, for all of the help with the law and other such questions. We are so fortunate in this jurisdiction to have Sister Cynthia as an Advisor. Thank you.

The Jurisprudence Committee submits the following report. Since a copy of our written report in full was included in our Registration packet, **I move that we waive the reading of this report.**

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
I second the motion.

A vote was taken and **the motion to waive the reading of the Written Report of the Jurisprudence Committee was approved.**

Betty Kirby, PGM, Acting Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee:
Worthy Grand Matron, **I move that the Written Report of the Jurisprudence Committee and its Attachments be adopted.**

Beverly Donham, PGM:
I second the motion.

There being no discussion, a vote was taken on **the motion to adopt the Written Report of the Jurisprudence Committee and its attachments and was carried and adopted.**

Written Report of the Jurisprudence Committee

The Jurisprudence Committee completed the project of getting the Constitution, Bylaws and Book of Instruction accessible on the OES password-protected members-only website. Each District Grand Supervisor received instructions to use in her schools to show members how to access the website and the new Red Books were distributed at each Chapter during their School of Instruction in 2018.

The Jurisprudence Committee first meeting was held on October 28, 2017, at the Hastings Masonic Center with Jill Ramsey, Chairman, Betty Kirby, Billie Mattern, Bev Donham and Betty Garwood present. Our guest at that meeting was Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jim Taylor.

The Jurisprudence Committee also convened a meeting on January 13, 2018, at Supervisor's School held at Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue, Nebraska. All members of the Committee were present as well as the Parliamentarian, Sister Cynthia Timmermier.

The annual meeting of the Committee was on February 10, 2018 at the Grand Lodge Conference Room in Lincoln, Nebraska with all Committee members present. Guests attending that meeting were WGM. Sister Anita Sohm, WGP Brother Jim Taylor, Grand Secretary Sister Jan Thoman, and Parliamentarian, Sister Cynthia Timmermier.

The Jurisprudence Committee submits the following report:

SUBORDINATE CHAPTER BYLAWS: The committee examined the following amendments of Bylaws submitted by Subordinate Chapters and gave their approval on the following:

- One Chapter requested allowance of a monthly donation to the Masonic Lodge.
- 1 Chapter requested a change of time of their meetings
- One Chapter requested a change in payment method to their Secretary and Treasurer, a designation of officers as signers on the bank accounts of the Chapter, a change to acclamation vote of officers in December, a change of month for the auditing committee to report, and a change of

the Order of Business. The Chapter also made a second request to change the time of their stated meetings.

- One Chapter requested a change to its methods of election, allowing for nomination and election by acclamation.
- One Chapter requested a change in Bylaws so that special meeting notifications could also include electronic notifications.
- One Chapter requested a change in Bylaws bringing membership eligibility in line with General Grand Chapter.
- One Chapter requested a change in Bylaws such that the Bylaws of the Chapter be read in open chapter once a year.
- One Chapter requested a change in the amount of the Initiation fee.

One Chapter submitted a resolution, the resolution was returned as conflicting with Grand Chapter law. The Resolution was consequently withdrawn by the Chapter.

QUESTIONS UNDER SEAL: There were no questions to the Worthy Grand Matron under seal; however, she received many phone calls and emails with 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. The Jurisprudence Committee received two letters of inquiry that were not under seal.

RESOLUTIONS: Resolutions 01-18 through 06-18 were referred by law to this committee for their consideration. Resolution 01-18 was returned to clarify wording and was resubmitted with such clarification. All other 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.

Resolution 01-18. This Resolution, if enacted, will create a Standing Committee in the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska for a Service and Therapy Dog Committee.

Resolution 02-18. This Resolution is a housekeeping change to the Nebraska Grand Chapter Bylaws. By utilizing the word “suggested” in the first sentence, the order of business can be changed as circumstances warrant by the presiding officer.

Resolution 03-18. This resolution, if passed, will require the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint a special committee to study the process needed to effect a change in Eligibility Requirements. This is not a Resolution to change the Nebraska Bylaws, Constitution, or Ritual.

Resolution 04-18. This resolution seeks to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska by changing the stated meeting from the second Tuesday in the month of May to the second Thursday in the month of May. Since this is a change to the Constitution, the actual vote for such change will be taken in May 2019.

Resolution 05-18. This resolution seeks to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska by changing the membership of the Grand Chapter and consequently, who is eligible to vote at Grand Chapter. Since this is a change to the Constitution, the actual vote for such change will be taken in May 2019.

Resolution 06-18. This resolution seeks to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska by changing the membership of the Grand Chapter and consequently, who is eligible to vote at Grand Chapter. Since this is a change to the Constitution, the actual vote for such change will be taken in May 2019.

STANDING RULES: The Standing Rules have been printed and distributed to all registered members. Regarding 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.

Jill Ramsey, PGM, Chairman
Betty Kirby, PGM
Beverly Donham, PGM
Billie Mattern, PGM
Betty Garwood, PGM

Questions Under Seal

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

I received many phone calls and emails 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 consultation with members of the Jurisprudence Committee, those questions were answered to the best of my ability. I did not receive any questions under seal.

Irregularities

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

The list of Irregularities as reported by the 2017 District Grand Supervisors was submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee and presented to the District Grand Supervisors at the 2018 School of Instruction for the District Grand Supervisors and discussed. No further report or action is required.

Approval of Standing Rules

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisdiction Committee:

Worthy Grand Matron, the Standing Rules have been previously printed and distributed as an attachment to the Written Report of the Jurisprudence Committee; therefore, the written report with its attachments was adopted and so were the Standing Rules also adopted.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS

Anita Sohm, 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.

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

When you adopted the Standing Rules, Item No. 8 says: "Jurisprudence Committee shall be required to read the proposed change, the rational 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 No. 01-18

This Resolution would allow the Bylaws governing the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Nebraska to establish the Service Dog Committee as a Standing Committee of the Nebraska Grand Chapter.

The Rationale for this proposed change: At the General Grand Chapter Triennium Meeting of 2015, a Resolution was passed by the General Grand Chapter establishing Service Dogs as the primary charity of the Order of the Eastern Star. Creation of a Service and Therapy Dogs Committee within the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska will formally recognize the philanthropy and will provide consistent leadership in our efforts to advocate for service and therapy dogs for those in need and to provide support to officially recognized service and therapy dog organizations.

If adopted, Section 26, Standing Committees, would be changed to read:

Section 26. STANDING COMMITTEES: At the time of her installation, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint the necessary members on the following Committees:

BENEVOLENCE
EDUCTATIONAL LOAN
ESTARL (HAROLD T. LANDERYOU MEMORIAL FUND)
JURISPRUDENCE
MEMBERSHIIP
PUBLICITY
SCHOLARSHIP
SERVICE AND THERAPY DOGS
YOUTH

And also that:

Section 26(8) be changed to read:

(8) **SERVICE AND THERAPY DOGS COMMITTEE:** The Service and Therapy Dogs Committee shall consist of five (5) members. The Worthy

Grand Matron shall appoint one member for a term of five (5) years. The senior member shall serve as the Chairperson.

They shall work with the Worthy Grand Matron and the General Grand Chapter Service Dog Committee Member assigned to the Nebraska Grand Jurisdiction in advocating for the Service and Therapy Dogs philanthropy of the Order, utilizing the guidelines established by the General Grand Chapter.

And also that:

A new **Section 26(9)** be created to read:

(9) **YOUTH COMMITTEE:** The Youth Committee shall consist of five (5) members. The Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint one member for a term of five (5) years. The senior member shall serve as Chairperson.

They shall work with the Worthy Grand Matron on matters concerning the youth in the State of Nebraska. Where Masonic Youth Groups exist, the Committee shall work with their Leaders; in areas where Masonic Youth Groups do not exist but Eastern Star Chapters do, the Committee shall work with the Chapter(s) to establish and sponsor Masonic Youth Groups; and finally, where neither an Eastern Star Chapter nor a Masonic Youth Group exists, the Committee shall assist in programs that provide services to the community at large such as Scholarships, Band Camp, Leadership Conferences, Chip Events, etc.

/s/ Paula Beezley, P.M.
/s/ Beth Benson, P.M.
/s/ Nanette O. Rix, P.M.
/s/ Lorrie E. Bryant, P.M.
/s/ Cathy Wagner, P.M.
/s/ Betty L. Kirby, GGCCM

Paula Beezley (152), PM:
Worthy Grand Matron, **I move approval of this Resolution.**

Lorrie Bryant (271), PM:
I second the motion.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
The motion has been made and seconded to adopt Resolution 01-18. Is there any discussion? (No discussion and a vote was taken.) **You have voted to adopt Resolution No. 01-18.**

Resolution No. 2-18

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of Jurisprudence Committee:
This Resolution would change the wording of Section 3 of the Nebraska Grand Chapter Bylaws, Order of the Eastern Star.

The Rationale for this change is that this is simply a housekeeping change. As written, the first sentence and the last sentence contradict each other and this wording change eliminates any confusion of the intent of Section 3.

If adopted, **Section 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS, would be changed to read:**

Section 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS. The suggested order of business of the Grand Chapter is:

Report of Credentials Committee
Approval of minutes of previous meeting
Worthy Grand Matron's Annual Report
Worthy Grand Patron's Annual Report

Reports of other Grand Officers
Memorial Service
Reports of Committees
Election of officers
Unfinished business
New Business

Any change may be made in the order of business found necessary by the Worthy Grand Matron.

/s/ Bruce A. Baker, #39, PP /s/ Karan Birdsall, #271, PM

Bruce Baker (39), PP:
I move the adoption of this resolution.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
I second the motion.

The resolution was moved for its adoption and seconded. There being no discussion, a vote was taken and **Resolution No. 02-18 was adopted.**

Resolution No. 03-18

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:
This Resolution requests that the Worthy Grand Matron appoint a committee to study the process needed to effect the change of "Eligibility Requirements for Membership" as included, and determine if there is sufficient support among the Nebraska OES membership for such an addition. This is not a Resolution to change Nebraska Bylaws.

The Rationale for this change is: Each year ladies who would benefit from the fellowship offered by membership in the Order of the Eastern Star and who would become an asset to our organization are turned away, simply because they cannot identify a relationship to an affiliated Master Mason. By requiring one of the Chapter members recommending the petition to be a Brother, we are effectively receiving an avouchment from an affiliated Master Mason on the petitioner's behalf.

/s/ Bruce Baker (39), PP /s/ Karan Birdsall (271), PM

Bruce Baker (39), PP: I move for the adoption of Resolution 03-18.

Toby Varvais (301), PM: I second the motion.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
You have heard the reading of Resolution 03-18**. A motion has been made and seconded to adopt 03-18**. Is there discussion**?**

Bruce Baker (39), PP:
I would like to offer a bit of explanation on where this subject will be broached at the next Triennium this fall at General Grand Chapter. By establishing this committee, this gives the opportunity for the members of Nebraska to voice their opinion so that our delegation can have a good reading on the feelings in Nebraska so they can vote appropriately and accordingly at the General Grand Chapter Session.

There being no further discussion, a vote was taken on Resolution No. 03-18. **Resolution No. 03-18 was adopted.**

Resolution No. 04-18

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

This Resolution would change Article 3 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star and would change the days of the week of the Annual Session.

The Rationale is: The percentage of members attending the Grand Chapter Session continues to decline. By implementing this change, fewer days off would be required for our working members who desire to participate in the annual Grand Chapter Session.

If adopted, ARTICLE 3, Section 1. ANNUAL SESSION**,** would be changed to read: **ARTICLE 3, Section 1. ANNUAL SESSION.** The Grand Chapter shall meet annually on the second **Thursday** in May, the place of the meeting to be decided by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, and the Grand Trustees. Selection of the place of meeting and notice to the Chapters of such selection shall be made at least ninety (90) days before the Session is to be held. If an emergency situation should occur or in the event the second **Thursday** is not available at the selected place of meeting necessitating a change of date, the Grand Trustees and Jurisprudence Committee shall have authority to change the date of the Grand Chapter Session.

/s/ Bruce Baker (39), PP /s/ Karan Birdsall (271), PM

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

As Resolution No. 04-18 is an amendment to the Constitution, it must lay over until our next annual session in 2019 and it shall be voted upon at that time.

Resolution No. 05-18

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

Moving on, Resolution 05-18: This Resolution would change Article 2, Section 1, MEMBERSHIP, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.

The Rationale 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 the Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapters in Nebraska. Many jurisdictions have already successfully adopted every member voting in their grand jurisdictions. The vote in 2017 indicated that there is an interest in making this change; however, the elimination of proxies was a stumbling block in reaching the needed 2/3 majority. This resolution leaves the proxies in place as has been the practice in Nebraska, making no change to our system of proxies as defined in Article 2, Section 2.

If adopted, Article 2, Section 1, MEMBERSHIP, 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, the representatives of Subordinate Chartered Chapters, (hereinafter referred to as "Chapter(s)"), all members in good standing in Subordinate Chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction and all members in this jurisdiction where

Charters have been surrendered, and who have affiliated with a Chapter in this jurisdiction.

/s/ Betty Garwood, PGM /s/ Beverly Donham, PGM
/s/ Michael Donham, PGP

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

As Resolution No. 05-18 is an amendment to the Constitution, it must lay over until our next annual session in 2019 and shall be voted upon at that time.

Resolution No. 06-18

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

This resolution would change **Article 2, Section 1, MEMBERSHIP,** of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star.

The Rationale is: The measure seeks to send a clear message that Nebraska Grand Chapter recognizes that ALL members, not just those who serve as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, have value and contribute to the good of the Order. Many members who have not served as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron are fully capable of making studied and knowledgeable decisions affecting the Grand Chapter and subordinate Chapters in Nebraska. The voices of any member who will be impacted by the decisions of the Grand Chapter should be heard during the Grand Chapter deliberations. Further, inclusive voting rights encourages increased participation for new members, who may not yet have had the opportunity to serve as Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron in their Chapter.

Additionally, many other jurisdictions have already successfully adopted every-member voting in their grand jurisdictions.

This measure retains Chapter proxies, which was a concern expressed in previous legislation. This measure safeguards this process to ensure that all Chapters will be afforded a minimum representation level.

/s/ Emily Schoenleber, PM, (94)

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

If adopted, Article 2, Section 1, MEMBERSHIP**,** 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, the representatives of Subordinate chartered Chapters, (herein referred to as "Chapter(s)"), all members in good standing of Chapters of this jurisdiction, and all members of Chapters in this jurisdiction where Charters have been surrendered and who have affiliated with a Chapter in this jurisdiction.

Article 2, Section 3. RIGHT TO VOTE. Only members properly registered with the Credendtial Committee, shall be entitled to vote. They shall have but one vote on each question, except as otherwise provided. Any representative of a Chapter who is also a Past Grand Matron or a Past Grand Patron may cast one additional vote. Any member who is not holding office as Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Associate Matron, or Associate Patron can vote in both capacities. At no time will any member have more than five (5) votes.

Betty Kirby, PGM, Member of the Jurisprudence Committee:

As Resolution 06-18 is an amendment, once again, to the Constitution, it must lay over until our next annual session in 2019 and it shall be voted upon at that time.

Worthy Grand Matron, there are no further resolutions to consider.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Cynthia Timmermier, our Parliamentarian, thank you for being at my side and keeping me on track and for your assistance in making sure proper parliamentary procedures were followed. Your assistance and support have been amazing, and she is also our Grand Organist!

Cynthia Timmermier (169), PM:
Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked the "Star Studded Choir" for performing a song, "Side by Side", during a brief break.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you, Choir, that was wonderful! Associate Grand Matron?

Candace Martin, Associate Grand Matron:
Worthy Grand Matron, **I would like to make a motion allowing our Grand Chapter to make changes to the Red Law Book to coincide with any changes approved at General Grand Chapter this year, if necessary.**

Beverly Donham, PGM: I second the motion.

The motion being made and seconded, it was voted upon and favorably passed that our Grand Chapter could make changes, if necessary, to the Nebraska Red Law Book to coincide with any changes approved at General Grand Chapter this year.

Benevolence Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
I have the pleasure to introduce Sister Kathy Hartmann of Friendship Chapter No. 122, Hooper, Chairman of the Benevolence Committee, who will give her report.

Kathy Hartman (122), PM, Chairman of the Benevolence Committee:
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers.

I am Kathy Hartmann, Friendship Chapter No. 122 and Chairman of the Benevolence Committee. It is my pleasure to introduce the very dedicated members of this committee: Sister Andrea Carpenter, Friendship Chapter No. 122; Brother Kenny Schultz, Aurora Chapter No. 93; Sister Rita Lindvall, Tuscan Chapter No. 35; and Sister Suzanne Byler, Vesper Chapter No. 9. I would like to thank each one of them for making our committee a success.

All members of this committee were present in October at the All Committee Meeting. There was good discussion, past goals met, and new goals were set. We are working on ways to get our membership educated on the purpose of our committee as we feel there may be members out there that need our assistance. A committee description was placed in the January issue of the "Nebraska OES News."

With the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees, we have dispersed a check for $3,000 this year, which helped one very deserving person.

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. I now know that we can make a difference in someone's life.

Fraternally Submitted,
Kathy Hartmann
Friendship Chapter #122
Chairman

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Kathy, and the members of your committee for your dedicated work. Your report does not require acceptance, but it will be placed on file for the proceedings.

Educational Loan Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

I now have the privilege to introduce Sister Julie Hornicek, Oshkosh Chapter No. 264, who is Chairman of Educational Loan Committee. Sister Julie.

Julie Hornicek (264), Chairman of the Educational Loan Committee:

Thank You. The Educational Loan Fund Committee met at the All Committee Meeting on October 28, 2017 at the Hastings Masonic Center at 9:00 a.m. Committee members: Julie Hornicek, Vernita Ridinger, Diane Wiberg, Cathy Dzuris. Bev Pickering, and Linda Dubry were present. Associate Grand Patron Harold Terry, our Liaison Officer, was also present and participating.

We submitted an informational article for the February "OES NEWS" to get information out about the availability and qualifications for Educational Loans.

We also spent some time discussing and brainstorming a number of other possible ways to "get the word out" so more students would know that there are Eastern Star Loans available. We considered publicity at the Youth Conference and at the Grand Sessions of Rainbow for Girls, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters. We also mentioned sending brochures and applications to all Guidance Counselors across the state as well as each DeMolay Chapter, Job's Daughters Bethel, and Rainbow for Girls Assembly.

It was also mentioned discussing the purpose of the Educational Loan Fund at the School of Instruction would be helpful so that the District Grand Supervisors could remind Chapters of the availability of this resource. An informational letter, including an application with deadlines and due dates, could also be sent to each OES Chapter in Nebraska.

We would like to encourage the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to include this information, if they can, in their remarks at the Grand Sessions of each Youth Organization. It was also suggested that perhaps a laptop, playing the power point in a loop about the Loan Fund, could be part of the Eastern Star Display table.

We received nine applications for Educational Loans from this fund for use for the 2018-2019 school year. Of these nine, only two are first-time applicants. And to us, this really does prove that we need to make more of an effort to make the knowledge of this opportunity available to more students.

During our committee meeting at Grand Chapter on May 8, the committee approved the loan applications of all nine applicants.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hornicek
Chairperson, Educational Loan Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Julie, and the members of this committee for your dedicated work. Your report does not need an acceptance, but it will be filed to be included in the proceedings.

ESTARL Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Charleen Gausman of Utica Chapter No. 199, Chairperson of the ESTARL Committee, who will give her report. Sister Charleen:

Charleen Gausman (199), Chairman of the ESTARL Committee:

Worthy Grand Matron Sister Anita, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jim, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

The ESTARL Committee was presented with three applications for assistance in their religious training in the amount of $4,400.00. Two are for Course of Study in helping them to further their education in the Ministry and the other is for a young lady who wishes to become a full-time minister in Children's' Ministry. It is our privilege to be a part of their ministry.

I wish to thank the members of the ESTARL Committee for their work on the committee for the last year: Sisters Janet Zoucha, No. 264; Kirk Brown, No. 92; Gary Eller, No. 299; and Anne Phillips, No. 325. God's blessings to them as they continue His work.

Also, a special thank you to our Grand Secretary for her help with questions we had, and we had plenty. Thank you so much, Sister Jan.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Gausman
Utica Chapter No. 199
Chairman

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Charleen. We need to get the word out about our ESTARL Scholarships. It is important and this program will give back, time and time again. I appreciate your leadership this year. Your report does not require acceptance, but it will be placed on file for the proceedings book.

Membership Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

I have the pleasure of introducing Brother Keith Lindvall of Tuscan Chapter No. 35, who is Chairman of the Membership Committee, who will give his report. Brother Keith:

Keith Lindvall (35), Chairman of the Membership Committee:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to introduce the members of the Membership Committee. I am Keith Lindvall, Chapter No.3 5, Chairman; Susie Nielsen, Chapter No. 189; Laurie Sieg, Chapters No. 271 and 20; Linda Schuett, Chapters No. 257 and 21; and Nellie Frizzell, Chapter No. 22.

Our main project for the year was to work on developing a link to our web page to assist interested persons who are not already members of our Order to gain general information about the Order of the Eastern Star and also to provide

them a path on becoming a member. We want the site to be informative and to be kept current. To do this, we reviewed the existing web sites for other states and providences to see what they are doing. We are passing along our research to next year's committee with a hope that they will provide a formal presentation after the fall meeting in 2018.

It has been another year of reducing number of members and Chapters, and we spent considerable effort on how to gain new members and to create and interest in the Order for persons who are not members of the Order. We, of course, believe the secret lies in cultivating an interest in younger people. We honestly believe one of the newer members on the Membership Committee should be younger and familiar with the age of electronic communications.

We also believe there should be an emphasis on our current members. We discussed the need to have a special day to invite inactive members and renew relationships with our sisters and brothers. I might say that one of our members reported that they did go out and have a day where they invited members. They ended up getting two inactive members involved and two new petitions; so it was successful, I believe.

We believe one of our greatest assets is the character of our current members. We discussed trying to communicate the profiles of our current members to other members in the community.

I have to admit that this year was long on ideas as compared to concrete actions; but I do believe we need to adapt to the changes in the way our younger generations communicate and organize in their lives. I look forward to continuing to learn and being part of this new and wonderful world. Thank you.

Keith Lindvall, Chairman

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Keith, and the members of your Committee for their continued effort. Your report does not require acceptance, but it will be placed on file for the proceedings.

Brother Keith found out that were some members who were attending Grand Chapter for the first time, and then we reviewed that and compared it to the list of people who had been initiated during the last year and added that to the registration. I also found out that there were two people who said they had been initiated since our last Grand Chapter, and they are from my own Chapter! They are Judy and Bill Pickel, members of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue – and they are here this afternoon. Since they have been initiated into Alpha Chapter No. 325 – and I am sorry, but I don't have the date here – but they have been amazing. They are always there every time there is something to be done and along with our other members, they have just done so much this year; so thank you so much for being here.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Is there anyone else here who is ready to give their report. Okay, we will have the report of the Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Committee

Ron Nielsen (35), Chairman of Scholarship Committee:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to recognize those who served on the Scholarship Committee with me this last year: Sisters Trudy Funkhouser (245), Bonnie Forney (92, 86), and Margaret Nelson (216), and Brother Ken Sieg (271).

Each year, the Grand Chapter offers a $1,000 Scholarship to each of the three Masonic Youth Groups in Nebraska, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls, who are active in their Youth Groups, graduating seniors, and enrolled in an institute of higher learning. The Committee agreed that this is not an easy task and can be quite challenging at times. We received a total of 15 applications this year. While this a small increase over last year, we often wonder why we don't have more. Unfortunately, some applications were incomplete and not reviewed for not meeting requirements. It is a well representation of these groups, because it is no doubt that these youth are our future. The Grand Chapter, as well as 71 Eastern Star Chapters in Nebraska, participated in giving scholarships. Ninety-nine scholarships were awarded this year.

Our congratulations to the following Youth who were awarded scholarships in 2017: Sarah Yocum, Job's Daughters; Thomas Kokjer, DeMolay; and Abigail Dreibelbis, Rainbow for Girls, who did use the scholarship. The 2018 recipients, while they have been selected, will be announced by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the DeMolay Conclave, Rainbow Grand Assembly, and Job's Daughters at the Grand Bethel. A second choice was provided to Grand Chapter should any of these choose not to use the scholarship. Several Chapters and individual Eastern Star members have provided scholarships for youth who participate in the Masonic All-Star Band Camp, which is coming up the end of the month, and culminating with the Shrine Bowl Parade and the football game.

Nebraska's Eastern Star should be commemorated for its dedication and support for these scholarships for the youth of Nebraska. Thank you to Sisters Jan and Sue at the Grand Chapter Office, who get to deal with postmarks and other such things like sending it to the committee. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Ron Nielsen, PP
Chapter No. 35, Chairperson

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Ron, for your report. Your report does not require acceptance, but will be placed on file for the Proceedings.

Youth Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Do we have someone here from the Youth Committee? Sister Kimberly Ouderkirk of Royal Chapter No. 184, will give her report.

Susan Arndt (264), Member of the Youth Committee:

Sister Kim was unable to attend this session, so I will be reading her report today. I would also like to introduce the other members of the committee who are with us today. Sisters Jean Smith of Chapter No. 198 and Laurel Wolfe of Chapters No. 8 and 299. Jonelle Rogers was also not able to be here today.

Worthy Grand Matron Anita, Worthy Grand Patron Jim, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It has been a pleasure serving on the Youth Committee these past five years and I would like to thank Past Grand Matron Sharlene Coulter for the original appointment.

Youth are our future! At the fall meeting of Standing Committee Members, this committee determined that the approximate numbers of youth involved in the Masonic Youth organizations in Nebraska is only about 400. We are asking that you, Sisters and Brothers, take an active part to support your future!

You might ask, "How can I help?" or "We don't even have a Masonic Youth organization in our area,." By reaching out to the youth groups already in your communities, 4-H, Scouts, other youth groups, you are supporting the future of the Masonic organization. By offering academic scholarships and Masonic Marching Band scholarships to area youth, you are supporting our future leaders. Host a pot-luck, picnic, or small gathering for those scholarship recipients; you know, a proud dad might want to become a Mason!

Members of this committee are heavily involved in the Masonic Youth groups through having grandchildren involved, being adult officers of these groups, and supporting the groups in their area. Some attend regular Youth meetings, out-of-state meetings, and this fall, attended the Triennial Masonic Youth Leadership Conference.

