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From the Heart
Session

October 23, 24, 25, 2003

Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron

Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Patron
The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order Of The Eastern Star

Extends Fraternal Greetings and
Welcomes You to the

The 121st SESSION

“From the Heart”

October 23, 24, and 25, 2003
Fort Worth Convention Center
Fort Worth, Texas

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Alma Carter
Grand Secretary
A Little bit of Heaven

A little bit of heaven
Comes earthward every day,
And you can sense its presence
When it comes along your way,

If your thoughts are pure and wholesome,
And your heart is full of love,
And you're glad that you are living,
And that there's a God above.

A little bit of heaven
Can be seen the whole day through
From early dawn till nightfall,
In the kind acts that we do.

Just an impulse put in action
To do something for man's good
Adds another stone so noble
To the shrine of brotherhood.

A little bit of heaven
Comes to us in song of bird,
In the babbling brook's sweet music,
Or in kindly spoken word;

In a friendly smile or handclasp...
Oh, how wonderful to know
That a little bit of heaven
Is sent to earth below

Katherine Gordon Gabell
Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Mr. Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
IN MEMORY OF

Mrs. Dorothy M. Dewing
Most Worthy Grand Matron
General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Oregon
SPECIAL GUEST

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Matron of Texas
SPECIAL GUEST

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD
Chairman, Membership Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas

KENNETH R. GREGORY
Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas

RICHARD OCHS
Heart Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA
Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO
Shrine Hospital Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas

HARRY G. CUNNINGHAM
Fraternal Relations Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas

RUAL GARCIA
Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico & Central America
HONORED GUESTS


Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Chairman, Membership Committee
Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospital Committee
Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Registration Committee
Mr. Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations
Mr. Richard Ochs, Heart Committee

And

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus
Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe
Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen
Mrs. Katherine Harbour
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast
Mrs. Joyce Roberts
Mrs. Mary Brown
Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Mrs. Lena Mae Cook
Mrs. Elise Hammack
Mrs. Beulah Speer

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham
Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Mrs. Jane Gregory
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Mrs. Rosemary Sweatland
Mrs. Alma Carter
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield
Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Mrs. Betty Friend
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon

Mr. Richard T. Porter
Dr. O. D. Christian
Mr. Murray Watson
Mr. Wayne P. Jones
Mr. B. F. Hutson
Mr. Harry Cunningham
Mr. Joe E. Jeffers
Mr. Graham H. Childress
Mr. Glenn Whitaker

Mr. Garland Rattan
Mr. Charles Morris
Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Mr. Billy Combest
Mr. Richard Ochs
Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Mr. Henry S. Martin
Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker
Mr. Harold Trammell
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON
AND MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS
AND PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRONS

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF
GRAND CHAPTERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

SPECIAL APPOINTEES OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

DEPUTIES OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON
AND MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN TEXAS

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF ALL APPENDANT BODIES

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF THE
FRATERNAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
INSTALLED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

MRS. DORIS HESTER
Associate Grand Matron

MR. JACK GUY
Associate Grand Patron

MRS. ALMA CARTER
Grand Secretary

MRS. BETTY PRATER
Grand Treasurer

MRS. KAREN MORGENTHALER
Grand Conductress

MRS. NANCY BROWN
Associate Grand Conductress

MRS. VIRGINIA KEASLING
Grand Chaplain

MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT
Grand Marshal

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL
Grand Organist
INSTALLED GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

MRS. JOANN DRESHER
Grand Adah

MRS. BRENTA FREEMAN
Grand Ruth

MRS. BEULAH WARNER
Grand Esther

MRS. JOYCE WADDELL
Grand Martha

MRS. ALLENE BARNHILL
Grand Electa

MRS. MARGIE CURRY
Grand Warder

MR. TREY SMITH
Grand Sentinel

MRS. DORIS MOORE
Fraternal Correspondent
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. JERRE LUCAS  
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Member

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL  
Member

MR. RAUL GARCIA  
Member
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS

MRS. BETTY SCOTT
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MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS
District Three

MRS. VI GRIFFIN
District Four

MRS. BETTY CAPPS MARTIN
District Five

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Grand Examiner-at-Large
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MRS. ZENA WILSON  
General Chairman

MRS. ANNETTE CURRY  
General Co-Chairman

MRS. JUANITA "NINA" BOLSTER  
Secretary

MRS. MELISSA ROBERTS  
Treasurer

MRS. MARY ALMA MASON  
Auditor
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Mr. Ray Lewis
General Chairman

MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS
Housing Chairman

MRS. PADDY MORFORD
Social Chairman

Mr. Jim Fentress
Vendors Chairman

MRS. PRISCILLA LOCKE
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MRS. LORRAINE WILLIAMS
Housing Chairman

Mr. Larry Hart
Vendors Co-Chairman

Mr. Bill Prague
General Co-Chairman

Mr. Don Pettke
Security Chairman
ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

MR. DEWEY TEAGUE
Transportation Chairman

MISS DIANE DAVIDSON
Stenographer Chairman

MR. LES DUNSMOOR
Ushers Chairman

MR. JIM FESTER
Ushers Co-Chairman

MRS. JO ANN DAVIDSON
Secretary Chairman
ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

MRS. SANDRA PERDUE
Distinguished Guests
Chairman

MRS. MARJORIE HEYNES
Distinguished Guests
Co-Chairman

MRS. SANDY GOUGH
Information & Lost Items
Chairman

MRS. LA DONNA MCKEE
First Aid Chairman

MR. JIMMY WILLIAMS
Labyrinth Chairman

MRS. MELANIE MCCUNE
Ditty Bags Chairman

MRS. JOYCE MARTIN
ESTARL Program

MRS. MARGARET WOODS
Paraphenalia Chairman

MRS. JOE LASKOWSKI
Sound Chairman
Thursday Afternoon Session
October 23, 2003

"Assemblage of Angel Hearts" Session

11:30 a.m. - Musical Prelude
Dr. Jill Dibrell Nennmann

Master of Ceremonies
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Chairman, Membership Committee, GGC
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal
Mrs. Beulah Speer
Past Grand Matron

Special Music
Mrs. Anna Wooderson

Processional of Distinguished Members and Guests

12:15 p.m.  Presentation of Texas Installed Grand Officers
and Fraternal Correspondent

Mrs. Doris Moore
Fraternal Correspondent
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Beck

Mr. Trey Smith
Grand Sentinel
Escorted by Mrs. Lesa Smith

Mrs. Margie Curry
Grand Warder
Escorted by Mr. William R. Curry

Mrs. Allene Barnhill
Grand Electa
Escorted by Mr. Gary Young

Mrs. Joyce Waddell
Grand Martha
Escorted by Mr. Billy Waddell
Mrs. Beulah Warner  
Grand Esther  
Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt

Mrs. Brenta Freeman  
Grand Ruth  
Escorted by Mr. Jason Burch

Mrs. Joann Drescher  
Grand Adah  
Escorted by Mr. Karl A. Drescher, Sr.

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell  
Grand Organist  
Escorted by Mr. David B. Dibrell,  
Past Grand Master

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht  
Grand Marshal  
Escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht

Mrs. Virginia Keasling  
Grand Chaplain  
Escorted by Mr. Paul Garner

Mrs. Nancy Brown  
Associate Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. Gayle Brown

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  
Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. Tom Morgenthaler

Mrs. Betty Prater  
Grand Treasurer  
Escorted by Mr. Donald Prater

Mrs. Alma Carter  
Grand Secretary  
Escorted by Mr. Michael Stinson

Mr. Jack W. Guy  
Associate Grand Patron  
Escorted by Mrs. Linda L. Guy

Mrs. Doris Hester  
Associate Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Johnny L. Hester, Sr.

Mr. Ed Warner  
Worthy Grand Patron  
Escorted by Ms. Janis Warner

Mrs. Sharon Fentress  
Worthy Grand Matron  
Escorted by Mr. Jim Fentress
Presentations

THE HOLY BIBLE

Mr. James Mason
Endowed Membership Stamp Committee

BIBLE MARKER

Mrs. Mary Nan Anderson

SQUARE & COMPASSES

Mr. Darrell Albrecht
Worshipful Master-Stockyard Lodge No. 1244

FLAG PRESENTATION

United States
Mr. Ray Lewis
Arrangements - General Chairman

Canadian
Mr. Toby Lytle
Grand Representative
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

Texas
Mr. Bill Prague
Arrangements - General Co-Chairman

Christian
Mr. Kenneth Gregory
Heart Committee, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron

Eastern Star
Mr. Donny Broughton
Grand Page

1:00 p.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Chairman Membership Committee,
General Grand Chapter
And Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Charles Morris
Past Grand Patron

Invocation

Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green
Past Grand Matron

“Gifts of a Kind Heart” Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal
Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Welcome to Fort Worth
Mrs. Zena Wilson
Chairman, Executive Committee

Welcome to City of Fort Worth
Mrs. Becky Haskin
City Council, Fort Worth

Greetings
Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Supreme Deputy
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Greetings
Miss Kathryn Hampton
Grand Worthy Advisor
Grand Assembly of Texas
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Greetings
Mrs. Peggy Songer, PBQ
Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas
Job’s Daughters International

Greetings
Mr. James Rodriguez, PABQ
Associate Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas
Job’s Daughters International

Greetings
Miss Jessica G. Burney, PHQ
Miss Texas Job’s Daughters
Job’s Daughters International

Greetings
Hon. J. Weldon Clampitte, Jr.
State Executive Officer,
International Order of DeMolay

Greetings
Mr. Randall Dupree
State Master Councilor,
International Order of DeMolay

Greetings
Mr. Clarence Laney
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas

Greetings
Mrs. Charles L. Hopkins
Grand High Priest
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas

Greetings
Hon. Boyd Patterson
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
Response to Welcome & Greetings

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Patron

ALL WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF
THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
WILL PLEASE RETIRE

RITUALISTIC CEREMONIAL OPENING

Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Grand Choir and Assembly
Directed by Mrs. Ruth Naron
Grand Choir Director

Flag Presentation

Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Patron

The National Anthem
Followed by “O Canada”

Grand Choir & Assembly

FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS

Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron
Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons & Past Most Worthy Grand Patrons
Elective & Appointive Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter
General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Ambassadors for the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Matron & Past Grand Patron
Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Matron & Past Grand Patron
Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron and a Past Grand Matron or Past Grand Patron
Worthy Grand Matrons & Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of Texas
Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A.M.
Installed Grand Officers & Elected Boards of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Ambassadors for the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron
Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron
Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron & Most Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions
Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Other Grand Jurisdictions
Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas
Grand Committee Members & Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Presiding Officers & Distinguished Members of All Appendant Bodies
Youth & Adult Leaders of Fraternal Youth Organizations

Welcome & Greetings
Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress,
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Response to Welcome
Mrs. Barbara Benton
Right Worthy Grand Conductress,
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma

Other Greetings - Other Grand Jurisdictions
Mrs. Jean Smith
Worthy Grand Matron, Louisiana
Benediction

Mrs. Edna Goette

Grievances and Appeals

Closing of the Bible

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler

Grand Conductress

SESSION CALLED FROM LABOR TO REST
UNTIL 7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY EVENING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

“Up, Up, and Away”
GENERAL BANQUET
HONORING OUR WORTHY GRAND MATRON,
WORTHY GRAND PATRON,
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS,
PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF TEXAS,
AND INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS.

RADISSON HOTEL

Prayer

Prayer is a flower lifting up,
For sun and rain, a silken cup...
Prayer is a homing bird's swift flight,
Seeking haven from the night...
Waters flowing to the sea,
Frailty lost in immensity...
Love that circles creation's span,
The glory of God in the heart of man.
Thursday Evening Session
October 23, 2003

“Hearts of Friendship and Love” Session

Musical Prelude
Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland
Grand Representative of Nevada in Texas

7:30 p.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Harold Trammell
Past Grand Patron

“Gifts of a Kind Heart” Drill
Installed Grand Officer and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Mr. Harry Cunningham
Past Grand Patron

Grand Representatives Program
Mrs. Doris Moore
Fraternal Correspondent

“Hearts Around the World” Drill
Grand Representatives of Texas and Visiting Jurisdictions
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Marshal

Telegraph/Telephone Committee
Mrs. Lena Mae Cook
Past Grand Matron

Reports:

Chapters Under Dispensation
Mr. John Efird, Chairman

Credentials Committee
Mrs. Kathy Creel, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron
Mrs. Sharon Fentress

Worthy Grand Patron
Mr. Ed Warner

Grand Secretary
Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron

Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Betty Prater
“The Blessings of a Sharing Heart”
Humanitarian Program
2002-2003

Mrs. Kathey Crews
Humanitarian Chairman

“Showers of Blessings” Drill
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Marshal

Presentation of Chapters 100% Humanitarian
Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons
Jr. Past Matrons & Jr. Past Patrons

Humanitarian Committee:
District I
Mrs. Ann Wyatt
District II
Mrs. Flora Maserang
District III
Mrs. Laura Geyer
District IV
Mrs. Mary Brown
District V
Mrs. Karen Wright

Reports:
Board of Directors
Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Chairman
Jurisprudence
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe, Chairman
Grievances & Appeals
Mrs. Elise Hammack, Chairman
By-Laws
Mrs. Ann Kelly, Chairman

New Business, Amendments and Special Committees

Resolutions

Benediction
Mr. Kenneth Gregory
Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Closing of the Bible
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Session Called from Labor to Rest
Until 8:00 a.m. Friday Morning
Humanitarian: Mrs. Kathey Crews, General Chairman
Parliamentarian: Mrs. Donna Reed
Purposes and Policies: Mr. Blaine Koenning
Benediction: Mrs. Patricia Neinast
Past Grand Matron
Closing of the Holy Bible: Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Session Called from Labor to Rest
Until 1:30 p.m.

Please Join us for
Our Grand Line Officers Luncheons

A Shining Dream

Give me a dream to hold in my heart
Through all of a trying day -
For a dream in the heart will lighten the load,
No matter how weary the way.

Give me a dream to hold in my heart,
As days add up to years -
For cherished dreams are succor in
Assuaging grief and tears.

A heart that clasps a memory
Is rich with joy untold -
But a heart that holds a shining dream,
Can never quite grow old.
Friday Morning Session
October 24, 2003

“Hearts of Tranquility” Session

7:30 a.m. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Susie Smith
Music of the Heart Committee
District 4 Chairman

8:00 a.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Richard Ochs
Heart Committee, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Gifts of a Kind Heart” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Invocation

Session Called from Rest to Labor

Reports Continued:

(All committee Chairmen are to be seated in the East until their reports have been
given. Please be available at all times since you may be called upon earlier or later
than scheduled)

Board of Directors
Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Chairman

Deputies of Grand Chapter

Grand Examiners

Registration
Ms. Lynn Kearney, Chairman
Friday Afternoon Session
October 24, 2003

"Heart to Heart" Session

1:00 p.m. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Janell Trees
By-Laws Committee

1:30 p.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Past Grand Matron
Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Past Grand Patron

"Gifts of a Kind Heart" Drill
Installed Grand Officers & Pages
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Lena Mae Cook
Past Grand Matron

Session Called from Rest to Labor

Recognition and Presentation of Fifty Year Members

Reports Continued:
International Temple
Mrs. Sherry Thompson, Chairman
Development and Marketing
Mrs. Gerry Isaacs, Chairman
OES Home Endowment
Mr. Charles Snow, Chairman
Museum
Mrs. Marijo King, Chairman
Titles, Deeds, & Properties
Mrs. Jo D. Dibrell, Chairman
Secretarial Committee
Ms. Jerre Miller
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction
Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen
Past Grand Matron
Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Session Called From Labor to Rest
Until 7:30 p.m.

Please Join us for the District Banquets
Radisson Hotel

Followed by
ESTARL
&
Memorial
Programs

A Glow Remains

In the dark immensity of night
I stood on a hill and watched the light
Of a star.
Soundless and beautiful and far.

A scientist standing there with me
Said, "It is not the star you see,
But a glow
That left the star decades ago."

Men are like stars in the timeless sky;
The light of a good man's life shines high,
Golden and splendid,
Long after his brief earth years are ended.
Friday Evening Session  
October 24, 2003  

"Grace, God’s Gift of the Heart" Session

7:30  Musical Prelude  
Mr. Fred VanDevender
Music of the Heart Committee

8:00  Call to Order  
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Duane "Buddy Baker
Past Grand Patron

"Gifts of a Kind Heart" Drill  
Installed Grand Officers & Pages
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible  
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Invocation  
Mrs. Katharine Harbour
Past Grand Matron

“Love From the Cross” ESTARL Program
ESTARL Service and Awards Ceremony

“The Lord in King - Let Heaven Sing” Memorial Program

“The Cross Within the Heart” Drill  
Installed Grand Officers & Pages

Closing of the Holy Bible  
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Benediction  
Mrs. Alma Carter
Past Grand Matron & Grand Secretary

Following the ESTARL and Memorial Program
All Participants are requested to remain for the rehearsal for the 2003-2004 Installation of Grand Officers.
You are cordially invited to attend the Candidates Reception After Session - Radisson Hotel.
"Love from the Cross"

ESTARL Service and Awards

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Susie Broughton
General Chairman

October 24, 2003
7:30 P.M.
Love from the Cross
ESTARL Service

Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Matron

Mrs. Susie Broughton
ESTARL, General Chairman
ESTARL PROGRAM

"Love from the Cross"

Welcome .............................................................................................................. Mrs. Susie Broughton
General Chairman

ESTARL Committee ....................................................................................... Mrs. Marion Pierce, District 1
Mrs. Susan Bigham, District 2
Mrs. Wylia Holt, District 3
Mrs. Mary Spell, District 4
Mrs. Eunice Zuckero, District 5

Invocation ......................................................................................................... Mr. Terry Henderson
Recipient

Melody of HIS Love ....................................................................................... Mr. Bradley Edge
Recipient

Love from HIS Word ...................................................................................... Ms. Kimberly Hagedorn
Recipient

Music from the Heart ..................................................................................... Mr. Clayton Faulkner
Recipient

Message ........................................................................................................... Mr. Chris Yost
Recipient

Offertory Prayer ............................................................................................. Ms. Brandi Johnson
Recipient

ESTARL LOVE OFFERING

Musical Selection ............................................................................................. Mr. Clayton Faulkner
Recipient

Presentation of Awards .................................................................................. Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted by ESTARL Committee

Benediction ...................................................................................................... Ms. Carol Henry
Recipient
Emblems
The Heart within the Heart
   Angels

Flowers
The White Orchid
   All Red and White Flowers

Motto
The Most Beautiful Things in the World
   Are not Seen or Touched
   They are Felt with the Heart

Aim
To do All the Good I Can,
   By all Means I Can,
   In all the Ways I Can,
   In all the Places I Can,
   At all Times I Can,
   To all People I Can
   As Long as Ever I Can.

Colors
Red, Black, & Silver

Theme
Let us be Bridge Builders

Let us build a bridge over trouble waters
that our Order may prosper and remain
for the generations that follow.
FAVORITE SCRIPTURES

I Samuel 16:7  For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the Heart.

Psalm 139:23  Search me, O God, and know my Heart; try me, and know my thoughts.

Proverbs 4:23  Keep thy Heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Matthew 5:8  Blessed are the pure in Heart; for they shall see God.

Matthew 6:21  For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Proverbs 17:22  A merry heart does good like a medicine.

John 14:27  Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your Heart be troubled; nor let it be afraid.

Romans 8:28  And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

My Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven
hear this little prayer
And reach across the miles today
that stretch from here to there
so I may feel much closer
to those I'm fondest of,
And they may know I think of them
with thankfulness and love,
And help all people everywhere
who must often dwell apart
To know that they're together
in the heaven of the Heart.
"THE LORD IS KING - LET HEAVEN SING"

MEMORIAL SERVICE

"FROM THE HEART" 121ST SESSION

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Friday, October 24, 2003

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS
Worthy Grand Matron

MR. ED WARNER
Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Virginia Keasling
Grand Chaplain
## MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mrs. Virginia Keasling, Grand Chaplain

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Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Past Grand Matron

"The Cross Within The Heart" Drill
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Grand Pages and Secretaries

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Solo "The Holy City"
Mrs. Betty Carol Shively
Past Matron.

"When We All Get to Heaven"
Grand Choir
Directed by Mrs. Ruth Naron

Final Remarks
Mrs. Virginia Keasling
Grand Chaplain

Benediction
Mr. Harry Cunningham
General Grand Chapter
Fraternal Relations Committee &
Past Grand Patron

Closing of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress
IN MEMORIAM

MRS. FRANCES KEY HERRIN
Worthy Grand Matron
1970-1971
Died: December 19, 2002
IN MEMORIAM

MRS. LOIS BELL
Worthy Grand Matron
1982-1983
Died: June 16, 2003
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. EUNICE CONNELL
Worthy Grand Matron
1954-1955
Died: July 14, 2003
Saturday Morning Session
October 25, 2003

“Angelic Heartbeats” Session

7:30 a.m. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Maggie Matysatik
Worthy Matron, Waco #7

8:15 a.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron

Mr. Leland Benefield
Past Grand Patron

“Gifts of a Kind Heart” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Mrs. Mary Brown
Past Grand Matron

Session Called from Rest To Labor

Reports Continued:
(All committee Chairmen are to be seated in the East until their reports have been
given. Please be available at all times since you may be called upon earlier or later
than scheduled.)

Unfinished Business:

Final Credential’s Report
Mrs. Kathy Creel, Chairman

Adoption of Memorial and Grand Chaplain Report
Mrs. Virginia Keasling
Grand Chaplain

Appointment of Election Judge

(All Candidates and the person nominating them are to be seated in the East.)
10:00 a.m. **Election of Officers**

Reports Continued:

- Bulletin: Mrs. Kay Canton, Chairman
- Calendars of Service: Mrs. Kay Ballentine, Chairman
- Cookbook Updates: Mrs. Martha Sanderson, Chairman
- Education Committee: Mrs. Karen Kidd, Chairman
- Endowed Membership Stamp: Mr. Jess Carden, Chairman
- Founder's Day: Mr. N. W. "Butch" Hanna, Chairman
- General Grand Chapter: Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw, Chairman
- Grand Historian: Mrs. Lori Goldman, Chairman
- Guardians of the Heart: Mrs. Betty Hancock, Chairman
- Guiding Hearts: Mr. Joe Nance, Chairman
- Hearts Desires-Credit Card: Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards, Chairman
- Hope for Tomorrow: Mr. H. Bart Henderson, Chairman
- Labels & Worksheets: Mrs. Billie Wilk, Chairman
- Loving Hearts: Mrs. Linda Rae Mason, Chairman
- Music Committee: Mrs. Syble Yost, Chairman
- Poet Laureate: Mrs. Dorothy Edge
- Proficiency: Mrs. Audrey Cox, Chairman
- Rob Morris Jewel-Membership: Mrs. Ann Bailleaux, Chairman
- Texas-Louisiana Exchange Visit: Mrs. Pat Neinast, Chairman
- Time & Talent: Mrs. Dee Smith, Chairman
- Tri State Exchange Visit: Ms. Abi Freeman, Chairman
- Webmaster: Mr. Mark Dieckmann, Chairman

**Invitation to 2003-2004 Grand Chapter Session**

**Recognition and Presentations**

**Election Results**

**Benediction**

Mrs. Beulah Speer  
Past Grand Matron

**Closing of the Holy Bible**

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  
Grand Conductress

Session Called From Labor to Rest  
Until 5:30 p.m Saturday Evening
Please Join us for the 2003-2004
Installation of Officers

Processional of Distinguished Guests will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 26, 2003
8:30 a.m. Breakfast honoring the newly elected
Associate Grand Conductress

10:00 a.m. Deputy Grand Matron School

A Prayer for Patience

God, teach me to be patient –
   Teach me to go slow –
Teach me how to “wait on You”
When my way I do not know
Teach me sweet forbearance
When things do not go right
   So I remain unruffled
When others grow uptight
   Teach me how to quiet
My racing, rising heart
So I may hear the answer
You are trying to impart
Teach me to let go, dear God,
And pray undisturbed until
My heart is filled with inner peace
And I learn to know Your Will!
SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & APPRECIATION

Special Acknowledgement
2002-2003 Arrangements Committee

Decorations
Mrs. Priscilla Locke, Chairman
Arrangements Committee

Holy Bible
Mrs. Virginia Keasling
Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Mary Nan Anderson

Mrs. Rita Lytle
District Deputy Grand Matron
District 4

Bible Marker
Mrs. Doris Moore
Fraternal Correspondent

At the Year's Ending

For having lived this one year more,
Let me be stronger that before.

For lessons learned along the way,
Give me more courage day by day.

For faith I found within my heart,
Let me forever know faith's part.

For out of hurts and sometimes pains –
Strength, courage, faith must be the gains.
INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS
PERSONAL PAGES AND SECRETARIES

Worthy Grand Matron - Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Mrs. Barbara Grant Scott
Mrs. Sue Barnes
Mrs. Patsy Hewlett
Mrs. Rita Lytle
Mrs. Malyna Miller
Ms. Jerre Miller, Secretary

Worthy Grand Patron - Mr. Ed Warner
Mr. Bill Wyatt
Mr. Langston Brown
Mrs. Margaret Brown-Secretary

Associate Grand Matron - Mrs. Doris Hester
Mrs. Freida Dillon
Mrs. Jean Thomas
Mrs. Dorothy White
Mrs. Nell Smith, Secretary

Associate Grand Patron - Mr. Jack Guy
Mr. Obed Wayne Brown
Mr. Jimmy Hevron
Mrs. Sue Shoemaker, Secretary

Grand Secretary - Mrs. Alma Carter
Mrs. Jean Hunt

Grand Treasurer - Mrs. Betty Prater
Mrs. Sybil Davis
Mrs. Mildred Blair

Grand Conductress - Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Mrs. Annette Clark
Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer
Mrs. Barbara Randle
Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, Secretary

Associate Grand Conductress - Mrs. Nancy Brown
Mrs. Mary K. Easterling
Mrs. Dona Ernst
Mrs. Virginia Strong
Mrs. Lou Lewis, Secretary

Grand Chaplain - Mrs. Virginia Keasling
Mrs. Regina Garner
Mrs. Genevieve Orr
Mrs. Melba Jean Hanna

Grand Marshal - Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Mrs. Loretta Booth
Mrs. Dena Mason
Mrs. Melinda Richardson
Mrs. Ginger Byrd

Grand Organist-Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Mrs. Carolyn Schultz
Mrs. Mary Harvey

Grand Adah - Mrs. Joann Drescher
Mrs. Marty Drescher
Mrs. Kay Drescher
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Grand Ruth - Mrs. Brenta Freeman
Mrs. Marie Sutton
Mrs. Sheila Nowell

Grand Esther - Mrs. Beulah Warner
Mrs. Janie Redmon
Mrs. Petra Walker
Mrs. Martha Alotto
Ms. Janis Warner

Grand Martha - Mrs. Joyce Waddell
Mrs. Brenda Ruiz
Ms. Acey Guile

Grand Electa - Mrs. Allene Barnhill
Mrs. Ann Blanks
Mrs. Marquetta Whitfield

Grand Warder - Mrs. Margie Curry
Mrs. Faye Murphy
Mrs. Barbara J. Smith
Mrs. Reba Spann

Grand Sentinel - Mr. Trey Smith
Mr. DeWayne Taylor
Mr. Keith Buice
Mr. Donny Broughton

ASSISTANT WARDER AND SENTINELS

Mrs. Betty Hancock - Grand Warder, Chairman
Mrs. Martha Gardner - Grand Warder, Co-Chairman

Mr. Tom Hancock - Grand Sentinel, Chairman
Mr. John Merk - Grand Sentinel, Co Chairman

Mrs. Yvonne Smith - Grand Pages, Chairman
Mrs. Sheree Buice - Grand Pages, Co-Chairman

GRAND CHOIR MEMBERS

Yvonne Alton  Lindie Gibbins  Joice Fae Pittman
Barbara Babcock  Courtney Goodin  Don Pittman
Carolyn Black  Patricia Schell Hase  Tamela Pittman
Dorothy Bohn  Ruby Havard  Jimmie Raybon
Loretta D. Braucci  Dorothy Hodges  Carrie Reynolds
Ann Campbell  Connie Holmes  Bettie Schlitzkus
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Mrs. Ruth Naron  
Grand Choir Director

Please know that we appreciate all the choir members  
For contributing your melody from your HEART?

The Most Beautiful things  
in the World  
Are not Seen or Touched  
They are felt with the Heart
GENERAL INFORMATION

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Radisson Hotel

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Fort Worth Convention Center

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NOTE: Registration of Voting Delegates for the Credentials closes promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2003. Registration for Non-Delegates closes at 10:00 a.m. Ballots are not transferable, and, if lost, will not be replaced. Please sign your Ballot envelope immediately upon receipt and keep it in your care at all times.

A valid Receipt for Dues or Demit and Registration Badge is required for admittance to each Grand Chapter Session.

Distinguished Guests
All General Grand Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons are invited to sit in sections designated for Distinguished Guest during all Sessions of Grand Chapter.
Social Information:
Distinguished Guests Hospitality
Grand Representative Hospitality

Grand Pages, Warders, Sentinels
Grand Pages, Assistant Grand Warders, and Assistant Grand Sentinels will be on duty 45 minutes before each session. Please assist in proving Grand Chapter following the Installation on Saturday.

Reports
All reports must be brief, concise, and contain only relevant information. Time and cost of printing will not permit lengthy “thank you” messages. Reports will be limited to two-three minutes only. Reports must be typed in triplicate, double spaced, and given to the Grand Secretary after adoption.

CHAIRMEN: Please be readily available until your report has been given. Please watch the progress of the reports, as you may be called upon to give your report earlier or later than scheduled. The General Chairman will introduce the District Chairmen, ask the members of the committee to stand during the report, and read the report. After the report is read, pictures will be taken of the General Chairman, Co-Chairman, and District Chairman with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Official Photographer
Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Ellison
4025 Field Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76117

Scheduled Pictures: (Please go immediately to the East)
Floor Officers & their Pages
Formal Attire
Immediately after the Thursday Evening Session

Floor Officers & their Pages
Daytime Attire
Immediately after the Friday Morning Session

Note: If you should desire individual pictures, please schedule directly with Brother Cleo.

Drills and Formations
All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, and Junior Past Patrons of 100% Chapters in the Humanitarian Program for 2002-2003 are invited to participate in the Humanitarian Drill on Friday evening. Please participate and represent your Chapter wearing any long dress and/or tuxedo or dark suit.

First Aid
First Aid Rooms will be available in the Fort Worth Convention Center. Arrangements First Aid Committee will be on duty for all sessions.

Safety
As a safety precaution, we ask you to always walk in groups. Never walk alone going to or from the hotel or convention center.
Proficiency Examinations

The Grand Examiner at Large, Sister Mary Ruth White, will have the Examining Room open on Friday from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. If for any reason you need to have an examination other than these specified times, please contact Sister Mary Ruth and she will arrange a mutually convenient time to assist you in taking your Proficiency Examination.

Exhibits

The Vendors will be set up in the Convention Center Wednesday through noon Saturday. Various items will be on display and for sale including formals, badges, jewelry, Eastern Star supplies, cosmetics, Masonic jewelry and various other miscellaneous items.

Please visit the exhibits and show our appreciation to the vendors.

Fifty Year Members

Members who have received 50 year membership certificates during this year will be recognized Friday afternoon. Please be seated in the designated area for the Friday afternoon session.
SOCIAL CALENDAR
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
OCTOBER 23-25, 2003

"FROM THE HEART"
121st SESSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2003

7:00 p.m. FLOOR OFFICERS BANQUET. "Fantasy of the Heart"
Chairman: Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, 701 Denair, Fort Worth, TX 76111.
Telephone: Home: 817-295-0467 or Work: 817-834-7181. SASE Res­
ervations close October 1, 2003. (BY INVITATION ONLY) Location:
Petroleum Club.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

9:00 a.m. RECEPTION. Honoring Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand
Matron and 2003-2004 Installed Grand Officers. Hosted by Mr. Jack
Guy, Associate Grand Patron. (BY INVITATION ONLY) Location:
Ramada Hotel.

10:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING. PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST
GRAND PATRONS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS. (OPEN TO THIS
GROUP ONLY) Location: Radisson Hotel.

11:30 a.m. LUNCHEON. "The Fluttering of Angel Wings" Honoring
Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Ed Warner,
Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the District Deputy Grand Matrons
and Deputy Grand Matrons. Inviting Grand Examiners, Humanitar­
ian Committee, and Secretaries of the Worthy Grand Matron and
Worthy Grand Patron. Chairman: Mrs. Rita Lytle, Address: 17407
Ponderosa Pines, Houston, TX 77090; Telephone: 281-440-7185. Ticket
Chairman: Mrs. Nelda Robertson, Address: 3223 Suiterway,
Pasadena, TX 77503; Telephone: 713-477-0850. Donation: $18.00.
SASE. Reservations close October 1, 2003. (BY INVITATION
ONLY) Location: Radisson Hotel.

12:00- 4:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.
Chairman: Mrs. Sandra Perdue; Co-Chairman: Mrs. Marjorie
Errington-Haynes. Location: Radisson Hotel.

12:00- 4:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM, GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.
Chairman: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Hosted by Grand Representa­
tives Association of Texas. (PRESENT AND FORMER GRAND
REPRESENTATIVES SPOUSES AND TRAVELING COMPAN­IONS), Location: Radisson Hotel.


6:30 p.m.  **BANQUET. “Happily Ever After”** Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter and these General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Mr. Kenneth Gregory - Registration; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild - Chairman, Membership; Mr. Richard Ochs - Heart; Mr. Harry G. Cunningham - Fraternal Relation; Mrs. Elsie Paladino - Shrine Hospital; Deputies: Mrs. Sylvia Garcia - Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Mr. Raul Garcia - Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Special Appointments: Mrs. Barbara Hill - Angels in Disguise; Mr. Dan Hill - Special Aid to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Mrs. Mary Horton Beach - Angels in Disguise. Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Chairman: Ms. Jerre Miller, Address: 1609 Wilson Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76110; Telephone: 817-457-4268. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Marquetta Whitfield, Address: 2729 Bent Oaks Drive, Burleson, TX 76028; Telephone: 817-447-9826. Reservations close October 1, 2003. Donation: $25.00 **SASE**. (OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP). Location: Radisson Hotel.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2003**

8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST. “Deep in the Heart of Texas” Honoring Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood, Address: 1601 Timbercreek Road, Benbrook, TX 76126; Telephone: 817-249-2135. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Martha Grissom; Address: 1508 Hulme, Bowie, TX 76230; Telephone: 940-872-8863. Reservations close October 1, 2003. Donation: $15.00. SASE, Please include name and title. (OPEN TO PRESENT AND PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, PAST GRAND MATRONS, PAST GRAND PATRONS, FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT, AND THEIR SPOUSES AND TRAVELING COMPANIONS). Location: Radisson Hotel.


12:00-4:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. Chairman: Mrs. Sandra Perdue; Co-Chairman: Mrs. Marjorie Errington-Haynes. Location: Radisson Hotel.

11:00-4:00 P.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM, GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. Chairman: Mrs. Charlene Littlewood. Hosted by Grand Representatives Association of Texas. (PRESENT AND FORMER GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, SPOUSES AND TRAVELING COMPANIONS). Location: Radisson Hotel.

6:00 p.m. GENERAL BANQUET. Honoring Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter, and General Grand Committee Members - Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Registration; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Chairman, Membership; Mr. Richard Ochs, Heart; Mr. Harry C. Cunningham, Fraternal Relations; and Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospital; Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, and Installed Grand Officers. Chairman: Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Address: 4625 Waycross, Houston, TX 77035; Telephone: 713-721-1011. Co-Chairman: Mr. Buddy Baker, Address: 784 South Lincoln, Mart, TX 76664; Telephone: 254-876-2474. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Judy Baker, Address: 784 South Lincoln, Mart, TX 76664; Telephone: 254-876-2474. Dress: FORMAL. Donation: $27.00. SASE. Reservations close October 1, 2003. (OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP). Location: Radisson Hotel.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003


6:30 a.m. BREAKFAST. "The Heart Recorders" Honoring Mrs. Alma Carter, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron of Texas. Hosted by the Secretaries Association. Hostess: Mrs. Paddy Morford. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Cheryl McGee, 122 Prairie View Ln., Red Oak, TX 75154; Telephone: 972-576-5585; E-mail: jmcgee@www.ectisp.net. Donation: $15.00. (Plus $1.00 for Association Dues.) SASE, Reservations close October 1, 2003. (OPEN TO PAST AND PRESENT SECRETARIES, TREASURERS AND TRAVELING COMPANIONS). Location: Radisson Hotel.


12:00 Noon LUNCHEON. "Flights of Fancy" Honoring Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Jack Guy, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by the Bluebirds of District III, Section I. Chairman: Mrs. Lesa Smith, 3101 Olive Place, Fort Worth, TX 76116; Telephone: 817-737-9150. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Donna Noe, 4236 E. Hwy. 377, Granbury, TX 76049; Telephone: 817-578-8534. Donation: $19.00. SASE, Name and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2003. (OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP). Location: Convention Center.

12:00 Noon LUNCHEON. "Treasures of the Deep" Honoring Mrs. Karen
Morgenthaler, Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Sea Treasures of District III, Section I. Chairman: Mrs. Pam Pace, 2606 Radcliffe Drive, Arlington, TX 76012; Telephone: 817-548-5654; Co-Chairman: Ms. Rose Ann Lowry, P.O. Box 54, Arlington, TX 76004; Telephone: 817-274-6279; Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Bettie Garretson, 428 Russell Road, Everman, TX 76140; Telephone: 817-293-1202. Donation: $19.00. SASE. Name and title for each ticket requested. Reservations close October 1, 2003. (OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP). Location: Convention Center.


6:00 p.m. BANQUET. District I. “An Evening with the Royals” Honoring Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron and Mr. Jack Guy, Associate Grand Patron. Hosted by the Deputy Grand Matrons of District I. Chairman: Mrs. Barbara R. Grant-Scott; Address: Rt. 1, Box 81, Tatum, TX 75691; Telephone: 903-889-3499. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth, Address: P.O. Box 277, DeBerry, TX 75639; Telephone: 903-776-3811. Donation: $22.00. SASE. Reservations close October 1, 2003. (OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP). Location: Convention Center.


6:00 p.m. BANQUET, District IV. “Straight from the Heart” Honoring Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospital Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Registration Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS


6:00 p.m.  BANQUET, District V. “Luau of the Stars” Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Mr. Harry G. Cunningham, Fraternal Relations Committee, General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Patron of Texas and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M.; and Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas; and Distinguished Members of the District: Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, and Betty Y. Friend, Past Grand Matrons, Grand Chapter of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Malyna Miller, Address: 215 Oak Springs, Dripping Springs, TX 78620; Telephone: 512-858-4555. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. June Bell, Address: 4702 Pecan Grove, San Antonio, TX 78222; Telephone: 210-359-1030 Donation: $22.00. SASE, Reservations close October 1, 2003. (OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP). Location: Convention Center.

10:00 p.m.  CANDIDATES RECEPTION. (OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP) Location: Radisson Hotel.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2003

8:30 a.m.  BREAKFAST. “Hats Off To Our New Star” Honoring newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Associate Conductress Club of District III, Section I. Chairman: Mrs. Debbie Wilkins, Address: 1148 Tappan Zee Court, Fort Worth, TX 76114-2745. Telephone: 817-269-4153. Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Sandy Trimble, Address: 5808 Waltham Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76133. Telephone: 817-292-7806. Donation: $15.00. SASE, Reservations close October 1, 2003. (OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP). Location: Radisson Hotel.

10:00 a.m.  DEPUTIES MEETING - Location: Ramada Hotel.
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS 2002 - 2003

Mrs. Sharon Fentress (820) ........................................ Worthy Grand Matron
701 Denair, Fort Worth, TX 76111 (817) 834-7181

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121ST ANNUAL SESSION OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

"FROM THE HEART"

October 23, 24 and 25, 2003

The 121st "From the Heart" session was held in the Fort Worth Convention Center commencing Thursday, October 23, 2003. Hearts and angels were all over the Convention Center. In the East, in front of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron podiums, were nine wooden angel cutouts, each holding a heart on which was written "heart" verses from the Bible. Clear, sparkling lights, small red heart balloons and clear vases containing an orchid were on the floor around where the angels stood. Rocks edged the floor. A fountain of gray rock, surrounded with masses of orchids, was in the center of the stage on floor level between the podiums. A large rock in the shape of a heart was at the top of the fountain.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron podiums were draped in silver cloth with a pair of intertwined hearts at the base. Back of the stage were four square columns of varying heights, each topped with sparkling white lights and white tulle. A large silver heart with an orchid in the middle was between the two center columns. Two large wooden angel cutouts were hung on the black backdrop, each angel holding a small heart of red lights. A black banner with silver lettering proclaimed this the "From the Heart" session.

Guests came to the East through arches decorated with white netting twined with red tinsel. On either side of the arch were two human-sized angels, each holding a heart.

Star Point Officers sat in light blue easy chairs, behind which was a large heart on floor level. Back of the heart was a ceramic angel robed in the color of the Star Point and a gold ball.

Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron Stations were bound with white lattice-work, a wooden cutout angel behind each Station and large sprays of orchids and greenery. Small pedestals were in front of each Station.

Two arches in the West, like those in the East, directed Distinguished
Guests where to enter. A large heart shaped of white lights was also in the West.

The Altar had the cloth of silver lame used by Past Grand Matron Wanda Fairchild. Black casing defined the Altar lengthwise.

The Worthy Grand Matron's saying, "The most beautiful things in the world are neither seen nor touched, they are felt with the heart," was on either side of the arena walls. White latticework, festooned with red hearts, was on either side of the stage.

Lady Officer nighttime dresses were black floor-length sheaths adorned with sparkles, with short sleeves and a scalloped neckline. Gentleman Officers wore black tuxedos. For daywear Lady Officers wore black suits with a blouse of black, red and silver.
THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
October 23, 2003
"Assemblage of Angel Hearts" Session

11:30 a.m. - Musical Prelude ...................... Dr. Jill Dibrell Nennmann

Master of Ceremonies ............................ Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Chairman, Membership Committee, GGC
and Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal ....................... Mrs. Beulah Speer
Past Grand Matron

Special Music ................................. Mrs. Anna Wooderson

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Welcome, Sisters and Brothers, to this 121st
session of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Welcome to my
hometown and the hometown of our Worthy Grand Matron. [applause] I'm
pleased to introduce our Assisting Grand Marshal for this evening, Sister
Beulah Speer. Beulah is wearing the dress that she wore as Worthy Grand
Matron when she served in this arena in 1985. Brother Wayne Jones, Past
Grand Patron, also of Fort Worth, was her Worthy Grand Patron. Sister
Sharon Fentress, our Worthy Grand Matron this year, was a Windmill Lady,
and I served as Beulah's Deputy in District 3, Section 1. Beulah, welcome.
[applause]

We have had very special music in the prelude this afternoon. Let's
thank them for the beautiful renditions. Thank you. [applause]

I'm very pleased to be sharing the East this afternoon with my Worthy
Grand Patron, Brother Charles Morris. It doesn't seem like in some ways,
but in other ways it seems like a long time, but it has only been eight years
since Brother Charles and I served as your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy
Grand Patron. It is indeed a pleasure to share the East with him tonight.
Brother Charles, would you like to greet this membership?

MR. CHARLES MORRIS: Thank you, Sister Wanda. Good afternoon,
my Sisters and Brothers. It is indeed a pleasure for me to have the opportu-
nity to join my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Wanda Fairchild, in welcoming
each and every one of you to this 121st Grand Chapter session. Your presence
shows your dedication to the Order. May all that we say and do during this
Grand Chapter session be guided by the spirit of our binding Obligation.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I congratulate you on
an outstanding year of service. I know that the Grand Chapter will be excel-
 lent in every respect. It is with pleasure that I greet you at this opening of
your "From the Heart" Grand Chapter session. Thank you for according me
this privilege. [applause]
MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: At this time we will have the Processional of our Distinguished Guests. Would you please give attention as they are presented. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Elected and Installed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East.

Welcome home, Sister Rennie. We love and appreciate you. Sisters and Brothers, let's give this special group a hearty welcome. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the visiting General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort Texas' own General Grand Chapter Appointees to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter to the East. [applause as they come to the East]

A change in the program, Sister Beulah. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort our other Distinguished Members that are remaining in the West to the East. Thank you. [applause as they come to the East]

Sisters and Brothers, it is certainly indeed my pleasure to present the Texas Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent. Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Doris Moore, escorted by Mr. Jerry Beck. Grand Sentinel, Mr. Trey Smith, escorted by Mrs. Lesa Smith. Grand Warder, Mrs. Margie Curry, escorted by Mr. William Curry. Grand Electa, Mrs. Allene Barnhill, escorted by Mr. Larry Whitfield. Grand Martha, Mrs. Joyce Waddell, escorted by Mr. Billy Waddell. Grand Esther, Mrs. Beulah Warner, escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt. Grand Ruth, Mrs. Brenta Freeman, escorted by Mr. Jason Burch. Grand Adah, Mrs. Joann Drescher, escorted by Mr. Karl Drescher, Sr. Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Grand Organist, escorted by Mr. David Dibrell. Grand Marshal, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht. Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Virginia Keasling, escorted by Mr. Paul Garner. Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Nancy Brown, escorted by Mr. Gayle Brown. Grand Conductress, Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, escorted by Mr. Tom Morgenthaler. Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Prater, escorted by Mr. Don Prater. Grand Secretary, Mrs. Alma Carter, escorted by Mr. Michael Stinson. Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Jack Guy, escorted by Mrs. Linda Guy. Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Hester, escorted by Mr. Johnny Hester. Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Ed Warner, escorted by Ms. Janis Warner. Sisters
and Brothers, our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Fentress, escorted by Mr. Jim Fentress.

At this time we will have special music by Joe and Anna Wooderson from our Worthy Grand Matron’s home church. [applause following the special music, which included “Bridge Over Troubled Waters,” ”How Great Thou Art,” and ”If That Were the Last Day.”]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, this fine couple are not members of our organization, but I wanted you to hear this beautiful voice, and also to tell you that she has a most beautiful Christian testimony. I wanted that presented to you tonight. That’s the way I wanted our session to start. Thank you, Anna. She has two small children, and I know they have to leave shortly, but I did want to thank you personally for coming and doing this for me. This is just a little personal gift from me. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: At this time we will proceed with the preparation of our Chapter room. If those presenting the emblems, the Holy Bible, the Bible Marker and the Square & Compasses will get ready.

Our special guests have been welcomed and presented in the East. In order that our Chapter room may be complete, we will have the presentations of those items which are very dear to each of us in our daily lives. The Holy Bible will be presented by Mr. James Mason. At the center of our hearts, as in this Grand Chapter room, is an Altar on which the open Holy Bible is placed. This Bible was given to our Worthy Grand Matron by her parents when she was installed as Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter #820 in 1969 and is being presented by Mr. James Mason, a Past Patron of Crescent Chapter and a man with a heart-filled testimony for God. The Scriptures central to the work of our Order are found in Matthew 2, and we turn to this Scripture at every meeting for God’s light and instruction in our deliberations. A marker is used to assist the Grand Conductress in her duties when attending at the Altar. This exquisite pearl and sequin-encrusted lace marker was made by Sister Doris Moore, Fraternal Correspondent, and is now being presented by Sister Mary Nan Anderson, a member of Spring Chapter #1105 and a precious friend of our Worthy Grand Matron. The Square & Compasses were a gift to Sister Wanda Fairchild when she was installed as Worthy Grand Matron and was used in her installation in 1994 and her session in 1995. Sister Wanda and the Worthy Grand Matron have been very close friends for many years. The Worthy Grand Matron considers it a special honor to use those loving instruments at this Grand Chapter. They are being presented by Brother Darrell Albrecht, Worshipful Master of Stockyards Lodge #1244, where the Chapter of the Worthy Grand Matron meets and where he is presently serving as Associate Patron. He is also a very much beloved son-in-law of our Worthy Grand Matron.

For centuries groups have shown their allegiance to a common cause or purpose by choosing banners to represent their united efforts. The Order of the Eastern Star recognizes the importance of a national pride and the respect of our flag and the flags of other nations, as well as the flags of other states and Grand Jurisdictions. We will have the presentation of the flags at this time.
The hearts of all Americans swell with pride at the sight of Old Glory. We proudly present the flag of our country, the Stars and Stripes. The flag of the United States of America is being presented by Mr. Ray Lewis, General Chairman of the Arrangements Committee. Our Sisters and Brothers who adjoin us along our northern borders in the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada are very special friends to all. The Canadian Flag is being presented by Brother Toby Lytle, Grand Representative to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We as Texans are proud of our Western heritage and of our mode of enterprise known as the Lone Star State. Texas citizens revere the memory of the courageous Texans who fought and died that we might have and be an independent state. The Texas Flag is being presented by Brother Bill Prague, Co-Chairman of Arrangements. The Order of the Eastern Star continues to hold to its Biblical teachings and look to our Lord for wisdom and guidance in all our deliberations. The Christian Flag is being presented by Brother Kenneth Gregory, a member of the Registration Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. We as members of the Order of the Eastern Star treasure the virtues of fidelity, constancy, loyalty and faith, values preeminent in our teachings and proudly display the Eastern Star Flag. Our Eastern Star Flag is being presented by Brother Donnie Broughton, Grand Page, and Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

Sisters and Brothers, this next lady that I am pleased to present to you does not need any introduction to Fort Worth. But certainly I am pleased to present for her greetings Sister Zena Wilson, Executive Chairman for 2002-03, Grand Chapter of Texas. Sister Zena. You know if you ever get somebody to do a good job, you just ask them to keep doing it and doing it. Zena, we appreciate you, and we’re so proud that you could be with us this afternoon. We await your greetings.

MRS. ZENA WILSON: Thank you. Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. It is a distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you to this 121st session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. We’re always pleased and excited when you come to Fort Worth. Many plans have been made to make your stay safe, comfortable and enjoyable. We trust this session will be fruitful to the benefit of all members of the Order. It’s now time to get ready to get down to business. Trust your heart; vote your convictions and believe the Lord will bless each of us. Welcome, welcome, thrice welcome. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: I’m pleased to present to you Mrs. Becky Haskin, City Council Member, to give you another welcome to Fort Worth.

MRS. BECKY HASKIN: Good afternoon to each and every one of you. We welcome you to Fort Worth and especially planned this weather just for you. You know, sometimes there are just blessings on these wonderful groups that come to us. We’re so proud to have you here today.

It gives me great pleasure and honor to read this proclamation from the office of the Mayor. "Whereas, the Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong, and whereas, the Order was founded on examples of heroic conduct and moral values, and whereas, the Order’s purpose is to promote charity,
education and fraternity, and whereas on October 23rd through the 25th, 2003, the Order of the Eastern Star's Grand Chapter will conduct its 121st session in the City of Fort Worth, we now therefore proclaim on behalf of the entire City Council today, October 23rd, 2003, as Order of the Eastern Star Day in the City of Fort Worth." God bless, and we welcome you all. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I know that Sister Becky also is not a member of our beautiful Order, so I know that after a while she will be leaving us for, I'm sure, more of her duties as a City Council member. But I want to extend my appreciation to Becky for coming and greeting you today and welcoming you to my hometown and to tell her how much we appreciate her taking this time and presenting this beautiful proclamation. Thank you, my dear. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: See what y'all have got to look forward to in 2012? Isn't that right, Rennie?

At this time we will have welcomes and greetings from our distinguished leaders. I'm pleased to introduce to you Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and she will introduce her leaders.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, other Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of bringing greetings on behalf of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and the 61 assemblies and over 1,000 members of the Grand Assembly of Texas. We greet you in friendship and in appreciation of your service to our Order. Many of you were Rainbow Girls, many of you have daughters and granddaughters in our Order. All of you help our assemblies, love our girls, support them in all that they do, and you have confidence in the youth of today and believe in the promise that they hold for our future. For your commitment we are grateful, and we are indebted to you for the contributions you are making to ensure a bright future for our girls and subsequently for our fraternal family. Thank you, Eastern Stars and Masons, for believing, as I do, that the world of tomorrow will be safe in the hands of the youth of today if we keep them looking upward, glimpsing their vision through the rays of our wonderful Rainbow organization.

We wish for you and know that the 121st session of Grand Chapter, "From the Heart," will be most successful and a loving inspiration to all attendees. Thank you for honoring Rainbow by your invitation to be here today and to bring our fraternal greetings. It is certainly with a great deal of pride that I present to you Miss Katie Hampton, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Texas. Katie. [applause]

MISS KATHRYN HAMPTON: Good afternoon. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: I am pleased to join you for the opening session of Grand Chapter. It was just a few short weeks ago that I was initiated into your wonderful organization. Upon my initiation, I became more aware of
this organization's importance to me, as well as Rainbow Girls across the state. Members of the Eastern Star encourage Rainbow Girls throughout their girlhood, guiding them on their way to young adulthood. At the end of those travels, it is Eastern Star that opens its loving arms of sisterhood. The Order of the Eastern Star has always been important to Rainbow. Many of you support Rainbow Girls in your area both directly and indirectly through love and guidance.

Eastern Star has served as an organization that promotes the growth of Masonic youth groups. Through the love, guidance and example you provide each one of our organizations, you motivate us to become valuable parts of our society, as well as a valuable part of your organization. Like peace, love cannot be brought from the world to the heart. It must be transferred from each heart to another and thus to all mankind. We cherish your personal involvement in our organization and adore the relationship you build with us. Thank you for always sharing the love found within your hearts. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: One of the main projects of the Grand Chapter of Texas this year was a fundraising project where we sold beautiful heart brooches, and the profit from this was to benefit our youth organizations. It is my delight now to present the remainder of the funds that I have to the youth groups as they come to us today. I want to say how pleased I am to have this honor. I believe in the youth of our organizations, and I believe that they are a great part of the future of this organization. And I feel that we need to support them with our love, our encouragement, our leadership. But also they need our financial assistance. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for allowing me to be the one to present this additional check to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Texas, the Grand Assembly of Texas, with the love of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: We will now have a welcome and greetings from Patty Russell, Vice Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas, Job's Daughters.