Supporting the Youth around us shows support for local communities and our future Sisters and Brothers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kimberly Ouderkirk
Chapter No. 184, Chairperson

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Susan and the members of your Committee, for your love and support of our Youth organizations. Your report does not require acceptance, but will be placed on file for the Proceedings.

Service Dog Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Paula Beezley will now give the report of the Service Dog Committee.

Paula Beezley (153), Chairman of Service Dog Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this wonderful committee this year. We have had so much fun working on this project. How can you not have fun when you are thinking and working for fuzzy faces and wet noses? Thank heavens I was surrounded by very creative, talented ladies who made so many wonderful suggestions and did such fabulous work. We were able to get so much work done because of the wonderful leadership of Past Grand Matron Betty Kirby, the General Grand Chapter Committee Member of the Service Dog Committee, who kept us looking and moving forward, and our Grand Chapter Liaison, Past Grand Matron Jan Thoman, also added ideas and support to assist us.

Several committee members attended the Youth Leadership Conference in September and made a presentation with a young woman, Hayley, and her service dog, Roscoe. Hayley and Roscoe were the hit of the conference; again, how could they not be, with a fuzzy face and wet nose? We were hoping to have them available here at Grand Chapter, but that was not possible. So, Sister Nan Rix, one of our committee members, brought her therapy dog, Louie, for our presentation Tuesday evening.

We met five times throughout the year. The committee has been working very hard in anticipation of its approval as a Standing Committee. We invite you to stop by our information table out in the lobby. We have a packet of information for each Chapter, as well as a cute coin jar, each one made by Sister Cathy Wagner, for you to take back to your Chapter. The packet includes information to help you get started raising funds toward Service and Therapy Dogs, a Frequently Asked Question page, an informational brochure, fundraising ideas, Service Dog Etiquette, sample news articles to help you get the word out in your communities for your fundraisers, as well as other helpful information. We are also offering cute note cards, note pads, and t-shirts for sale and we are

selling tickets for the drawing of a cute dog wall hanging. Thank you again to Sister Cathy Wagner for making the hanging.

We invite you to request Louie and his "Mom", Nan, to come to your Chapter and make a presentation for the Service and Therapy Dogs project. Or any one of the committee members would also be happy to visit your Chapter and make a presentation. All you need to do is ask.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron Anita, for the opportunity to serve on this committee this year. It has been such a fun project.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Beezley (153), Chairman
Beth Benson (8)
Lorrie Bryant (271)
Nan Rix (92)
Cathy Wagner (214, 122)

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Paula, and the members of your committee for your efforts in establishing the Service Dog Committee. Thank them for the work they have done. (Applause) Your report does not require acceptance, but will be placed on file for the Proceedings.

Fraternal Relations Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Anthony Johnson -- "A.J.", from Adah Chapter No. 52 in Papillion, is the Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee, but unfortunately, he could not be with us this week. He is the one who constructed the beautiful chest for the Silent Auction. He does fantastic work. We used to work together several years ago, and he asked if I would like it if he made something and we discussed what we would do, and we settled on a Hope Chest for the Silent Auction.

Silent Auction Committee

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters Margaret McCall, Adah Chapter No. 52, and Nellie Frizzell from Chapter No. 215, are the Co-Chairmen of the Silent Auction for the Wounded Warriors Project. Sister Margaret starts the day after Grand Chapter preparing for the next year's auction. Sister Margaret will give her report.

Margaret McCall (52), PM. Co-Chairman of Silent Auction Committee:

Sisters and Brothers: Words are hard to come by to express our sincere appreciation to you for your love and support! We wish to thank each of YOU for your participation in this year's Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's silent auction and items for immediate sale to benefit the Wounded Warriors Family Support.

Based on your input last year, we have made a few of the items available by ticket purchase. We encourage each of you to get a bidder's number, make your bids on the many spectacular baskets donated by individuals and Chapters for the silent auction this year and purchase from the selection of items available for immediate sale, many of which are one of a kind.

I want to thank Brother A. J. Johnson for his work on the cedar chest, which he made specifically for this project.

Please remember, bidding closes promptly today at 7:00 p.m., so BID, BID, BID! Last year we raised $6.000.00 and we challenge you to help us meet or

exceed this number. The money raised is for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's project, so please give from your hearts.

We also want to remind everyone to pay for and pick up their items as soon as possible after the close of the auction tonight and/or check to see if you have the winning ticket for those items so designated.

On Monday night, we turned in $316.00 and Tuesday night, we turned in $360.00, for a total of $676.00 so far. We will give the total for tonight to Sister Anita and Brother Jim, so that it can be announced to you tomorrow morning.

Thank you, our dear Sisters and Brothers, for allowing us to serve this beautiful Nebraska Eastern Star. We are so blessed in this United States of America to have men and women that have served and protected us or are currently doing so. We appreciate you and look forward to your continued support.

Fraternally,
Margaret McCall (52), Co-Chairman
Nellie Frizzell (215), Co-Chairman

Nellie Frizzell (215), Co-Chairman of the Silent Auction Committee:

I can't stand up here without telling you a couple of things. I met the Pickles out at the Sales Table – we meet everyone out of the table – because you can't get in here without coming by our table. They are the neatest people, and they started purchasing things immediately. They bought jewelry and other things, and for first year members, they were so excited that we had some things that would work for them. Also, we have so many comments from out-of-staters, and they related to us "how awesome it is to come to Nebraska; they have been treated so kindly and so wonderful, and want to come back." I have friends from Iowa; we've met people from Kansas, Oklahoma, and from everywhere, and I just want you people all to know that you are the ones that make this Grand Chapter and it is neat to be the people who are sitting out there and greeting everyone who comes in.

As Sister Margaret said, please give from your hearts; quit worrying about that one little dollar bid. Bid that darned thing up to $10 or $15 or $20, we want to make this big! So give that a thought. Thank you.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sisters Margaret and Nellie, for your report, and your love and support for our Silent Auction. I am always amazed at all the different items that are brought to sell each year. Thank you for your hard work. And as Sister Margaret said, "The Silent Auction closes at 7:00 p.m. this evening, so make your bid. Don't think of it as just purchasing something, you are investing in our future with each purchase you make! Thank you.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Grand Secretary, are there any announcements?

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:

Worthy Grand Matron, I still have a few Lost and Found items, so if anyone is missing anything, please see us and come up to desk and see if it is your item. There is something I would like to announce to all of you: The Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp and the Shrine Parade is coming up soon, and that Committee still is seeking female night chaperones. We just got a couple more here – and I know that the deadline has passed, but just call Michelle at the Grand Lodge Office and she will hook you up. It's free room and board and free meals; all you have to do is be there and enjoy the young people.

So, thank you, and I believe that is all within my knowledge, Worthy Grand Matron.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

We hope to see many of you at the "Armed Services Medley" Line Officers Banquet this evening. Please be back here at 6:00 to enjoy the musical selection by Sister Neta Ridinger, followed by the Children's Home Program at 6:15 p.m. You won't want to miss this program put on by the children from the Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Fremont. The awards presentation to the children is always a time of pride and celebration. The Children's Program and Awards will be followed by the Opening Formations and the Ceremony of Initiation for our new members. Please join us.

Once again, the Silent Auction will be closing at 7:00 this evening, so you might want to check on any items you are bidding on before that time.

The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to close the Bible. The Grand Marshal called Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 7:00 p.m. The Grand Officer retired.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 9, 2018
6:15 P.M.
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

At 6:00 – Musical Selection by Neta Ridinger (55).

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 to be presented by the children of the Home. Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Taylor were escorted by two children from the Home to special chairs in the Grand Chapter Room to watch the program. The children opened their show with a song, directed by Nancy Stic, followed by the Home Stage Band, who played a number of favorite tunes. The band was under the direction of Bob Olson, narrated by Nancy Stic. The band finished up their program by playing "God Bless America" and invited the audience to sign along. At the conclusion of the musical program, each of the Children from the Home stepped to the microphone and introduced themselves. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were then escorted back to the East.

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children:

Before we go on, I would just like to say, how many of those songs did you write yourself, Bob? Four?

Bob Olson, Band Director:

I think so; some of it I rewrote.

Ron Giesselmann:

I think what he means by that is he wrote four songs himself and some of the

others – since we have an array of talents in the band, he had to rewrite some of that himself. And I do have to share – and I don't see a place here – I did have an opportunity to talk to two of our out-of-state friends last night and I shared with them that, "Now that we have Scott Frost here, we are going to be competitive." And one of them said, "Oh, yeah, do you have football up here?" So, I just want to see if they are going to sing "Go Big Red" if we play it!

Once again, Bob, we appreciate all that you do for the kids, volunteering your services for individual practice, group practice, and all that goes with that. So thanks again, Bob. (Applause)

Brother Ron thanked the children and the directors. He then introduced the staff and thanked them for their hard work in preparing for the program. Ron also introduced Sky Odham, a recent graduate of Fremont High School, who was a resident of the Home, and Sky then brought greetings to the members.

Two children from the Home, assisted with special presentations to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Sister Anita and Brother Jim were each presented a plaque in thanks for their work and devotion toward the Home. The children always spend several months preparing for the program and their presentation is one of the most popular events at Nebraska Grand Chapter.

SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

The Scholastic Awards are made possible by the Past Grand's Association and were presented by Sister Cynthia Norman, Past Grand Matron, President, who was assisted by Brother Michael Donham, Past Grand Patron, Vice President, to the children from the Home who had the highest grade point average for the previous school year.

Cynthia Norman, PGM, President of the Past Grands Association:

Thank you, Ron. That was an awesome performance – you get better each year and that was awesome! *(Applause*)

I know that the membership looks forward to your program each year. Thanks for the hard work you have done in preparing for this. And, thank you, Bob.

Each year, the Past Grands Association presents a scholarship to a resident of each cottage who has the highest point average for the year. Brother Mike Donham, Past Grand Patron and Board Member at the Home, will assist in these presentations. As I call you name, would you please come forward:

Allyssa Dean, please come forward. Allyssa is a junior at Fremont High School and lives at Paden Cottage. She has a GPA of 3.5. Allyssa likes unicorns and racecars – I am not sure how that works, but that is neat! Maybe we will see Allyssa driving a racecar decorated with a unicorn some day! Thank you, Allyssa.

Raven Higgs, would you please come forward. Raven is a junior at Fremont High School and lives at Veazie Cottage. She has a GPA of 3.875. Raven likes to read, play in the band, and play basketball. Joking around with the staff and peers is also on her agenda. She is a sister after my own heart! Thank you.

Elizabeth Adams, please come forward. Elizabeth is a sophomore at

Fremont High School and lives at Hartmann Cottage. She has a GPA of 3.125. Elizabeth earned a bronze Presidential Fitness Medal and she likes to play her clarinet. In an area of Chief and Bronco fans, Elizabeth frequently wears a Raiders sweatshirt! Thank you, Elizabeth.

Dimitri Monteith, please come forward. Dimitri is a junior at Fremont High School and lives at Morris Cottage. He has a GPA of 4.0. Dimitri bowled in the State Bowling Tournament – and I think his team placed third. He made sure the cheerleaders were there to root for the team. Thank you, Dimitri.

Luke Lehmann, please come forward. Luke is sophomore at Fremont High School and lives at Truman Cottage. He has a GPA of 3.0. Luke was the winner of the Valentine's Day Bowling Tournament and he helped rescued an injured bat named, Sweetie Pie. Did you name it "Sweetie Pie"? I am not sure I get into the bat thing! Thank you, Luke.

Congratulations to all of you and we wish you all the best as you strive to achieve your goals. Thank you.

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children:

From the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Sister Pam Brhel, please come to the podium. We would like for you to present the Jane C. Thompson Citizenship Awards.

JANE C. THOMPSON CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer Emeritus:

Good Evening. I have the pleasure to announce the Jane C. Thompson Awards. Elizabeth Ray, a Grand Representative of Nebraska in Connecticut, visited the Nebraska Grand Chapter in the late 1950's, and made these awards in honor of her mother afterward. She was so impressed with the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children that she gave a sum of money to the Nebraska Grand Chapter. These funds were invested and the proceeds from the investment are used for these awards. The purpose for these awards from Elizabeth Ray was to encourage the children of the home "to get along with others and inspire others to do the same". Each of the five cottages has an award recipient and these recipients are as follows:

Annalees Bristol, please come to the podium. Annalees is a freshman at Fremont High School and lives at Paden Cottage. She was nominated for this award because she is kind to others and she helps others with their homework. She is a distance runner on the track team. Annalees would like a career in science.

Alondra Avalos, please come to the podium. Alondra is a senior at Fremont High School and lives at Veazie Cottage. She was nominated for her second Citizenship Award because she is a positive role model in the cottage, in 4-H, and at her part-time job. On weekends, she interns at a Veterinary Clinic, because she wants to become a Veterinarian.

Bailey Rothanzl, please come to the podium. Bailey is a senior and lived at Hartmann Cottage until moving to Paden Cottage. She is nominated for her second Citizenship Award because she is a positive leader in the cottage, in 4-H, and at her part-time job. Bailey's school-to-career was spent at the hospital, because she plans to attend college and study nursing.

Michael Holmes, please come to the podium. Michael is a junior at Fremont High School and lives at Morris Cottage. He was nominated for this award because he is a positive role model in his cottage. Michael spends his personal

time reading books. He likes history books.

Aiden Austin-King, please come to the podium. Aiden is a junior at Fremont High School and lives at Truman Cottage. He was nominated for his second Citizenship Award because he is a positive role model in the cottage, in 4-H, and on the wrestling team. Aiden would like to win a trophy at the Children's Home annual fishing derby this summer.

Pam Brhel, Grand Treasurer Emeritus:

Congratulations to these five students and the other residents of our Children's Home for your continued efforts to be good citizens. You set fine examples as members of the Fremont community and make us all very proud. Thank you for presenting another wonderful program tonight.

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director:

Thank you, Sister Pam. I thank you everybody for coming and spending time for the children, and we appreciate all of your support. Thank you very much and have a great evening.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Ron, you are doing an excellent job of teaching our children to be good citizens at the Home. Your dedication and work at the Home is very evident. We thank you and your staff for an excellent job. To all of our Youth at the Children's Home, we say thank you for being a part of our Grand Session. You are our tomorrow. And Mr. Olsen, some of us should come to your lessons. I have always aspired to play the piano, but after years of practicing, I still can't play very well. I have been told by several Grand Organists that the left hand just sits there – one even told me to just sit on my left hand. I haven't tried that yet, but I know I will have some free time coming up and I may give it a try.

Thank you to the Past Grands Association for making these awards possible. It is with a great generosity of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for awarding these children for their hard work. And thank you, Sister Cyn and Brother Mike. Congratulations once again to the recipients of these awards. To receive one of these awards shows a maturity and focus for which you can be very proud. Thank you, Sister Pam, for sharing your time with us and making the presentation this evening. This concludes our program by the Children's Home. Let's give them a round of applause. The performance by these children is very much appreciated. *(Applause)*

OPENING FORMATIONS
7:00 P.M.

The Grand Officers were presented by Brother James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Patron. The Grand Officers were seated on the stage to enjoy the opening marches and formations with a power point video by Brother Albert Fisher (261). The formations were again presented by the various groups with music provided by Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189).

Following the opening ceremonies, the participants and Grand Officers exited and Sister Susan Andreasen, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Jim Dusch, Past Grand Patron, were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Susan called the Grand Chapter to order and the Grand Officers

performed their march. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were given the Grand Honors, and the Grand Officers took their stations with the usual ceremony.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Sue and Brother Jim, what a blessing to have you up here. I thank you for opening for us tonight.

Sister Neta, your music this evening was lovely. I surely appreciate it. Sister Neta was Grand Organist for the "Beauty of the Stars" Grand Family. She made us all laugh at the many things that happened to her. On the way to a visitation, as I said before, she said she would help me learn to play the piano. The problem was that she lives in the West part of the State, and I live in the East part of the state!

In preparation for the evening session, the Worthy Grand Matron asked the Grand Secretary if there were any announcements. Sister Jan Thoman announced there was none. The Worthy Grand Matron then requested all who were not members of the Order to please retire. The Associate Grand Matron was instructed to prove Chapter. The Bible on the Altar was opened by the Grand Conductress and the Grand Chapter was called from rest to labor.

CEREMONY OF INITIATION

Anita Sohm, 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 that you please turn off all Cell Phones. Your cooperation will insure us of the beauty and solemnity of this Ritualistic Ceremony.

The 2017-2018 Grand Officers presented an impressive and beautiful Ceremony of Initiation. Brother Harold Terry, Associate Grand Patron, recited the Scriptures from memory as the candidates traversed the Grand
Chapter room with the Grand Conductresses. Beautiful music for the ceremony was provided by the Grand Organist, Sister Cynthia Timmermier.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Welcome, our new Sisters and Brother. I wish to be the first to welcome you into our Order. It gives us great pleasure 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 Chapter or one where you attend college. Please get involved.

Gary Brhel, PGM (Acting for Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron):

My new Sisters and Brothers, it is a privilege for me to welcome you into our Order. I want to encourage you to become involved in your Chapters right away. I don't mean to repeat the old saying, but it is true – "You get out of

something only what you put into it". Welcome to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Thank you, Grand Officers. You were absolutely "BEAUTIFUL." You were very special. *(Applause*) And we thank you.

In order for you to feel like you know our newest members a little better, Jim and I would like to share a little about each one of them. As we say your name, will you please stand. If your parents, grandparents, or spouses are here, will you please stand with them also?

Sister McKenzie Chastain: McKenzie is a student and will graduate on the 26th of May from Bellevue East High School. She is very active in the Band and Arts program and she plans to go into welding after high school. She was initiated into Athena Assembly No. 24, International Order of Rainbow for Girls in December 2011 and has served in the Bow as Drill Leader, Chaplain, Treasurer, Faith, Hope, Charity, Worthy Posted Advisor, and Worthy Advisor. Currently, she is serving as Grand Treasurer for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Nebraska. McKenzie is a member of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue. Welcome, McKenzie.

BreAnn Throckmorton: BreAnn was born February 19th in Norfolk. She was 18 last February. Her parents are Robert and Kelly Throckmorton. She has one biological brother and two adopted brothers. She is finishing her senior year at Omaha North High School. Her last day of school is May 11th – you are almost done! She was initiated into the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in 2011 and now serves as Grand Religion. On January 12th, she was sworn into the Army Reserve – another Patriot. She will begin basic training on July 24th and will be at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. After basic, she will be continuing her education at Doane University in Crete, Nebraska. BreAnn is a member of Myrtle Chapter No. in Lincoln. Welcome, BreAnn. And now that whole family gets to stay standing!

Kelly Throckmorton: Kelly Throckmorton was born in Yanton, South Dakota and lived there until college; then went to Wayne State College in Wayne and that is where she met Robert. They were married seven months later and have been married for 19 years – and I have to tell you when I read this, she wrote that they had been married 19 years. And then I am reading Robert's biography and he says, "20". *(Laughter*) He later said it will be 20 this coming August. They have four children: BreAnn, Age 18; Richard, 15; Keenan, 7; and Taeton, 6. She works fulltime at SAC Federal Credit Union in the Collections Department and tries to keep up with the kids' schedules. She enjoys family time, camping, swimming, or just those very, very rare days "that we can hang out at home".

Robert Throckmorton: Robert was born in O'Neill, Nebraska. He has 1 biological older sister and a twin brother. He has 3 stepsisters and 3 stepbrothers. He attended Wayne College and met Kelly and were married 7 months later and this coming August, they will be married 20 years. They have two biological children, BreAnn, 18; and Richard, 15. In 2011, they started doing foster care and were blessed with 12 children to be able to provide a safe home for. In 2015, they adopted two wonderful boys, Kennan, now 7, and Taeton, now 6. He is employed by Air Methods Communications, a communication center for air and ground medal transports since 2009, where he is currently the Assistant Operations Manager. He has been Richard's Cub and Boy Scout leader since he was 7 and looks forward to him attaining the rank of Eagle Scout later this year. Robert was raised as a Master Mason in 2014 in Bellevue, Nebraska. Kelly and Robert are members of Alpha Chapter No. 325 in Bellevue.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
And we welcome every one of you! Thank you so much.
We rejoice with them, with their families and with their Chapters and invite you all to greet them following our Closing at the "God Bless the U.S.A." 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.

Sister Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron, instructed the Grand Conductress to close the Bible. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from labor to rest to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday Morning.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress were instructed to present the Bibles to the Acting Worthy Grand Patron and they then assisted him in presenting the new members with the Bibles each held at the Altar.

CLOSING

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Sisters and Brothers, we invite you to join us at the "God Bless the U.S.A." Membership Party in the Crystal Ballroom immediately following the closing march of the Grand Officers. Sister Grand Secretary, are there any other announcements?

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:
There are none within my knowledge.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
We would love to have you join us tomorrow morning at 8:45 for another sing along with the "Star Studded Choir". We ask everyone to remain seated until the Grand Officers have retired. The Grand Officers will retire

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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 10, 2018
8:45 A.M.
OPENING OF THE MORNING SESSION

The "Star Studded Choir" and those gathering for the morning session participated in a Sing-Along.

At 9:00 a.m., Sister Billie Mattern, Past Grand Matron, (filling in for Sister Judy Wehrbein, Past Grand Matron) and Brother Alvin Benemerito, Past Grand Patron, were escorted through the Labyrinth to the East by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Billie called the morning session to order. At the completion of the Grand Officers' march, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East, given Grand Honors, and the Grand Officers assumed their stations.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

Good Morning! It is the last morning of our Grand Chapter and we are so pleased that you have joined us. Wasn't it fun to join along with the Choir and the sing-along this morning? (*Applause*)

Sister Billie and Brother Alvin, thank you for opening our session this morning. Sister Billie – and these are Sister Anita's words for Sister Judy: "You are very special and have always been there to support and help us, whether in Grand Chapter or at our home Chapter Alpha No. 325 in Bellevue. Thank you for all that you do for our Order." But YOU, Billie, are from my Chapter, so thank you for all you do.

Brother Alvin, thank you also for being here this morning. You have been such a great support and always right there to keep us going and a great support to Sister Judy. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us.

Jim Taylor, Worth Grand Patron:

Sister Billie and Brother Alvin, Thank you for opening this session. It has been a joy to get to know you both. Judy, we go back a long way in Job's Daughters. Brother Alvin, you stay very involved in several branches of our Masonic Family. Thank you both for all of your love and support.

The Acting Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to open the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter open from refreshment to labor.

BUSINESS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
REPORTS OF SESSION COMMITTEES

Mileage Report of the Credentials Committee

Linda Teach (194), Co-Chairperson:

Good Morning, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, Distinguished Guests and Members:

I am Linda Teach, Chair of the Credentials Committee. You met the entire Credentials Committee yesterday. It is a pleasure that I present the Mileage Report -- the second half of the Credentials Committee Report for the 2018 Grand Chapter Session.

The Credentials Committee has reviewed credentials and registrations filed by Wednesday Noon for this 2018 Grand Chapter Session and has determined mileage to be paid and checks written by our wonderful and diligent Grand Treasurer. This report may be updated as additional members attend this Grand Session. Also, it should be noted that the reimbursement rate was increased to $.50 per mile for this Grand Session.

The report is as follows:

	AMOUNT PAID
Chapters entitled to mileage (67)	$10,468.00
Grand Officers	2,564.00
Past Grand Matrons	2,637.00
Past Grand Patrons	1,201.00
District Grand Supervisors	1,275.00
Members of Standing Committees	4,023,00
TOTAL	**$15,876.00**

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve on this committee of this Grand Jurisdiction. The members have been an excellent group to work with. We are grateful for the assistance we have received from Sisters Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary; Karla Lawler, Grand Treasurer; and Susan Hedges, Office Assistant. I move this report be placed on file.

Linda Teach (194)
Co-Chairperson

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Thank you, Sister Linda, for your report and to all those who served on this committee. Your report will be placed on file for the Proceedings.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Sister Wanda Fisher, could we have the Report on Dispensations and Charters Committee?

Dispensations and Charters Committee

Wanda Fisher, PGM, Chairman of Dispensations and Charters Committee:
The Committee on Dispensations and Charters has the following report:

There were no Dispensations or Charters issued during the past Grand Chapter year.

The Consolidations were as follows:

October 10, 2017	Shelby Chapter No. 193 of Osceola consolidated with Harmony Chapter No. 13, Columbus.
March 1, 2018	Venus Chapter No. 49 of Cortland consolidated with Vesper Chapter No. 9, Beatrice.
March 5, 2018	Rose Croix Chapter No. 298 of Ravenna consolidated with Andrew Chapter No. 41, Grand Island.

Consolidations are never easy. The decision to close their Chapter is a difficult and emotional event for its members. Our prayer and wish for these Chapters is that the members will become active and participate in the various activities of their new Chapters and find joy in working together for the good of our beautiful Order.

One Chapter failed to register Credentials for the past two consecutive years: Naomi Chapter No. 121 of Fort Calhoun. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Anita Sohm, notified this Chapter that according to Grand Chapter Law, a representative of their Chapter must meet with this Committee to explain why no one had registered Credentials for the past two Grand Chapter Sessions. 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. Unfortunately, she felt that no one would be able to attend this Grand Session either.

It was a pleasure to visit with this Worthy Matron and to encourage her in her efforts to maintain a viable Chapter in very difficult situations. I believe that the members of this Chapter are doing their best to support their own Chapter as well as Grand Chapter. I recommend that no further action be taken except that all of us make a dedicated effort to encourage the members of this Chapter in every way possible!

Thank you for allowing me to serve on this committee.

Wanda Fisher, PGM

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Thank you, Sister Wanda, for your report. Sister Joyce Porter will give the Registration Report:

Registration Committee

Joyce Porter, Chairman, Registration Committee:
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I present this Report of the Registration Committee. Registrations were received and recorded by the Chairman and monies sent on to the Grand Chapter Office. The Grand Secretary checked and balanced the checks as she received them from the Chairman of the Registration Committee, then deposited the monies, and recorded the same. The registrations that were received before April 23, 2018 were recorded, balanced, and deposited. Our list was consolidated with the list from Past Grand Matron Brenda McGuire for the Distinguished Guests and the Grand Secretary, Jan Thoman.