MRS. PATTY RUSSELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Star and Friends: It is my pleasure to bring greetings from Peggy Songer, Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas, International Order of Job's Daughters. Job's Daughters is an old Order founded in 1920, but is new to the State of Texas. We've only been here since 1990. Our Daughters are daughters of the Brothers of the Lodge and must be so in order to join our Order. Our Bethels here are growing with the help of Eastern Star and our Masonic Lodges. We continue to hope to see them grow and watch our Daughters grow and become members of the Star. We invite you to visit one of the Bethels or to invite the Daughters to come to your Chapter and perform one of their ceremonies. I know that Grand Chapter under the leadership of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their Officers will be one to remember. I would like to present Daughter Kathy Russell, Past Honor Queen of Bethel #3.

MISS KATHY RUSSELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and Friends: It is my pleasure to bring greetings on behalf of Alexis Werk, Miss Texas Job's Daughters, Tiffany Williams, Jurisdictional Honor Queen, and all the Daughters of Job. The International
Order of Job's Daughters was founded by Mrs. Ethel T. Mick in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1920. When she was a child, her mother urged her to be like the Daughters of Job who are described in the Book of Job, Chapter 42, Verse 15, "And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren."

Today this fine old verse is the source of the principles of our Order. Little did Mrs. Mick know that she would create an organization that today reaches across the United States, into Canada, the Philippines, Australia and Brazil. It has touched the lives of young women from all walks of life. The fundamental object of the International Order of Job's Daughters is to band together young women for spiritual and moral upbringing, to inspire the desire for knowledge, to teach love of country and flag, love of home, respect for parents and elders and reverence for the Holy Scriptures. That tie to the Holy Bible is the foundation of our every action. Nothing is more fitting during the developing years of a young woman than the lessons that can be learned from the Book of Job. We learn that throughout life from early childhood to old age, we encounter many trials and tribulations that will test our faith.

The drama of Job which unfolds as he faces calamities is portrayed in our lessons, symbols and songs. As these are developed during our ceremonies, the story and its message inspire all new tenants to confront the challenges of daily life. Our reliance on the Holy Bible as the source of strength in our lives is most evident in the story of Job and the watchwords we learn. It is important that Job's Daughters ever strive to be the fairest in all the land, and we must all remember our Masonic relationship, as it states in our verse, "and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren." To us this has a special meaning. All Job's Daughters must be related to a Master Mason or be the daughter of a majority member of Job's Daughters. The International Order of Job's Daughters is the only youth organization in Texas that requires all of its members to be related to a Master Mason. This ties us closely to the Masonic Fraternity and to all organizations related to it.

Our colors are purple and white and represent important lessons to us. Purple is the symbol of royalty. True royalty is founded in nobility of character, made up of virtuous habits and thoughts, kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, willingness and many other virtues essential to noble character. White in all ages has been deemed an emblem of purity and a symbol of joy. We wish for all our members the joy of all good things, and, finally, the greatest joy of all, that of work well done and a life well spent.

We also have a lot of fun. Outside the Bethel, we hold many activities that give us a chance to develop long life and friendships. Together we share the excitement of growing up, and we plan a number of events throughout the year that let us share many special moments. Our Order aims to provide a well-rounded experience for its members in all facets of life. This better prepares us for handling the situations and decisions that await all of us for the rest of our lives. But, most importantly, we share a special love for one another that is fostered by the close bond that Job's Daughters offers to each one of us.
I want to thank you for inviting us here to speak today. I hope that Job's Daughters and the Order of the Eastern Star continue to grow together in our beautiful relationship, that together we can move forward to the success of both of our Orders. As an Eastern Star and as a Job, I know that the teachings of both Orders reflect greatly in my life and in the lives of many others. Again, I would like to say thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We want to thank Patty and Kathy for coming today to bring us words of greetings from this lovely organization. It is my pleasure again to give to you on behalf of this Grand Chapter of Texas and its membership our second installment in our love gift to you this year. And these two checks -- the one that you received at installation and the one today -- represent a donation of $1,000 to the Job's Daughters this year from the Grand Chapter of Texas. We encourage you; we thank you and we appreciate you. Thank you, my dears. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Mr. J. Weldon Clampitte, State Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay, will bring us greetings.

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: I've been sitting on this stage looking at this large rock shaped like a heart, and I feel that this certainly cannot be an emblem of our Worthy Grand Matron. This year she has had a heart of gold and has poured forth that gold to the youth of our state. As Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas, it has been my great pleasure to have worked with her during this past year -- actually two years, as we've prepared for a large event next year. And she has gone out of her way to help the youth of our state. I appreciate very much, Worthy Grand Matron, all that you have done for the youth. You do have a heart of gold. I want to thank you very much.

It's now my pleasure to present to you State Master Councilor of the Texas DeMolay for this term. His name is Randall Dupree; he will bring you greetings from our State Officers. Thank you very much. [applause]

MR. RANDALL DUPREE: Good afternoon. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East and Friends: I bring you greetings from Texas DeMolay. It is an honor to have been invited here to speak to you today at the 121st meeting of Grand Chapter. DeMolay is thankful for the support of groups such as yours. When we all work together, along with the other groups from the Masonic family, we can achieve great things. Once again, I thank you for letting me speak today. May you accomplish all the goals you have set forth to achieve at this session of Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I hate to repeat myself, but I'm enjoying this. It is my privilege to present to the Order of DeMolay in Texas a love gift from the very generous members of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I hope and I know that you will put it to much good use. Congratulations and best wishes for every success. We love you, we appreciate you. It's wonderful to have you here tonight. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Mr. Lewis Hopkins will bring us greetings
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from Royal Arch Masons.

MR. LEWIS HOPKINS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is indeed a pleasure to bring greetings to y'all from the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. I know some of the ladies up in McKinney have referred to me as being sweet, although very few of them, but I never knew I was referred to as "Mrs. Hopkins," as I am in the program. But it's me!

Perhaps it is fitting that our two bodies are both referred to as Grand Chapters, since we have joined together with hearts and with love to care for the widows of the retired Texas Masons and the ladies of the Eastern Star in our Texas Masonic Retirement Center. At the Texas Masonic Retirement Center we consider it an honor to be entrusted with the care of the ladies of the Eastern Star. I want to assure you that we will do our utmost to live up to the trust y'all have reposed with us.

The Eastern Star has always been a part of the York Rite, and in fact in many areas the ladies of the Eastern Star help us with our degree work, with our festivals and always help us with their beauty. In our particular Chapter in McKinney, Texas, the ladies of the Eastern Star, when we were struggling to redo our Chapter and revive our Chapter, the ladies of the Eastern Star came forth and helped us with all our festivals, as far as helping us with our meals and activities and every other way.

And one lady in particular, Mrs. Wilma Maynard, who was the wife and the mother of one of our members noticed on our altar we did not have the proper table covers or altar covers. She took it upon herself to make them for us, and we will always be grateful to Wilma and to the Eastern Star for the love and help and support they have shown the York Rite. I want to assure you again that we do extend our love to the ladies of the Eastern Star, to all of you. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We appreciate your being here today, and we certainly appreciate the members of the Royal Arch. We appreciate your taking your time and your effort to come be with us today. We appreciate all that you do in our behalf, and again my personal thanks, as well as the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas here assembled for all that you are doing and all that you do and for always being supportive of the members of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: I am pleased to present Brother Donnie Broughton, Grand Orator of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, to bring greetings.

MR. DONNIE BROUGHTON: Thank you very much, Sister Wanda. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all: It is indeed an honor for me to have this opportunity to bring greetings on behalf of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful M. Boyd Patterson, Jr., and the 130,000 Masons of Texas. Our Grand Master who sits as Chief Judge Magistrate for the Criminal District Courts of Dallas County sends his regrets and is unable to attend Grand Chapter this week due to a very heavy workload. I am very proud to have been deputized by him and asked to speak in his behalf, and especially upon
this occasion and before my many special friends, the Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

Worthy Grand Matron, the state of affairs of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction of Texas is alive and well. Our Grand Lodge programs are continuing to experience growth and success. We see many Lodges experiencing growth in terms of membership and attendance, community involvement, leadership and financial stability. Younger men are holding offices in our Lodges and are accepting roles of leadership. Open meetings, family involvement and an increase in public awareness seem to be the theme of the day. Although we realize that challenges definitely lie before us, we who are from an earlier generation of Masons proudly recognize that each of these indicators point to a brighter tomorrow and a greater future for Masonry in Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron, I hope that this news proves to be a comfort to you because we all realize that as our Lodge membership increases, the potential for Eastern Star membership growth becomes exponential. One man, one single man who joins the Masonic Lodge opens the door of membership to the Eastern Star to his wife, widow, mother, sister and daughter. This should always prove to be an exciting opportunity for our Order. Our Grand Master's focus this year has been a two-tier system of Masonic education. One, to educate the Masons of Texas that we might be better leaders and be better equipped to face the challenges of tomorrow. Two, to educate the non-Mason through our outreach programs designed to serve our communities.

The 2003 Grand Master's conference programs, workshops, wardens retreats and Fiat Lux Conference provide education and information to our Lodges in an effort to increase Masonic awareness from national, state and regional standpoints and to build upon the administrative and leadership skills of our members. Our outreach programs, the Gift of Life, Take Time to Read, Between Friends and Together Against Drug Abuse, continue to function successfully and expand the influence of Masonry in our communities. And as we look to the future in 2004, the Masons of Texas will walk hand in hand with each of our appendant bodies -- the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Grotto, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls, DeMolay and, yes, the Order of the Eastern Star -- to form a coalition of dedicated members much stronger than any single entity could be and commit to a unified and concerted effort to share and exchange ideas that we might better serve each other and our communities to which we are obligated. This Masonic Family Convention will be held at the Arlington Convention Center on May 21st and 22nd and will be the primary focus of 2004.

Worthy Grand Matron, our Grand Master, Most Worshipful M. Boyd Patterson, Jr., sends his best wishes and hopes that this Grand Chapter session proves to be beneficial to the Order of the Eastern Star. He and the Masons of Texas unite with you in taking up the challenges that lie before us. Please join us in making our motto, Suscipio Lecessum -- I take up the challenge -- a reality.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, and thank each of you for your attention. [applause]
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, a very special and sweet friend not only to me, but to all in the Grand Chapter of Texas. I am so pleased that since our Most Worshipful Grand Master could not be present, that he would choose this very special gentleman to come and bring his greetings to us. You know, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star are tied by the very dearest of ties to the members of the Masonic Fraternity. So you are very dear and beloved to us. We always appreciate all of your assistance, support and your love. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Worthy Grand Matron, it has been my pleasure to serve as your Master of Ceremonies this afternoon and to call this 121st session of Grand Chapter to order. We will now have the invocation by Sister Virginia Lynn Green.

MRS. VIRGINIA LYNN GREEN: Sisters and Brothers, the future of the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Order of the Eastern Star is in extreme peril as we face the challenges of this Grand Chapter. I would humbly ask that while I voice our prayer of love and devotion that each one of you lift your own personal prayer for the success of this session. Let us pray.

Dearest Lord and Holy Father, we come to You today with many troubled hearts. We would ask Your guidance on the leadership of our Order, especially our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. They will be leading us through many troubled waters. Give them strength and guidance as they assume their leadership roles. God, we fully realize what pitfalls await our Order if we are not willing to seek the sacrifices necessary to change the way we think the Order should remain. Our tremendous loss in membership tells us that we should seek new paths. Lead us, O God, to make these decisions with love, respect and courtesy for the membership of the Order. Bless this membership. Again particularly lead our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to be the Christian examples they have already accomplished in the past. We love You, Lord. We will be eternally grateful for Your sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: At this time I would call on Sister Donna Reed for her parliamentary report.

REPORT OF
THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Distinguished Members: As the past national president of the National Association of Parliamentarians, I am pleased to bring you greetings from that organization and to tell you we are looking around for some candidates who would like to learn more about parliamentary procedure so somebody else can stand up here sometime and tell you what you’re supposed to be doing that you didn’t think you were supposed to be doing, and then you will know that you were supposed to be doing those things.

In your Grand Chapter report you will find that I was to do this report tomorrow, but being a professional parliamentarian -- that’s the nicest thing
I can think of to say – I told the Worthy Grand Matron that you should know a little bit about the parliamentary procedure of Grand Chapter before we take a vote on anything. The adopted parliamentary authority for Grand Chapter is Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised, the 10th Edition; and the rules that are in that, they govern every case where our own Constitution and Code of Laws do not address the topic.

The Credentials Committee, immediately after the ritualistic opening of Grand Chapter, shall report the number of delegates registered. The report of this Committee will determine that a quorum is present. You know you can't do business without a quorum. They will make a final report Saturday morning immediately prior to holding the election of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes that we can expect at this Grand Chapter. All delegates should wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee at all business sessions. And in order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room, members must show a current dues card. Saturday morning delegates must also have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room. So put it somewhere where you can find it easily on Saturday morning.

Now, the parliamentary part of this. There shall be three written copies of all motions that are made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature and Chapter name and number of the person who has made this motion, as well as that of the member seconding the motion. Worthy Grand Patron, I haven't told you that your big job at this Grand Chapter is to second all motions. So if you'd do that for me, I would certainly appreciate it. Past Grand Patrons, you know I've told you that before. Every motion we would like to have it seconded. And if the Worthy Grand Patron will do that, then there's never a question that a motion has been seconded. Motions have to be seconded before they are before the organization.

Copies of these motions in writing are to be distributed: one copy to the Worthy Grand Matron, one copy to the Grand Secretary and one copy to the Jurisprudence Committee. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction or members holding an appropriate proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or the Worthy Patron are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.

Now, this is the one that I pay the most attention to as parliamentarian. In order to obtain the floor, you must proceed to the microphones that have been pointed out to you by the presiding officer who, I assume, will be the Worthy Grand Matron. You address the presiding officer and wait for recognition before you start to speak. Then you state your name, your title, your Chapter name and number, and then proceed to make your motion or to participate in debate. Now, one of the things that I really am strong on is that we don't say "So moved." What does that mean? It doesn't mean anything. So if somebody has been talking about something and you think that's a good idea, don't go to a microphone and say "So moved." We've got to know what you want to have done. You move dah, dah, dah, dah. Whatever it is you want done, that's what you say. "I move that we do whatever it is," or "I move the adoption of the following resolution," not "So moved." If you say that, I'll know I didn't do a very good job of explaining that to you.
Now, after the motion has been made and seconded, it must be stated by the presiding officer before debate can begin. You can amend a motion that is considered a primary amendment. You can also amend the amendment. That's a secondary amendment. That's as far as you can go. If you start with a motion, a primary amendment and a secondary amendment, when you vote on them, they're voted on in reverse order. You vote on the secondary amendment, then the primary amendment, and the main motion either as it was originally presented or as it was amended. Majority votes -- that makes it a lot easier to determine whether a question has been adopted or not. If the result is not clear, a division can be called for. You just say from your chair or at a microphone "Division." That means the Worthy Grand Matron will take a standing vote. I don't use the term "rising vote" because it's my personal opinion that bread rises and people stand. So we will take standing votes when you call for a division of the assembly, or if the presiding officer is in doubt she can ask for a standing vote. She can also ask for a ballot vote if the presiding officer is in doubt. But we're not going to be in doubt, are we, Worthy Grand Matron?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: That's right. We're not going to be in doubt. We're going to have a lot of people sitting up here that are going to give her some advice as to whether they think it has been a majority vote or not.

After it has been made, seconded and stated by the presiding officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body. Now that voting body, that's all of you. The following motions are not debatable, which means if somebody makes it, you can't talk about it. The motion to reconsider. What do you reconsider? Actually, the motion to reconsider means you are reconsidering a vote. You are reconsidering the vote that has been taken. That's not a debatable motion in this Grand Chapter. And to refer something to a Committee is not a debatable motion in this Grand Chapter.

Call for the orders of the day. How many of you know what the orders of the day are? If you do, raise your hands and let me see you. Alma Carter, I know you know. She has been a member of a parliamentary group out of the Dallas/Plano area, so I know Alma knows. The orders of the day are what's in this program that you got at Grand Chapter. That's considered the orders of the day. And when the Worthy Grand Matron wants to take something out of order -- like my report to you right now was supposed to be tomorrow and it's today instead -- that means that we have deviated from the orders of the day. If you think you've deviated too much, you can ask the Worthy Grand Matron, you can say, "Worthy Grand Matron, I call for the orders of the day," and that means she's supposed to go back to what was printed in that convention program for the session that you are currently attending.

Division of the question. I've had several people come up to me at the hotel -- they recognize me. I don't know if that's good or bad. I haven't decided yet. There are some questions in these amendments that could be divided. You can ask to divide a question into more than one part. If you divide the question, you vote on one part and then you vote on the other part. There are a few of those that can be done. You vote on which portion of the
question you're interested in separately. It makes a lot more sense to the voting delegate.

Previous question. That's not my all-time favorite motion. Previous question is something that you do when you want to stop debate, and the correct terminology is to say, "I move the previous question," or "I move the previous question on all pending motions." And technically what that means -- and I've had arguments with the authors of Roberts' Rules of Order about this, not arguments, discussion -- it means I wish to stop debate and immediately vote on -- what is the immediately pending question? That's the last one you've been discussing. It's either the secondary amendment, the primary amendment or the main motion or resolution as was originally presented. So you want to close debate and immediately vote.

Now, there's nothing that makes members of an organization madder than standing in line at a microphone to speak and somebody immediately in front of them talks for their allotted time, and then before they sit down, they say, "And I move the previous question," and that stops all debate. And the people that have been standing in line are so mad, but they're not mad at the presiding officer. She can't do anything about that. They are mad at the person that did that. Now, Worthy Grand Matron, if you want to just pretend that they didn't say that and you want to continue to recognize people that have been standing at a microphone, you will never hear me say you can't do that. That is one of the prerogatives that you have. You can continue to allow people to speak, not extras that come running down on the Grand Chapter floor, but those that have been waiting in line. And she'll tell you if she's going to do that.

The motion to lay something on the table is not debatable. It's also not a very advisable motion because it's very difficult at a Grand Chapter session to take something from the table. In a regular meeting you can lay something on the table -- one item of business is all that is necessary to take place and then you have a motion to take from the table. It does require a motion to take something from the table, and that motion is, "I move to take from the table whatever it was that had been laid down there."

Call off, that's an Eastern Star thing that I don't really know what that means. I guess it means you're going to not consider something. It could be considered, I guess, parliamentary procedure. You could say that that's objection to the consideration of the question, but I have no earthly idea what "call off" really and truly means. And I'm honest enough to tell you that I don't really know what it means.

Proceed to close, that's a motion to adjourn or to take a recess.

Those are the parliamentary rules of procedure that are in the Grand Chapter Constitution and Code of Laws. Emergency legislation can be presented if it is approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. Three copies again of any emergency legislation, and the distribution is the same as it was for any other motion. The motion to reconsider, which is to reconsider the vote taken on something, must be made by somebody who voted on the prevailing side. The prevailing side can be either the winning or
losing side. It's the side that won that particular question. A motion to reconsider must be made on either the same day the vote was taken on the original motion or the next succeeding day.

Now, the maker of the motion is entitled to be the first person to speak. So if you're going to make a motion, be prepared to be the one that talks on that motion. The presiding officer will take the affirmative and the negative vote on all questions and resolutions, and the presiding officer will be the one that announces the results. The Worthy Grand Matron makes all rulings and decisions. It will take a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting to override or overturn a decision of the chair. And bear in mind, I'm only the parliamentarian. I give her advice. I do not make rulings. If she asks me, I will explain something to you.

I am totally convinced there are no dumb questions. If you do not know the answer to something, I promise you there are other people that also don't know the answer and they're afraid to get up and ask. Know what you're voting on; ask questions. Get to a microphone or send a note up here and tell the Worthy Grand Matron, "We're not sure." Are you going to vote because the person next to you holds up their voting card? You have minds of your own, so vote your own conscience. But, please, know what you're voting on and ask questions.

You know we don't really permit nominating speeches. They are made on election day, and I think anyone that's going to nominate somebody has been given a list of rules. If not, I'll be happy to tell you what they are. Nominations do not need a second. Election results are also announced by the presiding officer.

Does anybody have any questions of me at this time? Well, I don't think so. Worthy Grand Matron, as Parliamentarian for this Grand Chapter, I move the adoption of these rules of procedure for this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Parliamentarian, since we have not opened our actual session yet, I will defer that, if I may, until we open that session. Thank you.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Thank you very much for asking me to serve in this capacity.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, though we are not planning on taking up any business at this session -- this session is mostly ceremonial -- these rules must be presented before we do start business. I will now ask -- another requirement -- that our Credentials Committee Chairman, Sister Kathy Creel, come up and bring her preliminary report on Credentials.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MRS. KATHY CREEL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: The Credentials Committee of the 121st session is pleased to report that we have present Chapter
Representatives of more than 118 of the Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction. This constitutes more than the required 25 percent of its Chapters and a quorum to open this Grand Chapter session and to transact its business.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Kathy, for this report. And at this time we will begin to prepare for our ritualistic opening of our session.

**MRS. WANDA FAIRCILD:** I invite the Grand Officers and their Pages to retire to the West to make preparation for the "Gift of a Kind Heart" Drill under the direction of Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal. [drill performed to much applause]

**RITUALISTIC CEREMONIAL OPENING**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now declare this 121st "From the Heart" session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, duly opened for the transaction of business. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this 121st session of the Grand Chapter of Texas is now open for the transaction of business.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the Flag of our country.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country. [Pledge of Allegiance in unison, followed by singing of The National Anthem and "O Canada."

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Installed Officers and Committee Members, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: Welcome to the 121st session of this Grand Chapter of Texas. Your presence here today gladdens my heart and lifts my spirits. Each of your smiles, fraternal handclasps and wonderful hugs are truly gifts of your hearts to each of us and are more precious than any material gift that could be given. Your service to our beautiful Order is a miracle of love. Thank you for your words of encouragement and prayers as we travelled not only this Jurisdiction, but others, in the past.

Sister Wanda and Brother Charles, we appreciate so very much your acceptance of sharing this special time with us as we open our 121st Grand Chapter session. Your loving prayers and encouragement have been a stabilizing force on my path and a steadfast element in my life as I have served our Grand Chapter. This day would not have been complete without your presence and participation. My deepest heartfelt thanks. [applause]

And Sister Virginia Lynn Green, your words of prayer lifted us into the presence of Him from whom cometh all wisdom and good. And we appreciate that, that we might begin the task before us in this 121st session of the Grand
Chapter of Texas. Thank you for your example of strength, love and devotion to our Order.

Sister Jill Dibrell and Sister Marlene, my Grand Organist and your very capable assistant, our ceremonies are most impressive when they are accompanied by beautiful music. Each of you has shared unselfishly your outstanding talents with us this day. Thank you.

To all who prepared and worked so diligently to prepare for this session, you've done an outstanding job and I thank you. To those who assisted with the presentations, thank you for willing hearts, for unselfish acts of love and service to our Order.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to share your appreciation to these special ones.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Wanda, I want to add my appreciation for your opening of this 121st Grand Chapter session. You've been a friend of mine for many years, and you have grown to be more special to me in the last few years, and I certainly appreciate you and love you.

Brother Charles, you too have been a friend for many years, but the last few years have been special. We're happy to have you join Sister Wanda in opening the 121st Grand Chapter session.

And to Sister Virginia Lynn, I want to thank you for your sincere and meaningful invocation as we ask for God's hand and guidance during this session.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We will now begin with our formal introductions. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: It is with pleasure that I introduce the Elective Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sisters Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and a Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia; Sister Barbara White, Right Worthy Grand Trustee and a Past Grand Matron of West Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brother, it is a deep honor and a true delight to welcome you to Texas and our Grand Chapter session. We've enjoyed your visits in the past and look forward to many happy memories which await us in the future. It has been said that our past is our heritage, our present is our responsibility and our future is our destiny. Your experiences of service in the past have prepared you for your present responsibilities, and the experiences of the present will surely prepare you for the duties that await you in your paths of dedicated service that you continue to give freely from your hearts. How welcome you are to the 121st "From the Heart" session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The membership loves you and
thanks you for being with us this beautiful day. Thank you.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Elected General Grand Chapter Officers to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct pleasure to present to you these Installed General Grand Chapter Elected Officers. You will please join with me in extending to them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to bring your greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It's certainly an honor and a privilege to greet each of you. We appreciate your presence and the work you're doing in our Order. We're very happy that you're here with us today. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the Grand East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Appointive Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: There are none.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, then you will present the General Grand Chapter Committee Members at the Altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I introduce the General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sisters Margaret A. Clarke, Shriners Hospital Chairman for Canada and a Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia; Brenda G. Jones, Cancer Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Gladys Allison, Finance Committee Co-Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana; Brother Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations, a Past Grand Patron of Texas and a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas; Sister Wanda Fairchild, Membership Committee Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brothers Richard Ochs, Heart Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas; Kenneth R. Gregory, Registration Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sisters Nancy E. Howatt, Shriners Hospital Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts; Elsie Paladino, Shriners Hospital Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Linda Cline, Welfare Committee Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Indiana, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we give a Texas-size welcome to each of you and it's earnest and sincere. Welcome to the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. Your selection by our Most Worthy Grand Matron signifies you as a special one whose love and devotion to our Order is commendable. Each Committee which you represent is an important thread in our work and will include the image of fraternal love with each project of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. We may be the only ones, but together shoulder to shoulder with others, we can accomplish tasks beyond our imagination. Welcome.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to bring your greetings.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I too want to extend to each of you a big Texas welcome. I know there's other places you could be and other things you could be doing, but we're grateful you're here today. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present to you the General Grand Chapter Committee Members. You will salute them with Grand Honors. Thank you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce this Worthy Grand Matron of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sister Jean Smith, Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My sweet friend, Sister Jean, what a delight it is to welcome you here tonight. We extend a Texas-size welcome to you and to our Grand Chapter session. This year we have carried the same responsibilities, and we have, I'm sure, shared similar dreams and goals for our respective Grand Jurisdictions. Our hearts are filled with joy that you included the Grand Chapter of Texas in your travel plans. Thank you for sharing the most precious commodity of a Worthy Grand Matron, that of your time. Thank you, my sweet one, for being here with us today.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort her to the Grand East. [applause as she comes to the East] It is my pleasure to present to you my co-worker, the Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana. You will join me in saluting her with the Grand Honors. Thank you, Sister Jean. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, she will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Nancy Lindsey, Arkansas; Wilma J. Thompson, Maryland; Doris Gerace, Massachusetts; Billie Errico, Minnesota; Elizabeth Bordeaux, Vermont; Edith M. Tracy-Whittacker, Vermont; Peggy Caldwell, Virginia; Brothers Charles F. Whittaker, Massachusetts; Tom Lamkin, Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, what a privilege it is for me to thank each one of you for sharing this special time when we assemble the hearts of angels at our Grand Chapter session. There are so many angels among us in this beautiful Order, and you certainly have added to our joy by traveling to share this special evening. May God continue to
grant to you safe travels, and may your days be filled with only precious memories.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our visitors.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I want to give you a big Texas welcome and say thank you for taking the time to be with us today. I hope that each dream that you had at the beginning of your year has come true, and as you continue to work in your Grand Jurisdictions, that your year will end with great satisfaction to all. Thank you for being here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. You will salute them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas at the Altar for introduction.


WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My dear Sisters and Brothers, it is certainly with much pride that I greet you and share with you my joy that you are able to be with us today. In my forty years as an Eastern Star member, I have met and grown to love many of you, and even those who are not able to be with us today. There is a joy in looking backwards on the years that are past and gone, when you feel that you have been of service and you know the good you've done. When you think of the many friendships made, friendships loyal, staunch and true, rejoice then in your service for life holds much more joy for each of you. Thank you, my dears, for making the effort and being here with us in your Grand Chapter session. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. [applause as they come to the East]

I would like for my Worthy Grand Patron to greet this group, and I'm going to let him do that next.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It's certainly an honor and a privilege to have you with us and to greet those who have served our Grand Chapter and set the examples for us to follow. We appreciate all the work you've done and the many hours you've given to this beautiful Order. We say thank you for
being here and for all that you do for the Grand Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct pleasure to present the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. You will join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions in back of Esther's Station.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions: Arkansas, Sister Lou Turner, Grand Warder; Louisiana, Betty Fuzette, Grand Marshal; Louisiana, Elizabeth Wood, Grand Esther, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you are welcome and a beautiful image in our West. Your presence has given a very warm glow to our hearts. We are aware of the tight schedules that many of you have, and we're so pleased that you chose to attend the Grand Chapter of Texas at this session. We thank you for including Texas in your travel schedule and wish you the very best, that all of your plans and dreams come to fruition as you serve our beautiful Order in your Grand Jurisdiction.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** It's certainly a great honor to greet each of you and to welcome you to our Grand Chapter of Texas in Fort Worth. We know that you've served well in your Grand Jurisdiction, and we appreciate you for taking your time to be with us today.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join with me in giving them a hearty welcome. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron in back of Esther's Station for introduction.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, and Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America and a Board Member of the Board of Directors in Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** My Sister and Brother, our very own in Texas. It is a joy to welcome you to this 121st session, and I know that your service to the Order and to our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy
Grand Patron are deeply appreciated. I know that you take up the threads of the things that are entrusted to your care, for you are two of God's weavers.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It's indeed an honor and a privilege to have you here with us today. I want to thank both of y'all for all the work you're doing in the General Grand Chapter. May God continue to bless and keep you in your travels. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please join with me in giving them a hearty welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in the West.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Sisters Mary Horton Beach, Angel in Disguise; Barbara Hill, Angel in Disguise; and Brother Dan Hill, Special Aide to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My special and sweet friends all, how overjoyed we are to have you with us today. I have known all of you for many years, and your service to the Order is well known and revered among this membership. Welcome to your own Grand Chapter, and know that we are pleased and proud to welcome you here. I invite the Worthy Grand Patron to greet them.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: It's certainly an honor and a privilege to have you with us today. We know that you've served your Chapters well over the years. That's what has gained you this opportunity to serve where you are today. We certainly appreciate the work you're doing. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Members to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present these Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. You will join with me in giving them a hearty welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I'm going to exercise just a little of executive privilege right here if I might and break into our order of introductions. I would ask that Sister Millie Sikes please go to the West. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you present her in the West, please, for me. Thank you.
Sister Millie, I had hoped to have this privilege before we came to this Grand Chapter session, but because of nearing the end of our year, our paths just would not cross where I could do this when you were with me in one of my Chapter meetings, which you were in many this year. But it is now my very great privilege to present one of those presentations that are the highest experience that a Worthy Grand Matron can have and one of the sweetest privileges. I will read this Commission. "To the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Order of the Eastern Star, Whereas, the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa and the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be protected and the utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other, be it known that as evidence of our trust and confidence we, by these presents, do constitute and appoint Mrs. Millie (Mildred) Sikes, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, near the Grand Chapter of Texas, to serve until April 1st of 2005. In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Iowa to be affixed and attested by the signature of our Grand Secretary on the 9th day of September." Sisters and Brothers, this is a complete surprise to Sister Millie and those who know her in the audience. It is my great joy to do this today. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present her in the East. [applause as she comes to the East] Sister Millie Sikes, because of your dedicated service to the Order of the Eastern Star, it is my sweet privilege to pin on you this badge as Grand Representative of Iowa. I'm going to invite you to say about two words, like "Thank you."

MRS. MILLIE SIKES: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is a surprise. As a dedicated member of the Order of the Eastern Star, it is my privilege to accept this honor. I will serve the Order of the Eastern Star in Iowa. I will do my best; I will travel. Thank you so much, my dear Sisters and Brothers.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, I am going to allow you to escort her back to the West because I believe we're fixing to introduce Grand Representatives, and I want her to be able to be introduced. You know, the sweet thing about this, Sisters and Brothers, I haven't had one decline yet!

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, now you will present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Helen Bostock, Connecticut; Patricia Woods, Georgia; Janet Stafford, Illinois; Charlene Duprey, Massachusetts; Brother Jon Allen Thompson, Maryland; Don Errico, Minnesota; Sister Gwendolyn Milley, New Jersey; Brother Rob Darnell, Oklahoma; Sisters Jona Muceus, Oregon; Charlotte Foran, Pennsylvania; Margaret Lenard, South Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sisters and Brothers, your service to our Order in your Grand Jurisdiction is recognized by your appointment as the Representative of your Jurisdiction to Texas. We are very pleased to welcome you to the Lone Star State and to extend the warmest welcome. It is the silver threads of friendship that tie our hearts together, and we are so delighted to have our heart joined with yours today. We shall look forward to your participation in our Grand Representatives' Drill.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: My Sisters and Brothers, what a privilege it is to have you with us today. We hope you have made new friends and have grown closer to our people here in Texas, to our Texas Sisters and Brothers. We're certainly glad you're here with us today. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join me in extending them Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will be seated in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, the member that was here is not here now.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Then you will present the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the Altar for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sisters Jane Dunn, Alabama; Suzanne Kirby, Arizona; Alberta Mann, Arkansas; Betty Carter, Australia; Brother Dwight Von Heeder, Colorado; Sisters Pat Washington, Connecticut; Marialice Bailey, Delaware; Helen Goethe, Florida; Mary Nan Anderson, Georgia; Brothers Travis Knowlton, Idaho; O. B. Lee, Illinois; Sisters Claudette Carroll, Indiana; Millie Sikes, Iowa; Maxine Nance, Kansas; Ann Blanton, Michigan; Christine Ledbetter, Minnesota; Frances Burbank, Missouri; Rachel Jackson, Montana; Dorothy Cleveland, Nevada; Margaret Faircloth, New Brunswick; Linda Goodlett, New Hampshire; Janet Ellingson, New Mexico; Wanda Gilmore, North Dakota; Brother Toby Lytle, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sisters Simone Lambdin, Ohio; Carolyn Bell, Oregon; Brother Harold McMahon, Pennsylvania; Sisters Nann Martin, Puerto Rico; Helen Higgins, Quebec; Iris Perkins, Rhode Island; Charlene Littlewood, Saskatchewan; June Marie Bates, Scotland; Bonnie Mathison, South Dakota; Betty Gibbons, Tennessee; Lucia Trammell, Vermont; Brother Alfred Bell, Washington; Sisters Helen Sanderford, West Virginia; Dorothy High, Wisconsin; Brother Bill Crews, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

WorthyGrandPatron,Ineglectedyou.Iknowyouwouldliketogreet thesepecialones.


WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct pleasure to present these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions. Please join with me in saluting them with Grand Honors. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Youth and Adult Leaders of our Fraternal Youth Organizations in back of Esther’s Station for introduction.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the Youth and Adult Leaders of the Fraternal Youth Organizations: Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and the Grand Organist for the Grand Chapter of Texas; Miss Kathryn Hampton, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Sisters, we do welcome you to our 121st session, and we hope that your visit with us will be a beautiful memory. The fruit which we wish to pick tomorrow lies hidden in the seed of today. The goals we are to reach and the problems we are to solve tomorrow depend much upon your good works today in reinforcing the lessons of honesty, honor, faith and conviction to duty. I pray God’s richest blessing upon your work as you serve your beautiful fraternity.

WorthyGrandPatron,wouldyouliketogreetthese?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I want to thank these leaders for the guiding and developing of our youth, for we know that they will be the future of our Eastern Star and Masonic bodies. We certainly appreciate all you’re doing, appreciate your work with the youth, and we’re certainly glad you’re here today. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate
Grand Conductress, you will escort our Distinguished Guests to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present these Adult Leaders of our Youth Organizations. Tonight we have the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls from the Grand Assembly of Texas. What a delight it is to have them with us. You will join with me in giving them a hearty welcome. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, Sister Katie has just been initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star. Isn't it a joy? This is the fruit of the labors. Thank you. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will return to their places.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, there are no other representatives of any appendant bodies?

I want to thank you for the beautiful work that you have done on our floor today. I know this membership will want to thank you, too. Our introductions are over. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present at this time Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will bring greetings and extend our welcome to our Distinguished Guests.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you very much. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members all: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of greeting our Distinguished Guests, our visitors and the beloved membership of Texas. It always is nice to have visitors from other Jurisdictions, and especially so this year because so many are preparing for the General Grand Chapter session in Portland. Thank you so much for taking the time to come join us here even though it's going to be a short trip home and another longer trip out to Portland. To Barbara Benton, Fred Clarke and Barbara White, my coworkers, we appreciate so much that you have taken a minute to come and join us. And to all of the Distinguished Members, we thank you. I especially am pleased and proud to have Fred and Margaret Clarke here. They're pretty special in my life and soon will be a legal part of our 2009-2012 General Grand Chapter activities, which will culminate in our hosting the General Grand Chapter assembly right here in Fort Worth.

Our wonderful Texas membership is loyal and dedicated and always concerned with the good of our Order. Their efforts have built this Grand Chapter of Texas for 120 years, and they are still working, and we appreciate it. Your kindesses to me in the past have been unequaled. Just know I've appreciated every prayer, card, call and thought from Texas and throughout the world this past year. May God bless each of you in kind.

I wish for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron a successful session, a pleasant time for our visitors and a peaceful fellowship for our members in our deliberations. Thank you very much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it is now my pleasure to present Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, who will bring the response on behalf
of all of our Distinguished Guests. Thank you, Sister Barbara, for agreeing to do this.


**VOICES:** Chick chick a ma.

**MRS. BARBARA BENTON:** Well, you-all have got to learn that a little bit better by 2006 when I come in.

In appreciation to our Texas friends, our thanks to you for having us here today. A lot of us have cherished memories that we have shared from having been with you before. Now, this is the day of the cell phones. I bet most of you have one. I do too. But I was thinking on the way down here today, as I saw drivers using their cell phones, that the status symbol of today happens to be those cell phones. But if you're really in the elite, you have the ones that clip on. Well, mine needs a new battery, so y'all, I've been using my garage door opener just for looks!

Sisters and Brothers, words can never quite express how much your courtesies mean to your out-of-state guests, but we hope you know that gems like you are far and few between. Now we just installed in Oklahoma Grand Chapter last night, and we had four days of our session. So this morning when it was time to drive down here to attend your session, I was kind of feeling my old age. And I think I still have something on the ball, but I'm just too tired to bounce it. To tell you the truth, I think I'm coming down with that dreaded furniture disease. Do you know what that is? That's when your chest is falling into your drawers. [laughter]

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Rennie and Texas General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointments: Our friendship continues to grow from year to year with mutual understanding, good feelings, deep regard and respect. To you Texas, one and all, we cherish your love and care of us, and we acknowledge with pride the courtesies that you have given to us. We are grateful for your very wonderful hospitality. One more word that means "until we meet again," eihoneysj. Eihoneysj. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I have another response from other Grand Jurisdictions. I now invite my co-worker and sweet friend, Sister Jean Smith, will you come and do that at this time.

**MRS. JEAN SMITH:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter, Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter, Committee Members of General Grand Chapter, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all: Sister Sharon and Brother Ed, thank you for this special privilege to bring greetings to you from other Grand Jurisdictions. We hope each and every one has been greeted
with smiles and blessings of a sharing heart. Like you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we know the most beautiful things in the world are not seen or touched, they are felt with the heart. We from all the other Grand Jurisdictions have been showered with gifts of a kind heart. We hope you enjoy ours to you. The number of the Grand Jurisdictions represented here today proves the love and joy we have shared with you this year. Long after your brief earth years are ended, the glow remains, for you see it is not you the Star, Sister Sharon, that we see, but it will be the glow that you have left behind for years to come. May God's richest blessings belong to each and every one of you. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jean Smith. As I said, we have had the privilege of becoming acquainted as I have been privileged the last several years -- Louisiana is very close, and we have been able to visit that Grand Jurisdiction. It meant much to me for her to come and to bring this special response. Thank you, Sister Jean.
REPORT OF THE
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
2002-2003
Mrs. Sharon Fentress

What a delightful privilege it is for me to welcome you to my home Section for the 121 “From the Heart” Session in Fort Worth, Texas. The Hearts of the membership of this section are open wide to make you feel very special, but right at home and at ease. Thank you for coming and sharing this culmination of our plans, dreams and efforts.

I read a quote in a church bulletin, an epitaph, that I thought was very deep, yet totally true:

“What I gave, I have. What I saved and what I spent, I lost.”

You, the membership of this great Order, will surely have many stars in your crowns when we meet in the home of our Heavenly Father. You have been so generous with your time, your energies, and your resources with the Order and with your Sisters and Brothers. Your caring and uplifting spirit has been such a source of strength and encouragement to me. God has surely blessed you with a Heart for others. As I traveled this great state and had the opportunity to visit in your chapters and personally with so many of you, I learned of many of the beautiful deeds of Love you perform by sharing so willingly with your Sisters and Brothers and those in need in your community. You truly have been an inspiration to me and made this year of service a joy and a delight. You have made every moment, every step and every mile worthwhile. You’re the GREATEST!

IN MEMORIAM

And though there may be many things
That we cannot explain,
We can be sure it breaks His heart
To see His children’s pain.
In loving arms,
He bears us to a quiet place apart
Where He mends the wounded spirit
And heals the broken heart.
And though these ones we love so much
Have left our present sight
And passed into a better world
Of majesty and light
Someday we’ll be together
In our Father’s home above,
Where we’ll thank Him for His mercy
And praise Him for His love.

Our Hearts were broken in the loss of three of our beloved Past Grand Matrons during this Grand Chapter year and we do praise God that we are secure in the knowledge that they abide with His angels now.
It was my privilege to attend the Funeral Service for Sister Eunice Connell and participate in the Eastern Star Funeral Ceremony as Electa. I was not able to attend the services of Sisters Frances Key Herrin or Lois Bell due to previous commitments. I do appreciate my Installed Grand Officers and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who were able to attend for taking their time to show our Love and Respect.

I attended a number of additional funeral services for members of our Order or for their family members as possible with my schedule.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It is the honor and pleasure of the Worthy Grand Matron to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matron of Other Jurisdictions the dedicated members of the Grand Chapter of Texas for commissions as Grand Representatives in Texas.

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One of the sweetest privileges of a Worthy Grand Matron is to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matrons of other Jurisdictions those members for Grand Representatives whom she knows to be deserving of that lovely honor. Some of the most exciting and joyous moments were those when these commissions were presented.

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**EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS AND FRATERNAL VISITS**

The Eastern Star Schools began with a brunch followed by the School on the
laws and ritualistic work of the Order and the suggestions of the Worthy Grand Matron. The five District Deputies presented these subjects with enthusiasm and some levity, always emphasizing kindness and encouragement along with observance. These positive and excellent instructors were: Mrs. Barbara Grant Scott, District I; Mrs. Sue Barnes, District II; Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, District III; Mrs. Rita Lytle, District IV; and Mrs. Malyna Miller, District V. How I came to love and appreciate these precious ladies for their dedication, sweet spirit and love of the Order and its membership.

The Examining Rooms were ably supervised by the Grand Examiners who began the School morning with a lovely and meaningful rendition of the Secret Work of the Order: Mrs. Betty Scott, District I; Mrs. Bess Caidwell, District II; Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, District III; Mrs. Vi Griffin, District IV; and Mrs. Betty Martin, District V. These ladies were great traveling companions and demonstrate a deep and abiding love of the Order.

The Joint Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron honoring the Worthy Grand Patron was the lovely ending to a full yet satisfying day. The profound feeling is that the Heavenly Father still smiles on the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas.

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It was a special treat to be honored with the presence of Jean Lewis, Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico and several of her officers at our Banquet and Fraternal Visit at the El Paso School.

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OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS

What an exciting way to start this year of service, with the "Unfolding of the Hearts" Banquet and the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron to my own sweet Chapter, Crescent No. 820, honoring the Worthy Grand Patron. This meeting and banquet held on November 16th were moved to the Masonic Temple to accommodate the large crowd of visitors from all over the State and both functions were a beautiful dream come true. Wow!
It was an additional thrill to extend a Fraternal Visit to Longview Chapter No. 610 and the Chapters of District One, Section Eight, on Saturday, November 23rd, to honor the Worthy Grand Patron. The Banquet preceding the Visit and the entire evening are truly a precious memory. The wonderful man I chose to walk by my side as Worthy Grand Patron was deeply proud and honored.

11-18-02  Spring #1105
12-2-02    McLennan #639
12-3-02    Vashti #32
12-19-02   Everman #624
6-2-03     Weatherford #21
7-8-03     Pasadena #711
7-10-03    Huntington #938
8-15-03    LaPorte #683
9-5-03     Loyal #648

ANNIVERSARIES - BIRTHDAYS

11-19-02  Lexington #996  50th Birthday
8-7-03     Troup #421     95th Birthday
10-3-03    Trinity #186    100th Birthday

OTHER FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

11-10-02  Breakfast for the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress
11-20-02  Conference for Deputies of Grand Chapter at 10:00a.m.
12-5, 6, 7-02 Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco
12-8-02   Christmas Party at TMRC
1-18-03   Grand Master's Banquet
2-9-03     Valentine Party at TMRC
3-23, 24, 25 Grand Chapter in Louisiana
4-6-03     Easter Party at TMRC
4-27-03    Tea honoring AGM in Fort Worth
5-10-03    Patrons and Associate Patron's Banquet of District 3 Section 1
5-31-03    Associate Grand Patron's Banquet in Jacksonville
6-12-03    Supreme Daughters of the Nile Installation in Fort Worth
6-19,20,21,22-03 Rainbow Grand Assembly in Wichita Falls
12-20-02  Ruth #20
12-28-02  Flatonia #813
12-30-02  New Boston #700
1-2-03     Stephenville #801
3-3-03     Ransford #135
3-4-03     Riverside #834
3-6-03     South Houston #915
4-29-03    North Side #651
4-29-03    Frank W. Lynn #1015
4-29-03    East Houston #955
5-1-03     Wills Point #366
5-5-03     Tomball #838
5-6-03     Crosby #261
5-6-03     Channelview #954
5-6-03     Mt. Belvieu #1142
5-8-03     Cedar Bayou #11
5-9-03     Conroe #710
5-12-03 Clifton #283
5-13-03 Polytechnic #420
5-13-03 Crowley #1125
5-13-03 South Fort Worth #835
5-16-03 Franklin #311
5-17-03 Castleberry #1028
5-19-03 Houston Heights # 258
5-20-03 Lewisville #935
5-21-03 Dal-Cliff #574
5-22-03 Humble #415
5-23-03 Alvin #15
5-23-03 Friendswood #1131
5-24-03 Bandera #643
5-27-03 James Ladd Burgess #983
5-29-03 Pearland #1065
5-30-03 Silsbee #298
7-5-03 Associate Grand Matron’s Banquet in Corpus Christi
7-12-03 Banquet at the Associate Grand Conductress’ Roundup in Fort Worth
7-13-03 Patriotic Party at TMRC
7-31-03 Arlington #249 when they honored the Associate Grand Matron
8-2-03 Banquet honoring the Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, and Associate Grand Conductress, hosted by the Past Matrons & Past Patrons Association of District 3 Section 1 in Fort Worth
8-16-03 Mr. X Banquet in League City
8-30-03 District 3 Section 2 Past Matrons & Past Patrons Association Meeting in Weatherford
9-6-03 Worthy Grand Patron’s Banquet in Longview
9-14-03 Party at TMRC
9-19, 20, 21-03 Worthy Grand Matron’s Round-up in Glen Rose

OUT OF STATE ACTIVITIES

3-23,24,25-03 Grand Chapter of Louisiana which was held in Bossier City
7-18,19-03 Texas Louisiana Exchange Visit held in Carthage, Texas and Bossier City, Louisiana
7-25,26-03 Texas-Arkansas-Oklahoma Exchange Visit held in Hot Springs, Arkansas
8-22,23-03 Eight State Exchange Visit held in Mobile Alabama

INSTALLATIONS OF OFFICERS

Unfortunately, in the early days of June, I required emergency surgery and was unable to perform any of my scheduled Installations.

RAINBOW GRAND ASSEMBLY

Having been a Rainbow Girl myself, and believing deeply in our youth, I was privileged, as the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas to attend all of the Grand Assembly
Sessions held in Wichita Falls. I was honored to bring greetings at the opening on Friday, June 20th and to give the Invocation at the Grand Cross of Colors on Sunday morning. All four days of the activities added to my appreciation of these wonderful young ladies and these adult leaders who give so much of their time and energies. They are an inspiration!

**GRAND LODGE**

Another highlight of this year was the privilege to attend the opening session and bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas at the 2002 Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M. I also attended and stood in the receiving line with the "First Lady of Masons in Texas," Sister Sheri Nanny, at her reception on Friday morning. In addition to these special honors, I attended the Welcome Party in the hospitality room held in the suite of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Michael D. Nanny; the Grand Master’s Banquet; the Coffee for the incoming First Lady, Susan Patterson; the Ladies Luncheon; and finally, the Installation of Officers where Right Worshipful M. Boyd Patterson, Jr. was installed as Grand Master. This is a beautiful addition to my book of memories of this special year in my life.

**GRAND CHAPTER VAN**

How appreciative and grateful I am to the membership of Texas for the lovely Ford van which was comfortable and dependable-and an appropriate shade of red. The Board of Directors was always helpful and accommodating in their oversight of the Grand Chapter van and I appreciate their cooperation.

**CORPORATE BOARD MEETING**

February 18, 2003

To: Corporate Board

Re: Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting February 7, 2003

The Corporate Board met in the Library of the Scottish Rite Temple in Houston on February 7, 2003 with all members of the Corporate Board present.

The Associate Grand Patron lead in prayer and the meeting opened at 9:15 p.m.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that she has given direction to the Board of Directors covering the budget. She has appointed Blain Koenning as Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee; and Mark Diekman as Chairman of the Official Website.

She stated that Christine Towery at TMRC passed away recently and expressed a desire that the Worthy Grand Matron be notified immediately concerning the death of any of our members.

The Grand Secretary reported that three members have recently entered TMRC: Pearl Woody from Ferris Chapter, Nell Russell from Arlington Chapter, and
Billie Wilk from Waxahachie Chapter. We now have 28 members residing at TMRC.

The Grand Secretary reported that the audit has not been completed and will not be ready for the February Board Meeting; however, it will be completed for the March meeting.

She also reported that she has received the Proceedings proof of the installation from the Worthy Grand Matron; but has yet to receive the Session proof from the Immediate Past Grand Matron.

The Associate Grand Matron reported that one chapter in District 5 has initiated 9 new members, 5 of whom are men. The Grand Secretary reported that a chapter in District 1 has initiated 15 new members.

The Associate Grand Patron asked for prayer for his great granddaughter who is seriously ill.

The Worthy Grand Matron was questioned about the recommendation at Grand Chapter for the Corporate Board and the Purposes & Policy Committee to meet as a group concerning a report to be given at Grand Chapter on Resolution 5.

The Mizpah Benediction was repeated and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Alma Carter, PGM
Grand Secretary

CORPORATE BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2003

To: Corporate Board

Re: Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting August 2, 2003

The Corporate Board met August 2, at 2:00 P.M. 2003 in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Present were Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, Mrs. Duris Hester, Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Alma Carter, Grand Secretary, Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Patron opened the meeting with prayer.

The recent burglary of lawn equipment at the home was discussed. Many of the items taken were the personal property of Lee Wisnoski.

The worthy Grand Matron reported that Founders Day went really well. She does not have the specific figures but stated that over $1,000 was raised on the silent auction; the Rainbow Girls will probably make about $500 on the dinner they served on Friday evening; and Founders Day Committee will probably make about $200.

She announced that the Floor Officer's dinner will be at the Petroleum Club
and those gifts of $10.00 or less will be exchanged. A letter will be forthcoming.

A payment is due for the Convention Center rental. She is going to put this on her O.E.S. credit card.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Alma Carter PGM
Grand Secretary

**SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS**

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Garland #158
Rusk-Alto #79
Spring Branch #984
Kerrville #24
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Paris #6
Rusk-Alto #79
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Balch Springs #1132

CONDUCTRESS
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Port Neches #677
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ALL OFFICERS
Walter Baldwin #929

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Quitman #695
Glen Rose #171
Gilmer #355
Anahuac #649
El Campo #535

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The Colony #1136
Amistad #1115
Nocona #62
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Shamrock #385
River Oaks #1013 – (2 times)
Bardwell #560
Dal-Cliff #574 – 2 copies
Cushing #495
Zavalla #952 – 2 copies
Lipan #127 – copy #178
Marlin #286 – 3 copies
Lewisville #935 – 1 copy
Ballinger #266 – 1 copy #357
Ruth #20 – 1 copy #33
LaMarque #979 – #1362
Alvarado #656 – #s.816, 817, 817-C
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Crosbyton #891 – 1190-C
Texas City #626 – #774

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Wedgewood #756

**WAIVER OF GRAND JURISDICTION**
Loyal Chapter #49 Richmond, Indiana
on behalf of Linda True for purpose of
initiation

**WAIVER FOR PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS OF CANDIDATE**
Quitman #695
Duncanville #1014
Brady #167
Beaumont #71

**CHANGE MEETING PLACE**
Frank W. Lynn #1015

**ISSUED BY WGM**
Marshall #356
Garden Oaks #987

**JOINT MEETING**
Velesco #220 & Lake Jackson #1009

### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS NOT NEEDED 2002-2003

Kenedy Chapter #36 – Requested for a special called meeting which is not needed.

1/2/2003 – Fiedlis Chapter #963 – Not allowed to change date of Stated Meeting.

1/13/2003 – Special Dispensation not needed for individual Chapters for School of Instruction/Fraternal Visit Chapter #200.