Attendance at the breakfast, luncheons, and dinners were as follows:

Pages, Warders and Sentinels Banquet	109
Past Grand Matrons and Patrons Luncheon	83
Membership Banquet	269
Grand Representatives Breakfast	153
Distinguished Guest Luncheon	178
Rose Association Luncheon	35
Past/Present District Grand Supervisors Luncheon	24
Line Officers Banquet	94
PAGO Banquet	72
50-Year Member Luncheon	115

The pre-registration count was 431, plus 33 registered at the Session so far, for a total of 464. The totals will be finalized after the close of this afternoon's session as the committee is still taking registrations at this time.

It is pleasure that I mention those who served on the committee: Sisters Bridget Anderson, Electa Chapter No. 8; Betty Bierman, Tuscan Chapter No. 35 and Acacia Chapter No. 39; JoAnn Speers, Tuscan Chapter No. 35; Jackie Gansemer, Home Chapter No. 189; Wynona Bolton, Sunshine Chapter No. 261; Melinda Brage and Diane Brown, Temple Chapter No. 271; and Maril Hauber, Trinity Chapter No. 299. 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, PGM, and Susan Hedges. Thank you.

Joyce Porter (189) Chairperson

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Thank you, Sister Joyce. I know it is a lot of work to get all of those registrations in.

Sister Grand Secretary, is there any further business.

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:
I move that Honorary Memberships be extended to our Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, who have not previously received

them.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Well, here is Sister Nellie with the final report from the Silent Auction.

Nellie Frizzell, PM (215), Co-Chairperson, Silent Auction Committee:
I can do this: Monday, we had $316.00; Tuesday, we had $360.00; Wednesday, we had $4,375.00; and this morning we took in another $100.00 for miscellaneous items on the table; **for a total of $5,801.00.**

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Thank you. That is tremendous!

Does the Choir want to sing because we don't have a lot left here this morning, so we can sing for the next hour and a half? *(Laughter*)

The "Star Studded Choir" sang several songs and invited the audience to sing-along.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):
Thank you, Choir, what an asset you are! Sister Brenda McGuire, Past Grand Matron, who is Chairman of the Nebraska Delegation to go to General Grand Chapter in Orlando this year – and that is coming up, would like to give a little report.

REPORT ON PLANS FOR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Brenda McGuire, PGM, Chairman of Nebraska Delegation for General Grand Chapter:
Thank you, Sister Bev. What a beautiful day – maybe everyone should stand up to wake us up today. (*Everyone took a few minutes to stand up.)*

Okay, *(Raising her right hand)* I-will-go-to-General Grand Chapter! The plane and bus are now loaded, so….now, you do know, we are leaving October 25th and coming back November 2nd, and if you have never been to Orlando, Florida, it is absolutely beautiful there. I have had the privilege of being there and we want you to be there. So, get your name in – and you can find my number anywhere and if you can't, call Bev Donham because she has nothing else to do and she will tell you everything you need to know about it and some things she doesn't know. And if that doesn't work, call Jan Thoman because she knows everything else – if Bev doesn't know, she does!

Now, the plane will only hold about 300 people, and we do have that plane loaded, but there are cars, so we really need to show Florida what Nebraska looks like this year. I do know personally the "Big Red Party" is going to be outstanding. I have seen some of Cheryl Beckius' work and it is going to be a fabulous Big Red Party, so if for no other reason, you have to go to the Big Red Party.

I think you all did it, but I didn't say it, you could sit down. *(Laughter*) I think we need to do some exercise, don't you?

I really appreciate all of those who are going to General Grand Chapter and I do know that we need you to go, so please contact me if you can go and you want to go. I know I do have two more people who are roommates who need two more people for roommates, so if you want to go and feel you cannot afford to room by yourself, let me know and I will mention those to the others. My

room is full, but we'll find you somebody else that you can share with. It is going to fun; you don't want to miss it!

So stand up and say, "Halleluia, for what this Grand Chapter has been this year – hasn't it been awesome? Stand up and give a big hand. *(Applause*)

We do have fun. Thank you so much for being here and thank you, everyone, for going to General Grand Chapter!

Beverly Donham, PGM, (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

This completes all the reports. I would like to thank each Chairperson and the Committee Members who worked on all of the 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!

REQUEST FOR AN OPEN INSTALLATION

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

The Worthy Grand Matron - elect, Sister Candace Martin, has requested an Open Installation. What is the pleasure of the Grand Chapter?

A motion was made and seconded to allow and Open Installation for the Installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Officers. The motion was seconded and passed.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

We look forward to the Memorial Hour, which has been arranged by our Grand Chaplain, Brother Don Norman. This will follow the closing of this Morning's Session. Sister Grand Secretary, are there any announcements?

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:

There are, Worthy Grand Matron, and I have several, so I will try to go through these quickly.

First of all, Pam Lindholm, if you are still here – and I haven't seen you this morning – you have something out there that needs to be picked up and it was quite pretty, so I think you want to check that out.

Okay, I have a couple of announcements from the Service Dog Committee: Chapters who need to pick up their packets: Columbia Chapter No. 275, Stanton Chapter No. 146; Irene Chapter No. 207; Dawson Chapter No. 33 – that's wonderful that we are down to four who haven't picked them up that are registered.

And another message from the Dog Committee and that is to announce that the drawing at the Service Dog Table will be about 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, so get your tickets before then, and that is so cute, so please get a ticket for that drawing – except, I think I am going to win, so just donate your money!

And there is one more thing, the mileage checks are ready to be picked up, and Worthy Grand Matron, that is all within my knowledge.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron):

At 1:00, you are invited to return for musical selections by Sister Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron. We will also have the pleasure of meeting and greeting our 50-year members this afternoon. Please remain seated because the Memorial Hour will follow the Grand Officers outgoing march, but the Memorial Hour does not start until 10:30, so you are going to have a few minutes to shop.

Please return to the Grand Chapter Room for the Memorial Hour for our

departed Sisters and Brothers. We ask that you please leave quietly after the service. Thank you.

The Acting Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to close the Bible. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 1:15 p.m. The Grand Officers retired and preparations were made for the Memorial Hour.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018
MEMORIAL HOUR
10:30 A.M.

The Memorial Hour was arranged by the Grand Chaplain, Brother Don Norman (279), who was assisted by Past Grand Matron Sister Cyn Norman (279), Past Matron Karla Lawler (142, 92, 264), and Brothers Jim Carlton (325), Bernie Hauber (299), William Raymond (325), and Fritz McMullen (325). Sister Karla played inspirational music while members and guests assembled for the memorial Hour.

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:
Sister Conductress you will open the Bible.

Conductress Sister Cyn Norman. PGM, opened the Bible. The Grand Chaplain left the East and approached the Altar.

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:
Heavenly Father, in this Memorial Hour, with reverent hearts and minds, we look to You not in sadness, not in sorrow, but to pay loving tribute to our departed members who have journeyed through the labyrinth of human life reaching heaven's eternal promise. Give us the strength of their love, the faith that made them true, and grant that their goodness will continue to influence how we live our lives. May we all feel your presence here today and be comforted in the belief we, too, shall receive your greatest gift of eternal life. For this and all the blessing of our lives. Amen.

The Grand Chaplain returned from the Altar to the East.

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:
We mourn the loss of four sisters who served the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Order of the Eastern Star, as Worthy Grand Matrons: Sister Helen Brannan, Past Grand Matron; Sister Barbara Aten, Past Grand Matron; Sister Betty Mabon, Past Grand Matron; and Sister Marleen Dinklage, Past Grand Matron.

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:
Past Grand Matron Marie Rasmussen will now provide a memorial tribute to Sister Helen Brannan, Past Grand Matron.

Tribute to Helen Brannan
Past Grand Matron

Marie Rasmussen, Past Grand Matron:

During the interim of our Grand Chapter Sessions, four of our shining Stars have entered God's firmament on high and it is to one of these, Sister Helen Brannan, that I am privileged to pay tribute today.

Born in North Platte, Nebraska, on July 18, 1929, she entered into rest at North Platte on September 26, 2017. Helen's cremains were placed in Fort McPherson National Cemetery Columbarium at Maxwell, Nebraska.

Helen's formal education was attained at the Central Business College in Denver, Colorado, receiving her degree in 1947. She returned to North Platte and worked as a stenographer for Platte Valley Public Power. She married Robert Brannan in 1948 in North Platte. She was a loving wife to her husband of 67 years, and devoted mother to their only daughter, Debra, and her husband, Carl. After Bob returned from the service, she worked for Hartford Insurance Company; Secretary for the First Methodist Church; and then rejoined Nebraska Public Power District as an Executive Assistant until her retirement in 1989. She worked in many local and civic organizations and will not be forgotten because of her loyal service.

In her 70 years of service to our Order, Helen was a devoted member, having attended 49 annual sessions. She was proud of this record and was very disappointed when her health did not permit her to attend the last few years.

She was initiated in Signet Chapter No. 55 on September 18, 1947, serving as their Worthy Matron in 1964. Helen served Grand Chapter as a District Grand Supervisor, Grand Chaplain in 1975 for Sister Agnes Bowmen and Brother Charles Kurtz, and was Parliamentarian for several years. In 1976, Helen was appointed Grand Warder by Sister Virginia Jones and Brother Robert Bass. From that appointment in 1980, she was elected to the highest office than can be conferred upon a Sister as our Worthy Grand Matron. I was very honored to be appointed Grand Warder by Sister Helen and Brother Charles House, thus giving me the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

On May 1981, she presided at the combined 1980-1981 Session, which she named, "The Signet Session," in honor of her Signet Chapter. Helen chose light as her theme, using the emblem of the Star, the Signet, and the Bible.

Those that knew Helen, knew she was a stickler for Law. She liked things done right and well, and we admired her for this. I also hope many of you knew the other side of Helen. She was a gracious lady, very intelligent, was witty and a lot of fun. Past Grand Patron Les Smith was appointed Grand Sentinel that same year. Since we both lived close to North Platte, we had great times traveling together with Helen and being in their home.

In those years, we did not have exchange visits, but we did a lot of traveling across Nebraska. Her visitations to the Chapters were done in the fall. We would be out each week for three or four days and this went on for 4 to 5 weeks. It was a great way to meet the 32,000 members in 216 Chapters. I have many wonderful memories of that year and my association with Sister Helen.

Sister Helen was also a Past Guardian of Bethel No. 4, International Order of Job's Daughters in North Platte.

Life, not only gives us sisters and brothers, but as time passes, it takes them away. Our hearts are sad, but we were left with a beautiful memory of a dear sister and her life well loved, who left her mark of love and leadership on this Grand Chapter of Nebraska. Her dedication and faithfulness to our Order have been an inspiration to many of us. She spent her lifetime of service to her family, her church, her community and to the loving service to our Order. Her love for Eastern Star will live in our hearts forever.

"She slipped away to follow the Star, in a land beyond our sight.
No matter how winding the Labyrinth, she knows every step of the way.
With her face toward the East,
She is glorified in the land of Eternal Day."

I would like to close with Helen's own words: "May we continue to 'Walk in the Light and Follow the Star'."

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Rasmussen

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:

Past Grand Matron Beverly Donham will provide a memorial tribute to Sister Barbara Aten, Past Grand Matron.

Tribute to Barbara Aten
Past Grand Matron

Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron:

I want to thank Brother Wayne and the Aten Family for giving me the honor of this tribute to Sister Barbara. Actually, several years ago, Sister Barb asked me to please do her Tribute during the Memorial Service when necessary. I am honored!

Barbara Beth (Watkins) was born on February 27, 1929 in Grant, Nebraska. She attended school and graduated from Perkins County High School in 1947. On May 28, 1947, she married her high school sweetheart, Wayne Aten. To this couple was born four sons.

Barb and Wayne started a family clothing store in Grant in 1958, which expanded to five stores in the Tri-State area.

Barb was initiated into Grand Chapter No. 294 on March 13, 1953. The Order of the Eastern Star became her passion. She was appointed Grand Warder by Past Grand Matron Mary Lou Woods and Past Grand Patron James N. DeMoss for the 1976-77 Session. She served Nebraska Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron in 1981-82 with Past Grand Patron Raymond Evers. Their theme was, "Stairway to the Stars". At her installation, she encouraged the membership to "live Eastern Star and have fun doing it". She said to have fun in '81 and '82!

Her watchword was "Faith" and the emblem was the "Key". Her Scripture, Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".

We all know Sister Barb was full of fun and laughter. If you listen carefully, you can almost hear that little laugh. Since Barbara graduated from Perkins County High School, she taught her appointed officers the "Perkins County Joy Girls" Broadway dance routine. We had lots of fun traveling across the state. Willie Nelson's song, "On the Road Again", was popular at the time and with her Grand Organist playing the guitar, it became a favorite, not at the meetings, but during the travel times. They did have "fun".

As the Grand Family "perked" across the state, she shared her faith, her love, and friendship, always with a warm, cheery smile and a little laugh.

In 1982, Sister Barb and Brother Wayne moved to Goodland, Kansas and continued the family clothing store there. She did not sit idle – she was a "people" person. She was active in several civic organizations, including Cub Scouts, Church, Ambassadors, and Goodland City Coming, serving as Mayor of Goodland for one term. In Kansas, she and Brother Wayne became involved with the Goodland Chapter. For many years, they made "homemade ice cream" for the visitations. They loved doing that and the members loved the ice cream.

Due to health issues, they moved to Lincoln, Nebraska in 2015. Barbara passed away on June 22, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, and a great-grandson. She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Brother Wayne, and three sons and their families.

I am pleased that I could serve as Grand Esther with the "Stairway to the Stars" Grand Family. It was truly an honor to serve with Sister Barb.

I close with this Irish Blessing – chosen by her family:

"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 sign a sweet song
And an answer for
Each prayer."

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:

Past Matron Sister Leona Paden will now provide a memorial tribute to Betty Mabon, Past Grand Matron.

Tribute to Betty Mabon
Past Grand Matron

Leona Paden, PM (92):

I am very honored to have been asked to give the tribute to a dear friend and sister, Sister Betty Mabon, who was Worthy Grand Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1982-82 with my husband, Brother Bernie Paden, as her Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Betty passed away on March 7th, 2018 at age of 91, at the St. Francis Hospital in Grand Island. Her funeral services were on Monday, March 12, 2108 at the Phillips United Methodist Church, were she had been a member all her life.

Betty Marie Mabon was born on a farm southwest of Phillips on January 25, 1927 to George and Rosalie (Bartz) Cornelius, where she lived with her parents, brother, Robert, and Sister, Emma. Her father died when Betty was 11 years and her family then moved into the town of Phillips, where her mother worked as a telephone operator. Betty graduated from Phillips High School in May 1944. While she was in high school, she took "Normal Training," then attended Kearney State Teachers College in the summer of 1944, and taught school for one year after that.

On June 30, 1945, she was united in marriage to Robert Charles Mabon. They had three sons, James, David, and Douglas, and one daughter, Susan. Douglas died as a small child.

Bob and Betty lived on the family farm located one mile west of Phillips from 1952 to 2007 when they moved to Grand Island and lived in the Regency Retirement Complex. Bob passed away on September 9, 2008 and in 2014, Betty moved to the Bickford Assisted Living Facility, also in Grand Island.

Sister Betty was very active in the Eastern Star. She was initiated into Phillips Chapter No. 204 in Phillips and held many Chapter offices over the years, as well as serving Chapter Secretary for many years. She was a District Grand Supervisor from 1965 to 1969 and again in 1979 and 1980, served as Grand Chaplain in 1970 and 1971, and was then appointed by Betty Pauley and Joseph Lindquist to become Grand Warder. She then rose through the ranks to become Worthy Grand Matron in 1982. She and Bernie's theme was "Golden Chain of Friendship". I have many fond memories of our travels throughout the State of Nebraska and other

surrounding states, sometimes traveling in our motor home with several of the Grand Officers in tow.

Sister Betty is survived by her two sons and their wives, James and Sallie Mabon of Greenville, Georgia, and David and Terri Mabon of Phillips, Nebraska. She is also survived by six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, other family members and a host of friends.

Sister Betty is greatly missed by us all.

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:

Past Grand Matron Judy Bespalec will now provide a memorial tribute to Marleen Dinklage, Past Grand Matron.

Tribute to Marleen Dinklage
Past Grand Matron

Judy Bespalec, Past Grand Matron:

I am honored to have been asked to give this tribute for Sister Marleen Dinklage, Past Grand Matron. Brother Cliff Nelson and I appointed Sister Marleen as our Grand Warder.

Marleen Lou Dinklage was born on June 7, 1944 in Bloomfield, Nebraska to Adolph and Martha Schnoor. She was baptized in First Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomfield and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk. She graduated from Norfolk High School, a member of the Class of 1962. Marleen attended Lincoln School of Commerce. Prior to her marriage, she worked at Dan's Café, F.W.Woolworth, and in the Social Service Department of the Norfolk State Hospital.

On February 24, 1963, she was united in marriage to Dean T. Dinklage at the Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Dean and Marleen worked together in their farming and feeding operation, the ownership and daily operation of D&M Sales and Supply and became Dinklage Enterprises.

Marleen was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Wisner, WELGA, and taught Sunday School and Bible School; Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 194 of Wayne, Nebraska, and was Worthy Grand Matron for the State of Nebraska in 1992-93; Charter member of the Nebraska Redwingers; Past Secretary of the Cuming County Rural School District No. 40; Past President of Wisner Junior Women's Club; and a member of the Pleasurettes Club. She enjoyed hobbies of genealogy, auctions, and traveling. Marleen will definitely be remembered for killing every plant she attempted to grow. She had items on her bucket list when she died.

She is survived by her son, Craig, and wife, Terry, of Graham, Washington, and his son, Brian and Ashley Smith; granddaughter, Rachel, and her son, Keagen; stepgrandson, Jonathan Stotz; stepgranddaughters, Mona Schroers and her daughter, Sina; Sabrina Revelee and her son, Andrew; and Nadine Noky and her son, Sean. She is also survived by son, Marc Dinklage and wife, Sandy, of Omaha, Nebraska, and their children Masen and Mallori.

Sister Marleen filled each station with dignity and grace. In 1992, she was installed as Worthy Grand Matron, along with Brother Charles "Jiggs" Evans as Worthy Grand Patron. Their Session was called, "Country Blessings."

Marleen enjoyed her Eastern Star life and the many friends she made along the way. Joining the Order in 1967, she served in many ways and was Worthy Matron at least nine times. Visitations to other Chapters and States allowed her to meet many people and make many friends. Her son, Marc, said "it didn't

matter where she went, she would see someone she knew." She always recognized faces and remembered their names.

Marleen appreciated the lasting friendships made and nurtured them over her Eastern Star life. Many of these were from other Masonic bodies, but she considered all a part of her Masonic Family. Always glad to see them. She often assisted if needed.

In her "spare time", Marleen kept busy with numerous activities and projects. Among these were counted-cross stitch, playing cards, and games. She especially enjoyed watching the many activities her grandchildren were involved in.

Marleen had special names for her friends. I was known as "Momma Bear", because I collected bears. Two others were called, "Beautiful" and "Sexy".

She and her husband, Dean, built a new home where they hoped to spend their "golden years". A tragic accident took Dean far too soon, but Marleen stayed in the house and their sons are keeping it for their visits to the farm.

Marleen loved quilts and was the proud owner of many. During her year as Worthy Grand matron, many were displayed. Her Grand Family was introduced by incorporating names of quilts.

My friendship with Marleen began during our years as District Grand Supervisors. Her first year, Betty Mabon, and I were in a room together and Marleen had a nightmare, which woke us and those in the surrounding rooms, also. This remained a lasting memory and story to tell.

Marleen was asked by Worthy Grand Matron Betty Mabon to be Grand Ruth. This was a wonderful experience for her and when we (Brother Cliff and I) approached her about being our Grand Warder, without hesitation, she accepted, and she again was on the OES trail once more. She was installed as Worthy Grand Matron in 1992 and her session was in 1993. She had a wonderful Eastern Star Life.

I would like to close with the poem Marleen used to close her session:

"Families are like quilts—
Lives pieced together,
Stitched with smiles and tears,
Colored with memories
And bound with love."

We will miss you, dear friend!

Following the tributes, "The Enchanters, a musical quartet consisting of Brothers Jim Carlton, Bernie Hauber, Bill Raymond, and Fritz McMullen sang "I Love You Lord".

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:

The "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Family experienced the loss of a Grand Family member, Sister Ruth Fosler, Grand Companion to Sister Kelly Stahly, Grand Adah. Sister Ruth was initiated on January 11, 1979, into Blue River Chapter No. 132, a thirty-nine year member. Sister Ruth served as Grand Representative to Oregon in 1996 and Worthy Matron in 1986, 1994, and in 2005. Our thoughts and prayers continue.

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:

Chapters of Nebraska Order of the Eastern Star have also experienced the loss of many Sisters and Brothers in 2017 and 2018. As a tribute, please give your attention to the large screens as each departed member's name is displayed. Throughout the year, the "God Bless the U.S.A." Grand Family honored our Active Duty, Reserves, and Veterans. To honor our departed

members who were also Veterans, the brand of service is included with their names. With or without military service, all of our departed members are considered patriots in this nation under God. Our Heavenly Father walked with them during their earthly journey and have reached journey's end, joining Him in Heaven.

The following names were listed on the video screen in the East with designations of their branch of military service served behind their names:

Queen Esther #1
Rose E. Faris
Don Wulf, US Army
Harold Hauberg, US Army
Betty Stoll\
Erhaardt Steinman, US Army Air Corps

Vesta #6
Ann Wolfson
Loren Mleynek, US Army

Electa #8
Rosella Frank
Betty Henson
Edward Sexton, US Army
Ellen Wilde
Geraldine Adams
Madeline Arent
Rayetta Moody

Vesper #9
Pauline Ragan
Fred Clark, US Army
Joyce Maatsch
Irene Breunsbach

Harmony #13
Doris Van Diest
Marie Zimmer
Kathryn Deden
Betty Ann Siewart
Ernestine Leach
Frances Craven
Christian Gaedeke, US Marines
Gail Gonnerman, US Army
Donald Whitefoot, US Army Air Corps
Venus Whitefoot

Guild #16
Lloyd Vrtiska
Myrtle Eddy
Lois Hawkins
Lucille Parton
Margaret Williamson

Alma #20
Florence Belknap
Donice Bruner
Jeanne M. Poage

Hebron #31
Paula Long
Rick Saum
Jean Pittman
Hollis Miller, US Army

Dawson #33
Donna Page
Leta Batie

Tuscan #35
Julie Mosier
Alice VanNorman
Eunice Ells

Acacia #39
Donna Page
Marjorie Hohnstein
Dale Stratman
John Nelson

Beulah #40
Alice Jenkins
Clara Hinken
Dale Ames
Myril McCracken

Phillip Lewis Martin
Beulah Dangler

Andrew #41
Evelyn Purdy
Marilyn Lynch
Ruth Johnson
Helen Brittin
Bonnie Owens
Warren Corbet
Richard Whitefoot, Veteran
Marjorie Klein

Venus #49
Leland Lawrence, US Army

Adah #52
Ramona Artherton
Doris Botts
Katherine Kirby
Anne Lyman
James Jones
Betty Knapp-Dillon
Betty Lou Palmer
Lois Sherman

Signet #55
Helen Brannan, PGM
Gerald Calhoun
Lillian Lustgarten

Meridan #74
Richard L. Beans
Jewell Thompson
Maude Darling

Mount Vernon #84
Jayne Gentzler
Norma Burt
Deanna Dittman
Dorothy Kuhl
Donna Rieken

Eureka #86
Evelyn Schluckebier
Kenneth Martin, US Army Air Corps
Robert Ross, US Army

Arbor Vitae #92
Lucille Noble
Glenn Martindale
Ruby House
Kathryn Gramlich
Merley Newkirk

Aurora #93
June Johnson
Billy McHargue
Dorothy Miller
Mary Alice Spray

Myrtle #94
Dorothea Schick
Leland Merrill

Crete #104
Florence Freeouf
Roberta Anderson
Marilyn Bartha
William D. Galbraith, US Army

Bethany #113
Jean Bramer
Ruth Ann Hagen
Mercedes Johnson
Teresa Percival
Robert Scott
Doris Weddel
Freda Hinrichs
Dora Johnson
Arlene Ruge
Evelyn Moody
Valeria Jean Hayes

Josephine Prentice

Papillion #114
Willa Barney
Sara Jane Hippe
Barbara Hobbs
Sandra Lane
Gay Morrison
Noland McIntosh
Lila White

Ruth #119
Gertrude Lechtenberger
Robert Kasparek
Arlene Brdicko
Phebe Rehbein

Naomi #121
Roland Husk
Norma Schneemeyer

Friendship #122
Shirley Gnuse
Virginia Colhouer

Tekamah #131
Virginia Malone
Helen Thoman
Shirley Morrow
Earl Bucy
Betty Trotter
Fay Ray

Blue River #132
Ruth Fosler
Doris Rolofson

Golden Rule #134
Esther Boots

Ogallala #142
Barbara Aten, PGM
Betty Peterson
Eloise Hughes
Margaret LeZotte

Dorcas #144
Gail Probasco, US Army

Stanton #146
Viola Davidson
Florence Barth

Martha Washington #153
Egon Fagerberg
Lillian Bauer

Wausa #159
Joan Case
Helen Sundell
Genevieve Frerichs
Mary Jane Wilson
Cleo Morman

Arrow #164
Marjorie Cool
Marier McCloughon
Wayne Hardy
Pat Russell
Marjorie Myers

Luna #169
Mary M. Gibbs
Warren Phillippe, Veteran
Mary Jo Winter

Miriam #175
Lowell Burns, US Army
Lawrence Fuchs, US Army

Royal #184
Robert Knight
Lavonne Burrows
Shirley Butler
Dorine Lewin
Jessie Ann Messman
DeAnn Rosane
Evaline Norman
Mary Stelle

Virgil E. Irelan, US Army
Ruth Nielsen

Home #189
Margaret Toman-Ingwerson
Janice Hild
LaVerne Perry
LeLand Meisinger
Dorothy Winkel
Mary McKenna
Carolyn Vallery
Robert Piper, US Army

Rob Morris #192
Irene Fredrickson
Reverend John Dale

Wayne #194
Ruby Schobert
Donna Liska
Beverly Soden
Eula Cohee
Marleen Dinklage, PGM
John Rees
Richard H. Lund, US Navy