1/20/2003 – Not needed when Fraternal Visit is associated with School of Instruction and falls on a Stated Meeting night.

2/3/2003 – Not needed when Fraternal Visit is associated with School of Instruction and falls on a Stated Meeting night.

4/21/2003 – Goose creek Chapter #798 – Requested to allow for a delay in mailing a Report.

4/21/2003 – Godley Chapter #922 – Requested to change date of Stated Meeting.

6/2/2003 – Rosenberg Chapter #1003 – Requested to change Stated meeting date due to St. John’s day.

### SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

10/30/2002 – Covinton Chapter #1007 – Requesting to move meeting nights that fall on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

1/2/2003 – A.E. Shirley Chapter #986 – Requesting permission to allow some ladies
in the Chapter to wear slacks to a Stated Meeting.

5/4/2003 – Ferris Chapter #508 – Wanting to change their Stated Meeting time for one meeting.

5/6/2003 – request to change date of Stated meeting due to it being St. John's Day.

1/2/2003 – Bandera Chapter #643

REPLACEMENT CHARTER DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

Lewisville Chapter No. 935 – 1/14/03

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, sisters and brothers. It is my pleasure to present the other members of this committee: Mrs. Kimi McGee and Mrs. Janell Trees.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you and Grand Chapter this year. It has been an interesting, challenging and learning experience for me. We received 79 requests for amendments with 6 chapters submitting more than one request as noted in parenthesis after chapter number. Several had to be returned as they did not comply with requirements as set forth in the constitution, 3 have not been returned as of this report.

A complete list of the Chapters submitting amendments is attached and included in the Worthy Grand Matron’s report and supplemental report. All except one request were approved, signed by the Worthy Grand Matron and copies returned to the chapters for operation.

We would like to express appreciation to the Secretaries for their work and cooperation in making these changes. You did a good job!

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimi Kidd
Janell Trees
Ann Kelly, Chairman

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Mrs. Ruby Mae Bayley
Mrs. Marjorie Benshavesen
Mrs. Mildred Blakey
Stephanie Boden
Mrs. Barbara J. Brandes
Mrs. Katherine K. Brown
Mrs. Faith L. Campbell
Mrs. Irene Cartell
Mrs. Donna Cerny
Mrs. Kathleen Gieslewicz
Mrs. Deanna Creekmore
Mrs. Joan Dinger
Mrs. Eunice Duty
Emmett Eckhart
Emmett Evans
Mrs. Joyce Evans
Mrs. Myrl Fink
Mrs. Mary Lou Fisher
Mrs. Dorothy Ford
Oscar Ford
Mrs. Debbie Frank
Wilber B. Frank, Jr.
Mrs. Norma Gann
Mrs. Myrtle Giddens
Mrs. Presely W. Hahn
Mrs. Elaine Hess
Mrs. Glenda Hillboldt
Louis E. Koym
Mrs. Lucille E. Koym
Mrs. Louise Kuchara

Mrs. Gloria G. McGill
J. V. Massey
Mrs. Pauline Massey
Mrs. Hazel Moore
Mrs. Deanna Phillips
Mrs. Ellen E. Phillips
Jolynn Reynolds
Mrs. Mildred Rhoades
Mrs. Florence Quinton
Mrs. Ethelyn Sanders
Mrs. Johnetta Scheh
Mrs. Tracey Schwartz
Mrs. Jimmie Scott
Mrs. Maggie Selman
Mrs. Katherine Seymour
Mrs. Hilda R. Smith
Mrs. Louise Spalinger
Mrs. Sharon Tyler
Mrs. Lorraine F. Vought
Mrs. Bertha Wright
Mrs. Peggy Wright

KILGORE CHAPTER NO. 630
3/1/2003
Mrs. Naomi Justice

MT. PLEASANT CHAPTER NO. 305
10/30/2002
Suspended at time of Chapter Demise
Ivan W. Frizzell

QUANAH CHAPTER NO. 47
4/28/03
Mrs. Joyce Irene Baker
Mrs. Rose Marie Bartruff
Miss Brenda Beebe
Mrs. Floy Brandon
Mrs. Niki Converse
Paul Converse
Miss Susan Couch
Mrs. Rachel Curry
Mrs. Janice Davis
Mrs. Lou Degan
Miss Loretta Edmondson
Mrs. Barbara Fleming
Mrs. Dortha Green
Mrs. Jennifer Hamby
John William Hamby
Mrs. Laura Holland
Mrs. Barbara Howard
Mrs. Lorene Howard
Mrs. Lucille Jobe
Miss Melba Jones
Mrs. Regina Loyd
Mrs. Peggy Moody
Mrs. Debra D. Morton
Steve D. Morton
Duane Naylor
Mrs. Mae Naylor
Mrs. Mittie Neal
Mrs. Frieda Owens
Mrs. Tamela Pittman
Mrs. Lula Mae Ross
Mrs. Betty Rowland
Mrs. Doris Stanley
Howard L. Stanley
Joe Strange
Mrs. Janice Strange
Mrs. Sue Tidmore
Mrs. Kristi Tippett
Mrs. Lillian Turpin
Mrs. Velma Kate Vantine
Mrs. Billie Weede
W.E. Welch
Mrs. Beverly Williamson

Mrs. Wanda Booth
Mrs. Janice Buchanan
Miss Maude Carney
Mrs. Margaret Carter
Mrs. Shirley Jean Carter
Mrs. Norma Jean Cunningham
Mrs. Carolyn Dexheimer
Don Dexheimer
Mrs. Deborah Downs
Billy E. Dugan
Mrs. Elain Englehart
John Frank Englehart
John Frank Essary
Mrs. Juanita Essary
Mrs. Lois Everheart
Mrs. Pearl Haliburton
Charles R. Harris
Mrs. Jeanell Harris
Mrs. Dovie Nell Hogan
Mrs. Mary Nell Hopper
Arthur L. Isom
Mrs. June Jaynes
Mrs. Maurine Johnson
Donald R. Luce
Mrs. Billie Manhart
Mrs. Retha Mansell
Mrs. Bertha McCannon
Mrs. Lartharee McCannon
Mrs. Dolores Pell
Mrs. Anna Ruth Pritchard
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Billy Ring
Mrs. Brandi Ring
Mrs. Sydney Robinson
Mrs. Tammy Robinson
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Mrs. Louise Sanford
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Mrs. Maisie Southard
Mrs. Dolores Stanley
Mrs. Nelda Steedman
Mrs. Betty Stone
Bill Stone
Mrs. Linda Tarzis
Ralph Thomas
Mrs. Lessia Timberlake
Mrs. Jeanette Tuberville
Mrs. Pat Walt
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Mrs. Norma Wheeler
Mrs. Leda L. Winchester

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Ray Dale Bangs
Mrs. Vicky L. Bangs
O. V. Barker
Mrs. L'cena Bateman
Mrs. Lora Bilbro
Mrs. Brenda Gail Blackburn
Winston R. Bolton
Mrs. Elizabeth Bolton
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COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS DONE
FOR 2002 - 2003


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COURTESY FUNERALS DONE IN
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Winona Laughlin Friery – Shenandoah Valley Chapter No. 76, Virginia – Funeral done by Rusk-Alto Chapter No. 79 on December 6, 2002.


CENTRAL SERVICE CORRESPONDENT
REQUESTS FOR VISITS IN TEXAS

Wisconsin Grand Chapter – Mildred & Charles living in McAllen, Texas – Mission Chapter notified.

Wisconsin Grand Chapter – Lucile Y. Knith living in the Colony – The Colony Chapter notified.

DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

A number of questions came to the Deputy Grand Matrons and to the District Deputy Grand Matrons during this year. Fortunately, most of these questions could be answered by referring them to a page and article number in Constitution or Code of Laws. I have been so proud of this group and appreciative of their love and concern for the Chapters and the membership of their Sections and Districts.

A letter was written to the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter in response to a letter from them asking me for a decision on what action should be taken concerning authorization of a Budget as stated in our Code of Laws as there was no approval of the budget at the Grand Chapter Session in Dallas. After researching the laws and conferring with my Jurisprudence committee I determined that the authority did reside in the office of the Worthy Grand Matron. In the letter to the Board I authorized them to operate under the Budget proposed and published in the
Official Bulletin and the Advance Report, including the corrections published in the November Bulletin. Any overages must be preapproved by the Worthy Grand Matron. In this letter I also ruled that the Eastern Star Home was the largest financial asset of the Grand Chapter and that the utilities would not be terminated because there is inherent damage and liability with such action. I also ruled that no furnishings or property of the Eastern Star Home would be removed, sold, or disposed of in any way until the Membership of Texas determines the future of the property.

On April 26th 2003, I was handed a letter while standing on the floor waiting to be introduced at my Home School of Instruction by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, giving me a deadline for me to remove my personal possessions from the Eastern Star Home within ten days following the last Eastern Star School. It further informed me that in response to my letter requesting their approval for the use of the Eastern Star Home for our Annual Founder's Day Celebration that approval was given for use of the property but that there would be no access to the inside of the building which included the museum and no restroom facilities available. They further stated that no funds were available to pay for employees, security, or utilities. I knew this was inaccurate as the interest from the Home Endowment fund can only be used for the maintenance of the Eastern Star Home. I knew that this fund has earned between $350,000 and $400,000 annually the past three years and that these funds are used to pay the utilities and other expenses connected to the Home. It seemed irrational to me, financially, to spend $1000 or more to rent a facility to hold our Founder's Day Celebration. We have a facility, which we own, and where the members would be able to visit our Museum for probably, the only time during this year.

Therefore, on May 2nd I wrote a letter to the Board of Directors informing them that I found no authorization in the Constitution or Code of Laws for them to confiscate the private property of any member of the Order and ruled that they will not threaten such action. I also explained that my letter to the Board concerning use of the Eastern Star Home for the Founder's Day Celebration was a courtesy to them and their response was an insult to the membership if the Board felt that the members could not to be trusted inside of their Home. I thereby ruled that the Home would be open for the Founder's Day Celebration. I quoted the appropriate Articles and Sections in our law for authority to take such action.

During the year it was necessary for me to declare ballots in five chapters null and void because of discrepancies with our law and I required that new ballots be taken in the proper procedure according to our Code of Laws.

I personally visited one Chapter to explain the regulations concerning reproducing any portion of the Ritual and also the chain of authority within the Chapter. The visit was one of a friend attempting to quell discord over misunderstandings and to restore peace and harmony.

Following a request for a special dispensation for a joint Installation of Officers I wrote a letter to the individual informing her that special dispensations should be requested by a vote of the Chapter except in an emergency but that I would have to rule a joint Installation illegal since there is no wording in the Ritual to accommodate such an Installation and this Grand Jurisdiction swears its allegiance to the Ritual of General Grand Chapter.

There were many telephone calls, questions and much confusion concerning Demises and Consolidations of Chapters. I heard much disillusion and hurt when Chapter Worthy Matrons or Secretaries were told that the Grand Secretary's Office only wanted the financial records and the funds of the Chapters demising and that
there was no storage or need for paraphernalia or furniture. The Deputies did not know what to do because that is not in conformity with our laws and they were prepared to fulfill their duties. The Grand Secretary's Office not only feels they are limited on storage but also on any personnel to handle large or heavy items such as signets. Some change should be made in the law regarding handling of demising Chapters. I have seen proposed legislation from the staff of the Grand Secretary's Office with changes which I hope will clarify Consolidations. These are difficult times in Chapters and my heart goes out to those who are trying to do what is required in these difficult decisions and changes.

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KEYS TO CITIES

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4-14-03 Coleman Key to the City of Coleman
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4-25-03 Fort Worth Key to the City of Fort Worth

PROCLAMATIONS

2-18-03 Sugar Land Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor-City of Sugar Land
3-14-03 Farmer’s Branch Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor-City of Farmer’s Branch
4-10-03 Round Rock Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor-City of Round Rock
4-23-03 Cleburne Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor-City of Cleburne

GAVELS

8-03-02 Fort Worth Wood gavel and sounding block hand carved by Bill Crews
11-23-02 Longview Plaque with gavel and sounding block hand carved by James Williams
4-21-03 Throckmorton Wood gavel with heart hand carved by Bill Armstrong
3-2-03 Groves Wood gavel hand carved by Pat Collier

POETRY

4-23-03 Cleburne Loran Blackstock
5-8-03 Cedar Bayou Wilyne Laughlin Poet Laureate Dorothy High

BIBLE MARKER

Doris Moore presented me with the exquisite Bible Marker placed on the Holy Bible, each pearl encrusted with Hope and Love. Thank you my sweet friend of many years.
The gorgeous red Heart Bible Cover with its rows of lace ruffles is truly a work of art from the Hearts and Hands of Service of three precious friends, Virginia Keasling, Rita Lytle and Mary Nan Anderson. What a terrific trio you are! Shakespeare said: "Love sought is good, but giv'n unsought is better". Thank you for always loving and believing in me.

ALTAR AND PEDESTAL COVERS

The lovely quilted silver lame covers were ones used by Sister Wanda Fairchild for her Grand Chapter Session and at her invitation I used them also. They were made by our friend, Sister Jean Hunt, and I could not think of any that I would be more pleased to have for my session. Thank you Wanda and Jean.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

I am honored by each Honorary Membership I have been granted and feel the warmth and appreciation from the members of the subordinate Chapters in accepting me in their Chapters. I can truly feel at home at any and every Chapter in this great State. Thank you for your many acts of kindness and support.

If I have failed to mention any courtesy, proclamation, gavel, flag or any of the myriad sweet kindnesses extended to me, please forgive my oversight and know that each one has truly been a blessing to me and I Thank You from a Grateful Heart.

EASTERN STAR HOME ACTIVITIES

I was invited by the then Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences to hold my Deputies Conference in the Eastern Star Home, which I did. It was a glorious time of coming together for the first time and bonding. As there was no kitchen staff, my pages and sweet friends saw to it that meals, snacks and drinks were always plentiful in the hospitality room and the dining room for meals. This function is one of the sweetest memories because of the excitement and expectation, but also because I was permitted to hold it in this beautiful facility with its grace, dignity and heritage--attributes which I admire. The fees also raised between $1,200 and $1,500 to be used toward the expenses of the utilities or upkeep of the home.

Though our Eastern Star Home was not put up for sale during this Grand Chapter year, the Board of Directors voted to end the courtesy of providing rooms to the Elected Line Officers of Grand Chapter and informed the Worthy Grand Matron that the "Worthy Grand Matron's Suite" would not be provided or available to her during this Grand Chapter year. Therefore, when the Founder's Day Celebration was held at the Eastern Star Home, and at other times, I acquiesced to their wishes, and traveled between the Eastern Star Home and my home between functions. Our Founder's Day Celebration was a joyful and delightful event that truly celebrated Rob Morris's Birthday and all that he did for each of us in forming this beautiful Order, dedicated to charity, love and truth. We raised well more than $2,000 for our charitable purposes, and the Rainbow Girls raised $200 for their needs by providing
the Friday night dinner, which was wonderful. It was a very successful and fulfilling two days and we thank God for His blessings.

HEARTBEATS & ROYAL HEARTBEATS

What words can I use to express how much you have meant to me and what you will mean to me in the future days and years. How richly my Heavenly Father blessed my life when I was elected and inherited you as my own Girls and Boys. You have been a source to great joy, pride and strength to me as we have made this four year journey. Your love, encouragement and support have been without measure and you have surely made my path bright and my steps light.

Faith is a mover of mountains,  
And there's nothing that God cannot do,  
So start out today with faith in your heart  
And climb till your dream comes true!

Helen Steiner Rice

I thank God upon every remembrance of you. Philippians 1:3

SPECIAL COURTESIES

So many courtesies have been extended to me and to the office of Worthy Grand Matron during the beautiful year. I have received gifts of every type, size, color, and description. Your imagination and generosity have certainly amazed and humbled me. I hope and pray that each one was followed by a personal Thank You note to tell you of my gratefulness, but in some instances, in spite of our best efforts, names become lost and I fear notes were not received. Please know I do thank you for every remembrance and every act of kindness and that I have been honored and delighted with every gift of love. Many donations were made to worthy causes, those of our Order, and some to charitable purposes outside of our Order. Each one is counted as a blessing in my life and deeply appreciated. There is no way that it is possible to repay every kindness and I do ask my Heavenly Father to thank you and bless you in a special way for your generosity, friendship and love. You touched my Heart in a beautiful way.

MUSIC

Sister Dorothy Cleveland asked me if I would allow her to compose a march for my year in the East, and I was delighted. I asked her to compose something the Chapter Organists could play for the enjoyment of the membership, and she did just as I asked when the "March of the Heartbeats" came into being. The Worthy Grand Patron and I agreed that one March for the both of us would work wonderfully and could be printed and sold at a more reasonable cost. This project has been one that has not been profitable for a number of years but was our first special project to meet its expenses and make a profit. Thank you, Dorothy, for always being willing to share your tremendous God given talent with our Order and to your Sisters and Brother. You have been a delight in my life.
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

We were so deeply saddened at the illness and death of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy Dewing. Sister Dorothy had visited Texas many times, and we had come to love and appreciate her and her quick wit. Brother Harlis Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron, was able to attend our Installation of Grand Officers in November and he, also, is greatly loved and appreciated. We keep our Acting Most Worthy Grand Matron and the other officers of General Grand Chapter in our prayers as they complete the duties of this Triennium and begin their own plans and duties for the next Triennium. We are also very proud of our own General Grand Chapter Line officer, Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress and pray for her speedy and complete recovery from her recent surgeries. Texas is honored with the appointment of five Committee Members: Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Registration; Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, Chairman, Membership; Mr. Richard Ochs, Heart; Mr. Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations; and Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospital. Other appointments were: Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico; Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Mrs. Mary Horton Beach, and Mrs. Barbara Hill, Angels in Disguise and Mr. Dan Hill, Special Aid to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Congratulations and Best Wishes to each of these so honored.

PAST GRAND MATRONS & PAST GRAND PATRONS

The building blocks of this grand jurisdiction were lovingly laid by this group of hard working individuals. Many of our early leaders struggled in very difficult financial times, yet our Order stands today, free of any financial debt or litigation, strong and still vibrant, accomplishing much good and benevolent work. It is through the labors and vision of these leaders of the past that we stand strong and proud today. We extend our deep Respect and Gratitude for all they have done for our beautiful Order.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

You are truly the “Wind Beneath My Wings” to this Worthy Grand Matron of Texas.

WHAT IS GOOD?

“What is the real good?”
I asked in amusing mood,
“Order,” said the court at law,
“Knowledge,” said the school,
“Truth,” said the wise man;
“Pleasure,” said the fool,
“Love,” said the maiden,
“Beauty,” said the page:
“Freedom,” said the dreamer;
“Home,” said the sage;
“Fame,” said the soldier;
“Equity,” said the seer,
Spake my Heart fully sad
“The answer is not here.”

Then, within my bosom Softly this I heard:
“Each Heart holds the secret, Kindness is the Word.”
Your thoughtfulness, encouragement, support and kindnesses have truly made this year of service possible and a daily joy. No words of mine could ever thank you for the confidence you placed in me by electing me to this preeminent place of service. May the Heavenly Father always hold you gently in the palm of His hand and smile on your endeavors.

TO CRESCENT CHAPTER NO. 820

What a privilege it is to belong to a loving, caring Chapter with a rich heritage and a congenial, sweet spirit. Thank you for believing in me. I look forward to returning to the ranks and becoming a more dependable and diligent Secretary.

TO OUR INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS
AND ELECTED BOARDS

To my appointed Grand Officers: I had confidence in each of you and you have not disappointed me.

Victor Hugo said:

"Good actions are the invisible hinges on the doors of heaven."

Thank you for all you have done for the membership of our Order. You have made me very proud.

To the Elected Officers and Board Members: The members of Grand Chapter placed you in your positions but I am most appreciative of your co-operation and Love for our Order.

Edwin Hubbell Chapin said:

"Goodness consists not in the outward things we do, but in the inward things we are".

May our Heavenly Father endue you His wisdom and may His plan always be in your sight. Best Wishes!

THE COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER AND
SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE
WORTHY GRAND MATRON

It is YOU who make the plans and programs of any Worthy Grand Matron come to a successful conclusion. No One person can accomplish all that must be done. How I have appreciated your endeavors and accomplishments in filling the duties that you assumed. You are Special and you are vital to the future of this Grand Jurisdiction and our Order. It has been said:

"Work is Love made visible."

Thank you for making your Love visible in all you have done.
SECRETARIES THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

How do you thank those who give so much of themselves and ask for nothing in return. I have had three secretaries over the four-year journey to the East: my daughter, Cheryl, two years; June Marie Bates, one year; and as Worthy Grand Matron, Jerre Miller. Each one brought her special skills, personalities and energies to be of help. Jerre was a super traveling companion on the School Schedule, and we enjoyed many good times. Her being an English major, a tremendous organizer, as well as a super typist, was never considered a handicap. Even more, she is a beautiful friend, always looking out for the well being and needs of the Worthy Grand Matron. She often told people when we entered the hotel room I became Sharon, and she could tell me what to do. Thank you my dear friend for all you have done. I shall always be in your debt.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

I have told the membership many times during this year that I have never doubted or regretted, even for one instant, the choice I made in selecting Brother Ed Warner to travel this path with me as your Worthy Grand Patron. He is a kind, thoughtful, witty, intelligent man of God, and he has a sure love for the Order of the Eastern Star and its membership. Thank you, Ed and Beulah, for being the super couple you are and for always “being there” for me and for the membership as we have traveled this great state for the School Schedule and the Fraternal Visits. The membership came to love you both, as I do, and to look forward to your smiles, handshakes and hugs. I shall always be proud to call you MY Worthy Grand Patron and proud to be joined together in the protocol and traditions of this wonderful Order. Thank you for saying yes and for your friendship and love.

MY FAMILY

I could never have dreamed of standing in this beautiful Place of Service without the love and support of my family. The heavy responsibilities of a family business added to the duties of this position would be overwhelming. Because of their dedication and their many hours of difficult work, they have made this year possible. My daughter, Cheryl; my son, Jim; my son-in-law, Darrell; and even my grandchildren have all participated in a joint labor of love to make my dreams attainable. No words can ever express my gratitude, but I pray that I will always be there for you as you have been for me. I thank God for each of you each day.

CONCLUSION

My precious Sisters and Brothers, thank you for seeing something in me that made you believe that I would have the abilities and attributes necessary to be your Worthy Grand Matron.

Great is the power of might and mind,
   But only Love can make us kind...
   And all we are or hope to be,
   Is empty pride and vanity...
   If Love is not apart of all,
   The greatest man is very small!
Love is the language every HEART speaks
And Love is the answer to all that man seeks.

Helen Sterner Rice

“The Most Beautiful Things in the World are Not Seen or Touched; They are Felt With the Heart.”

From the Heart,

Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm going to go ahead and give my Supplemental Report. I'm going to skip a couple of others that are absent from the hall right now. It's very short. This is the report since the report that was sent in for your Advanced Report that you have. This is just an addendum.

I'm pleased to submit the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Matron.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I am pleased to submit the Supplemental report of the Worthy Grand Matron. I have been so honored this whole year by the kindness of you the membership I shall always be in your debt for selecting me to serve you and place this tremendous blessing in my life. I have strived to serve to the very best of my abilities and reflect back to you the love and care you have extended to me.

Since the completion of my annual report I have approved and signed by laws changes for:

- Glen Rose 171
- Boerne 200
- Velasco 220
- Belton 589
- Canton 667
- Gatesville 1005
- Pine Tree 1090
- Zapata 1106
- Amistad 1115
- Klein 1141

I have issued Special Dispensations for Physical Limitations of a candidate

- North Fort Worth 684
- Abernathy 877

DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

A question came to me concerning those eligible to serve on the Audit Committee of a subordinate chapter. I wrote a letter to the Worthy Matron explaining the reference in the Code of Laws and absence of restrictions in the Chapter's By-Laws.

After the announced candidacy of a member for an elected office, I contacted the Jurisprudence Committee and asked their decision of the eligibility of this individual for the office for which they announced. After receiving a unanimous decision of the committee, I ruled the member ineligible due to residency requirements in our Constitution, Page 38.

I received a RESOLUTION from the City of Trinity, Texas declaring October 3, 2003 SHARON FENTRESS AND EASTERN STAR DAY IN TRINITY.
OTHER FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

Banquet-Wolfe/Bakker roundup in Bedford

Banquet-Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron’s Roundup in Grapevine

No-Host Dinner honoring Grand Marshal and Grand Ruth, restaurant in Fort Worth

Friendship Visit of Crescent Chapter No. 820 to North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684

Installing Officer for Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association, District Three, Section One

Thank you again and always for all you are to me and for all you do for this. I pray God's richest blessings upon you and this Order.

\[\textit{The God of love my Shepherd is,} \]
\[\textit{And He that doth me feed,} \]
\[\textit{While He is mine, and I am His} \]
\[\textit{What can I want or need?} \]

I move the adoption of the Report of the worthy Grand Matron for the 2002-2003 Grand Chapter Year.

\textit{From the Heart,}

\[\textit{Sharon Fentress,} \]
\[\textit{Worthy Grand Matron} \]


\textbf{WORTHY GRAND PATRON:} I second the motion.

\textbf{WORTHY GRAND MATRON:} It has been moved and seconded to adopt the report of the Worthy Grand Matron for the 2002-2003 Grand Chapter year. Do I hear any questions?

We'll vote then by acclamation. All in favor say "aye." All opposed "no." The report is adopted.

Brother Ed Warner, would you like to give your -- do you have a Supplemental Report?

\textbf{WORTHY GRAND PATRON:} No.

\textbf{WORTHY GRAND MATRON:} Okay. Our Worthy Grand Patron says he has no Supplemental Report, so we can just fly right past that.
REPORT OF THE
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
2002-2003
Mr. Ed Warner

I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Fentress, again for selecting me as Mr. X and then, to the membership of this Great Fraternal Order for electing me as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas on November 9, 2002. I have tried to do all within my power to promote the love and welfare of our Order over the state of Texas. I hope I have lived up to your expectation, and the confidence you placed in me.

I will always remember this year as one of Fraternal Love and fellowship with this great membership.

I want to thank the members for all their work in each of their Chapters and for the Grand Chapter of Texas. Without each of you and your love for the Order of the Eastern Star working to promote the welfare and prosperity of our beautiful Order we could do nothing.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your encouragement and help, your hugs and handshakes and love you have shown my wife, Beulah, and myself this year.

This report is made possible because of the work of loyal & dedicated members of our Great Order and I give credit to each of you for the accomplishment of this years work.

As we come to the close of our service for 2002-2003, I humbly submit the following report of my year's service.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report as submitted.