Ceresco #198
Clarence Christensen, US Army
Raymond Johnson
Erma Nord
Ralph Olson

Utica #199
Burney Bouslough
Linda “Kay” Kraus
Louis Pollock, US Army
Doris Rolofson
Joan M. Weber

Arbor #200
Catherine Goldapp
Patricia Knudsen
Velma Olson
Phyllis Huston
LaVerne Bentz

Phillips #204
Betty Mabon, PGM

Irene #207
Richard Ely, US Navy
LaVone Frances Johnston
Donna Jean Fisher

Franklin #213
James Buttermore, US Army
Lois Buttermore
Barbara Muckle
Dena Schulke
Joyce Eisenhauer
Mary M. Butler

Sunflower #214
Sharon Blakeslee
Mattie Darnall
Patricia Johnson
Kathryne Kaman
Midori Nagasawa
Eleanor Preston
Jeanne Siegel
Mary Lou Stratton

Dome Rock #215
Alta Jo Williamson
Betty Segrist
Geraldine Hahn
Richard Joliffe, US Army

Herman #216
Eva Weeks
Edith Curley
Roscoe Wood, US Coast Guard
Catherine Andrew
Richard Hancock, US Army
Mildred Sandquist
Faye Widell
Virginia Richards
Richard Curley, US Army
Elois Pittman

Velma Bohs

Humboldt #234
Betty Brzon
Marcella Niedfeldt

Minnehaha #246
Maybelle Carr
Gordon McLeod
Mildred Zimmerman

Elizabeth #250
Flossie Domingo
Verna Weyers
Jane Tague
Robert Keckler
Richard Pratt, US Army
Elva Trook
Thelma Domingo

Palmyra #257
Ann Crawford
Karen Saunders

Bridgeport #260
Leona Diedrichsen
Darlene Worth

Truth #262
Fayann Cain
Grace Olsen

Brownville #263
Patricia Bratcher
Marjorie Harris
Arlene Gardner
Joyce Johnson
Erma Myers
Mary Jane Robbins
Mary Winingham

Oshkosh #264
Malvin Minshall
Lester Becker, US Army

Davenport #268
Violet Miller
Johnny Seefeld, US Army
Phyllis Baker
Perry Rhoades, US Army

Narcissus #269
Linda Young
Janis Tibke
Catherine Goldapp
Dora Denne Toma
Betty Hedstrom
Arlene Clark
Shirley Shainholtz
Wanda Mosler
Ila Chatfield
Judy Driver
Harriett Waite
Grant Keran, Veteran
Helen Yost
Helen Harris
Arlene Irey
Eileen Templeton

Temple #271
Brenda Hoffart
Joan Huffer
Marjorie Stebbins
Joseph Hannibal
LaVonne Pickel
Mary Ann Townsend
Helen M. Clifton

Columbia #275
Helen Bailey
Alice Babitt
Sharon Pasco

Aksarben #277
Gail Anderson
Murial Gustafson
Audrey Cotton
Thomas Lucht
Wilbert Whitney, Jr., US Marines

Imperial #279
Mary Hillberry

Rose Croix #298
Shirley Reiter

Trinity #299
Kenneth Bolas, Veteran
Betty Gibson
Edna Hesson
Virginia Philip
Madine Roberts
Verde Leigh Svoboda
Curtis Wood

Laura #301
Joyce Boeshart
Arlene Broyhill
Dorothy Chamberlain
Melvin Davis, US Army Air Corps
Maxine Linafelter
Nellie Strong
LaVonne Pressey
Virginia Hogeboom

Starcraft #307
Willa M. Barr
Marian Simmons
Bonnie S. Kalkwarf
Donna L. Stalcup
Robert C. Ellis, US Army
Frank M. Mook, Jr., US Army
Ward R. Svoboda, US Army

Symphony #316
Phyllis Dobrovolny-Burch
Larry Schaffer
Gerald Langemeier, US Army
Bonnie Brinkman
Merwyn G. French, US Army

Alpha #325
Wilda Hill
Joanne Graves
Kenneth Thomas
Lillian Rasmussen
Grace Conway
Helen Jenkins

Sister Karla Lawler (142, 92, 264) accompanied herself on the piano while she sang, “Amazing Grace.” Following the song, Brother Don Norman, Grand Chaplain, instructed the Conductress to close the Bible.

Don Norman (279), Grand Chaplain:
This concludes the Memorial Hour. When you exit the Grand Chapter Room, please go in silence.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018
1:00 P. M.

The members who assembled for the afternoon session were entertained by the music of Sister Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron. At 1:15 p.m., the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress escorted Sister Dee Schuetz, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Robert Rhodes, Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth, to the East. Sister Dee called the meeting to order and the Grand

Officers, escorted by the Grand Pages, entered the Grand Chapter Room for the incoming March. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East and given the Grand Honors. The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Dee and Brother Bob, how special to have you open this session. Sister Dee and I became friends throughout the years. She used to live just south of Bellevue in Plattsmouth and now we share the same town of Bellevue. Thanks for all you do. Brother Bob, you are so dedicated to the Order of the Eastern Star. It is great to see you at many OES functions and I have enjoyed the meetings at the Children's Home Board where you have served for several years. Thanks for all you do.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you, Sister Dee and Brother Bob, for opening our session this afternoon. Sister Dee, we have gotten to know each other better than we had as we have traveled together over the past four years. Brother Bob, you are always one of the first to go and get me and to shake my hand whenever we meet. Thank you both for your dedicated service to our Order.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to open the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter open from refreshment to labor.

INTRODUCTION
Board of Directors and Executive Director
The Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

The Grand Conductress, with the Associate Grand Conductress assisting, introduced the Executive Director and the following members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children: Sisters Susan Andreasen, Joni Bennett, Mary Lou Erickson, and Ann Wells, Past Grand Matrons, and Sister Leona Paden; and Brothers Michael Donham and Robert Rhodes, Past Grand Patrons, and Brother Steven Kennedy. Brother Ron Giesselmann was also introduced as the Childrens Home Administrator and Executive Director.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

We sincerely thank you for your commitment to the success of our Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children were given a hearty welcome and Brothers Ron Giesselmann, Administrator, and Mike Donham, Past Grand Patron, were escorted to the East. The remaining members were seated in the Chapter Room.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Michael Donham, PGP (Acting for Brother "Ched" House, President, who was unable to attend):

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with pleasure that I bring this report from Brother Ched House, President of the Board of Directors of the Masonic-Eastern Star Home in Fremont:

I am pleased to report that things went as planned for the most part during this past year. Paden Cottage is now complete and became home to three new girls and three girls who transferred from other cottages, and one set of new House Parents as well as one set transferred from another cottage. By using this method of mixing new with familiar, made the operation get off to a good start. The other set of new parents started their duties in an original cottage working with that set of parents. Paden Cottage, being new design and all on one floor, gives both new parents and new residents an entirely new look and feel as they find themselves getting familiar with each other and their new surroundings.

The vacant former Grand Executive Building is now called the AG Tech Building and is set up for 4-H Vocations, Robotics, Wind Generation, Electrical, and Woodworking, using hand-powered tools. Welding will take place in the two-car garage just east of the Home Storage on the north end of our campus as it is currently; however, a location near Ag Tech would be better. Best usage and safety for all involved is always first and foremost. The Board will study this and decide.

Ron and Todd are spending a lot more time and effort trying to keep up with the State Health and Human Services. Even though we do not take State children for care, we must keep current with their ever-changing rules in order to be State Licensed. Our Home Rules and Operating Methods Guides must be changed to meet State Rules for the Cottage parents to work with, and some of them have caused changes to be made on Paden Cottage because of its format.

The Finance Committee meetings with the Union Bank & Trust Company of Lincoln Representative have been productive as to their handling of our invested funds, and our Auditors are also pleased with their reports. The Committee makes every effort to stay within the budget and providing funds to operate and care for the children we serve. Masons and members of the Order of the Eastern Star have always been generous with their gifts and bequests to our wonderful Home and the 30 children in our care. Their lives are greatly enhanced by your continued kindness, thoughtfulness and support, and they will thank you for the rest of their lives.

Truly, Masonry at work!

Charles E. "Ched" House,
President, Board of Directors
Masonic-Eastern Star for Children

Anita Sohm, 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 is legendary. We thank you all for your thoughtful attention to the many details at the Home. Brother Ron, we would be pleased to hear your report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MASONIC-EASTERN STAR HOME FOR CHILDREN

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director:

Thank you. In order to fight redundancy, I will tell you a little bit about what went on, some of the highlights of what the kids did, and a little bit about our plans for next year.

A couple of things that happened that I might mention is the second quarter of school, one-third of the kids earned all perfect grades. (Applause) And that is a testament for the tutors, the House Parents, and the kids buying into the program; kids coming here and singing, and the interest everybody has, like the packed house we had yesterday – we really appreciate that.

Another thing we had is that we earned over 600 awards with the 24 children on campus last year in 4-H. We hope now that we have our garden back – our garden flooded a couple of years ago, so we had to kind of let that go -- but now we have 30 children on campus and with Paden Cottage in use now, we hope to have 1,000 4-H awards, which would be incredible!

A lot of that is due to their campaign donations and the Purple Ribbon Club – which we have 138 Purple Ribbons this year and that is incredible, so thank you again for supporting us and that helps us pay for some of our livestock needs.

One last thing that we are trying to do – and I really don't want to let the cat out of the bag too much, but if you saw that we have a 4-H program that we hope is one of the best ones in the State, and with that, we would like to work in cahoots with the Fremont Public School System and start an FFA Program, so that we can combine the projects and the school kids can earn school grades at that time, because so many of the youth who come to the Home are behind in school and this is something they would get credit for. This has been something that has been passed around for 5 or 6 years, so I am hoping it comes to fruition this year, but maybe next year I will be able to tell you that our FFA Program is up and running strong.

With that, thank you for the invitation and I appreciate it.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Brother Ron. What an asset you are to the Home and your devotion to the residents is definitely noted. Brother Ron, this is my first time in this job, so – (laughter) I have something for you and the Home. (A check was presented to Brother Ron from the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's Projects.)

Ron Giesselmann, Executive Director:

Thank you, this is going to be used in the Star Theatre, so the kids can spend some time in there with the new TVs. So, thank you.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

I do hope that you have all taken time to stop by the display for the Home. Seeing all those Purple Ribbons is also inspiring and certainly is visible proof of what our membership is doing. Don't forget to pick up some greeting cards and look over the information that is available. Like all of our displays, this information is good to have on hand. You are our Ambassadors for all of our projects, so you need to be prepared to share your knowledge with others.

I must say at this time, I was so honored to be a member of the Board and I just wish I could have been there more often, but I know you all understand.

INTRODUCTIONS
Administrator of the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation

and Foundation Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, introduced Sister Mary Stockton, Executive Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and Steve Barchus, Foundation Director of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Following introduction, the guests were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome, after which they addressed the members.

Report from the Nebraska Masonic Home

Mary Stockton, Administrator:

Worthy Grand Matron Anita, Worthy Grand Patron Jim, Grand Family, Distinguished Guests, Brothers and Sisters:

It is such an honor for me as the Executive director of the Nebraska Masonic Home to bring you greetings from our residents, Board of Trustees, and employees.

Sister Anita and Brother Jim, you and your Grand Chapter Officers have had a challenging, yet successful year – Congratulations! Your continued support to the Nebraska Masonic Home is truly appreciated.

Sister Candace and Brother Harold, I wish you a year of joy and success. May you accomplish all your grand plans for this upcoming year.

To all the Brothers and Sisters attending this Grand Session, I want you to know how much you are appreciated. The support you and your Chapters give the Home help make it the success it is today.

On behalf of the residents and the staff, I extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you for your continued support as the Masonic Home works diligently to uphold its excellent reputation of care for our residents.

The Nebraska Masonic Home's employees are committed to providing dignified and loving care to all 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.

Our current census is 69 residents. We have 15 men and 54 women, which includes four couples. The age range of the residents is 69 to 101 years old.

The Nebraska Masonic Home is a Continuing Care Retirement community. We have 29 apartments for Independent Living and 20 private rooms in our Assisted Living Center. Our 24-hour Nursing Care Facility can meet the highest level of personal and medical needs for 58 residents and the Alzheimer's Special Care Unit has 14 private rooms.

The Home's full continuum of services is why the residents are attracted to our Home. Once a resident decides to come to the Home, there is no need to change and move to another facility. We can provide all levels of care from independent living to total 24-hour nursing care to our Masons and their eligible female relatives.

For those of you who have personally visited The Nebraska Masonic Home, you are aware of the care given, the cleanliness of the facility, and the home-like atmosphere. Please take the time to share this information with your Brothers and Sisters. Your positive comments will make a difference to someone who is considering The Masonic Home or may not even yet know about us in Plattsmouth. Chris Abbott, our Admissions Coordinator, is always eager to assist anyone who needs more information about the Home.

Please remember that one gentleman that is a Mason in good standing and meets the required years in the fraternity makes his wife or widow, mother, sisters, daughters, grandmothers, and granddaughters eligible to apply for

admission to the Home. What a wonderful gift this is that gentleman has bestowed on the ladies in his family.

The Home has been very fortunate to have so many groups come to the Home. Tradition is an important part of the Masonic Home. Tradition has always been important to many of you that continue to grace The Home and our residents with your regular visits. From joining us for a meal to bringing treats for our residents, you have been faithful. Helping to decorate The Home for the holidays, you have been faithful. Doing crafts with our residents and enjoying the fellowship, you have been faithful.

The excitement in our resident's eyes when they hear that an Eastern Star Chapter or young ladies from Job's or Rainbow are coming is a wonderful thing to see. They remember and will share stories of their days in the same organizations. Old traditions are wonderful, but starting new traditions are also very rewarding.

Please start a tradition of including The Home and our residents in your lives, either as a Chapter or individuals. We look forward to seeing our old friends and making new friends when you include The Home on your calendar.

I invite you to call and make arrangements to come for a delicious meal and tour of The Masonic Home. Please contact Chris Abbott, our Admissions Coordinator, or me to schedule your visit. We want to show you why The Nebraska Masonic Home is such a special place for those who have chosen to make it their home.

We appreciate your dedication to seeing that The 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Stockton
Executive Director

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Sister Mary. Steve, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Steve Barchus, Foundation Director, Nebraska Masonic Home:

Thank you. Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen:

First off, I want to congratulate the two of you on a fabulous session and it is such a pleasure to be here, particularly since we have been friends for so long. I believe all of you would agree with me that these two have done so much for the Order of the Eastern Star and also, Masonry in general throughout the State and they have been well respected by everyone in the State and even those others outside, so it is an honor and a pleasure to be here.

So, let me introduce myself. All of those out there who don't know me, I am Steve Barchus, the Foundation Director for the Nebraska Masonic Home Foundation. How many of you of you knew that before I got here this week, raise your hands. (Hands went up) Alright, the rest of you should read your "Hourglass." Since I came on in September, we have had several great projects at the Home. Some of them didn't sound so great, but you were a great help. We have renovated two of our bathrooms; we are in the process of replacing the sound system at the Home, which takes care of various presentations for the people at the home and that is a project we are about to finish up; and we have many others that are coming up down the pike. Mary will let me know about those projects in the near future, I am sure.

We have had never-ending support from the Order of the Eastern Star. You guys are first up to help us in our projects and it is greatly appreciated.

We tried something new this year, I sent out an email and we have never done that, asking for help, and the first person to respond happened to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and she didn't happen to be one that was 35 to 50, she had to be much older than that, and it was shock that she was the first one to respond, and she replied back in a little less than a few minutes. So, your quick support of our projects is always amazing to us.

Prior to coming to this meeting, two days ago I had an email from a friend of mine and she sent me a quote that really kind of sums up the relationship between the Nebraska Masonic Home and the Order of the Eastern Star, and I've got to read it because I don't want to mess it up – it says: "Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace to today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." With that, that's how I feel about the relationship that we have with Eastern Star and I wanted to thank you all very much for all your hospitalities in inviting me to your Grand Session and I look forward to the years to come in forming great relationships with you and the rest of the Masonic family across the State.

Thank you very much.

Jim Taylor Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you Sister Mary and Steve, the Masonic Home in Plattsmouth is dedicated to providing dignified and loving care to the residents. The staff cares for the residents as each of us would want to be cared for. Thank you for such a loving and caring staff.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

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 enjoy visiting with the residents and checking on a place for us in the near future.

Thank you also for having your display here for all of us to see and have the opportunity to ask questions of you about the Home. We also appreciate the "goodies" that you provide for us!! Thank you.

We have a check for the Masonic Home (presented to Mary Stockton.)

Mary Stockton, Executive Director:

Anita had talked to me earlier in the year and this is going to help provide some much needed beds – we have to have the ones that go high to low, so this will go to help with the beds. Thank you so much.

INTRODUCTIONS
Fifty-Year Members

The Grand Conductress was instructed to introduce the fifty-year and plus members behind Grand Esther's station. She was assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

My Sisters and Brothers, We are honored to have you with us today. Your dedication to our Order is wonderful. I thank you for your many years of service.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Fifty-year and plus members, you are our heritage and we are proud to be honoring you today. We thank you for your support and may God Bless you for your contribution to our Order.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Matron left the East to go down to the floor to greet the fifty-year and plus members.

Beverly Donham, PGM (Acting for Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm):
Sisters and Brothers, you will unite with me in giving them a hearty welcome.
My Dear Friends, as you pass by the microphones at Adah's and Electa's Stations, please give your name, your town, Chapter name and number, and the number of years you have been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and if you are an Imhoff Award Recipient.

There were 45 members present, who introduced themselves. The Grand Pages, District Grand Supervisors and other special members escorted those wishing assistance. The fifty-year and plus members were seated in the Chapter room after they were introduced and given a gift by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
I know I have already said it, but I appreciate you all and I ask you again to join me in celebrating our fifty-year and plus members for their dedication to our Order and for being with us this afternoon. *(Applause*) We had a total of 45 members introduced for a total of 2,561 years of service. (*Applause)*

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Heather Palmer, Co-Chairperson of the Grand Warders, will now announce the winner of the candy jar.

Heather Palmer (325), Co-Chairman of the Grand Warders:
Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to announce the winner of the candy jar and all the candy, her name is Sister Deb McMullin, she is a member of Alpha No. 325 in Bellevue. I thought there were 1,776 in the jar, but the actual number of candies in that jar was 553 and Deb guessed 543, just ten off. Congratulations, Deb, you can pick it up outside the Grand Chapter Room. Thank you.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
At this time, I would like to recognize the Chapters that met our challenge this year and reported that to me. I asked that every Chapter contact all of their members. Six Chapters reported to me: Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Nebraska City; Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth; Narcissus Chapter No. 269, Omaha; Trinity Chapter No. 299, Omaha; Laura Chapter No. 301, South Sioux City; Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue. Would the Worthy Matron or a Chapter member please come to the East to receive your certificates?

Members from each of those Chapters reported to the East, were given their certificate and congratulated by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

2017 and 2018 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons Alpha Chapter No. 325 and Aksarben Chapter No. 277

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, introduced Sister Sheli Rice and Brother Brandon VanSky, 2017 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron; Sister Marna Raymond and Brother Bill Raymond, 2018 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue; and Sister Kristi Vandergriff

and Brother Matt Vandergriff, 2017 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron; and Sister Ruth Negus, 2018 Worthy Matron, Aksarben Chapter No. 277, Omaha.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

You have all been so supportive of Brother Jim and me these past four years and you have my heartfelt thanks. You made me an Honorary member to Aksarben Chapter and I thank you for that and hope to return – and I will return for a visit when I am done.

Sisters Sheli and Marna and Brothers Brandon and Bill and all of the members of Alpha Chapter, I cannot express the love I have for each of you. You have been there for me the last five years, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sisters Sheli and Marna and Brothers Brandon and Bill, and all members of Alpha Chapter No. 325: Thank you for supporting Sister Anita and me these past four years. Your support and encouragement has been very helpful and greatly appreciated. I appreciate the Honorary Membership to your Chapter. Thank you.

Sisters Kristi and Ruth, and Brother Matt, and the members of Aksarben Chapter No. 277, thank you for all the love and support you have given me. It is certainly appreciated.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sisters and Brothers, you will unite with me in giving Alpha Chapter and Aksarben Chapter and their Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons a very hearty welcome and a very big thank you. *(Applause)*

The guests were seated in the Grand Chapter Room.

FINAL THANK YOUS

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

I would like to thank the members of Alpha Chapter for their support and attendance at this Grand Session. A special thank you to my personal pages, Sisters Tami Stites and Elizabeth VanSky.

Sister Mary Ann Stevens, thank for all your special music, time and talent. Your willingness to share your special God-given talent and help is truly what Eastern Star is all about. My gratitude also to you for helping out in all the planning ahead of time and playing for the Choir this week Thank you!

To Brother Jim Carlton and our STAR STUDDED Choir. You have sung some of my favorite songs this week. Brother Jim, I appreciate your willingness to take on this task as Director of the Choir. Thank you. And my sincere thanks to everyone who has been a part of the choir this week. I am here to tell you, it all sounded great!

To Sister Wanda and Brother Albert Fisher: Thank you for your help with backdrops and the sound. I am glad to call you my friends.

To Wayne Andreasen and Mike Donham, the Co-Chairman of the General Arrangements Committee, and Members of their committee: Everything is in place and looks great!. In a few hours, we will be tearing down and we will be finished with another session.

There are countless others that I have not mentioned to make this session wonderful. Thank you ALL!

Please join me in thanking everyone who had any part in making this Grand Chapter a GRAND Session! It was so great! *(Applause)*

Husband of the Worthy Grand Matron
Wife of the Worthy Grand Patron

The Grand Conductress, assisted by the Associate Grand Conductress, introduced Brother Chuck Sohm, Husband of the Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Isobel Taylor, Wife of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Isobel, thank you for being there for Brother Jim and for me! I could not have asked for a more supportive, dedicated, helpmate these past four years. I appreciate you sharing Brother Jim with our Grand Family, and soon you will have him back. I am so thankful to call you my Sister and my friend. Thank you. For the many times when I didn't know where I was supposed to be, what time -- she was there for me always to help me.

To my Husband and Companion, Brother Chuck: It has been quite a trip since that day that Sister Bev asked me to be her Grand Warder. You have lugged the sound system, totes, and everything else. This past year has not been the easiest for you, but you are always there and praising me. Thank you for everything you do and for the past 49 years. I love you. *(Applause)*

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:

Brother Chuck, we have known each other for a number of years through the various Masonic organizations, but you really get to know someone after spending a day or more in car with them. We have had many good times, laughs, and discussions while traveling around Nebraska and surrounding states. Thank you for all you do for Sister Anita and Nebraska Grand Chapter.

Isobel, thank you for the wonderful support you have given me over the past four years as we traveled Nebraska and our adjacent states. My clothes were always ready, you typed my speeches, and found hotels for us and you always had everything ready that was required. All this, while one year you were serving as Worthy President of Omaha Assembly No. 91, Order of the Beauceant, and you always had the time down for that. You would finish up with a meeting and then take off for Western Nebraska to be there for an evening visitation.

Our small apartment got smaller with sales table items when I was Associate Grand Patron, but you kept our home reasonably organized. You offered advice, which I always appreciated, and you were there for me and available to anyone who needed a helping hand. Thank you and I love you. I am proud that for the past 56 years that you have been my wife. *(Applause)*

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Chuck and Sister Isobel, our "Star Studded" Choir has a special song for you from Brother Jim and me.

The Choir sang, "Could I have this Dance for the Rest of My Life." The husband of the Worthy Grand Matron and the wife of the Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to the East, given a hearty welcome, and were seated in the East.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Thank you, Choir, for expressing our love to Chuck and Isobel with your

wonderful song. As some of you might not know, Chuck and I met in California some 50 years ago while he was in the Air Force. We met at a Military Dance, so that song was special.

FAREWELL REMARKS

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:

Brother Jim, we have traveled many miles over the State of Nebraska and elsewhere and have shared some unforgettable moments with the members of Nebraska Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. We had a great year, except I wish I could have done more.

To the Membership: Thank you for your undying love, support, and memories. GOD BLESS YOU! Brother Jim,

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Matron:

I'd like to read a quote now from General MacArthur: "Duty, honor, and country – these are three hallowed words and reverently dictate what we ought to do; what you can do; and what you will do." *(Applause)*

The Worthy Grand Matron asked the Grand Secretary for announcements and Sister Jan Thoman announced that there was a very exciting announcement and that was the winner of the wall hanging from the Service and Therapy Dogs Committee Table, and that was Bridget Anderson (8, 320, 307). She also said the Service and Therapy Dogs Committee thanked everyone for their support. She also announced there were several items in the Lost and Found and would like to get those back to their owners.

The closing ode, "God Bless the U.S.A." was sung by the membership. The Grand Chaplain offered prayer and the Grand Conductress closed the Bible. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment to reconvene at 6:15 p.m. The 2017-2018 Grand Officers performed their final retiring march.

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Musical selections were played by Sister Ruth Negus (277) 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 Betty Garwood, Past Grand Matron, and Brother Michael Donham, Past Grand Patron, through the Labyrinth to the East. Sister Betty 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.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Betty and Brother Mike, thank you again for everything you do for our Order. You are there to lend a helping hand. Thanks for opening this session.

Jim Taylor, Worthy Grand Patron:
Sister Betty and Brother Mike, I would also like to thank you for opening the session this evening. Thank you both for all the support you have given us in the past year. I appreciate all you have done for me and for our Order.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Ruth, a member of Brother Jim's Chapter, thank you for your wonderful music this evening. I know how much I enjoyed your music when you were Grand Organist; thank you for sharing it with us tonight.

The Grand Conductress was instructed to open the Bible and the Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter open for the Ceremony of Installation.

INSTALLATION OF THE 2018-2019 GRAND OFFICERS

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
We are now ready for the Ceremony of Installation of the 2018-2019 Grand Officers. We welcome the many friends, family, and members here this evening. Thank you all for coming!

Sister Candy, Brother Terry, and your Grand Officers: You have planned and prepared and the time is now here that you begin your year in the Nebraska Grand Chapter. I encourage you to enjoy every minute of every day of the coming year and the friendships you will make. Congratulations!

I now have the honor of presenting Sister Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron, who will serve as the Installing Grand Officer.