Ed Warner,
Worthy Grand Patron
GRAND CHAPTER INSTALLATION

“Celestial Dreams From the Heart” the one hundred twenty first Installation of Grand Chapter 2002-2003, at the Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas, an installation I shall never forget. Thank you Installing Grand Officers for a beautiful job well done. Music Prelude was by Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland, Worthy Matron of Andral Vann Chapter No. 741. The Installing Grand Officers were: Master of Ceremonies, Mrs. Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron. Assisting Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron. Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Harold Trammell, Worthy Grand Patron called the meeting to Order. Installing Grand Officer, Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, General Grand Chapter, Chairman, Membership Committee, and Past Grand Matron of Texas. Assisting Installing Officer, Mr. Richard Ochs, General Grand Chapter, Hearts Committee and Past Grand Patron of Texas. Assisting Grand Officer - Obligation, Mr. Buddy Baker, Past Grand Patron. Installing Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron. Installing Grand Marshal, Mrs. Elise Hammock, Past Grand Matron. Installing Grand Organist, Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland, Worthy Grand Matron, Andral Vann Chapter No. 741. Installing Grand Secretary, Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matron.

CRESCENT CHAPTER NO. 820

Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, was honored with a Fraternal visit at her home Chapter, Crescent Chapter No. 820 on November 16, 2003. Beulah and I were privilege to attend the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and we will always appreciate the kind hospitality extended to us. The membership of the Worthy Grand Matron’s Chapter honored us with a beautiful banquet held in Fort Worth on November 16, 2002. The Fraternal Visit followed the Banquet.

LONGVIEW CHAPTER NO. 610

A Banquet held at the Summit II in Longview on November 23, 2002 honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, followed by the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Fentress at Longview Masonic Temple. Approximately three hundred members were in attendance. The Worthy Matron for the Fraternal Visit was Sister Murva Lawless, Longview Chapter No. 610 and the Worthy Matron was Bro. Waymon Brown, Longview Chapter No. 610. Other officers for the meeting were from my home Section, District I, Section 8.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

I was privilege to be invited by Omaha Chapter No. 997 to present 50 year membership certificates on November 30, 2002.

Beulah and I were privilege to attend the Christmas Party at TMRC in Arlington on December 8, 2002. Then on April 6, 2003 we were privilege to attend the Easter Party, and on May 4, 2003, we attended the Mother’s Day Celebration held at TMRC.
We were privileged to attend the Worthy Patron and Associate Patrons Banquet in Fort Worth. We were privilege to be in attendance at all the Line Officers Banquets. We had a great time at the “Italian Holiday” in Ft. Worth. We also attended the Mr. X banquet on August 16, 2003 in League City, Texas.

My home Lodge, James F. Taylor No. 169 in Hallsville, Texas, honored me with a Banquet on June 10, 2003.

Beulah and I attended the Grand Masters Banquet in Dallas, Texas on January 18, 2003.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Due to the illness of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Beulah Warner served as Installing Grand Officer and I served as Assisting Installing Grand Officer for Pasadena Chapter No. 711 on June 5, 2003.

It was my pleasure to serve as Assisting Installing Officer at Crescent Chapter No. 820 Installation of Officers on June 7, 2003, with Sister Beulah serving as Installing Secretary.

I was delighted to serve as Installing Grand Officer for Longview Chapter No. 610 and Sister Beulah served as Installing Grand Marshal. We installed our daughter, Janis Warner, as Worthy Matron of our home Chapter.

MASONIC INSTALLATIONS

I had the honor to install Brother Darrell Albrecht, son-in-law of the Worthy Grand Matron, as Worshipful Master of Stockyard Masonic Lodge No. 1244 in Fort Worth, Texas on June 28, 2003. I also installed my son, Steve Warner, as Worshipful Master of James F. Taylor Lodge No. 169 in June 2002. Also, I taught him his work and raised him as a Master Mason.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

On December 4 thru 7, 2002 I attended the Grand Lodge Sessions for the Masonic Lodge of Texas in Waco, Texas. I also attended the Installation of the Grand Officers on December 7, 2002.

ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

I had the privilege to attend the Grand Assembly of Texas in Wichita Fall, Texas on June 19 thru 21, 2003. Beulah and I were honored to receive the Grand Cross of Colors from Sister Marlene and Brother David Dibrell.

EXCHANGE VISITS

It was my honor to attend the Texas Louisiana Exchange on July 18, 2003 in Carthage, Texas and Bossier City, Louisiana on July 19, 2003.
The Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma Exchange Visit was held on July 25, 26, 2003 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. It was our pleasure to ride the bus to Hot Springs with the membership from Houston, Texas.

EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTIONS

I had the opportunity to attend all 50 Schools of Instructions and all the Joint Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron. My wife, Beulah, attended 50 Schools of Instruction. The Schools were fantastic and were conducted very well by our Worthy Grand Matron, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Examiners and the Deputy Grand Matrons from each District and Section. My appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron, School Officers, Grand Floor Officers and the membership of Texas for the courtesies and kindness extended to me at all the School functions and for the love gifts and other special presentations presented to me as your Worthy Grand Patron.

FRATERNAL VISITS

Other than the Fraternal Visits at the close of each School of Instructions, I attended thirty seven Fraternal Visits.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

To the 52 Chapters of Texas who honored me with Honorary Memberships, I appreciate your membership voting for me to become an honorary member of your Chapter. I am humbled by your generosity and kindness. On many occasions I was honored with the Keys to the Cities, Honorary Citizens of several cities, Plaques, Honorary Sheriff Commissions and many Proclamations, Flags that were flown over the State and Nations Capital. I shall always treasure and cherish these special courtesies.

APPRECIATION

To the Worthy Grand Matron for selecting me to serve with her in the East for the year 2002-2003. It has truly been an honor to serve with such a gracious lady. It has truly been my pleasure to get acquainted with your family. Beulah and I hope to continue our friendship thru the years.

TO THE GRAND OFFICERS

You have been a great group to work with this year and I thoroughly enjoyed serving on the 2002-2003 team with you. Thank you sincerely for every kindness extended to Beulah and me.

TO THE HEARTBEATS AND ROYAL HEARTBEATS

It has been my privilege and honor to serve with Sister Sharon Fentress for the year 2002-2003. Beulah and I sincerely thank you for each courtesy and the love
gifts that you have given us. You, the Heartbeats and Royal Heartbeats have been extra helpful and have gone the extra mile of service for the Order of the Eastern Star.

TO LONGVIEW CHAPTER NO. 610

I appreciate your love and support shown to me this year as your Worthy Grand Patron and look forward to being home next year.

TO THE EASTERN STAR MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

I will always be grateful for the honor and privilege of serving this great state as your Worthy Grand Patron this past year. Thank you for your support, your loyalty and your devotion to our Beautiful Order, but most of all “Thank you for your Friendship”.

TO MY WIFE AND FAMILY

I probably would not be an Eastern Star Member if it were not for my beautiful and loving wife, Beulah. She has always encouraged me in whatever I undertake. I appreciate her walking by my side for the past two years as I have served this beautiful Order.

To my daughters Janis Warner and Paula Laney who did my baby sitting for their younger brother, Steve, while Beulah and I attended Eastern Star meetings. To my son, Steve, thank you for taking care of the business while we were on the Eastern Star Trail.

Many thanks to Paula for taking care of my RV and Storage Business, for taking care of all the mail, paying the bills and mailing me letters that I needed to receive. To Janis for always being there to keep all of us groomed. To our beautiful granddaughters, who are growing up too fast, always know you are very precious to us. Thanks to my son-in-law, James Laney, for taking care of my Antique Cars. To our daughter-in-law, Genie, who is more like a daughter, thank you for all you do in the office to assist Steve. Beulah and I think our family is the Best.

MY PAGES

To my pages, Langston Brown of Hallsville Chapter 995, and Bill Wyatt of Pine Tree Chapter 1090, who have been there for me the past two years and for attending meetings when possible. Fellows I am proud of you both.

TO MY SECRETARY

Sister Margaret Brown of Hallsville Chapter 995, who has served me diligently for the past two years. She is very proficient at anything she does. Just turn the work over to her and you can rest assured, she will get it done in a timely manner.
TO THE MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report that while serving this year, I have had the privilege of mixing and mingling with many of my Sisters and Brothers who are dedicated to serving our beautiful Order. Without the dedicated service of our Sisters and Brothers this report would be in Vain.

Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Patron
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I know the hour grows late, and we have a banquet shortly. Sister Grand Secretary, would you like to give your Supplemental Report.

GRAND SECRETARY: Thank you.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

These past two years have been rewarding, but very challenging. Thank you membership for this experience.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Fentress, and the Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Ed Warner, thank you for every courtesy shown the Office of Grand Secretary and to me personally.

To Sister Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, and my good friend for many years, thank you for your love and support. Your knowledge and dedication is appreciated, not only by me, but also by all of Grand Chapter.

To the Board of Directors, you have had a constant Challenge this year. The combining of the Boards and this transitional period has been hard on everyone.

To the Office Staff I can never say enough about you. You are some of the most dedicated people I know. It has been a joy to work with you.

We are very proud of the accomplishments in upgrading the Office of the Grand Secretary. We know that much is left to be done, however; much has been improved and we strive for more each day.

Alma Carter PGM
Grand Secretary

I would like to say that in the past two years, mostly in this year, we have had much new added equipment and technology, which enables the office staff to be able to produce in-house many items, therefore cutting down the expense of printing. Among these items are an industrial papercutter, which the membership helped us buy, heavy-duty hole punch, electric paper folder and electric stapler. We have also been able to upgrade from a black-and-white digital copier to a full-color printer/copier/scanner. We're able to print many things in-house that we never could before.
IN MEMORIAM

"SOMEBWHERE BACK OF THE SUNSET
WHERE LOVELINESS NEVER DIES
THEY LIVE IN A LAND OF GLORY
MID THE BLUE AND GOLD OF THE SKIES"

We pause as we say farewell in loving memory of these Past Grand Matrons of Texas.

Mrs. Frances Key Herrin
December 12, 2002

Mrs. Lois Bell
June 16, 2003

Mrs. Eunice Connell
July 14, 2003

A Memorial Notice was mailed to all Grand Jurisdictions, all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, all Texas Grand Officers and all Subordinate Chapters.

MEMBERSHIP

The 2003 Annual Reports again reflect a decrease in membership and the number of Subordinate Chapters.

Membership on May 31, 2002 ......................................................... 50,659
Decrease - Adjustments to 2002 reports (Consolidations/Demise) ...................... 49,604

INCREASE:
 Initiated ................................................................. 885
 Reinstated ............................................................. 354
 Affiliated ................................................................. 1,409

DECREASE:
 Demits ................................................................. 487
 Withdrawals ........................................................... 122
 Transfers ................................................................. 157
 Suspensions .............................................................. 1,683
 Expulsions ............................................................... 0
 Deaths ................................................................. 1,847

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON MAY 31, 2003 ......................................................... 47,956

*Includes 144 members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax)

*Includes 919 50 Year Exempt Members (Exempt from Dues and Per Capita Tax)

1,063 Total Exempt Members are included in the above membership.
LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP SINCE 2002 - 2,687

Dual Members - 1,362

86 Chapters reported a GAIN in membership
34 Chapters reported the SAME in membership
361 Chapters reported a LOSS in membership

3 Chapters Demised:

Sealy No. 285 March 4, 2003
Quanah No. 47 March 18, 2003
Bells No. 1110 May 31, 2003

The following Chapters Consolidated:

Saltillo No. 173 with Sulphur Bluff No. 246 - Nov. 5, 2002
Graford No. 905 with Prudence No. 44 - Nov. 15, 2002
Whitehouse No. 1133 with Troup No. 421 - Nov. 30, 2002
Bluebonnet No. 888 with Roy Stanley No. 1086 - Feb. 1, 2003
Miami No. 98 with Pampa No. 65 - June 1, 2003
Kirbyville No. 263 with Buna No. 968 - June 1, 2003
Mineola No. 454 with Quitman No. 695 - June 1, 2003
Hempstead No. 510 with Belleville No. 611 - June 1, 2003
Mt. Sylvan No. 595 with Lindale No. 864 - June 1, 2003
Big Lake No. 752 with Ozona No. 287 - June 1, 2003
Kermit No. 845 with Monahans No. 561 - June 1, 2003
River Oaks No. 1013 with Abilene No. 30 - June 1, 2003
Carlsbad No. 1092 with San Angelo No. 10 - June 1, 2003

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS ON JULY 22, 2003 - 471

Chapters Leading in number of Initiations:

Alamo Heights No. 734 ................................................. 12
Faith No. 713 ................................................................. 11
Gainesville No. 1123 ......................................................... 11
Alvin No. 15 ................................................................. 10
Rockport No. 479 ............................................................ 10
Wallace Hughston No. 1100 ............................................. 10
Emory No. 1120 ............................................................ 10
# WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL FUNDS

## 30-June-03

### HUMANITARIAN:
- OES Home: $4,676.52
- Education Fund: 19,310.30
- Benevolent Aid: 15,261.58
- ESTARL: 15,309.21
- Touching Hearts: 2,720.32
- International Temple: 3,257.35
- Endowment Project:
  - Heart's Desire - 50%: 2,504.20
- Home Project:
  - Time & Talent: 429.36
- General Fund:
  - Heart's Desire - 50%: 2,504.20
  - Music of the Heart: 524.00
- Proficiency (Van Fund): 1,545.00

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## EASTERN STAR HOME ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS - LADIES FUNDS

- Endowment Fund: $15,023.16
- Bequests, Wills, Grants: $17,556.24
- Gifts and Donations: $1,820.00
- Sale of Personal Property & Vehicles: $11,419.07
- Oil and Gas Royalties: $13,774.22

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** $59,592.69

## EASTERN STAR HOME RENOVATION FUNDS

### 30-Jun-03

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Our concern is for our Subordinate Chapters. The Office of Grand Secretary's main purpose is to provide all the directions that we can for the Subordinate Chapters, because, Sisters and Brothers, if we don't take care of our Subordinate Chapters, we will have no Grand Chapter. Thank you.

[applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Secretary, I'm not going to ask for you to move the adoption of that because it has been brought to my attention that we probably do not have a quorum present at this time.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report, read and printed in its entirety, be referred to the proper Committee. Fraternal love to each one.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We'll vote on that tomorrow because it was brought to my attention a few minutes ago, looking around the arena we probably no longer have a quorum present. So I will re-move the adoption of my report in the morning.

Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your attention and assistance with this "Assemblage of Angel Hearts" opening session. Soon we'll be calling our session from labor to rest. I want to remind you of two or three things. We do have vendors, and they are here for us. We encourage you to visit them sometime during your stay at our session. They're located in the room -- well, if you were leaving out of the arena, right inside the lobby area there. So be sure and go by and see our vendors.

The Grand Examiner-at-Large will have the exam room, as stated in the Advanced Report. The times stated in the program are incorrect. The times printed in the Advanced Report are correct.

I want to thank a friend of mine and to all of us, my precious friend, Sister Edna Goette, for her words of benediction. I would ask that she come and bring those now.

MRS. EDNA GOETTE: Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts in gratitude to Thee for the many blessings of this day. We thank Thee that Thou has brought our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Fentress, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Ed Warner, safely through this year of successful service. We pray that Thou will be very close to them throughout this week as they preside over the "From the Heart" 121st session. Guide and bless not only our Grand Officers, but also each member who is in attendance this week. May all that is said and done in our sessions be pleasing in Thy sight. Now dismiss us with Thy blessings. Watch over us from day to day and keep us in Thy tender loving care. In His Name we pray, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Edna Goette. I know that you stay in touch with our Heavenly Father, and I thank you for coming this afternoon and bringing these beautiful words to our Heavenly Father for us. Thank you, my dear.

Has Sister Beulah Speer left the room? I'll thank her tomorrow. I forgot to thank her as my Assisting Grand Marshal.
Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Assemblage of Angel Hearts" session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this "Assemblage of Angel Hearts" session from labor to rest. You are directed to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There'll be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at our Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.] I now call this "Assemblage of Angel Hearts" session from labor to rest until 7 p.m., Thursday evening. We invite you to join us at our "Up, Up and Away" General Banquet at the Radisson Hotel.

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Honoring

Installed 2002-2003 Grand Chapter Officers

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officer & Committee Members

Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons

Thursday, October 23, 2003
Fort Worth, Texas
Musical Prelude ................................. Susie Smith
  District IV Chairman, Music

Special Music ................................. Priscilla Locke
  Arrangements Committee

Master of Ceremonies ........................ Naomi Wolfe
  Past Grand Matron of Texas

Welcome ................................. Elise Hammack
  Past Grand Matron of Texas

Response ................................. Barbara Benton
  Right Worthy Grand Conductress
  General Grand Chapter, and a
  Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, O.E.S.

Invocation ................................. Virginia Keasling
  Grand Chaplain

Dinner

Introductions ................................. Buddy Baker
  Past Grand Patron of Texas

Program ................................. Tappy the Clown

Special Music ................................. Priscilla Locke
  Arrangements Committee

Special Presentations ........................ Jimmie Lee McMahon
  Past Grand Matron of Texas

Greetings ................................. C. Boyd Patterson, Jr.
  Most Worshipful Grand Master of the
  Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
  Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
Honoring

Worthy Grand Matron & Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

Sharon Fentress
Worthy Grand Matron

Ed Warner
Worthy Grand Patron
Honoring

Texas' Own General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members

Rennie Ofton ........ Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
Kenneth R. Gregory ................ Registration Committee
Wanda Fairchild ........ Chairman, Membership Committee
Richard Ochs ....................... Heart Committee
Harry G. Cunningham ........ Fraternal Relations Committee
Elsie Paladino ..................... Shrine Hospital Committee
### Honoring

**Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons**

**Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star**

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[Diagram]
Honoring

Installed 2002 - 2003 Grand Chapter Officers
Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

Sharon Fentress ......................... Worthy Grand Matron
Ed Warner .................................. Worthy Grand Patron
Doris Jean Hester ...................... Associate Grand Matron
Jack W. Guy ............................ Associate Grand Patron
Alma Carter ............................ Grand Secretary, PGM
Betty Prater ............................ Grand Treasurer
Karen Morgenthaler ................. Grand Conductress
Nancy Brown .......................... Associate Grand Conductress
Virginia Keasling .................... Grand Chaplain
Cheryl Albrecht ....................... Grand Marshal
Marlene Dibrell ....................... Grand Organist
Joann Drescher ....................... Grand Adah
Brenta Freeman ....................... Grand Ruth
Beulah Warner ......................... Grand Esther
Joyce Waddell ......................... Grand Martha
Allene Barnhill ....................... Grand Electa
Margie Danniel Curry ............... Grand Warder
Trey Smith ............................ Grand Sentinel
Greetings from the Installed Grand Officers ..................... Cheryl Albrecht
                     Grand Marshal

Greetings from the Past Grand Patrons ........ Harold Trammell
                     Past Grand Patron of Texas

Greetings from the Past Grand Matrons ................... Alma Bane
                     Past Grand Matron of Texas

Greetings ................................ Rennie Ofton
                     Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
                     of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, O.E.S.

Greetings ................................ Ed Warner
                     Worthy Grand Patron of Texas

Greetings ................................ Sharon Fentress
                     Worthy Grand Matron of Texas

Benediction ................................ Trey Smith
                     Grand Sentinel

Ticket Chairman ................................. Giggles the Clown
                     Judy Baker
                     " with her assistant Tag Along "
To our special friends, through their love made this banquet possible.

Naomi & Bob Wolfe
Judy and Buddy Baker

Mary Brown
Virginia Keasling
Norma Phillips
Maggie Cardwell
Blain Koenning
Laura Sharp
Mary Ruth White
Esther Haynes
Regina Garner
Christine Kimberlin
Al Langham, Grand Warder, Georgia

Margie Faircloth
Mary Nan Anderson
Dwight Phillips
Frances Atkinson
Dorothy Nicholson
Richard Sharp
Cheryl Albrecht
Preston Haynes
Paul Garner
Trey Smith

Priscilla Locke
Susie Smith
Lynette Edwards

The sky's the limit
MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Our music this evening is by our beautiful Susie Smith who gives her love to everyone through her music.

The beautiful voice you just heard was Priscilla Locke, Arrangements Committee. I went to see the "Promise" in Glenrose, Texas a few weeks ago and Priscilla sang for us. It was our Worthy Grand Matron's roundup, and the performance director gave her permission to sing a few special songs for us (the OES group). I could have gone home just after hearing her sing.

Sisters and Brothers, it's now six o'clock and time to start. Come and join us in our beautiful, beautiful balloon. At this time I would invite Brother Ed Warner, escorted by his lovely wife, Sister Beulah Warner, to enter. [applause] And now for the most special person that we're looking forward to being with us this evening, Sister Sharon Fentress, our Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by her son, Jim Fentress. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas, Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards, all Distinguished Members, my special Sisters and Brothers: I would like to thank you, Susie Smith, for your beautiful prelude music that will continue throughout the program. Thank you for always being there when I call.

To Priscilla Locke, how can I say thank you for your beautiful God-given talent you have come to share with us this evening. "Come fly with me in my beautiful, beautiful balloon." I think anyone would fly with you any time and any place. Thank you.

To Judy Baker for being our Ticket Chairman, what a great job. But you always do a great job, and I know you will want me to say thank you to your tag-along. Thank you

Blaine Koenning is not with us this evening due to his work schedule. He did our programs and what a beautiful job. A special thank you.

Richard Sharp will be taking some of our pictures this evening. Thank you for being such a special brother-in-law. You know what people say, "If you have friends in high places, use them."

And to all those special friends who have made this banquet possible, thank you so very much. Now everyone is in place to fly with us in our air balloon. As you know, as Master of Ceremonies, I am the pilot, and my real name is Low Pockets. I will try to keep our flight on course. The basic idea behind air balloons has been around for a long time. Ideas date back to the 13th century. But not until 1783 was one built and flown. A sheep, duck and chicken became the first balloon passengers on September 19th, 1783. I know everybody would really want to know that!
So what is it like to fly in a hot air balloon? It is a remarkably serene, peaceful experience. Since the balloon moves with the wind, you don't feel any breeze at all, without the rushing winds you normally associate with high altitudes. The experience of flying seems very safe and calming. You simply lift off the ground and move with the air in the atmosphere.

Now two clowns, Low Pockets and High Pockets, set out in a hot air balloon to cross the Atlantic Ocean. After 37 hours in the air, High Pockets said to Low Pockets, "We better lose some altitude so we can see where we are." Low Pockets let out some of the hot air in the balloon, and the balloon descended to below the cloud cover. High Pockets said, "I still can't tell where we are. Let's ask that guy on the ground." So Low Pockets yelled down to the man, "Hey, pardon me, but could you tell us where we are?" The man on the ground yelled back, "You're in a balloon a hundred feet up in the air." High Pockets turned and looked at Low Pockets and said, "That's a lawyer." "How can you tell," inquired Low Pockets. High Pockets answered, "Because the advice he gave us is one hundred percent accurate, but totally useless."

So may the winds be gentle, the stars be bright. May the pilot be skilled and the takeoff light.

Now it is time to slow this trip down for a very special friend to bring our welcome to those on our trip. Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Tables -- there are a lot of you -- my Sisters and Brothers all: How very honored I am to welcome you here for this Up, Up and Away Banquet. I know you recognize all the work that has been done. And if I could find Sister Naomi, I would thank her and her Committee. I wanted to wear that thing on my nose, but Barbara White, who's sitting beside me, said, "You might can wear it, but I don't think you can breathe with it on." So I decided I needed just a little bit of air. You thought I had it on? Well, this is the best I've got. [laughter]

To everyone present this evening, let me assure you that you are indeed welcome. And your very presence in Fort Worth has made us proud and is very indicative of your love for the Order that we all love. This is a special banquet in Texas because we honor Texas' own Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, our General Grand Chapter Officer and General Grand Chapter Chairman and Committee Members, our Past Grands and our Installed Officers. This is always a highlight of our Grand Chapter. To the honorees at this lovely banquet, I want to say how we all love you and we commend each of you for your continued love and devotion to this Order that we all love. To our out-of-state guests, we thank you for making the effort to come and be with us. And we certainly feel extra blessed that you made this effort. Now we hope that all of your needs have been met since you arrived in Fort Worth, because in Texas we offer you loving handshakes and lots of hugs. So we hope you'll come back every time possible.

I want to thank this Committee for this lovely setting, and if I can find Naomi I'll thank her for this nice courtesy. Thank you. [applause]
MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Sister Elise.

Now, my sister, Laura Sharp, helped me in looking for directions for this course. She found "The Ten Commandments of Ballooning." So along the way I'll be sharing those with you this evening. The first one is, "Thou shalt always keep bountiful supplies of propane in thy tanks, for this is the source of thy light." And we know she will be lighting up the world in the next few years. We invite Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter, to bring the response.

MRS. BARBARA BENTON: Thank you. Protocol having been established, will it be all right if I just give you an affectionate, "Hello, Sisters and Brothers"? [applause] Okay. It's time for your test. If you were not over at the Convention Center at the closing of this afternoon's session, you did not learn to say "Good evening" in Choctaw-talk. But some of you were there. Now, I would like for you to greet me in Choctaw-talk, "Good evening."

VOICES: Chick chick a ma.

MRS. BARBARA BENTON: Chick chick a ma. Well, by this time you realize that I have Native American Indian blood in me, and I am so proud of it. You know when Columbus came over and discovered America, the Indians were there to greet all of his group. Do you know why? Because we had a reservation. [applause and laughter] Now let me tell you something else. At our age -- and I say "our" -- it just seems to me that everyone has an attitude problem. I was at Quebec Grand Chapter just -- I guess -- a week and a half ago. I was sitting by a Past Grand Matron, and she was telling me and showing me all about her cat's facial expressions when the cat was up in a tree and couldn't get down. I cannot show you those facial expressions, but I will tell you it was kind of a sad thing because she came out and that favorite cat of hers was way up in the tree and she couldn't get the cat down. So she called the fire department, and the firemen came out, got their ladder and were trying to get the cat down. Well, it was almost still an impossibility for that to work out. So they finally got a rope, tied it around the limb, pulled on the rope and here came the limb with the cat on it. And just as he was going to get the cat, the rope broke. The cat went flying through the air. Down at the end of the block was a man and a woman in their backyard having a discussion about a cat. He said, "If I ever get you a cat, it will have to come from heaven." [laughter]

Now, I also told you this afternoon that Oklahoma Grand Chapter installed just last night, so we've had four days. Barbara White was at our session and so she came home with us last night, the first time she has ever been at our home in Norman. We walk in, and she sees the cat litter box there. And would you believe she said, "Do you have a cat?" [laughter] And I said, "No, we don't. We just use it for company." [laughter]

Very seriously now, I want to thank you for I know the food is going to be scrumptious tonight. And I know we're going to have a wonderful time with you because we already are. But just let me say thanks ever so sweetly for all of your courtesies. And eihoneyesj, "Until we meet again." Thank you. [applause]
MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Sister Barbara. The next commandment is "Thou shalt always be able to look up and see the beauty of God's work as you fly." Now, the problem with this would not be the looking up, the problem would be talking her into getting into an air balloon. I invite Sister Virginia Keasling, our Grand Chaplain, to bring our invocation.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Good evening, Sisters and Brothers. May we all join hands and go to the Lord in prayer. Our Gracious Heavenly Father, the greatest blessing we can bring to others is the presence of You in our lives. The joy of Your presence warms and lights every heart. When You ask us to extend blessings, it is for us to touch someone's life with love and a reminder of how much You have touched our lives with Your love. We must remember that doing is a blessing. The Word moves us into faith, and faith moves us into action. Great happiness comes from the heart that has trusted in You. We must remember that kindness is one of the greatest blessings of life. It builds bridges instead of walls and finds ways to heal instead of hurt. It seeks ways to build up instead of tear down. It looks for ways to encourage instead of disappoint. We are so grateful for Your kindness to each of us, to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ed, and the many special blessings You have brought in our lives. Dear Lord, go with us from this day forward. In Christ's Holy Name we pray, amen.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Virginia, for your beautiful prayer. At this time we'll have dinner.

(Dinner was served.)

Please continue eating and listen closely while Mr. High Pockets brings our introductions. I was told that when High Pockets takes flight, the national security and the authorities are much concerned. "Thou shall not fly when the winds are high for your balloon may go the wrong way." At this time I would like to invite Mr. High Pockets to bring our introductions.

MR. BUDDY BAKER: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. You know, my mother told me I wouldn't get far in life because of my procrastination, but I told her, "Just you wait." Well, I can't wait any longer to introduce these clowns -- oh, I mean dignitaries. We have a slew of honorees this evening, so let's get to it. But before we get started, I want to apologize to some of you folks who live on the other side of the Red River and the Rio Grande. If I mispronounce your name, just remember that's how we pronounce it in Mart, down by the Brazos.

What is a clown? A divine spirit to rejoice and delight the heart. And it delights my heart to introduce our first honorees: Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, and his lovely wife, Sister Beulah Warner, Grand Esther. Let's give them a hearty welcome. [applause]

Groucho Marx once said, "Clowns work as well as aspirin, but twice as fast." This next group of honorees has not let any grass grow under their feet. It is my pleasure to introduce Texas' own General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members: Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand
Conductress; Brother Harry Cunningham, Fraternal Relations Committee, and his wife, Barbara, Grand Escort; Brother Richard Ochs, Heart Committee, and his wife, Barbara Ochs, Grand Escort; Sister Wanda Fairchild, Chairman, Membership Committee; Brother Kenneth Gregory, Registration; and Sister Elsie Paladino, Shriners Hospital Committee. Join me in giving them a warm welcome. [applause]

Being a clown is about touching your soul and finally giving it room to laugh. I am delighted to introduce this next group of honorees, our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Sisters Molly Goodpasture; Patricia Major Neinast; Effie Mae Davis; Rosemary Swetland; Alma Carter, Grand Secretary; Betty Friend and her husband, Jack, Grand Escort; Naomi Wolfe and her husband, Bob, Grand Representative to Manitoba in Texas; and Jimmie Lee McMahon and her husband, Harold McMahon, Grand Representative to Pennsylvania in Texas; and Alma Lynn Bane. And Brothers Leland Benefield and his wife, Lynda Benefield, Grand Escort; Charles Morris; High Pockets and his wife, Giggles, Grand Representative to Kentucky in Texas; Harold Trammell and his wife, Lucia, Grand Representative to Vermont in Texas. Please give this Distinguished Group -- minus a few clowns -- a very warm welcome. [applause]

Sister Elise Hammack, I'd like to apologize. [applause]

This is a quote from Bozo the Clown, "Laughter cannot be imitated. It comes from the heart." Well, the hearts of this next group of honorees have been laughing all year. And I am tickled pink to introduce our Installed Grand Officers of Texas: Doris Jean Hester, Associate Grand Matron, and her husband, Johnny Hester, Grand Escort; Jack Guy, Associate Grand Patron, and his wife, Linda Guy, Grand Escort; Karen Morgenthaler, Grand Conductress, and her husband, Tom Morgenthaler, Grand Escort; Nancy Brown, Associate Grand Conductress, and her husband, Gayle Brown, Grand Escort; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Virginia Keasling, Grand Chaplain; Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal; Marlene Dibrell, Grand Organist, and her husband, David Dibrell, Grand Escort and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas; Joann Drescher, Grand Adah, and her husband, Karl, Grand Escort; Brenta Freeman, Grand Ruth; Joyce Waddell, Grand Martha; Allene Barnhill, Grand Electa; Margie Curry, Grand Warder; Trey Smith, Grand Sentinel, and his wife, Lesa Smith, Grand Escort. Let's have a hearty welcome for this group. [applause]

Charlie Chaplin said, "I remain one thing, and one thing only, and that is a clown. It places me on a far higher place than any politician." Well, right up there with all us clowns is the General Grand Chapter Officers: Sisters Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, and her husband, Tom Benton, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma; Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Trustee Chairman and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and his wife, Margaret, Shriners Hospital Chairman for Canada and Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Barbara White -- see you next month -- Right Worthy Grand Trustee and Past Grand Matron of West Virginia. Let's give them a hearty welcome to Texas. [applause]
A clown's world is a reflection of our hearts, and our hearts are open wide in welcome to these Past Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Nancy Lindsey, Arkansas; Wilma J. Thompson, Maryland, and her husband, Jon Thompson, Grand Representative of Texas in Maryland; Doris Gerace, Massachusetts. Please show them how glad we are to see them. [applause]

All clowns know that the next stranger you meet may be your best friend. Well, we all have a new best friend here tonight who's an Installed Grand Officer of another Grand Jurisdictions. Please welcome Sister Lou Turner, Grand Warder of Arkansas. [applause]

A clown lives to hear the laughter of children and, yes, even adults. It's been said that laughter is a smile that has burst into a joyous sound. And I've tonight heard a joyous sound or two from the members of our elected Boards. I'm pleased to introduce Brothers Nelson Campbell, Board of Directors, and his wife, Georgia, Credentials Committee; JoAnn Snow; Jack Beall and his wife, Charlotte, Endowed Membership Stamp Committee; Sister Jayne Yenger; Brother Dwayne Masserang and his wife, Flora, Humanitarian Chairman - District 2; and Sisters Betty Scott, Grand Examiner, District 1, and her husband, Andy Scott, Endowed Membership Stamp Committee; Bess Caldwell, Grand Examiner, District 2; Joyce Nicklas, Grand Examiner, District 3; Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner, District 4, and her husband, Tommy; Betty Martin, Grand Examiner, District 5, and her husband, Jerry Martin, Registration; and Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner-at-Large, and her husband, Joe White, Titles, Deeds and Properties. Let's give them a joyous welcome. [applause]

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness and friendship, and these next two folks have the best smiles around. It is my pleasure to introduce the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron: Sister Barbara Hill, Angel in Disguise, and Brother Dan Hill, Special Aide to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Please show them your kindness and friendship. [applause]

A clown is someone who dresses foolishly and does foolish things. A clown is someone who lowers himself in order to lift someone up. Our Grand Representatives do just that. It is my honor to introduce the Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Jona Muceus, and her husband, Terry, Grand Representative of Oregon in Texas; Margaret Lenard, South Carolina, and her husband C. B. Lenard; and Charlotte Foran, Pennsylvania. Let's show them how glad we are they came to Texas. [applause]

We have a Grand Representative of another Grand Jurisdiction to another Grand Jurisdiction here with us tonight. Let's welcome Brother Ed Brown, Grand Representative of Delaware to South Carolina. [applause]

Now, the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sister Mary Nan Anderson, Georgia; Brothers Travis Knowlton, Idaho, and his wife Marilyn, Hearts Desire Committee; O. B. Lee, Illinois, and his wife Jean Lee, General Grand Chapter Committee; Sisters Maxine Nance, Kansas,
and her husband Joe, Guiding Hearts Committee Chairman; Maureen Way, Maine; Frances Burbank, Missouri; Linda Goodlett, New Hampshire; Laura Sharp, South Carolina, and her husband, Richard Sharp, Endowed Membership Stamp Committee; Brother Toby Lytle, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and his wife, Rita Lytle, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4; Sisters Carolyn Bell, Oregon, and her husband, Alfred Bell, Grand Representative of Washington in Texas; Iris Perkins, Rhode Island; Charlene Littlewood, Saskatchewan; Bonnie Mathison, South Dakota; Brother Bill Crews, Wyoming, and his wife, Kathery Crews, General Chairman, Humanitarian Committee; Sister June Marie Bates, Scotland, and her husband, Brad Bates. Please show them how much you appreciate them. [applause]

There’s an Karem Shrine clown from in Waco who lives by this motto: "We don’t stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing." Well, this next group hasn’t slowed down one bit. They’re still playing right there with the rest of us. It is my honor to introduce Sister Edna Goette, Grievances & Appeals Committee and widow of Past Grand Patron, Dr. James Goette; and Sister Bobbe Chamberlin, Heart of our Hearts Committee and widow of Past Grand Patron, Brother Oliver B. Chamberlin. Please show them how much we love and appreciate them. [applause]

We're honored to have with us tonight two residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. Please welcome Charleene Smith and Paul Duckworth. [applause]

I'd like to close with a quote from the great Red Skelton. "If some day you're not feeling well, you should remember some little thing I have said or done, and if it brings a smile to your face or a chuckle to your heart, then my purpose as a clown has been fulfilled." Thank you. [applause]

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Mr. High Pockets, my Worthy Grand Patron. High or Low, you are truly Grand.

Most people live their whole lives with secret dreams. But on August 20, 2000, Lynette Edwards’ dream came true when she became a clown for Cheerful Clown Alley and a member of Clowns of America International and the whole Clown Association. On February 2001 she performed her first of many circuses. She devotes most of her spare time to clowning for Texas Children's Hospital Bone Marrow Transplant Floor and the M. D. Anderson Children's Cancer Ward. Tappy is her clown name and she is lead clown at the Ronald McDonald House in Houston. When asked why, her answer was, "God has blessed me and my family, and this is my way to give back, to bring a little sunshine into people's lives." Jimmy Durante sang a song which is about all of us, "Dreams can come true, it's up to you, if you're young at heart." May I introduce to you Tappy the Clown. [applause]

MR. BUDDY BAKER: I have one more introduction. We have with us this afternoon Gladys Allison, General Grand Chapter Finance Committee Co-Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Louisiana.

[Program by Tappy the Clown]
MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Tappy the Clown.

Now for our special music. "When thou shalt sing for God, thou shalt always fly with the angels." I have a special song that is quite beautiful, and its words reach all the way to heaven. Sister Priscilla always asks God to tell her what to sing, so I asked God if she might bring this very special song tonight. I did tell her we would go with what God wants! It is my honor to introduce Priscilla Locke to bring music for the evening.

[Special music]

"Thou shalt avoid landing in anything resembling crops, for these are the bounty of the earth, and sowers of the seeds may rise up and slay thee." How proud I am to have had you serve as my Associate Grand Matron. It is my honor to call you friend, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Thank you, Mistress of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all: It is my privilege and honor to be the one to present two loving gifts to our very special honorees, to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. But first I've got a little business that I need to take care of. And that is, tomorrow morning it seems like the Grievances & Appeals Committee and all of the other Committees are going to be working very, very hard. So on behalf of your Committee, if you have duties to perform in the morning, I would like to present to the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron a little love gift from the Committee to say we're very proud of both of you and the way you've served.

But on behalf of this beautiful banquet -- Up, Up and Away -- we would like to present two very special gifts to both of you. And we would like to remind you to be yourself because you both are filled with special qualities that have brought you both this far and that will always see you through. Keep your spirits up, and make your hearts happy and let it reflect in everything you do. Hold on to your dreams and never let them go. Just as the balloons fly up, up and away, so will your life with happiness and love fly up in the sky with God's help, God's love and Godspeed. On behalf of the Committee for the Up, Up and Away Banquet, I'd like to present these two tokens to you.

We would love to see you open these, but take both hands.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Committee and all the membership of Texas are proud of you. [applause] Just as crystal shines and glitters, so does the light in the lives that you've touched. We're very proud of you. [applause]

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Sister Jimmie.

Brother Boyd Patterson was supposed to be here this evening, but was unable to attend. I believe we can say, "Thou shalt keep thy air hot in your balloon, lest the earth rise up and smite thee." So I kind of think that maybe there were too many holes in his balloon and he just wasn't able to be here this evening.
Now I have picked a very good commandment for Sister Cheryl for she was worried about speaking after Brother Patterson for he always brings words of wisdom. Now she really doesn't have to worry. Sister Cheryl, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's chase vehicle or crew." How pleased I am to invite Sister Cheryl to bring greetings from the Installed Grand Officers.

GRAND MARSHAL: Thank you. "Master of Ceremonies," I believe is still proper, isn't it? It is my pleasure to bring greetings from the Installed Grand Officers at this Up, Up and Away General Banquet. Would the Installed Grand Officers please stand with me? This has been a wonderful banquet, and those of us standing realize that this is going to be one of the last times that this group stands together in this situation. On behalf of this group of Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards, we want to thank this membership for every smile, every hug, every courtesy extended during our year of service. It has been a magical year; it has been fantastic for each of us, and we thank the membership for this opportunity. The chorus of a song keeps running through my mind -- and I've tried to get my mother to use it, but she just doesn't like it. It says, "Scars heal, glory fades. And all we're left with are the memories made. Pain hurts but only for a minute. Life is short, so go on and live it." Thank you for the beautiful memories that we have this year. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Sister Cheryl.

Brother Harold, your commandment is, "Thou shalt not fly into the midst of fluffy cumulus clouds, lest the shears flatten thine envelope and make thy heart skip many beats." Thanks for all you do for our Order.

MR. HAROLD TRAMMELL: Thank you. It's a privilege to bring greetings from the Past Grand Patrons. Would all the Past Grand Patrons please stand. Tonight we want to bring a special blessing to each of you. "That the Lord would bless each of you indeed. Lord, may Your mighty hand be with each of you tonight and through this week, and that You would keep each of us from evil, and more especially that we your children may not cause any pain or injury to any of our sisters and brothers. And would You please give us a special blessing for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they execute their duties this week. We thank You for all these special blessings."

Sisters and Brothers, God bless America, and let's just keep on keeping on. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Brother Harold.

I know as you traveled -- or as we traveled -- if we missed a turn we would just do what we call a "U E." I remember when a plane did a "U E" out on a runway, so I saved this commandment for Sister Alma because we always say that we are never allowed more than three "U E's" in a day's time. She was so excited about this "U E" out on the runway, she had to pick up the phone and call her Worthy Grand Patron and tell him what happened. And for her, "Thou shalt honor the pronouncements of thine air traffic controller, lest the air intake of a Boeing become stuffed with many yards of nylon and much
wicker." Sister Alma, I invite you to bring greetings from the Past Grand Matrons.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. My wonderful Sisters and Brothers, I would like to first say thank you for being invited to bring greetings on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons of Texas. Our opportunity of serving Grand Chapter gives each of us that opportunity of service to a beautiful Order. A leader is selected by the members of an organization for many reasons, ranging from public speaking ability to being able to communicate one-on-one. And it has been my greatest honor to be allowed to serve the membership of Texas and organize an agenda involving every aspect of our purposes and aims. Each of the Sisters that I bring you greetings for are also honored to have been given the opportunity of sharing and caring one for another. I invite the Past Grand Matrons of Texas to please stand with me.

Please hear it as one voice with many hearts. We wish for you many years filled with health and happiness, many days filled with sunshine, many hours filled with laughter and joy, many moments filled with love and kindness and many friends with whom to share all of them. We say to each of you how pleased we are to be sharing this evening with you at this beautiful General Banquet. [applause]

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** Thank you, Sister Alma, so much. "Thou shalt fly many miles before ending your last flight." You will fly with the love of your Texas membership and the membership throughout the world. May God bless and keep you always. Sister Rennie, I invite you to bring greetings.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Would the Texas General Grand Chapter Family stand with me, please. With appreciation and love to this membership for this beautiful evening and for the treasured memories we will have, we yield our time to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. [applause]

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** Thank you, Sister Rennie.

First-time Worthy Grand Patrons, as well as first-time astronauts, are treated to some form of the legendary ceremony that balloonists all over the world have been sharing for more than a century. Balloonists traditionally end the flight with a toast of champagne, a practice dating back to the 1700s. The passengers join the pilot and crew in a toast. Sooo, your commandment should be, "Thou shalt always fly with champagne." Brother Ed, I invite you to bring greetings.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Master of Ceremonies, due to the time element, I'm going to let our Worthy Grand Matron bring greetings for both of us. [applause]

**MRS. NAOMI WOLFE:** We're getting close to the end of our flight, but before we get there, we would like to hear from the leader and highest authority of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas, Sister Sharon Fentress, our Worthy Grand Matron.
The winds have welcomed you with softness,
The sun has held you in his warm hands.
You have flown so high and so well
That GOD has joined you in your laughter
And set you gently back down
Into the loving arms of Mother Earth.

I invite you to bring greetings.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I asked Brother Ed would it be all right
with him if we brought our greetings together because of the time element.
We were supposed to start our session two or three minutes ago, depending on
how your watch runs. But I could not take a moment to tell this Committee
-- my Chairmen and those they had to assist them -- Sister Naomi Wolfe and
Buddy Baker -- how much I have enjoyed this lovely, fun atmosphere, and how
much we appreciate all of the work that has gone into putting this program
together.

The first time I saw Sister Naomi with a red nose, it was quite an experi­
ence. I was just delighted tonight to see that there was not one for me! I saw
that, but I didn't want to take it out of the package. Okay? I wanted to keep
it real nice for my grandchildren.

But I do want to thank each one. I know a tremendous amount of work
went into this, a lot of planning. I know Naomi Wolfe, and I know it started
the day I asked her to serve. I' ve told friends of mine, when they went to
work for her, that she is a workaholic. She is a workaholic, and anything she
does, she does to the very best of her ability.

I want to thank each one of you for your presence tonight. You have
certainly made this General Banquet a grand banquet. It's so encouraging to
see the membership continue to love and support the Order of the Eastern
Star. I've said before and I'll say it again, you know, that is what we all are
here for. We love the Order of the Eastern Star, and of course we're here at
this Grand Chapter of Texas. We're so delighted to have our guests here, and
it's such an honor to have these Distinguished Guests. I know that they
made a tremendous effort to come and be with us. Thank you, Barbara and
Barbara, and of course we'll have Fred I think all week maybe. And isn't it
great to have them? And it is such a delight to have guests. But I under­
stand the restrictions of time and that's why we chose to do this this way
tonight.

We want to thank each one of you for your work and dedication to the
Order. I know that you enjoyed this fine meal tonight, and I know that you
also are appreciative of the fun theme that we had. And, Sisters and
Brothers, we want to always remember that friendship, love, kindness,
gentleness, these are the fruits -- the gifts from the heart. And those are the
gifts that we want to extend to you, and we thank you for always extending
them to us. Your graciousness, your goodness, your generosity is always
much appreciated.

I thank you and I regret the time restraint that requires us to try to rush
this along. Thank you again. God bless and I hope to see you in the session this evening. [applause]

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

As pilot of our beautiful air balloon, I have followed the eighth ballooning commandment. “Thou shalt always keep thy crew happy lest they forget to retrieve you some day.” Our crew has retrieved us and we are safely down.

The clowns and faces are yours to take home. Everyone please look at the bottom of your clown. The person who has a clown with a name on it gets to take the centerpiece home. This does not include the mirror, nor the candle or the large air balloons.

I would like to thank everyone for coming and sharing this evening with us. I invite Brother Trey Smith, Grand Sentinel, to bring our benediction.


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THURSDAY EVENING SESSION
October 23, 2003

"Hearts of Friendship and Love" Session

Musical Prelude ............................ Mrs. Dorothy Cleveland
Grand Representative of Nevada in Texas

Call to Order ............................ Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Harold Trammell
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMATHON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers all: It is a great pleasure and an honor for me to extend to you each a sincere and loving welcome to this Thursday evening session of the 121st session, "Hearts of Friendship and Love in Service." I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this privilege and honor.

I am so pleased to be joined by my very own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Harold Trammell. Brother Harold, it only seems like yesterday that we were standing in these places of honor, with hearts beating and excitement in our hearts for our session, just as our Worthy Grand Matron's and Patron's hearts are beating fast and furious this evening. Thank you for walking by my side.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have both discovered that your heart, your mind and your soul are the foundation of your success and happiness. Believe in your heart for it offers hope; believe in your mind for it offers direction; believe in your soul for it is your strength. But above all else, believe in yourself and your dreams will come true.

Brother Harold, would you like to bring them greetings?

MR. HAROLD TRAMMELL: Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon. It is an honor to be standing here in the Grand East once again with you. Sister Sharon Fentress, thank you for inviting me to assist my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jimmie Lee, in calling this Thursday evening session, "Hearts of Friendship and Love" session, to order. Worthy Grand Matron, I have thoroughly enjoyed your year. You and I have always shared a great friendship. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ed, I notice that you took some of my advice about enjoying your year in the East, and the membership of Texas has enjoyed being with you. I treasure the times we spent together and look forward to many more.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMATHON: Sister Grand Marshal, I now invite the Grand Officers and their Personal Pages to enter the Grand Chapter room for
their "Gifts of a Kind Heart" Drill under the direction of Sister Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal, and beloved and special, special daughter of our own Worthy Grand Matron. [Drill performed to much applause.]

That was absolutely beautiful and done with a loving heart for the membership of Texas who are all family and friends serving with the love of God. I'd like to thank Sister Dorothy Cleveland, Grand Representative of Nevada in Texas, for that beautiful music and the beautiful music before we began this evening. Her fingers have been tickling the ivory I know for some time, and we do appreciate it. [applause]

The Grand Officers will now enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause as they come to the East]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with great honor that I present to you Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join with me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, it is with great and privilege that I present to you your gavel to preside over this evening session. Know how much I love you and how proud I am to call you my friend and my Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. How wonderful you have both served. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jimmie.

The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of the Grand Chapter.

Sister Jimmie Lee McMahon and Brother Harold Trammell, I want to thank you for calling this "Hearts of Friendship and Love" session to order. It seems like just a few months ago that both of you were opening the "Melody of Roses" session in Dallas. I enjoyed serving as your Associate Grand Matron the year as you served as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I felt we were able to work together for the good of the Order of this Grand Jurisdiction and the Order. I am pleased to count both of you as special friends. It is with a grateful heart that I thank both of you for accepting the opportunity of opening the "Hearts of Friendship and Love" session. It was important to me that you have a part in this culmination of our hopes, dreams and labors in these beautiful years of service. I know we will have many more good times as we continue to serve our beloved Order. Thank you both. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to bring greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Jimmie Lee, it is a great satisfaction and honor to have you and Brother Harold to open this evening session. You and Brother Mac have been special to me for a long time. Brother Harold, it is a great honor to have you here to open this session with your Worthy Grand Matron. I want to thank you for all you do for the Order of the Eastern Star. [applause]
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our invocation will now be given by Brother Harry Cunningham.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Shall we pray. Our Father and our God, how thankful we are tonight that we are an American and have the privilege of coming together with the Sisters and Brothers of this great Order. Father, we ask Thy blessings upon this Humanitarian Program tonight, and we're thankful that we are a group that tries to help all mankind, and more particularly those of our members and those that are studying to be religious leaders and other causes that we try to provide some assistance. Father, thank You for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Be ever near unto them these few days ahead. Help us all to have patience and understanding, and, Lord, to realize that we serve a God that is loving and kind and forgiving. Always, Lord, watch over us we ask Thee. And, Father, may we always never take things for granted. Help us, Lord, to love one another and be the type of members we should be and show it to each other. Father, thank You so much for loving us and being kind to us and, Lord, most of all, for saving our souls. Forgive us again we ask. In Jesus Christ's name we do pray, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Harry. I want to tell you how much I appreciate not only your bringing this invocation this evening, but also for your service to this Grand Chapter as my Jurisprudence chairman from District 5. And many of you know that that is a job; that is not a position. We thank you for your willingness to always do what needs to be done, Brother Harry, and always in an honorable and kind manner. Thank you, my friend.

I also would like to extend special thanks to our organist this evening for the evening session. I believe it's Sister Dorothy Cleveland who is over there at the piano. Of course we have more than one a lot of the time. But I must express to her my appreciation. She wrote my beautiful march, and then she was willing to come from Nevada to be here to participate in this evening's session. I thank you, Sister Dorothy. She was one of my Heartbeats, and that makes her special. But she's even more special. Thank you, my sweet friend. [applause]

I see that Sister Beulah Speer is in the auditorium tonight. I failed in the afternoon session to express my appreciation to Sister Beulah for her service as my Assisting Grand Marshal for the opening. I do thank you, Sister Beulah, for being willing to do that for us and doing it in your usual beautiful manner. Thank you, my dear.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: It was my pleasure.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I would now like to recognize Sister Doris Moore, our Fraternal Correspondent, for her annual report. Before we start this, I've had numerous questions about whether we would take up any business tonight. Sisters and Brothers, I plan for this to be two open meetings. I do not plan for us to close at all, and I do not plan for us to take up any business tonight. I have not made any arrangements for any counting or anything. So we went ahead and got rid of some preliminary business
earlier in the day, but I feel that by the time we are able to get these two reports in -- I know it has been a long day for many of you, and I feel like we will want to go and rest up and be ready to start again in the morning. So I wanted to assure all of you and any of you that there is no plan to close in any manner or to contract any business this evening. Thank you.

REPORT OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

MRS. DORIS MOORE: Sister Grand Marshal, we are ready to start preparing for the Grand Representatives to be presented.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, most distinguished members and guests, my treasured sisters and brothers.

What a delight to have such a response from you to come to our special presentation of these faithful members who represent us in other Grand Jurisdictions. This commission as a Grand Representative is one of the most honored gifts a Worth Grand Matron can bestow upon a member.

At this time I want to express my appreciation to those who have made my most enjoyable appointment a greater success.

To Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron for her confidence in me that even in my now restricted lifestyle I could fulfill the responsibilities that go with this position.

To the Worthy Grand Patron, I feel you approved this choice.

To the Grand Secretary and those in her office for all of your assistance.

To my own chapter, Polytechnic 420 for your continued love and support.

To our beautiful Grand Marshal for all of her hard work.

Last but not least, to the Grand Representatives themselves for their prompt and complete descriptions of their travels throughout our areas.

Communications is the “heartbeat” of success and I feel we have enjoyed an open rapport during this year.

Each report received opened a door for that state to their own personal ways of welcome, caring for their business, and opening our eyes to another part of God’s beautiful country.

As I gleaned the pages of these reports I learned, as an unseen guest, there are other ways of serving our great order than our own “Texas Style”.

You have already read these in the Official Bulletin, I’ll not repeat them tonight.

Each Grand Representative is a very fervent “Heartbeat” in the bringing together of all the Jurisdictions in our Order.

The Holy Bible, which is the “light of the world” and within whose pages are found the precepts and teachings of our Order, graces the altar of every
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Grand Chapter, prayer begins each meeting and the flag holding a place of honor.

Worthy Grand Matron, with a heart overflowing with pleasant memories I come to the end of my journey around the world. Richer by experiences and happier because of the privilege given me to serve as your Fraternal Correspondent. I shall be eternally grateful to you for making possible this liberal education in the teachings of our Order.