Sister Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron, served as Installing Grand Officer and introduced those who would assist her in the Ceremony of Installation:

Brother Delbert Rogers, P.G.P.	Assistant Installing Grand Officer
Sister Jerrie Wilcox, P.G.M. ……	Installing Grand Chaplain
Sister Wanda Fisher, P.G.M. …… ……	Installing Grand Marshal
Sister Mary Ann Stevens (189) …….	Installing Grand Organist

Sister Sharlene called a short recess to prepare for the Ceremony of Installation.

Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Matron:
God Bless the U.S.A.! The 2017-2018 Grand Officers will retire!

The 2017-2018 Grand Officers retired. During the recess, music was provided by Sister Ruth Negus (277). 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), Dennis Dubry (260), Gary Eller (299), Bernie Hauber (299), Don Havekost (122), Duane Heim (189), Stephen Kennedy (263), Marlin Krull (198), Don Meink (159), Merv Moeller (198), Jerry Neeman (130), Bill Raymond (325), Kenny Schultz (93), Ken Sieg (271), John Timmermier (169), Brandon VanSky (325), Eric VanSky (325), and Jim Wolfe.

Grand Officers and Grand Trustee installed for 2018-2019 were:

Candace Martin (122)…….Worthy Grand Matron
Harold Terry (269)…….Worthy Grand Patron
Karan Birdsall (271) ……..Associate Grand Matron
Bruce Baker (39) ……...Associate Grand Patron
Jan Thoman, P.G.M. (9)……..Grand Secretary
Karla Lawler (142, 92, 264)…….Grand Treasurer
Dottie Arent (113)……..... Grand Conductress
Sharon Eller (299) …… Associate Grand Conductress
Cheryl Beckius, P.G.M. (142)…….Grand Trustee
Keith Lindvall (35) ……Grand Chaplain
David Wetrosky (1) ……Grand Marshal
Ruth Neeman (257) ……Grand Organist
Sharon Moeller (198) ……Grand Adah
Laurel Wolfe (8, 299) ……..Grand Ruth
Megan Lasiter (169) ……..Grand Esther
Chris Kennedy (263) …….. Grand Martha
Elizabeth VanSky …….. Grand Electa
Linda Dubry …… Grand Warder
Kirk Brown (92) …….Grand Sentinel

As the Worthy Grand Matron was installed and later escorted to the East by the Installing Grand Marshal, the Installing Grand Organist played the song, “I Believe”. The Worthy Grand Patron was installed and later escorted to the East by the Installing Grand Marshal to the song, “Angels Among Us.”

Following the installation of all the Grand Officers, prayer was offered by the Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister Jerrie Wilcox, 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

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers, Family, and Friends: What a wonderful honor you have bestowed upon me. I am humbled by your trust and faith. I pledge that I will do my very best to serve our beautiful Order as your Worthy Grand Matron.

I was initiated into Eastern Star in 1983 and I have had the pleasure of serving in several different capacities. Through the years, my love for our very special organization has grown and continues to do so.

Brother Terry, there is no doubt in my mind that God had a hand in this. I believe that he looked down and said, "Whoa, this girl is going to need a special person to help her on this journey." So you were chosen as the one. You have so much to offer. You will be a wonderful Worthy Grand Patron!

Ladies and Gentlemen, Sisters and Brothers, it is with honor that I introduce to you our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Harold "Terry" Terry. *(Applause)*

Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Wow! I am looking at these marvelous people in an entirely different setting – a view that I will remember all of my life! Thank you for giving us some of your precious commodities: Your time, your love, your trust, and your respect. It is awesome and I promise you I will do everything in my power to insure the Order of the Eastern Star of Nebraska continues to be the premier fraternal organization it has always been. Never doubt, O.E.S. is an organization that makes our world a better place to live.

Sister Candy, we did not know each other three years ago, but there can be no question, higher forces are involved in getting us to the Grand East. We both started our lives in less than fluent circumstances; we both had single, working mothers; both of our grandmothers did much of the upbringing; we both graduated from high school with a firm grasp of becoming better, yours was to become a teacher and mine to be a soldier. But the bottom line for both of us was to be of service to our community and make the world a better place. We have both been married to our spouses for over 43 years; we both have two grandchildren; we both have four-legged fur-babies; we are both retired; we both love football; we both are patriotic; and we both drive Buick Enclaves! I could go on, but that would spoil everyone's fun getting to know us a little better. Thank you, Candy, for making this partnership a very giving, we will make a difference, and enhance the Nebraska O.E.S. " Legacy of Service."

During the time we are making introductions, we will be taking turns. Please know that we speak for one another. We will also be making all of the introductions from the sidelines.

Worthy Grand Matron – that has a nice ring, doesn't it?

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Anita and Brother Jim, what a wonderful patriotic year you had! It was so much fun, traveling the state, and making time to recognize those members who have served or are presently serving in our Armed Services. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family. We love you.

Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron:

We would like to thank our Installing Officers, would you please stand as I call your names?

Our Installing Grand Officer, Sister Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron. Sister Shar and Brother DeLoyt Young gave Candy her Door Appointment as Grand Warder.

As Assistant Installing Grand Officer, Brother Delbert Rogers, Past Grand Patron. Brother Delbert and Sister Brenda McGuire gave me my Door Appointment as Grand Sentinel.

Installing Grand Marshal, Sister Wanda Fisher, Past Grand Matron. Sister Wanda appointed Sister Candy as Grand Esther in the "Unity in Faith" Grand Family.

Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister Jerrie Wilcox, Past Grand Matron. Candy was Sister Jerrie's Grand Companion during the years when Sister Jerrie served as Associate Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Matron.

Installing Grand Organist, Sister Mary Ann Stevens, Past Matron and Nebraska Grand Chapter Organist Extraordinaire.

Our Intermission Organist, Sister Ruth Negus, Past Matron and Past Grand Organist.

Thank you all for your years of service to our Order, your companionship, and for saying "yes" to us when we asked you to serve as our Installation Team. Please join me in giving our Sisters and Brothers a hearty thank you. *(Applause)*

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

Just be patient with us for a few minutes -- we have a few gifts to distribute. *(Gifts were distributed to the Installing Officers.)*

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

And before I forget, KayLoni and Diane – they have been our Personal Pages this week and they have been awesome so please help me thank them. *(Applause)*

INTRODUCTIONS AND REMARKS

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

At this time, it is our honor and pleasure to welcome our own General Grand Chapter Ambassador and Committee Members, please stand if you are here as I introduce you: Past Grand Patron Brother Alvin Benemerito, Ambassador to the Philippines, Visayas; Past Grand Matron Sister Dee Schuetz, a Member of the Community Service Committee of General Grand Chapter; Past Grand Patron Brother Carl Plants, a Member of the Scottish Rite Charities Committee of the General Grand Chapter; Past Grand Matron Sister Betty Kirby, a Member of the Service Dog Committee of the General Grand Chapter; and Past Grand Matron Sister Wanda Fisher, a Member of the Support First Responders Committee of the General Grand Chapter. Please help me thank them for their continued service to our beautiful Order. *(Applause)*

Will our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who are here this evening please rise? I want to thank you so very much for joining us this evening. Without your loving guidance and support, we would not be here. Bless you and thank you! Please help me thank them. *(Applause)*

To our Counterparts and guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, who chose to stick it out and be with us this evening, would you please rise – I know there are a few of you out there. Thank you so very much for being here for us. It really means a great deal. Terry and I look forward to visiting you in the future and sharing some special times with you. Thank you. Please help me thank them. *(Applause)*

Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron:

Will the following Grand Families, please rise and remain standing:

The "Unity in Faith" Grand Family, Wanda Fisher, Worthy Grand Matron and Lowell Erickson, Worthy Grand Patron.

"Make a Joyful Noise" Grand Family, Worthy Grand Matron Billie Mattern, Worthy Grand Patron Bruce Raddatz.

"Love Comes Down on Angels' Wings" Grand Family, Worthy Grand Matron Jerrie Wilcox, Worthy Grand Patron, Denny Smith.

"Music to the Stars," Worthy Grand Matron Sharlene Coulter, Worthy Grand Patron Deloyt Young.

"Beauty of the Stars", Worthy Grand Matron Brenda McGuire, Worthy Grand Patron Delbert Rogers.

"Trails of Faith", Worthy Grand Matron Cheryl Beckius, Worthy Grand Patron Gary Brhel.

"God Bless the U.S.A.", Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm, Worthy Grand Patron Jim Taylor.

You are the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who saw something in Candy and me that made you think we would make good Grand Officers. The members of these Grand Families are our family and we treasure the friendships and times we have been privileged to share with you. Please join with me in giving our Sisters and Brothers a hearty thank you. *(Applause)*

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Patron:

And will our Grand Companions please rise?

Sister Sue, I don't know even where to start, so I will keep this short. You have not only become a dear and irreplaceable friend, but you have become indispensible to me. I look forward to many more road trips and adventures.

Sister Linda, we have been best friends for over 40 years. I am grateful for the help you have given me and am happy that you have been able to be a part of this special journey with me. Thank you, dear friend, love ya!

Please help me thank them for just being them! *(Applause)*

Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Linda, we met a three years ago; we have traveled Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri – thank you so much for sitting in the front seat with me in our travels and using your phone in helping us make those right exits and things, and also for keeping us on course to reach our goal. Sometimes the noise from the backseat gets kind of loud from those other two ladies and those two ladies are not always watching for our exits. Thank you also for calling me "Your Brother".

Sister Sue, you have been my companion for 43 years; we have known each other for 47 years. You are my rock and my foundation. Thank you; I could not be here without you! Without you, so many things would not get done. You are my friend and my confidante. I love you and I think that this relationship is going well enough that I think that we are just about ready to fine tune it and find each other. *(Laughter)*

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

Will my family and special friends, please rise?

Let's see – I'll start in the front row – I think I can see everybody. My son-in-law, TJ; my grandson, Taden; my other grandson, David; my daughter, Shelly; my niece, Tricia; my brother, Terry; and believe it or not, for those of you who have doubted me that there is a Yogi – that's my husband, Yogi! *(Applause)*

And then behind them, I have my brother-in-law, Paul; and my sister-in-law, MJ; and my sister-in-law, Sarah; and then we have cousins, we have Jack and Marlene Stroms, they came from South Dakota. So please help me welcome them. Oh, and let's see, where is Benita – I know Benita made the trip – Benita Shelbourne, she and I taught school together for many years. She is a member of is it Signet Chapter? No, Luna Chapter. You are in Luna Chapter now? I didn't know that. Thank you for being here. Please help them for coming here and supporting us this evening. *(Applause)*

Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron:
Well, you have met my one family member who is here; however, I think I see several adopted family members here, my Star Sisters and Brothers. But just because you can't see them, don't think for a minute that our friends are not here in spirit.

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:
Will our Grand Family and Grand Companions please rise? Come on – get used to it! Terry and I are looking forward to spending the coming year with you. We know that with your help, we will make this "A Legacy of Service" year a year to be proud of and remembered. Please help me thank them for saying "Yes". *(Applause)*

Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Matron:
Will the members of Friendship Chapter No. 122 and Narcissus Chapter No. 269 please stand? These two Chapters are as compatible as Candy and I. We have already spent time together and getting to know one another. These people are the salt of the earth; people you think of when you need a project done; these are Eastern Star Members! Please join me in giving our Sisters and Brothers, a hearty thank you. *(Applause)*

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Anita and Brother Jim, will you come forward, please? As our Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron, we ask you to approach the East, and we ask that the following people join us as well, and that would be Past Grand Matron Beverly Donham, Past Grand Patron Jim Dusch, Brother Chuck Sohm, Past Grand Matron Sharlene Coulter and Past Grand Patron DeLoyt Young, and Sister Isobel Taylor, who have some special presentations to make.

Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron:
Sister Anita, my little girl! You call me, "Mom." I even got a little love note earlier from you. I am so proud of you. Your Session was exactly as you had planned and for just to know how much we love you. Brother Jim has a little presentation for you!

Jim Dusch, Past Grand Patron:
(Presented Sister Anita with her Past Grand Matron's Card). You need to hang on to that because sometimes they won't let you into this Grand Chapter without it – I just found out!.

Anita Sohm, Junior Past Grand Matron:
Thank you.

Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron:
And then, I think your wonderful husband, Chuck, has a special gift for you!

Anita Sohm, Junior Past Grand Matron:
Thank you so much!

Chuck Sohm, (325) PP:

I am a little worried about this, but you are still vertical – it has been a really long week, folks! I am very proud of this young lady. She has stood by me for 49 years and stood by you guys the last 5, and she wasn't going to miss it for the world. I know you get a card and then you get a Past Grand Matron's ring. (He placed the ring on her finger.) There!

Anita Sohm, Junior Past Grand Matron:
Thank you so much! Thank you all!

Beverly Donham, Past Grand Matron:
Before you leave, I have the honor of presenting you this Past Grand Matron's Badge and it is in your favorite color, which is Nebraska Red! So enjoy wearing it!

Anita Sohm, Junior Past Grand Matron:
Yeah, thank you all very much!

DeLoyt Young, Past Grand Patron:
Brother Jim, I am so glad you said "yes" four years ago, and this is your Past Grand Patron's card. This is very special and thank you for all you have done.

Sharlene Coulter, Past Grand Matron:
Brother Jim, well, I am going to have a hug – thank you, Jim, for saying "yes" in the parking lot. It is my privilege to present to you for your Past Grand Patron's pin and welcome you into the Past Grands Association. (Sister Isobel helped to pin on the Past Grand Patron's pin).

Jim Taylor, Junior Past Grand Patron:
Thank you, Brother DeLoyt and Sister Sharlene.

Jim Dusch, Past Grand Patron:
Brother Jim, it is well known that during our travels, you and I helped each other out to get to the West. So if you see something out of order this year, just get in touch and let me know. Thank you for all have done this past year.

Plans for the "A LEGACY OF SERVICE" Year
As Printed in the Installation Program

SESSION/THEME: **"A Legacy of Service"**
May 14, 15, 16, 2019
Younes Conference Center, Kearney

MOTTO: The high road to service is traveled with integrity, compassion, and understanding.

AIM: To promote the feelings of joy and commitment through Service to others.

WATCHWORDS: Service, Love, Charity and Faith

SCRIPTURES: Matthew 17:20: "If you have the faith of a mustard seed You can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there and it will move. Nothing will be impossible to you."

Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage and build

One another up, just as you are already doing.

HONORED STATIONS: Esther and Associate Patron

COLORS: Royal Purple, Royal Blue and Silver

FLOWERS: Pansies, Lilacs, Iris, and Carnations

FUN SYMBOLS: Candy Jars and Antique Cars

SPECIAL PROJECT: Food Bank for the Heartland Backpack Program

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 Purple Shirts
- OES Night Lights
- Backpack Pins
- Backpack Note Cards
- Pens

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

On the program, you will find our session theme and other information. You may read through this at your leisure if you haven't already done so, but we are not going to take time this evening and go into every little detail which we will expand when we make our Area Visitations. But we will be doing something a little bit different this year. As we travel around the State visiting our Sisters and Brothers, we will have a banner with us, so instead of having a Bible or having sheets of paper, we have a banner and we will be asking all of our Sisters and Brothers to sign the banner and then we will display that banner here at Grand Chapter next year. We will also be rewarding what we call a "Helping Hand" Award to deserving members. The information about this will be shared with you at our Area Visitations and members will be recognized at Grand Chapter next May.

Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron:

I am excited to tell you about our special project this year – first, I'll tell you the bad news. One in every five children in the State of Nebraska do not have enough food to eat. The good news is that we can help change that. The Food Bank of the Heartland has a Backpack Program that supplies food for children in need and in danger, who would not otherwise have food to eat over the weekend. The Backpack Program is our special project this year. Our Grand Family has already had a tour of the Food Bank and seen the Food Packs being made. As you consider whether you would like to make a donation for our special project, I would like to give you two numbers to consider: Four dollars provides a weekend of food for one child; $160.00 provides weekend food for one child for the entire school year. The Backpack Program was launched in

2006 with just three schools participating and today, in Nebraska, distributes 8,300 packs to children in need each week in 240 schools. There is currently a waiting list of 1,000 children not being served. During our visitations, our Grand Conductress will tell you how many backpacks are being delivered to your communities. A couple of thoughts you need to know, is that all the monies raised will stay in Nebraska, and 96.3 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to supplying the backpacks. It is "hard to fly like an eagle" and get the best grades possible, when you are hungry and spending much of your time looking for food.

We will also continue to support the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont and hope to purchase a generator for their 4-H Program. We hope to purchase a portable keyboard for the Alzheimer's Unit at the Nebraska Masonic Home in Plattsmouth. We will also continue to support ESTARL, our Youth Groups, and the Educational Loan Fund, as well as the General Grand Chapter Service Dog Project and other General Grand Chapter projects where appropriate.

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

I have a few Committee Appointments for 2018 that I would like to announce:

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following is a complete list of the Committees for the 2018-2019 years with the Worthy Grand Matron's appointments in bold type:

Standing Committees:	
Benevolence……	**Mrs. Gloria Guern (134)**
Educational Loan……	**Mrs. Tamara Engler (299)** **Mr. Rick Baker (325)**
ESTARL……	**Mrs. Jessica Hockstein(92)** **Mrs. Erin Johnson (1)**
Jurisprudence ……	**Mr. Gary Brhel, PGP (132)**
Membership……	**Mrs. Joyce Royal (1,257)**
Publicity……	**Ms. Heidi Tice (269)** **Mrs. Kelly Stahly (132)**
Scholarship ……	**Mrs. Susan Olson (131)**
Youth ……	**Mrs. Karrie Knapp (142)** **Mrs. Colleen Nelson (269)**

OTHER COMMITTEES

Children's Home Representatives……	.**Mr. Douglas Kristensen (159)** **Mrs. Julie Kristensen (159)**
Fraternal Relations……	**Mr. A.J. Johnson (52)** **Mrs. Joyce Roberts (92)** **Mrs. Tracey Hefner (200)** **Mrs. Dwight Smith (264)**

Dispensations and Charters …….. **Mrs., Wanda Fisher, PGM**

Webmaster and Masonic Event Calendar…… **Mrs. Kerri Straub (269)**

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

General Arrangements …… **Mr. Wayne Andreasen (84) Co-Chairman**
Mr. Michael Donham, PGP, Co-Chairman

March Directors …… **Mrs. Beverly Donham, PGM**
Mrs. Cyn Norman, PGM

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sisters, Brothers, and Friends, please help me thank these individuals for accepting these responsibilities for the coming year. *(Applause)*

CLOSING

Candace, Worthy Grand Matron:
Sister Grand Secretary, are there any communications or announcements?

Jan Thoman, PGM, Grand Secretary:
There are, Worthy Grand Matron. First, I would like to tell you about a reception. "You are cordially invited to a reception honoring Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron, Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron, and 2018 Grand Officers on Friday, May 18, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Tangier Shrine Center, 2823 South 84th Street, in Omaha, Nebraska." And then the next reception: "You are invited to a reception honoring Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron, Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron, and 2018 Grand Officers, on Saturday, May 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Kearney Masonic Center, 2314 Central Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska."
That's all within my knowledge, Worthy Grand Matron.

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:
Thank you, Sister Grand Secretary.

Harold Terry, Worthy Grand Patron:
For our guests who are not members of the Order, thank you for joining us this evening. We hope you will leave here with an appreciation of what a respected group of people we are. If you are inspired on your way out, please find a member and ask them for a petition.
To our Sisters and Brothers, we pray that you will continue to play an active role in your Chapters and in our beautiful Order. May we all continue to leave "A Legacy of Service".

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:
Please join us in singing our closing Ode this evening, "Let the Good Lord Bless and Keep You" and we are just doing the first verse.

The Closing Ode was sung.

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:
We will now have our benediction by Past Grand Matron Brenda McGuire.

Brenda McGuire, Past Grand Matron:

Please be in an Attitude of Prayer. Tender God, who loves and cares for each growing shoot, unbending toward the sun; straighten up their spirits, unperfect perceptions, and our inward curved desires; unfold us that we might walk tall, sing boldly, and speak lovingly. We thank you, Lord, for this time we have shared together and as we open another year of this great organization with a brand new Grand Family and a new theme of "A Legacy of Service." May we all be reminded of your commandment to each of us, is to follow you and we are, as you have lived, in service to all. Help us to remember your legacy to us, which is to love one another as you have loved us. May you all walk in that legacy, to serve you, our Lord, as you have served us, that we might love you and serve you as well as others. Amen. So may it ever be.

Candace Martin, Worthy Grand Matron:

Before we close this evening or leave this evening, I just have a reminder: First of all, we ask that you remain seated until the Grand Officers have retired. It is necessary that we begin taking down this room the minute we leave, so we ask that if you would like to visit for a little bit, to go out into the lobby area so that our workers can get in here and start putting things away.

The Worthy Grand Matron instructed the Grand Conductress to close the Bible on the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the One Hundred Forty-second one hundred forty-third Grand Chapter closed.

PRESENTATIONS

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Friendship Chapter No. 122 and Narcissus Chapter No. 269 appeared at the west entrances to the Grand Chapter Room and requested permission to approach the East. They were 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 Friendship Chapter and Narcissus Chapter. The 2018-2019 Grand Officers then retired.

GLEANINGS

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On Saturday, May 5, 2018, the "God Bless the U.S.A." 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 after their last area visitation to greet one another and to welcome guests who were attending the Grand Session. Saturday evening, they all met at the "Sozo" in the Holiday Inn (110 Second Avenue, Kearney) for a no-host dinner for the Grand Officers and their Companions. What an exciting time to catch up on activities and to prepare for the upcoming week. After 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 6,. 2018, the Grand Family attended a worship service led by Brother Gary Eller, Companion to Grand Warder Sharon Eller, in the Hospitality Room at Fairfield Inn. Everyone enjoyed lunch after the Worship Service. The Grand Officers, under the direction of the March Directors, then began their practice for the marches and their ritualistic work. Since this was the sixth year at the Younes Conference Center and the set up beginning on Saturday morning with the capable help of many, the Chapter Room was completed on Sunday morning. This allowed the Grand Officers the opportunity to practice on the Grand Chapter floor on Sunday afternoon instead of needing to go elsewhere.

On Sunday evening, May 6, 2018, Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Taylor and their spouses, Brother Chuck and Sister Isobel, hosted their "Thank You" dinner for the "God Bless the U.S.A.", Grand Officers and their companions at the Holiday Inn in Kearney. The table decorations reflected the patriotic theme of Red, White, and Blue. The Grand Family members were each given a picture of Worthy Grand Matron Anita and Worthy Grand Patron Jim, and a personal note stating that a gift had been made to the 2017-2018 Projects in their honor. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron 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. Vendors attending were: A.S. Carter Company from Colorado, and Glamorous Lady Collection from Texas. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to do some great shopping!!

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 WOUNDED WARRIOR FAMILY SUPPORT. 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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"Star Studded" Choir - The Choir was under the direction of Brother Jim Carlton (325) with accompanist Sister 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 led 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 7, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. for the annual District Grand Supervisors' Luncheon. Special guests were the Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, and Grand Secretary. Arrangements for the luncheon had been made by Sisters Jean Smith (198) and Linda Dubry (261, 215). 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, May 7, 2018, those Past and Present "Grand Ducks" who were able to attend, gathered at Old Chicago. The luncheon, hosted by Sister Linda George (92), Companion to the Associate Grand Matron, began at 11:30 a.m. Each year the Associate Grand Matron has appointed a core of Brothers, and on occasion Sisters, to place and remove the chairs during the Ceremony of Installation. The job is always done in a precise, efficient and entertaining manner. Each individual 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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Trinity Chapter No. 229, Omaha, and Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Nebraska City, co-hosted "The Stars and Stripes Forever" banquet honoring Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels on Monday, May 7, 2018 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 "God Bless the U.S.A" year. Sister Sharon Eller, Grand Warder, and Brother David Wetrosky, 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 membership during the Grand Chapter Session.

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At 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons gathered for the "Star Spangled Banner" luncheon in the Ruby Room at the Younes Conference Center for their annual luncheon. Sister Cyn Norman, Past Grand Matron, was in charge of arrangements. Tables were decorated with daisy mums as centerpieces and the Head Table arrangement was red, white, and blue mums. Mary Ann Stevens played the keyboard and presented several songs from the Big Band era and had everyone's toes tapping. Special guests were Sister Anita Sohm; Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Jim Taylor; Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter; Sister Betty Briggs, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter; Sister JoAnn Sheppard, Right Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter; and Ambassador to the Philippines, Visayas Brother Alvin Benemerito, PGP, and General Grand Committee Members Sisters Dee Schuetz, PGM; Betty Kirby, PGM, Wanda Fisher, PGM, and Brother Carl Plants, PGP. 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 2018-2019 year:

President.....Genevieve (Jill) Ramsey, P.G.M.
Vice-President.....Wayne Jacobsen, 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 8, 2018, in the Diamond Room of the Younes Conference Center. Honored guests at the head of the receiving line were Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm; Worthy Grand Patron Jim Taylor;, and Sister Marianne Shenefelt, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron; Sister Betty Briggs, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees; and Sister JoAnn Sheppard, Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, 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 cookies that were purchased by the Grand Representatives, tea, coffee and punch along with a wonderful social time.

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The "My Country 'Tis of Thee" Membership Banquet was held at the Younes Conference Center at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Host Chapters for the event were Temple Chapter No. 271, Lincoln and Bethany Chapter No. 113, Ainsworth. Members of the 2017-2018 "Trails of Faith" Grand Family assisted in welcoming the guests and locating appropriate seating for them. Sister Cheryl Beckius, Junior Past Grand Matron, emceed the event assisted by Brother Gary Brhel, 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. Most Worthy Grand Associate Matron, Sister Marianne Shenefelt, was also seated at the head table. 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 Grand Representatives' Breakfast was held on Wednesday morning, May 9, 2018 and began promptly at 6:45 a.m., Special guest in attendance was Sister Maryanne Schenefelt, Right Worthy Grand Conductress. 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 Karen Phillips 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.

The tables were decorated in patriotic Red, White, and Blue.

During a brief business meeting following the breakfast the following members were elected to serve the Association for 2018-2019:

President.....Bev Pickering (269),
4919 Shannon Drive, Papillion NE 68133
Vice President.....Karen Nichols (215)
702 West 15th, Scottsbluff, NE 69361
Secretary.....Lynda Kessler (277)

7646 N 101st Plaza, Omaha NE 68122.

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The “America the Beautiful” Luncheon for Distinguished Guests was held Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Younes Conference Center. Host Chapters were Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue, and Aksarben Chapter No. 277, Omaha., and Sister Beverly Donham, PGM, was the Emcee. Tables were decorated with the Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s Red, White, and Blue theme for the year. Special Guests were General Grand Chapter Sisters Marianne Shenefelt, RWAGM; Betty Briggs, Chairman of RWGT, JoAnn Sheppard, RWG Chaplain; and our own Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm and Worthy Grand Patron Jim Taylor. Other 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 “God Bless the U.S.A.” Grand Chapter Session, the Past and Present District Grand Supervisors met on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 11:45 a.m., at the Younes Center for their annual meeting and luncheon. A brief business meeting was held following the luncheon at which time the following officers were elected to serve in 2018-2019:

President ..... Gloria Guern (114)
.21944 Bobwhite Ave, Gretna NE 68028
Vice-President ..... Jessica Hochstein (92)
936 Paul Circle, Fremont NE 68025
Secretary/Treasurer ..... Laurie Sieg (271)
7600 Baldwin Ave, Lincoln NE 68507

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 “”Armed Services Medley” 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 9, 2018. Alpha Chapter No. 325, Bellevue, and Aksarben Chapter No. 277, Omaha, were the host Chapters for this event, which was emcee’d by Associate Grand Matron Candace Martin and Associate Grand Patron Harold Terry. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were introduced and made brief remarks, 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 9, 2018 at 4:45 p.m in the Crystal ballroom in the Younes Conference Center. Members and guests attended the "Spirit of America" banquet. The following were elected to serve the organization for 2018-2019:

President…… Bev Pickering (269)
4919 Shannon Dr., Papillion NE 68133
Vice President…….. Charlene Colson (144)
P. O. Box 31, Bartley NE 69020
Secretary……...Kathy Armour (301)
PO Box 647, Dakota City, NE 68731

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The "This Land is Your Land" Fifty-year Luncheon held on Thursday May 10, 2018 at the Crystal Ballroom at the Younes Conference Center. It was hosted by members of Wausa Chapter No. 159, Wausa, and Home Chapter No. 189, Plattsmouth. Special guests at the head table included Worthy Grand Matron Anita Sohm and Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jim Taylor, 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 2018-2019

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Mrs. Judy Wehrbein, PGM ('19).....8817 Church Rd, Louisville NE 68037
Mrs. Cynthia Norman, PGM ('20) .....116 Bennett Dr, Lexington NE 68850
Mr. Wayne Andreasen, PP ('21).....410 Ridgeway Dr, Norfolk NE 68701
Mr. Bruce Raddatz, PGM ('22)..... 1003 East Ave, Holdredge NE 68949
Mrs. Cheryl Beckius, PGM ('23)..... P.O. Box 140, Keystone NE 69144

BOARD OF GRAND SUPERVISORS

Mrs. Candance Martin, WGM(122) …… 7158 E.Military Ave, Fremont NE 68025
Mrs. Karan Birdsall, AGM (271) …….749 Sunny Slope Rd, Lincoln NE 68505
Mrs. Dottie Arent, GC (113) ……. 87528 State Hwy 7, Ainsworth NE 69210

STANDING COMMITTEES
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BENEVOLENCE

Ms. Andi Carpenter (122), Chairman ('19)……820 E 21st St, Fremont NE 68025
Mr. Kenny Schultz (93), ('20)…… 419 Stagecoach Rd, Grand Island NE 68801
Mrs. Rita Lindvall (35)('21)……2407 West 35th St., Kearney NE 68845
Mrs. Suzanne Byler (9)('22)…….. 2121 Jefferson, Beatrice NE 68310
Mrs. Gloria Guern (114)('23)…… 2944 Bobwhite Ave, Gretna NE 68028

Educational Loan

Mrs. Cathy Dzuris (298,213) Chmn ('19) 891 W Brewster St, Minden NE 68959
Ms Bev Pickering (269), ('20) …… …4919 Shannon Dr, Papillion NE 68133
Mrs. Neta Ridinger (55)('21) ..…… .915 E 15th St, North Platte NE 69101
Mrs. Tamarra Engler (298)('22) ……. 16275 M Circle, Omaha NE 68135
Mr. Rick Baker (325)('23) ……. 704 Bellevue Blvd N, Bellevue NE 68005

ESTARL

Mrs. Janet Zoucha (264) ('19)..... 17751 Road 58, Oshkosh NE 69154
Mr. Gary Eller (299)('20) .....2006 S 143rd St, Omaha NE 68144
Mrs. Anne Phillips (325)('21) .....1753 Scarborough, Bellevue NE 68123-3453
Mrs. Jessica Hockstein (199)('22).....936 Paul Circle, Fremont NE 68025
Mrs. Erin Johnson (1)('23) .....773 S 58th Rd, Nebraska City NE 68410

Jurisprudence

Mrs. Betty Kirby, P.G.M. ('19) .....4501 Eagle Ridge Rd, Lincoln NE 68516
Mrs. Beverly Donham, PGM '(20) ..... 1901 So. 61st Ave, Omaha NE 68106
Mrs. Billie Mattern, PGM ('21).....2875 Bauman Ave, Omaha NE 68112
Mrs. Betty Garwood, PGM ('22).. 520 Timberline Dr, South Sioux City NE 68776
Mr. Gary Brhel, PGP ('23)..... 6520 Mesaverde Dr, Lincoln NE 68510

Membership

Mrs. Susie Nielsen (189) ('19)..... 159 James St, Plattsmouth NE 68048
Mrs. Laurie Sieg (271)('20)..... 7600 Baldwin Ave, Lincoln NE 68507
Mrs. Linda Schuett (257)('21).....3523 Comstock Ave, Bellevue NE 68123
Mrs. Nellie Frizzell (215)('22)..... 3709 Skyline Dr, Scottsbluff NE 69361
Mrs. Joyce Royal (1,257)('23) ..... 3424 H Road, Syracuse NE 68446

Publicity

Ms. Shannon Roberts (55) Chmn ..... 107 North McCabe, North Platte NE 69101
Mrs. R Lynn Cardey (92)('20) .....1224 No 131st Ave, Omaha NE 68154
Mrs. Isobel Taylor (277)('21)..... 711 No 92nd Ct, Apt 307, Omaha NE 68114
Mrs. Heidi Theiss (269)('22)..... 4409 No 80th St , Omaha NE 68134
Mrs. Kelly Stahly (132)('23) .....4435 B St, Lincoln NE 68510

Scholarship

Mrs. Trudy Fankhauser (234), Chmn..... P O Box 622, Humboldt NE 68376
Mrs. Bonnie Forney (92, 86), ('20) .....1245 E 11 St, Fremont NE 68025
Mrs. Margaret Nelson (216), ('21).....2229 Grant, Blair NE 68008
Mr. Ken Sieg (271) ('22) ..... 7600 Baldwin Ave, Lincoln NE 68507
Mrs. Susan Olson (131)('23)..... 1016 Hwy 75, Tekamah NE 68961

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*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)
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*1933 -- Mrs. Mary Farnham (78)
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*1942 -- Mrs. Mary E. Finch (185)
*1943 -- Mrs. Ola M. Scheurich (279)
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*1946 -- Mrs. Jane Owens (78)
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*1948 -- Mrs. Leita Barton (133)
*1949 -- Mrs. Eleanor Steffensmeyer (307)
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*1952 -- Mrs. Gertrude Marshall (40)
*1953 -- Mrs. Velma Morgan (86)
*1954 -- Mrs. Zelma Megrue (63)
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*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)
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*1967 -- Mrs. Joan Steen (64)
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2015 – Mrs. Brenda McGuire (86), 703 West L St, McCook NE 69001
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2017 – Mrs. Anita Sohm (325), (Chuck), 13505 So 22nd St, Bellevue NE 68114
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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
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1884-85 Mrs. Louis M. Merrill (21)
1886-95 H.A. Guild (8)
1896-98 Dr. Elanor Dailey (6)
1899-90 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)

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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)
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1923-29 Mrs. Bessie M. Mickey (24)
1930-50 Mrs. Blanch Watson (40)
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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)
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Of Members Attending the Grand Chapter Session 21 Years or More

(And who have requested in writing to have their name placed on this list according to Section 12 (15) of the Bylaws of the Grand Chapter)

Mrs. Virginia Jones, P.G.M. .....51 Years
Mrs. Naomi Rezek (272) .....48 Years
Mrs. Carole DeMoss, P.G.M. .....48 Years
Mrs. Margaret Worthman, P.G.M. .....42 Years
Mrs. Marie Rasmussen, P.G.M. .....46 Years
Mrs. Arleen Kuhl, P.G.M. .....39 Years
Mrs. Beverly Donham (299) .....39 Years
Mrs. Leona Baxter (86) .....37 Years
Mrs. Shirley Frink (92) .....37 Years
Ms. Jan Thoman PGM .....37 Years
Mrs. Barbara Crowe (39, 31) .....36 Years
Mr. Fran Crowe, P.G.P. .....36 Years
Mr. Robert Rhodes, P.G.P. .....35 Years
Mrs. Roma Rhodes (199).....34 Years
Mrs. Barbara Wood (233-279) .....33 Years
Mrs. Marilyn Livingston (92) ..... 33 Years
Mr. Ben Harvey (119).....28 Years
Mrs. Helen Dye (39).....30 Years
Mrs. Anne Phillips (325).....30 Years
Mrs. Margie Ludvigsen (92) .....27 Years
Mrs. Mary Garrison (9) .....26 Years
Mr. Duard Dempster, P.G.P. .....28 Years
Mrs. Lois Dempster (300) .....25 Years
Mrs. Cathy Wagner (214).....29 Years

Mrs. Mildred Baxter (86).....22 Years

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(As of June 1, 2018)

Grand Chapter	**Representative**	**Address**	**Com. Expires**
Alabama	A.J. Johnson (52)	2613 Alberta Ave. Bellevue NE 68147	8-15-2018
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Arizona	Susan Peterson (192)	915 East 9th Street Stromsburg NE 68666	10-1-18
Arkansas	Julie Claybaugh (194)	P.O. Box 216 Caroll NE 68723	3-1-18
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	Margaret Nelson (216)	2229 Grant Trenton NE 69044	12-31-19
Delaware	Courtney Retzlaff (84)	310 N. 2nd Street Plainview NE 68769-0693	12-31-18
Dist. of Columbia	Shirley Boardman(153)	2142 Cynthia Lane Seward NE 68434	12-31-19
Florida	Kerri Straub (169)	15113 Butler Ave. Omaha NE 68116	10-1-19
Georgia	Diane Lyons (86,144)	1007 Eat 1st McCook NE 69001	3-5-19
Idaho	Sarah Hobbie (1)	959 North 52nd Road Nebraska City NE 68410	10-1-19
Illinois	Erin Marr (52)	1608 Farrell Dr. Bellevue NE 68005	12-31-19
Indiana	Larry Brage (271)	620 Leavitt Lane Lincoln NE 68510-2530	1-1-19
Iowa	Dianne Wiberg (55,41)	307 S. 21st Ord NE 68862	4-1-19
Kansas	Doug Kristensen (159)	401 East Grant Street Wausa NE 68786	1-1-19
Kentucky	Jeannette Heese(269)	2907 S. 137th Omaha NE 68144-3405	2-3-19
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Manitoba (3yr)	Gerald "Gary" Kassebaum (320)	917 D Street Lincoln NE 68502	6-30-20
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		Brock NE 68320.....12-31-19
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In Loving Memory

Of

Sister Barbara Aten

Worthy Grand Patron
The Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star
1981-1982

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Entered into rest
June 22, 2017

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"I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave behind when day is done."

In Loving Memory

of

Sister Marleen Dinklage

Worthy Grand Matron
The Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star
1992-1993

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Entered into rest
September 7, 2017

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"Our Eastern Star family is like a patchwork quilt,
With love so gently sewn. Each piece is an original,
with beauty of its own. With threads of warmth
and happiness, It's tightly stitched together, to last
in love throughout the years, our family is
forever."

In Loving Memory

Of

Sister Helen Brannan

Worthy Grand Matron
The Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star
1991980-1981

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Entered into rest
September 26, 2017

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"She has slipped away to follow the Star in a land beyond our sight. No matter how winding the Labyrinth, She knows each step of the way. With her face toward the East, She is glorified in the land of Eternal Day."

In Loving Memory

of

Sister Betty Mabon

Worthy Grand Matron
The Grand Chapter of Nebraska
Order of the Eastern Star
1982-1983

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Entered into rest
March 7, 2018

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"If I have brought a little sunshine, If I've helped to lift a care, Made the world a little brighter, Or a burden helped to share, Then I feel that God has blessed me, And has surely heard my prayer, For I asked that He would guide me, And would use me everywhere."

This Page is Lovingly Dedicated

To the Memory

of the

Honored Dead

of the

General Grand Chapter
and our
Sister Grand Jurisdictions

2017-2018

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.

DEAD IN NEBRASKA GRAND JURISDICTION—2017
"THEY REST FROM THEIR LABORS"

❖ Queen Esther No. 1
Mrs Rose E. Farris 7/3/2017
Mr. Don Wolf 7/2/2017
Mr. Harold Hauberg 10/6/2017

❖ Vesta No. 6
Mrs. Ann Wolfson 7/1/2017
Mr. Loren Mleynek 10/24/2017

❖ Electa No. 8
Mrs. Madeline Arent 3/26/2017
Mrs. Rosella Frank 10/27/2017
Mrs.. Betty Henson 4/24/2017
Mr. Edward Sexton 10/12/2017
Mrs .Ellen wilde 6/13/2017

❖ Vesper No. 9
Miss Pauline Ragan 6/6/2017
Mr. Fred Clark 12/3/2017

❖ Harmony No. 13
Mrs. Doris Van Diest 6/17/2017
Mrs. Marie Zimmer 1/13/2017
Mrs. Kathryn Deden 6/9/2017
Mrs. Betty ann siewart 8/16/2017
Mrs. Ernestine Leach 9/9/2015
Mrs. Frances Craven 1/13/2017
Mr. Christian Gaedeke 9/5/2017
Mr. Gail Gonnerman 1/10/2017

❖ Guild No. 16
Mr. Lloyd Vrtiska 1/7/2017
Mrs. Myrtle Eddy 4/14/2013
Mrs. Lois Hawkins 5/20/2015
Miss. Lucille Parton 1/10/2010
Mrs. Margaret Williamson 5/14/2016

❖ Alma No. 20
Mrs. Florence Belknap 11/2/2014
Mrs. Donice Bruner 6/2/2017
Mrs. Jeanne M. Poage 11/16/2017

❖ Hebron No. 31
Mrs. Paula Long 8/30/2017
Mr. Rick saum 7/19/2017
Mrs. Jean Puttman 2017

❖ Dawson No. 33
Mrs. Donna Page 4/22/2017
Mrs. Leta Batie 7/29/2017

❖ Tuscan No. 35
Mrs. Julie Mosier 6/5/2017
Mrs. Alice Van Norman 9/19/2017
Mrs. Eunice Ells 10/21/2017

❖ Acacia No. 39
Mrs. Donna Page 4/22/2017
Mrs. Marjorie Hohnstein 7/15/2017
Mr. Dale Stratman 7/15/2017
Mr. John Nelson 2014
Mr. Phillip Lewis Martin
Mrs. Beulah Dangler 2013

❖ Beulah No. 40
Mrs. Alice Jenkins 12/31/2016
Mrs. Clara Hinken 3/15/2017
Mr. Dale Ames 4/2/2017
Mrs. Myril McCracken 12/15/2017

❖ Andrew No. 41
Mrs. Evelyn Purdy 11/5/2017
Mrs. Marilyn Lynch
Mrs. Ruth Johnson 8/11/2017
Mrs. Helen Brittin 6/22/2017
Mrs. Bonnie Owens 2/20/2017
Mr. Warren Corbet 3/27/2017
Mr. Richard Whitefoot 1/31/17
Mrs. Marjorie Klein 2/11/2017

❖ Venus No. 49
Mr. Leland Lawrence 12/24/2016

❖ **Adah No. 52**
Mrs. Ramona Artherton 5/7/2017
Mrs. Anne Lyman 10/4/2017
Mr. James Jones 9/18/2017
Ms. Betty Knapp-Dillon 9/8/2017
Mrs. Betty Lou Palmer 12/14/2017
Mrs. Lois Sherman 1/6/2017

❖ **Signet No. 55**
Mrs. Helen Brannan, PGM 9/26/2017
Mrs. Geraldine Calhoun 11/22/2017
Mrs. Lillian Lustgarten 7/24/2010
Mrs. Frances Steele 6/12/2017

❖ **Meridian No. 74**
Mr. Richard L. Beans 3/25/2017
Mrs. Jewell Thompson
Mrs. Maude Darling 5/23/2017

❖ **Mount Vernon No. 84**
Mrs. Jayne Gentzler 1/6/2017
Miss Dorothy Kuhl 5/22/2017
Mrsl Donna Rieken 11/29/2017
Mrs. Norma Burt 12/14/2017

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Mrs. Evelyn Schluckebier 10/23/2017
Mr. Kenneth Martin 12/29/2017

❖ **Arbor Vitae No. 92**
Mrs. Lucille Noble 3/4/2017
Mr. Glenn Martindale 8/2/2017
Mrs. Ruby House 8/22/2017
Mrs. Kathryn Gramlich 3/20/2017
Mrs. Merley Newkirk 6/3/2015

❖ **Aurora No. 93**
Mrs.June Johnson 2017
Mr. Billy McHargue 12/8/2017
Mrs. Dorothy Miller 9/5/2017

❖ **Myrtle No. 94**
Mrs. Dorothea Schick 6/29/2017
Mr. Leland Merrill 10/17/2017

❖ **Crete No. 104**
Mrs. Florence Freeouf 1/22/2017
Mrs. Roberta Anderson 2/16/2017
Mrs. Marilyn Barth 5/28/2017
Mr. William Galbraith 8/11/2017

❖ **Bethany No. 113**
Mrs. Jean Bramer 5/3/2017
Mrs. Ruth Ann Hagen 9/17/2017
Mrs. Mercedes Johnson 9/16/2017
Mrs. Teresa Percival 3/23/2017
Mr. Robert Scott 2/28/2017
Mrs. Doris Weddel 1/22/2017
Mrs. Freda Hinrichs 12/3/2017
Mrs. Dora Johnson 12/28/2017
Mrs. Arlene Ruge 11/10/2016

❖ **Papillion No. 114**
Mrs. Willa Barney 3/15/2017
Mrs. Sara Jane Hippe 10/13/2017
Mrs. Barbara Hobbs 9/4/2017
Mrs. Sandra Lane 4/8/2017
Mrs. Gay Morrison 2/26/2017

❖ **Ruth No. 119**
Mr. Robert Kosparek 5/2017
Mrs. Gertrude Lechtenberger 3/5/2017

❖ **Naomi No. 121**
Mr. Roland Husk 3/13/2017
Ms. Norma Schneemeyer 12/16/2017

❖ **Friendship No. 122**
Mrs. Shirley Gnuse 3/15/2017

❖ **Tekamah No. 131**
Mrs. Virginia Malone 2/10/2015
Mr. Earl Bucy 6/30/2017
Mrs. Helen Thomas 2/9/2017
Mrs. Shirley Morrow 4/4/2017
Mrs. Betty Trotter 7/29/2016
Mrs. Fay Ray 12/21/2017

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Mrs. Doris Rolofson 9/18/2017

❖ **Golden Rule No. 134**
Mrs. Esther Boots 9/26/2017

❖ **Ogallala No. 142**
Mrs. Barbara Aten, PGM 6/22/2017
Mrs. Eloise Hughes 3/30/2017
Mrs. Margaret LeZotte 8/10/2017
Mrs. Betty Peterson 1/28/2017

❖ **Dorcas No. 144**
Mr. Gail Probasco 10/12/2017

❖ **Stanton No. 146**
Mrs. Viola Davidson 12/30/2016
Mrs. Florence Barth 7/20/2017

❖ **Martha Washington No. 153**
Mr. Egon Fagerberg 1/31/2017

❖ **Wausa No. 159**
Mrs. Joan Case 3/6/2017
Mrs. Genevieve Frerichs 8/18/2017
Mrs. Helen Sundell 3/22/2017

❖ **Arrow No. 164**
Mrs. Marjorie Cool 3/6/2017
Mrs. Marie McCloughon 2/12/2017
Mr. Wayne Hardy 6/23/2017
Mrs. Pat Russell 9/19/2016
Mrs. Marjorie Myers 2016

❖ **Luna No. 169**
Mrs. Mary M. Gibbs 2/9/2012
Mrs. Mary Jo winter 7/19/2017
Mr. Warren Phillippe 8/20/2017

❖ **Miriam No. 175**
Mr. Lowell burns 2/7/2017
Mr. Lawrence Fuchs 12/24/2017

❖ **Royal No. 184**
Mr. Robert Knight 8/13/2016
Mrs. Lavonne burrows 6/19/2017
Mrs. Shirley Butler 8/8/2017
Mrs. Dorine Lewin 8/17/2017
Mrs. Jessie Messman 12/1/2017
Mrs. Dee Ann Rosane 3/7/2017
Mr. Virgil Irelan 5/9/2017
Mrs. Evaline Norman 3/14/2017
Mrs. Mary Stelle 1/13/2017

❖ **Home No. 189**
Margaret Toman-Ingwerson 2/28/17
Mrs. Janice Hild 2/17/2017
Mr. LaVerne Perry 5/4/2017
Mr. LeLand Meisinger 9/25/2017
Mrs. Dorothy Winkel 3/10/1997
Mrs. Mary McKenna 3/15/2006
Mrs. Carolyn Ballery 6/1/2014

❖ **Rob Morris No. 192**
Mrs. Irene Fredrickson 3/20/2017

❖ **Wayne No. 194**
Mrs. Ruby Schobert 2/24/2017
Mrs. Donna Liska 3/15/2017
Mrs. Beverly Soden 3/17/2017
Mrs. Eula Cohee 5/17/2017
Mr. John Rees 11/19/2017
Mrs. Marleen Dinklage, PGM 9/7/2017
Mr. Richard Lund 11/23/2017

❖ **Ceresco No. 198**
Mr. Clarence Christensen 2/12/2017
Mr. Raymond Johnson 3/10/2017
Mr. Ralph Olson 8/24/2017
Mrs. Erma Nord 4/18/2017

❖ **Utica No. 199**
Mr. Burney Bouslough 10/4/2016
Mrs. Linda “Kay” Kraus 4/17/2017
Mr. Louis Pollock 8/19/2017
Mrs. Doris rolofson 9/18/2017

❖ **Arbor No. 200**
Mrs. Catherine Goldapp 1/8/2017
Mrs. Patricia Knudsen 12/15/2016
Mrs. Velma Olson 7/19/2017
Mrs. Phyllis Huston 8/2/2017
Mr. LaVerne Bentz 11/5/2017
Mrs. Irene Van Winkle 8/30/2016
Mrs. Deloris Gotschell 12/24/2016

❖ **Irene No. 207**
Mr. Richard Ely 4/19/2017
Mrs. LaVone Johnston 12/31/2017

❖ **Franklin No. 213**
Mr. James Buttermaore 4/22/2017
Mrs. Barbara Muckel 6/4/2017
Mrs. Dena Schulke 8/30/2017
Mrs. Joyce Eischauer 10/31/2017
Mrs. Mary M. butler 11/30/2017

❖ **Sunflower No. 214**
Mrs. Sharon Blakeslee 9/5/2016
Mrs. Mattie Darnall 1/26/2017
Mrs. Kathryne Kaman 1/16/2017
Mrs. Midori Nagasawa 8/19/2017
Mrs. Eleanor Preston 1/8/2017
Mrs. Jeanne Siegel 6/14/2017
Mrs. Mary Stratton 9/9/2017

❖ **Dome Rock No. 215**
Mrs. Alta Jo Williamson 1/18/2017
Mrs. Betty Segrist 2/26/2017
Mr. Richard Joliffe 11/4/2017

❖ **Herman No. 216**
Mrs. Eva Weeks 1/13/2017
Mrs. Edith Curley 3/28/2017
Mr. Roscoe Wood 4/13/2017
Mrs. Catherine Andrew 4/16/2017
Mrs. Mildred Sandquist 5/24/2017
Mr. Richard Hancock 5/20/2017
Mrs. Faye Widell 5/10/2017
Mrs. Virginia Richards 7/1/2017
Mr. Richard Curley 7/11/2017
Mrs. Elois Pittman 12/29/2017

❖ **Humboldt No. 234**
Mrs. Betty Brzon 9/13/2017
Mrs. Marcella Niedfeldt 12/18/2017

❖ **Minnehaha No. 246**
Mrs. Maybelle Carr 1/22/2017
Mr. Gordon McLeod 6/29/2017
Mrs. Mildred Zimmerman 8/11/2017

❖ **Elizabeth No. 250**
Mrs. Flossie domingo 5/1/2017
Mrs. Verna Weyers 5/21/2017
Mrs. Jane Tague 8/4/2017
Mr. Robert Keckler 12/2/2017
Mr. Richard Pratt 12/31/2017

❖ **Palmyra No. 257**
Mrs. Ann Crawfor 4/28/2017
Mrs. Karen saunders 8/22/2017

❖ **Bridgeport No. 260**
Miss Leona Diedrichsen 8/2/2017
Mrs. L. Darlene Worth 9/26/2017

❖ **Truth No. 262**
Mrs. Fayann Cain 12/31/2017
Mrs. Grace Olsen 2/21/2017

❖ **Brownville No. 263**
Mrs. Patricia Bratcher 7/1/2017
Mrs. Marjorie Harris 1/20/2017
Mrs. Joyce Johnson 9/11/2015
Mrs. Erma Meyer 6/3/2017
Mrs. Mary (Janie) Robbins 7/22/2017

❖ **Oshkosh No. 264**
Mr. Malvin Minshall 1/4/2017
Mr. Lester Becker 2/15/2017

❖ **Davenport No. 268**
Mrs. Violet Miller 1/4/2017
Mrs. Johnny Seefeld 1/11/2017
Mrs. Phyllis Baker 7/27/2017
Mr. Perry Rhoades 10/18/2017

❖ **Narcissus No. 269**
Mrs. Linda Younng 12/27/2016
Mrs. Janis Tibke 1/6/2017
Mrs. Catherine Goldapp 1/8/2017
Mrs. Dora Denne toma 1/30/2017
Mrs. Betty Hedstrom 3/1/2017
Mrs. Arlene Clarke 4/3/2017
Mrs. Shirley Shainholtz 9/22/2017
Mrs. Wanda Mosier 5/29/2017
Mrs. Ila Chatfield 6/18/2017
Mrs. Judy Driver 8/27/2017
Mrs. Harriett Waite 9/8/2017
Mr. Grant Keran 9/14/2017
Mrs. Helen Yost 9/17/2017
Mrs. Helen Harris 11/17/2017
Mrs. Arlene Irey 11/22/2017
Mrs. Eileen Templeton 2017

❖ **Temple No. 271**
Miss. Brenda Hoffart 3/13/2017
Mrs. Joan Huffer 9/29/2017
Mrs. Marjorie Stebbins 10/2/2017
Mr. Joseph Hannibal 4/30/2015
Mrs. LaVone Pickel 6/25/2017

❖ **Columbia No. 275**
Mrs. Helen Bailey 2016
Mrs. Alice Babitt 12/2017
Mrs. Sharon Pasco 12/23/2017

❖ **AkSarBen No. 277**
Mrs. Murial Gustafson 2/24/2017
Mrs. Audrey Cotton 5/26/2017
Mr. Thomas Lucht 7/29/2017

❖ **Imperial No. 279**
Mrs. Mary Hillberry 11/1/2017

❖ **Rose Croix No. 298**
Mrs. Shirley Reiter 11/13/2017

❖ **Trinity No. 299**
Mr. Kenneth Bolas 2/4/2017
Mrs. Betty Gibson 4/1/2017
Mrs. Edna Hesson 12/6/2017
Mrs. Virginia Philip 7/2/2017
Mrs. Madine Roberts 1/18/2017
Mrs. VerdelLeigh Svobada 12/26/2016
Mr. Curtis Wood 1/30/2017

❖ **Laura No. 301**
Mrs. Joyce Boeshart 6/10/2017
Mrs. Arline Broyhill 4/18/2017
Mrs. Dorothy Chamberlain 11/9/2017
Mr. Melvin Davis 8/1/2017
Mrs. Maxine Linafelter 3/23/2017
Mrs. Nellie Strong 8/10/2017
Mrs. Lavonne Pressey 12/19/2017
Mrs. Virginia Hogeboom 6/13/2017

❖ **Starcraft No. 307**
Miss Evelyn buettgenback, PGM 1/7/2017
Mrs. Marian Simmons 3/9/2017
Mrs. Bonnie S. Kalkwarf 8/31/2017
Mr. Robert C. Ellis 11/27/2017
Mr. Frank M. Mook 12/12/2017

❖ **Symphony No. 316**
Mrs. Phyllis Burch 7/25/20
Mr. Larry Schaffer 8/20/2017
Mr. Gerald Langemeier 10/7/2017
Mrs. Bonnie Brinkman 11/7/2017
Mr. Merwyn G. French 2/17/2017

❖ **Capitol No. 320**
Mr. Darrell Bryceson 1/5/2017

❖ **Alpha No. 325**
Mrs Wilda Hill 2/13/2017
Mrs. Joanne Graves 2/20/2017
Mr. Kenneth Thomas 2/20/2017
Mrs. Lillian Rasmussen 5/10/2017
Mrs. Grace Conway 6/17/2017

ABSTRACT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER RETURNS-2017															
Number	Name	Location	Membership Close of 2016	Initiated	Reinstated	Affiliated	Died	Demitted	Suspended	Consolidation	Membership Close of 2017	Increase Decrease	Initiation Fee	Amount of 5G.C. Dues
1	Q. Esther	NE City	113	1			3				111	-2	4.00	226.00
6	Vesta	Omaha	68	1	1		2	2	2		64	-4	4.00	136.00
8	Electa	Lincoln	142	4		4	5	4			141	-1	16.00	284.00
9	Vesper	Beatrice	91				2		1		88	-3		182.00
13	Harmony	Columbus	53				5		1	38	85	32	4.00	192.00
16	Guild	Pawnee City	92				5	1			86	-6		184.00
20	Alma	David City	33		1		3				31	-2		66.00
31	Hebron	Hebron	78				3	1	1		73	-5		156.00
33	Dawson	Lexington	53				2				51	-2		106.00
35	Tuscan	Kearney	114				3	11			100	-14		228.00
39	Acacia	Hastings	141		1		6	3	4		129	-12		282.00
40	Beulah	Norfolk	50		1	1	4		7		41	-9		100.00
41	Andrew	Grand Island	115				8		7		100	-15		230.00
49	Venus	Cortland	17				1				16	-1		34.00
52	Adah	Omaha	57		2		6				53	-4		114.00
55	Signet	North Platte	104	1	8		4	1	7		101	-3	4.00	208.00
											0			
74	Meridian	Cozad	45				3		1		41	-4		90.00
84	Mt. Vernon	Plainview	90	2		1	4		1		88	-2	8.00	180.00
86	Eureka	McCook	124				2		3		119	-5		248.00
92	Arbor Vitae	Fremont	143				5	2	6		130	-13		286.00
93	Aurora	Aurora	38			1	3				36	-2		76.00
94	Myrtle	Lincoln	83	4			2		2		83		16.00	166.00
104	Crete	Crete	45				4				41	-4		90.00
113	Bethany	Ainsworth	117				9	1			107	-10		234.00
114	Papillion	Papillion	89				5				84	-5		178.00
119	Ruth	North Bend	97				2		12		83	-14		194.00
121	Naomi	Fort Calhoun	39				2				37	-2		78.00
122	Friendship	Hooper	80	1			1				80		4.00	160.00
131	Tekamah	Tekamah	72				6				66	-6		144.00
132	Blue River	Milford	70	2	1		1				72	2		140.00
134	Golden	Hyannis	33				1				32	-1		66.00
142	Ogallala	Ogallala	86		1	2	4				85	-1		172.00
144	Dorcas	Bartley	48				1		2		45	-3		96.00
146	Stanton	Stanton	33				2				31	-2		66.00
153	M. Wash.	Lincoln	86	1		1	1		2		85	-1		172.00
159	Wausa	Wausa	75				3	2			70	-5		150.00
164	Arrow	Broken Bow	65				5		2		58	-7		130.00
169	Luna	Elkhorn	65				3				62	-3		130.00
175	Miriam	Laurel	31				2		1		28	-3		62.00
184	Royal	Gordon	213	1			9	3			202	-11	4.00	426.00

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Number	Name	Location	Membership Close of 2016	Initiated	Reinstated	Affiliated	Died	Demitted	Suspended	Consolidation	Membership Close of 2017	Increase Decrease	Initiation Fee	Amount of 5G.C. Dues
189	Home	Plattsmouth	151		1	1	7	2	2		142	-9		302.00
192	Rob Morris	Stromsburg	44				1	3			40	-4		88.00
193	Shelby	Osceola	43				3	2		-38	0	-43		0
194	Wayne	Wayne	105	1			7	1			98	-7	4.00	210.00
198	Ceresco	Ceresco	96			1	4		2		91	-5		192.00
199	Utica	Utica	69	2	1	1	4				69	0		138.00
200	Arbor	Central City	125	1			5	1	3	63	120	-5	4.00	250.00
204	Phillips	Phillips	40					1			39	-1		80.00
207	Irene	Guide Rock	31				2				29	-2		62.00
213	Franklin	Franklin	41				5				36	-5	8.00	82.00
214	Sunflower	Mitchell	81				7	1	4		69	-12		162.00
215	Dome Rock	Scottsbluff	51	2			3		8		42	-9	8.00	102.00
216	Herman	Herman	132				10				122	-10		264.00
233	Holly	Benkelman	48								48	0		96.00
234	Humboldt	Humboldt	68				2	1			65	-3		136.00
246	Minnehaha	Valentine	60				3				57	-3		120.00
250	Elizabeth	Weeping W.	80				5		2		73	-7		160.00
257	Palmyra	Palmyra	39				2				37	-2		78.00
260	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	41				2				39	-2		82.00
261	Sunshine	Thedford	57								57	0		114.00
262	Truth	Kimball	35		1		2		1		33	-2		70.00
263	Brownville	Brownville	79				5		2		72	-7		58.00
264	Oshkosh	Oshkosh	85	3	1		2	4	2		81	-4	12.00	170.00
268	Davenport	Davenport	65		1		4	2	3		57	-8		130.00
269	Narcissus	Omaha	203	5	1	1	16	2	7		185	-18	20.00	406.00
271	Temple	Lincoln	132				5	7	3		117	-15		264.00
275	Columbia	Lincoln	59				3				56	-3		118.00
277	Ak Sar Ben	Omaha	77	3		2	4	1	3		74	-3	12.00	166.00
279	Imperial	Imperial	62				1				61	-1		124.00
298	Rose Croix	Ravenna	18				1				17	-1		36.00
299	Trinity	Omaha	209	3	1	7	7	3			210	1	12.00	418.00
300	Sunset	Orchard	30					3			27	-3		60.00
301	Laura	S. Sioux City	114	1		1	8				108	-6	4.00	228.00
307	Starcraft	Lincoln	132		1	1	5	2	1		126	-6		264.00
316	Symphony	O'Neill	34				5				29	-5		68.00
320	Capitol	Lincoln	29			1	1				29	0		58.00
325	Alpha	Bellevue	126	5	2	1	5	1	8		120	-6	20.00	252.00
			6079	44	26	27	288	68	110	0	5710	-369	156.00	12170.00

SUMMARY OF ABSTRACT

Number of members January 1, 2017..... 6,079

Initiated	44
Reinstated	26
Affiliated	27
Additions due to corrections	0
	6,176
Deceased	288
Demitted	68
Suspended	110
Loss by Consolidation (dual member)	0
Number of members December 31, 2017	5,710

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
193	Shelby	Osceola	with	13	Harmony	Columbus	10-10-17
49	Venus	Cortland	with	9	Vesper	Beatrice	3-1-18
298	Rose Croix	Ravenna	with	41	Andrew	Grand Island	3-5-18

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

Alzheimers

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

Cancer Fund

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1,000.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	Donation for Mildred Starr	25.00

Chapter Scholarship Fund

277 ,AkSarBen	500.00
277, AkSarBen	50.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	50.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	50.00
199, Utica, Utica	50.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	50.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	1000.00
268, Rose Croix, Ravenna	50.00
257, Palmyra, Palmyra	50.00
262, Truth, Kimball	50.0
204, Phillips, Phillips	550.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	50.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	50.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	350.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	50.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	550.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	50.00
164, Arrow, Broken Bow	50.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	50.00
13, Harmony, Columbus	550.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	550.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	50.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	300.00
169, Luna, Elkhorn	50.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	50.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	550.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	550.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	3150.00
55, Signet, North Platte	550.00
132, Blue River, Milford	250.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	550.00
92, Arbor Vitae, Fremont	550.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	550.00
320, Capitol, Lincoln	550.00
260, Bridgeport, Bridgeport	50.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	1050.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	50.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	50.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	50.00
20, Alma, David City	50.00
104, Crete, Crete	50.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	500.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	50.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	50.00
31, Hebron, Hebron	550.00
207, Irene, Guide Rock	50.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	550.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	550.00
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	50.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	550.00
200, Arbor, Central City	1050.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	50.00
184, Royal, Gordon	50.00
233, Holly, Benkelman	50.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	150.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	550.00
300, Sunset, Orchard	500.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	50.00
216, Herman, Herman	150.00
49, Venus, Cortland	50.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	50.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	50.00
86, Eureka, McCook	550.00
33, Dawson, Lexington	50.00
16, Guild, Pawnee City	50.00
215, Dome Rock, Scottsbluff	1050.00
93, Aurora, Aurora	50.00
114, Papillion, Papillion	550.00
6, Vesta, Omaha	50.00
146, Stanton, Stanton	50.00

Disaster Fund

301, Laura, South Sioux City	Donation for GGC disaster relief	50.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	Hurricane Harvey	100.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	Hurricane Disaster relief	43.50
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	GGC disaster relief fund	22.36

Educational Loan Fund

41, Andrew, Grand Island	Donation	50.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00

ESTARL, Harold T. Landeryou Fund

84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In honor of Sharon Eller, DGS	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In honor of Wanda Retzlaff	10.00
Diann & Jack Frahm	In honor of Joan Alexander, Grand Esther	25.00
Diann & Jack Frahm	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	25..00
Diann & Jack Frahm	In honor of Angie Keck, WM	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00
199, Utica, Utical	In honor of installing officers	30.00
Grand Chapter	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

ESTARL, Yount Endowment Fund

Susie & Bruce Baker	Donation	100.00
Marilyn & Robert Carhart	In honor of Trails of Faith Grand Family	180.00
Robert Carhart	Donation	130.90
Bruce Baker	Donation	41.30
Margaret Sorensen, Estate	In memory of Margaret Sorensen	200.00
Five State Event	Donation from Sunday church service	100.00
Patsy Kuhl	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	20.00
Carol Luther	In memory of Helen Brannen, PGM	20.00
Barb & Fran Crowe	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	15.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	50.00
Sandra & Bruce Raddatz	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	20.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	15.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	Donation	50.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	Donation	50.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	In memory of Katherine Kirby	10.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	In honor of Sharon Eller, DGS	20.00

First Responders

Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	50.00

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
Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children

Christmas and Thanksgiving Ingathering MESH:

234, Humboldgt, Humboldt	50.00
104, Crete, Crete	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	50.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	50.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
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207, Irene, Guide Rock	25.00
207, Irene, Guide Rock	50.00
204, Phillips, Phillips,	25.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	50.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	25.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	100.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	100.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	52.00
Roxie & Duane Heim	50.00
93, Aurora, Aurora	20.00
144, Diorcas, Bartley	25.00
104, Crete, Crete	50.00
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	75.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	150.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	60.00
55, Signet, North Platte	150.00
Past Matrons #84	50.00
8, Electa, Lincolln	125.00
200, Arbor, Central City	200.00
Betty Bierman	25.00
Sunflower Kensington	100.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	120.00
260, Bridgeport, Bridgeport	20.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	100.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	100.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	200.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	104.28
271, Temple, Lincoln	133.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	100.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	120.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	100.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	100.00
169, Luna, Elkhorn	100.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	50.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	50.00
16, Guild, Pawnee City	40.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	20.00
199, Utica, Utica	100.00
86, Eureka, McCook	240.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	100.00

Donations MESH: (Placed in Funds Designated by the Donor)

159; Wausa, Wausa	4-H projects	50.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	4-H club supplies	200.00
20, Alma, David City	4-H program	50.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	4-H projects	50.00
Ron Giesselmann	Donation for Paden Cottage	102.90
261, Sunshine, Thedford	4-H supplies	20.00
Starcraft Past Matrons & Patrons club	Donation	100.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	Donation	50.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	Paden Cottage	32.00
Jan Thoman	Donna Thoman family room	50.00
Alpha Kensington	Donation	50.00
Elva Trook	Donation	50.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	Donation	400.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	4-H wrangler club	25.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	School supplies	90.00

Areme Club of No. 277	Donation	100.00
Gwen Hurst	Donna Thoma family room	25.00
189, Home. Plattsmouth	Crafts	50.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	Back to school	50.00
Gwen Hurst	Donna Thoman family room	25.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	Paden Cottage	25.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	School supplies	25.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	100.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	School supplies	55.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	Donation	35.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	School supplies	100.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	School supplies	375.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	Donation	375.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	School supplies	51.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	Donation	50.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	Donation	50.00
AkSarBen Kensington	Donation	50.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	Donation	50.00
262, Truth, Kimball	Donation	25.00
16, Guild, Pawnee City	4-H	25.00
Gwen Hurst	Donna Thoman family room	25.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	Donation	25.00
Beauty of the Star Grand Family	Donna Thoman family room	130.00
Dianne & Orville Wiberg	Donna Thoman family room	10.00
Vernita Redinger	Donna Thoman family room	25.00
Suzanne Byler	Donna Thoman family room	50.00
Brenda McGuire	Donna Thoman family room	50.00
Susan & Wayne Andreasenj	Donna Thoman family room	50.00
Susan Arndt	Donna Thoman family room	50.00
Loraine & Delbert Rogers	Donna Thoman family room	100.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
271, Temple	Donation	50.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	Donation	78.50
184, Royal, Gordon	Donation	200.00
298, Rose Croix, Ravenna	Donation	25.00
49, Venus, Cortland	Donation	25.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	School supplies	50.00
Gwen Hurst	Donna Thoman family room	25.00
Hyannis Area Schools Student Council	Donation	100.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	Donation	19.51
325 Past Matrons & Past Patrons	Donation	25.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	Donation	23.80
279, Imperial, Imperial	Donation	61.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	Donation	100.00
Gwen Hurst	Donna Thoman family room	25.00
Areme Club of No. 277	Donation	100.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	150.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	Chili feed	50.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In lieu of Past Patron pin for Larry Wiegert	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	4-H chili feed	25.00
Past Matrons Club, Plainview	Donation	30.00

307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In lieu of PM & PP pins for Julie Fowler & Don Jelinek	50.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	Chili feed	46.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	Donation	22.00
Cheryl Beckius, WGM fund	Transfer	241.33
Anita Sohm, WGM fund	Transfer	2438.36

Honorariums MESH:

264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	In honor of Andy Stewart, DGS	35.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	In honor of Linda Dubry, DGS	15.00
93, Aurora, Aurora	In honor of Jean Smith, DGS	10.00
184, Royal, Gordon	In honor of Leota "Ody" Ray, Grand Ruth	100.00
20, Alma, David City	In honor of Toby Varvais, DGS	15.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	In honor of Jean Smith, DGS	15.00
262, Truth, Kimball	In honor of Andrea Stewart, DGS	25.00
Wesley Springer	In honor 1986-1987 Grand Family & Duard & Lois Dempster	50.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	In honor of Kristy Vandergriff, DGS	25.00
An;gela Keck	In honor installing officers at Mt. Vernon Chapter	40.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	In honor of Sharon Yockers, WM & Doug Johnson, WP	50.00
Suzanne Byler	In honor of Installing Officers for Donna Thoman memorial room	100.00
Peggy Hitchcock	In honor of Laurie Sieg	10.00
Peggy Hitchcock	In honor of Bryan Murphy	10.00
Peggy Hitchcock	In honor of Gerald Allen Jur	10.00
Peggy Hitchcock	In honor of Mary Ann Allen	10.00
Peggy Hitchcock	In honor of Karen Hallock	10.00
Peggy Hitchcock	In honor of Marvel Forgey	10.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	In honor of Julie Hornicek, DGS	25.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	In honor of Susie Baker, DGS	25.00
260, Bridgeport, Bridgeport	In honor of Susan Baker. DGS	25.00
262, Truth, Kimball	In honor of Susie Baker, DGS	25.00
16, Guild, Pawnee City	In honor of Wanda Rezlaff, DGS	10.00

Memorials MESH:

271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Brenda Hoffart	15.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In memory of Marian Simmons	25.00
Past Grands Association	In memory of Margaret Worthman, PGM	10.00
Past Grands Association	In memory of Evelyn Buettgenbach, PGM	10.00
Past Grands Association	In memory of Robert Bass, PGP	10.00
Past Grands Association	In memory of James DeMoss, PGP	10.00
Past Grands Association	In memory of Lester Webb, PGP	10.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Beverly Soden	10.00
Linda & Dennis Dubry	In memory of Donna Thoman for Donna Thoman family room	50.00
L. Jean Hansen	In memory of Denice Bruner	15.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In memory of Dorothy Kuhl	87.00
Nancy Tesch	In memory of Evelyn Buettgenbach, PGM	50.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Joe Hannibal	15.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of LaVonne Pickel	15.00

Stairway to Stars Grand Family	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	25.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	25.00
Gwen Hurst	In memory of Donna Thoman for Donna Thoman family room	25.00
Past Grand Association	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	10.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory Eula Cohee	10.00
Arleen Kuhl	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	20.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	In memory of Erma Myers	25.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	20.00
Margaret Sorensen, Estate	In memory of Margaret Sorensen	200.00
Toby Varvais	In memory of Donna Thoman for Donna Thoman family room	25.00
Leah Greenwalt	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	20.00
Bonnie Evans	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	20.00
Meredith Edwards	In memory of Ellen Wilde	20.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	50.00
Nancy Nelson	In memory of Phyllis Dohrovolny Burch	10.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	In memory of Phyllis Dobrovolny Burch	10.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Barbara Aten, PGM	20.00
Gwen Hurst	In memory of Donna Thoman for the Donna Thoman family room	25.00
Susan & David Pease	In memory of Jane Robbins	25.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	In memory of Mary Jane Robbins	25.00
Jan Thoman	In memory of Ruby House	10.00
Mary Farlow	I memory of Roberta Joyce Boeshart from her family	200.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	In memory of Ruby House	20.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In memory of Ruby House	25.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In memory of Ruby House	15.00
Candy Martin	In memory of Donna Thoman for the Donna Thoman family room	100.00
Jeanine Bryceson	In memory of Ruby House	20.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	In memory of Genevieve Frerichs	10.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In memory of Bonnie Kalkwarf	25.00
Roma & Robert Rhodes	In memory of Ruby House	25.00
Roma & Robert Rhodes	In memory of Barb Aten, PGM	25.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	25.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	25.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In memory of Ruby House	25.00
Lynn & Bob Schellpeper	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	25.00
Jeanine Bryceson	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	20.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	10.00
Carol Luther	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	20.00
Roma & Robert Rhodes	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	20.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Betty Brzon	25.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In memory of Phyllis Baker	20.00
Cynthia & John Timmermier	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	75.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memory of Richard Lund	10.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	In memoryof John Rees	10.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In memory of Robert Ellis	25.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	In memory of Joyce Maatsch	10.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	In memory of Fred Clark	10.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In memory of Frank Mook	25.00

250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	In memory of Richard Pratt	10.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	In memory of Julie Mosier, Eunice Ells, Alice VanNorman	30.00
Anita & Kenneth Schultz	In memory of Donna Thoman for family room	200.00
52, Adah, Omaha	In memory of Jim Jones	25.00
86, Eureka, McCook	In memory of Evelyn Schluckebier	10.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	In memory of Bonnie Brinkman	10.00
Linda Teach	In memory of Donna Liska & Marleen Dinklage PGM	75.00
Roma & Robert Rhodes	In memory of Marvin Bobb	20.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	In memory of Dorothea Schick	10.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	In memory of Ward Svoboda	25.00
Karen & Larry Foster	In memory of Lois Andreasen	10.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	In memory of Betty Mabon, PGM	25.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In memory of Betty Mabon, PGM	50.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In memory of Donna Thoman for family room	20.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In memory of Ruth Fosler for Donna Thoman family room	10.00
Past Grands Association	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM, Marleen Dinklage, PGM & Betty Mabon, PGM	30.00

Purple Ribbon Club MESH:

Anita & Kenneth Schultz	100.00
52, Adah, Omaha	52.00
Dianne Wiberg	30.00
325, Alpha, Omaha	50.00
52, Adah, Omaha	52.00
Dianne Wiberg	30.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	50.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	150.00
215, Dome Rock, Scottsbluff	50.00
192, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	100.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	80.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	75.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	150.00
Jan Thoman	20.00
31, Hebron, Hebron	100.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	25.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	25.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	10.00
300, Sunset, Orchard	20.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	50.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	50.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	100.00
104, Crete, Crete	50.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	200.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	100.00
262, Truth, Kimball	25.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	250.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	100.00

268, Davenport, Davenport	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	50.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
216, Herman, Herman	25.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	100.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	25.00
132, Blue Viver, Milford	200.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	125.00
199, Utica, Utica	100.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	25.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	75.00
55, Signet, North Platte	100.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	25.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	25.00
13., Harmony, Columbus	50.00
257, Palmyra, Palmyra	25.00
86, Eureka, McCook	100.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	25.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	50.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	25.00
200, Arbor, Central City	100.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	150.00
Electa 8 and Capital 320	277.25
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	25.00
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	100.00
20, Alma, David City	50.00
320, Capitol, Lincoln	120.00
49, Venus, Cortland	25.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	100.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	50.00

277, AkSarBen, Omaha	75.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	50.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	50.00

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Christmas and Fall Ingathering NMH:

84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	50.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	50.00
104, Crete, Crete	25.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
263, Brownville, Brownville	25.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	25.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	375.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	375.00
207, Irene, Guide Rock	25.00
207, Irene, Guide Rock	50.009
9, Vesper, Beatrice	25.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	52.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	100.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	100.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	125.00

144, Dorcas, Bartley	25.00
200, Arbor, Central City	100.00
Roxie & Duane Heim	50.00
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	150.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
55, Signet, North Platte	250.00
134, Golden Rule, Hyannis	15.00
260, Bridgeport, Bridgeport	20.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	100.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	133.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	50.00
169, Luna, Elkhorn	100.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	100.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	50.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	20.00
199, Utica, Utica	100.00

Donations NMH: (Placed in funds designated by donor)

269, Narcissus, Omaha	Donation from 2016 coin march	330.00
Jim Brown, PGP	Donation	91.00
Starcraft Past Matrons & Patrons Club	Donation	100.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	Donation for Caring Club	250.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	Donation for a lift	100.00
Alpha Kensington	Donation	50.00
193, Shelby, Osceola	Donation	400.00
Areme Club of No. 277	Donation	100.00
Judy & Gene Wehrbein	Donation	230.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	Activity Use	50.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	250.00
122, Friendship, Hooper	Donation	35.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	Caring Club	250.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	Donation	50.00
Aksarben Kensington	Donation	50.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	Donation	50.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	Donation	25.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	Donation	78.50
184, Royal, Gordon	Donation	100.00
298, Rose Croix, Ravenna	Donation	25.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	Donation for bathtub project	100.00
325, Past Matrons & Past Patrons	Donation	25.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	Donation	61.00

193, Rob Morris, Stromsburg	Donation	100.00
Areme Club of No. 277	Donation	100.00
169, Luna, Elkhorn	Caring Club	100.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	250.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	Donation in lieu of birthday cards	50.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	Donation	50.00
Cheryl Beckius, WGM Fund	Transfer	241.33
Anita Sohm, WGM Fund	Transfer	2438.36

Honorariums NMH:

207, Irene, Guide Rock	In honor of Bev Pickering, DGS	25.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	In honor of Bev Pickering, DGS	25.00

Memorials NMH:

159, Wausa, Wausa	In memory of Helen Sundell	10.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In memory of Erma Nord	25.00
Karen & Larry Foster	In memory of Dorothy Kuhl	10.00
Margaret Sorensen, Estate	In memory of Margaret Sorensen	200.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	In memory of Flossie Domingo	10.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	In memory of Pauline Ragan	10.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	25.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	20.00
Jeanine Bryceson	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	20.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In memory of Ralph Olson	25.00
144, Dorcas, Bartley	In memory of Gail Probasco	10.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	20.00
189, Home, Plattsmoutth	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	20.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Marjorie Stebbins	15.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	In memory of Jean Huffer	15.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	In memory of Gerald Langemeier	10.00
316, Symphony, O'Neill	In memory of Larry Schaffer	10.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In memory of Perry Rhoades	20.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	In memory of Robert Keckler	10.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In memory of Donna Rieken	10.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In memory of Norma Burt	10.00
234, Humboldt, Humboldt	In memory of Marcella Niedfeldt	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	In memory of Perry Adams	10.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	In memory of Leland Merrill	10.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In memory of Betty Mabon, PGM	10.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In memory of Helen Brannan, PGM	10.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In memory of Elva Trook	50.00

Military Fund

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

Other Charities

35, Tuscan, Kearney	Masonic All-Star Marching Band	275.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	Masonic All-Star Marching Band	100.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	Masonic Youth Conference	400.00

189, Home, Plattsmouth	Murray Christian Church in memory of Janice Hild	20.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	Masonic Youth Conference	80.00
86, Eureka, McCook	Domestic abuse/sexual assault services	85.00
216, Herman, Herman	Youth Leadership Conference	50.00
86, Eureka, McCook	McCook Domestic Abuse Services	5.00
Margaret Sorensen, Estate	Grand Representative Association	200.00
1189, Home, Plattsmouth	First Presbyterian Church in memory of LaVerne Perry	20.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	Bethel #24	100.00
189, Home, Plattsmouth	Hosanna Lutheran Church in memory of Leland Meisinger	20.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	Masonic All-Star Marching Band scholarship	275.00
277, AkSarBen, Omaha	Masonic All-Star Marching Band	275.00
35, Tuscan, Kearney	Masonic All-Star Marching Band	550.00

Scottish Rite-- RiteCare Program

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1,0000.00
Past & Present District Grand Supervisors	Donation	162.00
Past Grands Association	Donation	50.00

Service & Therapy Dogs

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1000.00
Jan Thoman	In memory of Gary Miller, RWGS	20.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	Donation	50.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	Donation, denim for dogs	82.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	Donation	35.00
Elva Trook	Donation	200.00
Karan & Tim Birdsall	Donation	200.00
Jan Thoman	In memory of Elva Trook	20.00

Shrine Hospitals and Transportation Fund

Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all members	1,000.00

Youth Fund

Donations, Memorials:

Assistant Grand Sentinels	In honor of Bruce Baker	75.00
Grand Chapter of Nebraska	Donation on behalf of all Chapters	1000.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	Donation	100.00
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	Donation	10.00
Cheryl Beckius	Transfer to youth	241.34
Anita Sohm	Transfer to youth	2092.39

2016-2017 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Projects

Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands:

198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In honor of Carrie Knapp	25.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	In honor of KristiVandergriff	20.00
200, Arbor, Central City	In honor of Jean Smith	70.00
Cheryl Beckius	In honor of Cheryl Beckius	50.00
233, Holly, Benkelman	In honor of Peggy Hitchcock	25.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	In honor of Karan Birdsall	25.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	In lieu of silent auction basket	30.00
184, Royal, Gordon	In honor of Leota "Odey" Ray	100.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	In honor of Wanda Retzlaff	10.00
86, Eureka, McCook	Silent auction donation	100.00
Margaret McCall	Silent auction	2426.50
Karan & Tim Birdsall	Silent auction	50.00
Brenda McGuire	Silent auction	75.00
Linda George	Silent auction	88.00
Marie & Don Rasmussen	Silent auction	182.00
Barb & Fran Crowe	Silent auction	90.00
Joyce Quaring	Silent auction	152.00
Lisa Davis	Silent auction	37.00
Mariel Penoyer	Silent auction	1000.00
Nellie Frizzell	Silent auction	112.00
Cynthia & John Timmermier	Silent auction	120.00
Corlynn Wilbeck	Silent auction	117.00
Joan & Deloyt Young	Silent auction	50.00
Kelsey Larsen	Silent auction	10.00
Maxine Hild	Silent auction	20.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	Silent auction	25.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	Silent auction	25.00
Carol Luther	Silent auction	25.00
Jan Barnard	Silent auction	40.00
Margaret McCall	Silent auction	100.00
Helen Westmoreland, MWGM	Silent auction	100.00
Coralie Hayes	Silent auction	111.00
Suzanne Byler	Silent auction	105.00
Deborah Foster	Silent auction	64.00
Jerry White	Silent auction	125.00
Cheryl & Bernard Beckius	Silent auction	66.00
Cassandra & David Norton	Silent auction	45.00
Cynthia & Alan Pedersen	Silent auction	160.00
Jan Thoman	Silent auction	50.00
Laurie Sieg	Silent auction	25.00
Ruth Negus	Silent auction	20.00
Suzanne Byler	Silent auction	60.00
Karen Phillips	Silent auction	30.00
Sue Ott	Silent auction	10.00
Margaret McCall	Silent auction	20.00
Pamela Lindholm	Silent auction	30.00
Betty Kirby	Silent auction	85.00

Susie & Bruce Baker	Silent auction	30.00
Barb & Fran Crowe	Silent auction	60.00
Past Grands Association	Donation	50.00
55, Signet, North Platte	In honor of Linda Dubry	30.00
Dottie Arent	In honor of 2017 Assistant Grand Warders	35.00
Betty Garwood	In honor of Trails of Faith Grand Officers	50.00
Peggy Gross	In honor of Dottie Arent	20.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	In honor of Laurie Sieg	20.00
Cheryl Beckius & Gary Brhel	In lieu of gifts	500.00
Beverly Donham	In honor of James Brown	25.00
Beverly Donham	In honor of Cynthia Norman	25.00
Beverly Donham	In honor of Dee Schuetz	25.00
Beverly Donham	In honor of Mary Ann Stevens	25.00
Marilyn Giles	In honor of Gary Brhel	20.00
299, Trinity, Omaha	In lieu of flowers	100.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	Donation	30.00
Linda & Robert Jasa	Silent auction	260.00

2017-2018 Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Projects Wounded Warrior Family Support

Visitation & Other Donations:

Toby Varvais	50.00
Isobel Taylor-bracelets	72.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	139.00
215, Dome Rock, Scottsbluff	50.00
214, Sunflower, Mitchell	50.00
262, Truth, Kimball	25.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	50.00
Past Grands Association	50.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	81.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	91.00
86, Eureka, McCook	50.00
279, Imperial, Imperial	25.00
233, Holly, Benkelman	25.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	83.46
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	236.02
92, Arbor Vitae, Fremont	200.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	50.00
169, Luna, Elkhorn	100.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	100.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	115.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	90.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	96.00
13, Harmony, Columbus	50.00
20, Alma, David City	25.00
189, Home, Platsmouth	100.00
250, Elizabeth, Weeping Water	50.00
1, Queen Esther, Nebraska City	100.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	50.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	25.00
307, Starcraft, Lincoln	25.00
275, Columbia, Lincoln	25.00
153, Martha Washington, Lincoln	25.00
94, Myrtle, Lincoln	25.00
271, Temple, Lincoln	25.00
55, Signet, North Platte	100.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	96.60
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	149.12
113, Bethany, Ainsworth	100.00
246, Minnehaha, Valentine	25.00
261, Sunshine, Thedford	10.00
40, Beulah, Norfolk	25.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	50.00
194, Wayne, Wayne	50.00
175, Miriam, Laurel	50.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	25.00
159, Wausa, Wausa	25.00
84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	25.00

84, Mount Vernon, Plainview	25.00
Bruce Anderson	200.00
8, Electa, Lincoln	100.00
204, Phillips, Phillips	25.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	25.00
298, Rose Croix, Ravenna	15.00
213, Franklin, Franklin	100.00
39, Acacia, Hastings	100.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	102.50
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	66.00
Miscellaneous	1.00
Cindy Smith	50.00
Isobel Taylor – bracelets	372.50
Chanda Reaves – bracelets	3.00

Ruth Negus – bracelets	10.00
Bonnie Burdine – bracelets	25.00
Edgar Flores – bracelets	20.00
Sue Terry	69.00
Omaha Metro Area	50.00
Omaha Metro Area	50.00
207, Irene, Guide Rock	25.00
Roxie & Duane Heim	500.00
119, Ruth, North Bend	177.57
Omaha Line Officers	146.95
Rebecca & Edgar Flores	50.00
Installing Officers Trinity	20.00
Installing Officers Adah	25.00
Katherine & Donald Meink	100.00
268, Davenport, Davenport	30.00

Honorariums, Memorials:

Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In honor of 2017-2018 Grand Officers	100.00
Betty Garwood	In honor of God Bless the U.S.A. Family	50.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	In honor of Anita Sohm	500.00
Candace Martin	In honor God Bless the USA Grand Family	100.00
Anita Sohm	In honor Jim Carlton, Bill Raymond, George McMullin, Bernie Hauber	100.00
Aceme Club of No. 277	In honor of Jim Taylor, WGP	250.00
AkSarBen Kensington	In honor of Jim Taylor, WGP	250.00
Linda Glines	In honor of Jim Taylor, WGP	25.00
Pamela Peters, PGM of Utah	In honor of Jim Taylor, WGP	25.00
Bev & Mike Donham	In honor of 2017-2018 Grand Officers	100.00
Jim Taylor	In honor of AkSarBen No. 277	500.00
Don Norman	In honor of the Grand Family	50.00
Cynthia & John Timmermier	In honor of Jim & Isobel Taylor	200.00
Geraldine Wilcox	In honor of the Grand Family	100.00
Anita & Churck Sohm	In honor of the Grand Family	200.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In memory of Corporal Richard John Seadore	10.00
Jan Barnard	In memory of Randy Andreasen	40.00
Cathy & Wendell Wagner	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	25.00
Katherine Meink	In memory of Marleen Dinklage, PGM	30.00
Marna & Bill Raymond	In honor of Karan Birdsall	100.00
41, Andrew, Grand Island	In memory of Ruth Johnson	7.50
Marna & Bill Raymond	In honor of Grand Officers	40.00
Marna & Bill Raymond	In honor of Sheli Rice, Installing Marshal	25.00
Marna & Bill Raymond	In honor of Paula Heyen, Installing Officer	25.00
Marna & Bill Raymond	In honor of Jim Carlton, Installing Chaplain	25.00
Marna & Bill Raymond	In honor of Mary Ann Stevens, Installing Organist	25.00
Marna & Bill Raymond	In honor of Tangier Shrine Changers	25.00
Karla Lawler	In honor of Jessica Hochstein & Kirk Brown	40.00
Coralie Hayes	In honor of 2017 Officers Oshkosh #264	170.00
264, Oshkosh, Oshkosh	In honor of Coralie Hayes, PM	35.00
94, Myrtle, Liincoln	In honor of Dottie Arent, DGS	25.00
Pam & Gary Brhel	In honor of Grand Family	200.00

Ruth Negus	In honor of Jerrie Wilcox, Dee Schuetz, Sharlene Coulter, Karan Birdsall	80.00
Kathy & William Petersen	In memory of Janice Boyd	15.00
Margaret Nelson	In memory of Janice Boyd	30.00
Margaret Nelson	In honor of Arbor Vitae #92	50.00
142, Ogallala, Ogallala	In honor of Andrea Stewart, DGS	25.00
Marilyn Good	In honor of Isobel Taylor	20.00
198, Ceresco, Ceresco	In honor of Laurie Sieg, DGS	25.00
301, Laura, South Sioux City	In honor of Wanda Retzlaff, DGS	25.00
269, Narcissus, Omaha	In honor of Jean Smith, DGS	25.00
200, Arbor, Central City	In honor of Toby Varvais, DGS	25.00
9, Vesper, Beatrice	In honor of Becky Baker, DGS	10.00
132, Blue River, Milford	In honor of Laurie Sieg, DGS	20.00
Isobel & Jim Taylor	In memory of Elva Trook	10.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In honor of Karan & Tim Birdsall	50.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In honor of Anita & Chuck Sohm	10.00
Dottie & Keevin Arent	In honor of Jim & Isobel Taylor	10.00
146, Stanton, Stanton	In honor of Wanda Retzlaff, DGS	25.00
Katherine & Donald Meink	In memory of Elva Trook	30.00
55, Signet, North Platte	In honor of Susie Baker, DGS	25.00
325, Alpha, Bellevue	In honor of Bev Pickering DGS	25.00

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF TOWNS

Ainsworth No. 113
Aurora No. 93
Bartley No. 144
Beatrice No. 9
Bellevue No. 325
Benkelman No. 233
Bridgeport No. 260
Broken Bow No. 164
Brownville No. 263
Central City No. 200
Ceresco No. 198
Chadron No. 60
Columbus No. 13
Cozad No. 74
Crete No. 104
Davenport No. 268
David City No. 20
Elkhorn No. 169
Fort Calhoun No. 121
Franklin No 213
Fremont No. 92
Gordon No. 184
Grand Island No. 41
Guide Rock No. 207
Hastings No. 39
Hebron No. 31
Herman No. 216
Hooper No. 122
Humboldt No. 234
Hyannis No. 134
Imperial No. 279
Kearney No. 35
Kimball No. 262
Laurel No. 175
Lexington No. 33
Lincoln No. 8
Lincoln No. 94
Lincoln No. 153
Lincoln No. 271
Lincoln No. 275
Lincoln No. 307
Lincoln No. 320
McCook No. 86
Milford No. 132
Mitchell No. 214
Nebraska City No.1
Norfolk No. 40
North Bend No. 119
North Platte No. 55
Ogallala No. 142
Omaha No. 6
Omaha No. 52
Omaha No. 269
Omaha No. 277
Omaha No. 299
O'Neill No. 316
Orchard No. 300
Oshkosh No. 264
Palmyra No. 257
Papillion No. 114
Pawnee City No. 16
Phillips No. 204
Plainview No. 84
Plattsmouth No. 189
Scottsbluff No. 215
South Sioux City No. 301
Stanton No. 146
Stromsburg No. 192
Tekamah No. 131
Thedford No. 261
Utica No. 199
Valentine No. 246
Wausa No. 159
Wayne No. 194
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6	Vesta	Omaha	Miss Rebecca Guss 10623 Cuming Street Omaha NE 68114-2023 (402) 238-8271 marilynguss@earthlink.net	Mr. Thomas Schmidt 10623 Izard Street Omaha NE 68114-2029 Home: (402) 547-6846 Email not provided	Mrs. Marilyn Guss 10623 Cuming Street Omaha NE 68114-2023 (402) 315-7241 marilynguss@earthlink.net	2nd Saturday 1:00 P.M. 5903 Maple St.
8	Electa	Lincoln	Ms. Suzanne (Sue) Stroud P.O> Box 22042 Lincoln NE 68542-2042 (402) 848-2373 C: 402-560-5414 stroud.stroud@windstream.net	Mr. Don Frank 1411 Sioux Street Lincoln NE 68502-4734 (402) 423-0802 C:402-202-6525 Email not provided	Ms Beth Benson 2019 Harwood Street Lincoln NE 68502-2728 402-310-0416 bazi16@msn.com	1st Saturday 2:00 or 7:30 P.M. 1635 L St
9	Vesper	Beatrice 68310	Ms. Suzanne Byler 2121 Jefferson Beatrice NE 68310 (402) 288-4223 C:402-239-2241 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. Tami Osantowski Rt. 1 Box 90 Bellwood NE 68624 402-564-8733 tamihd@yahoo.com		Miss D'Ann Wurdinger 1920 28th Street Columbus NE 68601 (402) 710-1911 Dann.rose.wurdinger@gmail.co	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 1138 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. Sandra Carbonneau 615 Olive Ave. Hebron NE 68370 402-200-8942 Email not provided	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. Sandra Raddatz 1003 East Ave. Holdrege NE 68949 308-995-4571 slhr@allophone.com	Mr. Bruce Raddatz, PGP 1003 East Ave. Holdrege NE 68949 308-995-4571 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. Melva Kube 3506 Koenigstein #3. Norfolk NE 68701 (402) 371-8469 melvakube@cableone.net	Mr. Milford Weaver 2319 Belmont Norfolk NE 68701 (402) 640-3575 wb0ywi@telebeep.com	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 2421 N. Custer Ave. Grand Island NE 68803 (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. Erin Marr 1608 Farrell Drive Bellevue NE 68005 712-314-9276 erinmarr@live.com	Mr. Dennis Newman 317 Castle Pine Dr. Papillion NE 68133 (402) 490-1381 Dnewman1@cox.net	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	Mrs. Andrea Stewart P.O. Box 432 Sutherland NE 69165 (308) 386-6074 andycma@yahoo.com	Mr. Deloyt Young, PGP 1003 Sandstone Drive North Platte NE 69101 (308) 532-7281 dandjyoung@charter.net	Mrs. Shannon Roberts 107 N. McCabe North Platte NE 69101 (308) 530-7141 shanroberts82@gmail.com	2nd Thursday 7:30 P.M. 202 McDonald
74	Meridian	Cozad 69130	Mrs. Nona E. Hood 76215 Road 418 Cozad NE 69130 (308) 784-2774		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. Laura Kilmer 1531 Kingston road Lincoln NE 68506 (402) 202-7863 laurajkilmer@me.com	Mr. Leon Kilmer 1531 Kingston road Lincoln NE 68506 (402) 570-9295 leon.kilmer@icloud.com	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 Hitchcock 43196 Richardson Road Ainsworth NE 69210 402-387-2291 C: 402-760-0044 sanddhillsnightengale@gmail.com	Mr. Mike Hitchcock 43196 Richardson Road Ainsworth NE 69210 (402) 387-2291 C:402-760-1428 Sandhillsam2@gmail.com	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. Carol LeRoy 9441 Brentwood Drive #45 LaVista NE 68128 402-218-7779 carolleroy0921@yahoo.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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121	Naomi	Fort Calhoun 68023	Ms Catherine Genoways 121 N. 10th, PO Box 577 Fort Calhoun NE 68023 (402) 468-5685 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 Cathy Wagner 2830 Hogan Lane Fremont NE 68025 (402) 727-7911 cjwgse@gmail.com	Mr. Wendell Wagner 2830 Hogan Lane Fremont NE 68025 (402) 727-7911 cwwagner@me.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. Carol Hudkins, PGM 8600NW 112th, P.O. Box 34 Malcolm NE 68402 (402 796-2254 lchudkins@windstream.net	Mr. Gary Brhel, PGP 6520 Mesa Verde Drive Lincoln NE 68510 (402) 560-6615 garybrhel@gmail.com	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 Email not provided	Mr. Bryan Regier P.O> Box 294 Hyannis NE 69350 308-458-8347 godsbandman@yahoo.com	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. Cheryl Beckius, PGM PO Box 224 Keystone NE 69144 (308) 726-2302 bcbeckius@lakemac.met	Mr. David Yost PO Box 208 Brule NE 69127 (308) 287-2516 davidy6343@hotmail.com	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 901 W. 5th Street 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. Robert Schellpeper 56849 844 Road Stanton NE 68779-2056 402-439-5188 boblynn@stanton.net	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 Pam Lindholm 3001 S. 51st Street #408 Lincoln NE 68506 (402) 802-0370 pam.nile@windstream.net	Mr. Andy Martin 3340 X Street Lincoln NE 68503 402-416-9961 amartin6@outlook.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, 107 South 2nd St. Bloomfield NE 68718 (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 spierce1936@gmail.com	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. P.O. Box 84
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 Email not provided	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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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
194	Wayne	Wayne 68787	Mrs. Marilyn Carhart 922 Sherman Street Wayne NE 68787 (402) 369-0494 mgcarhart@hotmail.com	Mr. Robert Carhart PGP 922 Sherman Street Wayne NE 68787 (402) 375-2976 mgcarhart@hotmail.com	Mrs. Linda Teach 607 Fairacres Road Wayne NE 68787 (402) 375-1521 liteach1@wsc.edu	3rd Monday 7:00 P.M. 913 Lincoln St
198	Ceresco	Ceresco 68017	Mrs. Mary Jo Peterson, PGM P.O. Box 306 Ceresco NE 68017 (402) 665-5671 genejo306@hotmail.com	Mr. Gene Peterson P.O. Box 306 Ceresco NE 68017 (402) 665-5671 genejo306@hotmail.com	Mrs. Samantha Ohle P.O. Box 503 Ceresco NE 68017-0503 (402) 665-2229 Sami.ohle@gmail.com	2nd Monday 7:30 P.M. 121 W Elm
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 1414 Raell Dr. York NE 68467 (402) 362-7082 kgale@neb.rr.com	Mrs. Sue Kittinger 7110 Willow Ave. Lincoln NE 68507 (402) 466-8054 vlksue@windstream.net	2nd Monday 7:30 P.M. 3rd & C St

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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 (308) 379-0816 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 2427 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 7:30 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 308-425-3608C:308-470-0746 rogers_dl@hotmail.com	1st Monday 1:30 P.M. 1401 J Street
214	Sunflower	Mitchell 69357	Mrs. Ruth Walker 60217 Hiway 71 Scottsbluff NE 69361 (308) 632-8614 crwalker@vistabeam.com	Mr. Richard Taedler. 2100 Circle Drive Scottsbluff NE 69361 (308) 436-7042 mamatpaapat@hotmail.com	Mrs. Betty Kenyon 140720 Experiment Farm Rd Mitchell NE 69357 308-623-1082C:308-631-8710 betty.kenyon1@gmail.com	1st Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 1315 18th Avenue

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215	Dome Rock	Scottsbluff 69361	Miss Ashlee Gray 1208 Avenue O Scottsbluff NE 69361 307-760-8282 asgray87@gmail.com	Mr. Gary Williamson 910 Schmid Dr. Scottsbluff NE 69361 (308) 632-4086 gdandc@charter.net	Mrs. Deb Williamson 910 Schmid Dr. Scottsbluff NE 69361 (308) 632-4086 gdandc@charter.net	2nd Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 22 ½ E 16th St
216	Herman	Herman 68029	Ms. Margaret Nelson 2229 Grant Blair NE 68008 402-669-3256 margnelson45@me.com	Mr. Herb Coulter 575 South 17th Street Blair NE 68008 (402) 426-4371 hascoulter@abbnebraska.com	Mrs. Kim Kegler PO Box 102 Herman NE 68029 (402) 456-7510 tinker@gpcom.net	1st Thursday 7:30 P.M. Hwy 75 & 5th St
233	Holly	Benkelman 69021	Mrs. Cheryl Glidden PO Box 738 Benkelman NE 69021-0738 (308) 423-2733 glidden@bwtelcom.net	Mr. Tom Jones PO Box 582 Benkelman NE 69021 (308) 423-2947 tomshar@bwtelcom.net	Mrs. Margaret Moore 33714 River Road Benkelman NE 69021 (308) 423-2667 mmoore@bwtelcom.net	2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M. MT 621 Chief St
234	Humboldt	Humboldt 68376	Mrs. Nancy Nemechek 63139 – 710 Road Humboldt NE 68376 402-862-2010 C:402-245-0975 jnnemechek@gmail.com	Mr. George Ketner P.O. Box 96 Stella NE 68442 (402) 883-2435 Elizabeth@sentco.net	Mrs. Donna Monnette 71770-637 Avenue Humboldt NE 68376 (402) 862-2664 ddmonet@gmail.com	1st Thursday 7:30 P.M. 731 4th St

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246	Minnehaha	Valentine 69201	Mrs. Tammy Gass 200 N. Green Street Valentine NE 69201 Cell 402-389-0243 gasstamara@gmail.com	Mr. Gregory L. Gass 200 N Green Valentine NE 69201 Cell: 402-39-2180 glggass@gmail.com	Mrs. Carol Luther PGM PO Box 148 Kilgore NE 69216 (402) 966-2851 lutherbillcarol@gpcom.net	1st Tuesday 7:30 W; 8:00 S 3rd & Hall St
250	Elizabeth	Weeping Water 68463	Mrs. Renee Thakur 11301 McKelvie Road Weeping Water NE 68463 (402) 267-5251 reneeaht@yahoo.com	Mr. Matt Mogensen 12014 Hwy 1 Weeping Water NE 68463 (402) 298-1827 No email	Mrs. Sandi Hahn (pro tem) 5416 147th St. Weeping Water NE 68463 (402) 267-7315 shredhat@windsteam.net	1st Thursday 7:30 P.M. 105 N Clinton St
257	Palmyra	Palmyra 68418	Mrs. Joyce Royal 3424 H Road Syracuse NE 68446 (402) 269-5010 budsmon56@hotmail.com	Mr. Dewaine Knutson 285 South 6th Road Palmyra NE 68418 (402) 805-7804 dewainenknutson@gmail.com	Mrs. Linda Schuett 4322 S. 178th Street Omaha NE 68135 (402) 740-8422 bootssammy@hotmail.com	*2nd Tues* *7:30 P.M.* *340 C St*
260	Bridgeport	Bridgeport 69336	Mrs. Linda Dubry 1503 Main Street Bayard NE 69334 (308) 586-2250 ldubry@actcom.net	Mr. Dennis Dubry 1503 Main Street Bayard NE 69334 (308) 586-2250 ddubry@actcom.net	Mrs. Janice L. Swedberg 8383 Hwy 88 Bridgeport NE 69336 (308) 262-0365 jsswed@hamilton.net	2nd Tuesday 7:30 P.M. 526 Main St
261	Sunshine	Thedford 69166	Mrs. Wynona Bolton 38804 Canvasback Rd Valentine NE 69201 (308) 748-2241 dwbolton@nebnet.net	Mr. Albert Fisher PO Box 133 Thedford NE 69166-0133 (308) 645-2443 afisher133@gmail.com	Mrs. Wanda Fisher, PGM PO Box 133 Thedford NE 69166-0133 (308) 645-9007 Afisher133@gmail.com	2nd Wednesday 5:30 P.M. 602 Walnut St

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