The memory of this year will linger long,
like the sweet and plaintive melody of an old fashioned song
and the echo of its sweetness sings a
soft and low refrain
and the twilight shadows gather, I
shall live each scene again.

Before I go further, I've left out one that I need to thank very much. You see the beautiful globe in the East here that has our theme on it, "Hearts Around the World." Brother Ron Haws did that for us. And, Ron, I do appre­ciate it. You know I love you.

Grand Representatives, we pay tribute to you who represent us in the North, East, South and West, from near and far. Your contacts are a heart beat that strengthens all the hearts of our Order the world over.

Sister Grand Marshal, please present the Grand Representatives with the flag of their state and their escort. Some of the states and names that I call will not be here, but that's fine. We want to recognize them anyway.

Alabama is called the Cotton State. The Grand Representative is Jane Dunn.

Alberta, the westernmost of Canada's three prairie provinces. Shirley Patton.

Arizona, the Land of Opportunity. Suzanne Kirby.

Arkansas, Alberta Mann.

Australia, the world's leading producer of wool. Betty Carter.

British Columbia and the Yukon. British Columbia is Canada's only Pacific Coast Province. The Yukon, northernmost corner of Canada, a territory famous for its gold rush in the 1890's. The Grand Representative, Jean Sowell.

California, known as the Golden State. Lou Holbrook.

Colorado, called the Centennial State. Dwight Von Heeder.

Connecticut, the Constitution State. Pat Washington.

Delaware, our First State. Marialice Bailey.

District of Columbia. In 1791 Maryland donated the land to the
government in order to establish the District of Columbia. The Representative, Nell Casparis.

Florida, the Sunshine State. Helen Goethe.

Georgia, the Peach State. Mary Nan Anderson.

Idaho, the Gem State. Travis Knowlton.

Illinois, the Land of Lincoln, O. B. Lee.

Indiana, the Home of the Indy Five Hundred. Claudette Carroll.

Iowa, the Hawkeye State.

Kansas, the Sunflower State. Maxine Nance.

Kentucky, the Bluegrass State. Judy Baker.

Louisiana, the Pelican State. James Gibbons.

Maine, the Pine Tree State. Maureen Way.


Maryland, the Old Lime State. Nova Guynn.

Michigan, the Wolverine State. Ann Blanton.

Minnesota, the North Star State. Christine Ledbetter.

Mississippi, the Magnolia State. Esther Haynes.

Missouri, the Show Me State. Frances Burbank.

Montana, the Treasure State. Rachel Jackson.

Nebraska, the Cornhusker State. Wayne Gaddis and he's not here.

Nevada, the Silver State. Dorothy Cleveland.

New Brunswick lies in the southeastern edge of the Canadian Mainland and is washed on three sides by the Atlanta Ocean. Margaret Faircloth.

New Hampshire, the Granite State. Linda Goodlett.

New Jersey, the Garden State.

New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment. Janet Ellingson.

New York, the Empire State. Gene Lowe.

North Carolina, the Tar Heel State. Laura Sharp.

North Dakota is called the Peace Garden State. Wanda Gilmore.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, one of the four original Canadian provinces. The area and population are the smallest of Canada's ten provinces. Toby Lytle.

Ohio, the Buckeye State. Simone Lambdin.
Oklahoma, the Sooner State. And my very own Maggie Drennan.

Ontario was founded by British loyalists who left the United States to escape prosecution after the Revolutionary War. Ruth Alice Scott.

Oregon, the Sunset State. Carolyn Bell.

Pennsylvania, the Keystone State. Harold McMahon.


Quebec, the oldest and largest of Canada's ten provinces. Helen Higgins.

Rhode Island, the Ocean State. Iris Perkins.

Saskatchewan, since the mid 1930's has produced more than half of Canada's wheat crop. Charlene Littlewood.

Scotland, the northern part of the island of Great Britain is Scotland. June Marie Bates.

South Carolina, the Charleston Museum is the oldest in the United States. Jackie Wilder.

South Dakota, the Coyote State. Bonnie Mathison.

Tennessee, the Volunteer State. Betty Gibbons.

Utah, the Beehive State. Nada Crouch.

Vermont, the Green Mountain State. Lucia Trammell.

Virginia, the Mother of Presidents. Jewel Gammon.

Washington, the Evergreen State. Alfred Bell.

West Virginia, the Mountain State. Helen Sanderford.

Wisconsin, the Badger State. Dorothy High.

Wyoming, the Equality State. Bill Crews.

At this time we will hear very special music by Sister Priscilla Locke. The song is "Love in Any Language." Priscilla. [applause followed song] Priscilla, you are such a trooper! Thank you so much.

Sisters and Brothers, just look out at this group of people. They've worked hard to be where they are. They've given a lot of service to this beautiful Order. Let's give them a round of applause. [applause] Thank each and every one of you for coming tonight. Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the Grand Representatives and their escorts.

Sisters and Brothers, if you-all don't know, this is Ron Haws who has done so many wonderful things to help me through my Eastern Star life and his wife, Anna. Thank you very much. [applause]

Again, thank all of you for being here to share this beautiful program with us. Worthy Grand Matron.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Doris Moore, the Fraternal Correspondent, for that beautiful program. We will wait till tomorrow to accept the report from our Fraternal Correspondent.

Sisters and Brothers, I am happy to present to you Sister Kathay Crews, who is the General Chairman of the Humanitarian Committee, for her to bring her report and program tonight. I'm going to allow her to give the instructions that she needs to get her program on the way. How is that for passing the buck?

MRS. KATHEY CREWS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would like the Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and Junior Past Matrons and Patrons to line up the West at this time, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: While they're making their preparations, we have on the stage with us Sister Lena Maye Cook who was scheduled to give her report tonight. She is the Chairman of our Telegraph and Telephone Committee. I've asked that she might come on and give that report to us and we can adopt it tomorrow, because I do not want her to become over tired. She has had some health problems recently, and we certainly want to be considerate of our lovely Past Grand Matron.

REPORT OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: I regret that we have to give this report because I wish all we Past Grands could be here, but sometimes it's not possible for us to all be together. But it's with regret that we have Lallah Mae Vollus, Mary Katharine Smith and Joyce Roberts, Past Grand Matrons, and then our Past Grand Patrons: Dr. O.D. Christian, Joe Jeffers, Wayne Jones, B. F. Hudson, Graham Childers, Richard T. Porter and Murray Watson, who are unable to be with us. We will send an Annual Report and the Worthy Grand Matron's records and her Chapter program to them at an early date. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of doing this.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Lena Maye, I'm sure you'll be back in the session with us sometime tomorrow and we'll get this adopted. Thank you, my dear.

"THE BLESSINGS OF A SHARING HEART"
HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

MRS. KATHEY CREWS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

I wish to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the honor of serving Grand Chapter in this very important position. My job was made much easier when she assigned me five very capable District Chairman. It has been a pleasure to work with these lovely sisters.
Will you please join me:

District 1: Ann Wyatt  
District 2: Flora Maserang  
District 3: Laura Geyer  
District 4: Mary Brown  
District 5: Karen Wright

The Worthy Grand Matrons “The Blessings of a Sharing Heart” Humanitarian Program has been a huge success. This year each Subordinate Chapter was encouraged to participate in the Humanitarian Program for 2002-2003 by making donations to the Eastern Star Home (Ladies) Fund, The Education Fund, The Benevolent Aid Fund, The Estarl Fund or the Touching Hearts Fund. As an incentive to become 100 percent and more, the Worthy Grand Matron offered each Worthy Matron a ribbon to wear. These ribbons were imprinted Humanitarian 100% (Blue), Humanitarian 200% (Yellow), Humanitarian 300% (White), Humanitarian 400% (Green) and Humanitarian 500% (Red) and could be earned by reaching the different levels of Participation. The results exceeded all expectations.

My co-workers will now give a summary of their Districts as of October 23, 2003

**District 1 - Mrs. Ann Wyatt**

| Number of Chapters in District 1 | 122 |
| Number of Chapters Participating in Program | 117 |
| Number of Chapters 100% or better | 114 |
| 100% Chapters | 100 |
| 200% Chapters | 5 |
| 300% Chapters | 2 |
| 600% Chapters | 1 |
| 700% Chapters | 1 |
| 1000% Chapters | 1 |
| Number of Members in District | 12,748 |
| Amount given to Eastern Star Home (Ladies) | 2,324.20 |
| Amount given to Education Fund | 5,164.45 |
| Amount given to Benevolent Aid | 4,287.45 |
| Amount given to Estarl | 3,771.45 |
| Amount given to Touching Hearts | 1,040.95 |
| Total Amount given in District 1 | 16,588.50 |

**District 2 - Mrs. Flora Maserang**

| Number of Chapters in District 2 | 66 |
| Number of Chapters Participating in Program | 62 |
| Number of Chapters 100% or better | 56 |
| 100% Chapters | 48 |
| 200% Chapters | 5 |
| 300% Chapters | 2 |
| 500% Chapters | 1 |
| Number of Members in District | 6,313 |
| Amount given to Eastern Star Home (Ladies) | 999.00 |
| Amount given to Education Fund | 1,657.00 |
| Amount given to Benevolent Aid | 1,844.00 |
| Amount given to Estarl | 3,193.00 |
Amount given to Touching Hearts .......................... 164.00
Total Amount given in District 2 .......................... 7,857.00

District 3 - Mrs. Laura Geyer
Number of Chapters in District 3 .......................... 87
Number of Chapters Participating in Program ............... 85
Number of Chapters 100% or better ........................ 81
100% Chapters .......................... 66
200% Chapters .......................... 9
300% Chapters .......................... 5
400% Chapters .......................... 1
Number of Members in District 3 .......................... 8,858
Amount given to Eastern Star Home (Ladies) ............... 1,095.00
Amount given to Education Fund .......................... 4,219.72
Amount given to Benevolent Fund .......................... 4,680.22
Amount given to Estarl .................................. 1,613.96
Amount given to Touching Hearts ......................... 572.55
Total Amount given in District 3 .......................... 12,181.45

District 4 - Mrs. Mary Brown
Number of Chapters in District 4 .......................... 124
Number of Chapters Participating in Program ............... 119
Number of Chapters 100% or better ........................ 113
100% Chapters .......................... 102
200% Chapters .......................... 7
400% Chapters .......................... 1
500% Chapters .......................... 2
600% Chapters .......................... 1
Number of Members in District 4 .......................... 14,767
Amount given to Eastern Star Home (Ladies) ............... 681.05
Amount given to Education Fund .......................... 6,254.60
Amount given to Benevolent Aid .......................... 5,262.85
Amount given to Estarl .................................. 5,081.65
Amount given to Touching Hearts ......................... 337.65
Total Amount given in District 4 .......................... 17,617.80

District 5 - Mrs. Karen Wright
Number of Chapters in District 5 .......................... 85
Number of Chapters Participating in Program ............... 80
Number of Chapters 100% or better ........................ 79
100% Chapters .......................... 67
200% Chapters .......................... 7
300% Chapters .......................... 2
500% Chapters .......................... 3
Number of Members in District 5 .......................... 7,923
Amount given to Eastern Star Home (Ladies) ............... 711.38
Amount given to Education Fund .......................... 3,823.79
Amount given to Benevolent Aid .......................... 1,625.33
Amount given to Estarl .................................. 2,872.33
Amount given to Touching Hearts ......................... 712.17
Total Amount given in District 3 .......................... 9,745.00
Through your outstanding efforts you have definitely proven that giving from the heart is a blessing.

To Summarize:

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| Number of Members                           | 50,609 |
| Amount given to Eastern Star Home (Ladies)   | $ 5,810.63 |
| Amount given to Education Fund               | 21,119.56 |
| Amount given to Benevolent Aid               | 17,699.85 |
| Amount given to Estarl                       | 16,532.39 |
| Amount given to Touching Hearts              | 2,827.32 |
| Total Amount given                           | $ 63,989.75 |

We believe that the 500% or more Chapters deserve special recognition. They are:

500%
- Freedom No. 898 - District 2
- Brenham No. 144 - District 4
- Mont Belvieu No. 1142 - District 4
- Robstown No. 540 - District 5
- Bexar No. 616 - District 5
- Amistad No. 1115 - District 5

600%
- Beckville No. 273 - District 1
- Conroe No. 710 - District 4

700%
- Longview No. 610 - District 1

1000%
- Kaufman No. 866 - District 1

Our very capable Grand Marshal, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, created the Blessings from the Heart Drill. Under her direction the Junior Past Matrons, Junior Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, or Chapter Representatives, will form a Star with the assistance of our District Chairmen as the points of Light of our Star, and the Grand Organist, Sister Marlene Dibrell playing "There Shall be Showers of Blessings"
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Humanitarian Chairman offered me the opportunity to say a word, and it's just going to be a word. I realize you've been on your feet a while. But, Sisters and Brothers, how can we fail to do all of the good things that we're organized for and that we have set forth to do in our humanitarian and charitable programs when we see on this floor this large group of Worthy Matrons and Junior Past Matrons whose Chapters have been a hundred percent in our Humanitarian Fund. Sisters and Brothers, this is truly what is our service from the heart, and how much I appreciate all that you have done to make this program, this Humanitarian Program such a tremendous success. May God bless you for all of your generosity and all of your good work. This is what makes Eastern Star above and beyond. I thank you, and I know that our Heavenly Father will bless you for this work. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. KATHEY CREWS: Brother Ed, would you like to speak?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: This is great. I just told my Worthy Grand Matron walking back up here, I don't know how many Worthy Matrons or Worthy Grand Patrons that we had missing, but this is a good crowd. We're certainly proud of you, and we're proud of the work you've done. We certainly appreciate all you do. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. KATHEY CREWS: Thank you, Sister Cheryl for all your efforts in presenting this drill. Thank you Heartbeats, Royal Heartbeats, Bluebirds and Gallan Knights for representing your Chapters so well.

"For where your treasure is there will be your Heart also:"

Luke 12:34

Worthy Grand Matron, This concludes our program.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathery Crews
General Chairman Humanitarian

Grand Marshal, you may escort them out. Thank you so much. Let's give them a round of applause as they go out. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Since these were going to be programs that were going to be totally open and the Bible and the Labyrinth were going to have to be set up and then removed, I opted not to open the Holy Bible tonight, but I do ask that Brother Kenneth Gregory come and bring our benediction.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Father in Heaven, we bow on our knees and cry, "Holy, holy, holy," for You are a righteous God, high and lifted up and worthy of our praise. Father, we come to You tonight, thanking You that You are a God of Love who looked down from Heaven and loved us enough, just as we are, that You gave Your Only Begotten Son that through Him we might have life eternal. We pray that You'd come and bless us, Father. We pray that You'd create in us a new heart and create a new spirit within us, a spirit of love one for another, a spirit of forgiveness, a spirit of understanding one for each other. So, Father, as we leave this place, let Your Holy Spirit rest and go with us, give us rest for the evening and strength for tomorrow. For we
ask these things in Jesus' Name, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Kenneth Gregory, Registration Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and also a very dear friend of mine for a number of years.

I now call this "Hearts of Friendship and Love" session of the Grand Chapter of Texas closed until 8 a.m. Friday morning.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION
October 24, 2003
"Hearts of Tranquility" Session

Musical Prelude .................................. Mrs. Susie Smith
Music of the Heart Committee
District 4 Chairman

Call to Order ..................................... Mrs. Mildred Sharpe
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Richard Ochs
Heart Committee, General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. Greetings for the day. We've been enjoying the beautiful music of Mrs. Susie Smith, Music of the Heart Committee. [applause] You've shown Sister Susie how much we appreciate her talents and sharing them with all of us. Thank you for playing the march of 1966-67, Susie.

The Motto of our Worthy Grand Matron -- and I quote her words -- "The most beautiful things in the world are not seen or touched, they are felt with the heart." Since our Grand Officers are in order, we will omit words of greeting until after we have witnessed the beautiful, beautiful drill under the direction of our Grand Marshal. Grand Marshal, I invite you to enter with the Grand Officers. [Drill performed to much applause.]

Now that all is in order, I now declare this Friday morning "Hearts of Tranquility" session to order and invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. [applause as they come to the East] My Sisters and Brothers, it is my great pleasure to present Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron. Will you join with me in extending them Grand Honors. The Officers will assume their stations.

Worthy Grand Matron, I do thank you for the pleasure and opportunity to greet you, our Worthy Grand Patron and our membership as we continue in our Grand Chapter program. Thank you for the privilege of opening this session with our good friend, Brother Richard Ochs, Member of the Heart Committee of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Brother Richard, I know that you would like to address this membership.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank you, Sister Mildred. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you very kindly for affording me the
opportunity to share this morning with all of you in calling to order this "Hearts of Tranquility" session -- we do need tranquility in our hearts -- with my dear Sister Mildred, whom I have great respect for. I have long looked forward to the opportunity of learning many things from her. It's great to have the opportunity to just stand here with you to welcome our membership today, to greet you, to say thank you for being here to our guests from out of state and within state and general membership. What a great time this can be. God bless everyone who is here. Lord, we need Your guidance, as well as forgiveness, in all the activities we work toward. Thank you very kindly, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and what a great time to be with you, Sister Mildred. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Thank you, Brother Richard, and we love you, too.

Now, Worthy Grand Matron, there are special ties that bind us and do so because of experiences of many years. You see, Sisters and Brothers, the year that I was privileged to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron with Sister Lois Burnett, Sharon's mother, Ann Hargrove, was serving as Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter. I spent much time here in Fort Worth with Sister Lois, and many, many times was with Sharon's mother. And so it's much meaningful to this Past Grand Matron to have this privilege of service with her daughter, Sharon Fentress. Now, I would thank you both, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the two of us who have been privileged to open this session. It's very meaningful to the two of us, Richard and to me. And may God bless and keep you both with His love and guidance. I place in your hands your gavel with the deepest respect, love and encouragement as you proceed with the business of our Grand Chapter, with a heart full of love and appreciation to you both. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mildred and Brother Richard, I want to thank you for calling this "Hearts of Tranquility" session open for us this morning. Sister Millie, I have memories of you from days when I was not yet a member of the Order. Being the youngest, I often accompanied my parents to social functions, and I remember what an impression of dignity you made upon me and the lovely things my mother always found you to be. You have always been a supporting and loving friend. Brother Richard, you and I have a special connection. We were well acquainted when you were selected by Sister Wanda Fairchild to serve as her Grand Chaplain, and I thank you for all you have done and continue to do for this Order. I'm so delighted that the health of both of you has improved that you might be able to be with us for this most special time in my Eastern Star life. I pray God continues blessings upon you for even improving health, strength and grace to meet your every need. I love you. I know this membership loves you and appreciates you for all you have done and will do. Thank you. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron, I would ask you to bring greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Mildred, you are a special lady to all of our Sisters and Brothers and especially to Sister Sharon and myself. It's a great honor to have you and
Brother Richard to open the session this morning. We're very proud of you. Brother Richard, thank you for being here and opening this session with Sister Mildred. We want to thank you again for the time and labor you've given to the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you, sir.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter session to order. You will see that there are no interruptions.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Assisting Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, you will secure the outer doors of this Grand Chapter, and you will allow no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Sister Grand Warder, your order has been obeyed.

**GRAND WARDER:** Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of our Order and entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter session.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

Sister Effie Mae Davis will now bring our invocation.

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** Our Heavenly Father, with full hearts of gratitude we stand this morning in this holy place. Keep us ever close to Thee and give us the understanding that we need to have peace in our hearts, peace in this beautiful assembly and peace in our wonderful country. Be with us now in all our thoughts and deeds, and keep us close to Thee. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now declare this "Hearts of Tranquility" session called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, this "Hearts of Tranquility" session is now called to order. Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. I want to be able to take a moment here to thank Sister Effie Mae for her love and devotion to our Order and the uplifting prayer this morning. I want to tell you that I know that you have put much time, much effort and many, many hours of service into this beautiful Order. And I know that at a moment's notice, which I gave her today, that she can speak a prayer that the Heavenly Father hears and it
comes straight from the heart. Thank you, Sister Effie Mae.

Sisters and Brothers, this is our work day today, and we have much business and many reports. So I ask that the Chairmen of the different Committees of Grand Chapter be ready to give their reports. I know that some that are printed in the program have not been received yet, and if you will come to the East, I would like to get these reports adopted today early. We did not open the session last evening for business or for adoption, to save the time of having to secure and open and close. So we can do all that this morning in just a moment, if these Chairmen -- and I know I already have my Humanitarian -- is Laura Geyer in the room? If she is, will she come to the East immediately, please?

I'm told that she is not able to be here this morning. I invite the Humanitarian Chairman to come and move the adoption of her report. Sister Kathey Crews, General Chairman of the Humanitarian Committee. I want to thank you for the beautiful report you presented to us last night. Sisters and Brothers, if you were not able to be with us, it was a moving sight to see so many of our Sisters and Brothers on the floor who had been 100% in Humanitarian. You know, that's what we're about is the good works that we do. And it certainly lifted my heart to the very skies to see that large number and know the good work that can be done. Thank you.

MRS. KATHEY CREWS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: It is my privilege to introduce your District Chairmen for the Humanitarian Committee: Sister Ann Wyatt, District 1; Sister Flora Masserang, District 2; Sister Mary Brown, District 4; Sister Karen Wright, District 5. She's not standing up here, but we have Laura Geyer, District 3. They did a wonderful job this year. Our total contributions to the Humanitarian Program by our wonderful membership was $63,989.75. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Kathey and this wonderful Committee for the beautiful work they have done this year. I have served in this beautiful position of service, and each one of you were selected with much thought and prayer. I know the importance of the work that you did in this Order and the benevolent programs which we wish to be able to participate in. I thank you for all of your miles, your time, your kindnesses to the membership in always facilitating them in every way possible and the loving gifts that they give to this Grand Chapter for its work. Thank you, ladies. I want to have my picture made with each of them.

Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved that this report of the Humanitarian Committee be adopted, and that has been seconded. All in favor, hold up your gold cards. Any opposed. Motion adopted. Thank you.

Is the Fraternal Correspondent ready with her report? Here she comes. We also had a beautiful report of the Fraternal Correspondent last night and saw all the colorful flags of our Grand Representatives in those other Grand Jurisdictions with which we have fraternal relations. I invite Sister Doris to move.
MRS. DORIS MOORE: I move the adoption of the report of the Fraternal Correspondent in her trip around the world. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Fraternal Correspondent. All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. Any opposed. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers; and thank you, Doris, for all of your work.

Sisters and Brothers, I will try to be very clear in asking you to vote. I'll try to remember to ask you to put the cards down and vote again. I certainly want to respond to what you want done. So if you have a question -- and you may notice, we've already set mikes up. We don't know that there will necessarily be something come up that we need to discuss, but I want us to be prepared. That's why we already are setting this up.

Sister Grand Secretary, would you like to move the adoption of your report?

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report, read and printed, in its entirety be referred to the proper Committee. Fraternal love to each one of you. Alma Carter.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard, our Grand Secretary move the adoption of her report and that has been seconded. All in favor. All opposed. And that will be referred to a Committee.

Is Lena Maye Cook in the room this morning?

Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I move the adoption of my report as given in the Advance Report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'll second that. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard it moved that we adopt the report of the Worthy Grand Patron, as printed in your Advanced Report. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your gold cards. All opposed, raise your gold cards, please. Okay. That's adopted.

I'm going to ask now that Donna Reed, our Parliamentarian, please come and move the adoption of her report. She moved it last night, but we did not accept reports.


WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Donna Reed, the Parliamentarian, has moved the adoption of her report given last night --

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: And I second it, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: -- and we have a second. All in favor of
adopting the report of the Parliamentarian, raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed, raise your gold cards. The report of the Parliamentarian is adopted.

MRS. MILDRED SHARPE: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Telephone and Telegraph Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Millie.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Telephone and Telegraph Committee, as given by Sister Lena Maye Cooke yesterday evening. All in favor, please raise your gold cards. Down. All of those opposed. Thank you. Wouldn’t we wish everything would go this smooth?

Okay. I’m waiting on my Credentials, and they’re coming up the stairs now. I recognize Sister Kathy Creel, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, for a partial report.

MRS. KATHY CREEL: Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of the partial Credentials report that was given yesterday afternoon.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion --

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: -- and the second to adopt the partial report of the Credentials Committee. All in favor raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed, same sign. That report is adopted. Thank you, Sister Kathy.

Now, the Worthy Grand Matron gave her Supplemental Report last night. We actually voted to adopt it, but the fact that we probably didn’t have a quorum present was brought to my attention. Sisters and Brothers, I want you to know that in no way am I trying to mislead anyone or to do anything that is not correct. So I am going to move the adoption of the report of the Worthy Grand Matron, as printed last evening.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And it has a second.

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON-HAYNES: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Marjorie Errington-Haynes --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Marjorie Errington.

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON-HAYNES: I am Marjorie Errington-Haynes, Past Matron of Panhandle Chapter #760. As per Code of Laws, Article 152(f), I hereby challenge the Worthy Grand Matron’s Supplemental Report as to my residency and ask that her decision regarding such be referred to the Grievance & Appeals Committee. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Were you waiting, Sister Molly?
MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Molly Goodpasture.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Your move should be that your report be referred to the proper Committee, not that it be adopted.

[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay, pardon me, I stand corrected. I'm told that this report should be referred to the proper Committee, and I guess that's Jurisprudence.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Molly, for bringing that to my attention, dear. I recognize Sister Mary Calvert.

MRS. MARY CALVERT: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Mary Calvert, a Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. With proper respect to you and the office of Worthy Grand Matron, I would ask that you read your report in its entirety to this membership as most of us were not here when it was given. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Worthy Grand Matron, may I be recognized?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear you.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: I believe that it should go to the Grievance & Appeals, not to the Jurisprudence Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Oh, is that right? Is it Grievances & Appeals?

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Yes.

MRS. MARY CALVERT: And I'd like to correct that. Your Supplemental Report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I thought for sure you didn't want me to read that whole thing in the Advanced Report. Nobody wants to have to suffer through all of that. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

Okay. My Jurisprudence Chairman advises me that the only thing that goes to Grievances & Appeals is items that are being questioned, so the report would be referred to Jurisprudence as a whole.

Sisters and Brothers, if you would like for me to read that Supplemental Report, it is not long, and I would be very pleased to do that for you, if you would like. Tell me what you want to do. [applause] Shall we vote? Those in favor, raise your gold cards. Those that don't want to hear it, raise your gold cards.

Okay, Sisters and Brothers, give me just a second here to find it. I have it in my book. I'll be glad to back up and do that for you.

I'm going to read the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Matron at your request.
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF
WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I am pleased to submit the Supplemental report of the Worthy Grand Matron. I have been so honored this whole year by the kindness of you the membership. I shall always be in your debt for selecting me to serve you and place this tremendous blessing in my life. I have strived to serve to the very best of my abilities and reflect back to you the love and care you have extended to me.

Since the completion of my annual report I have approved and signed by laws changes for:

- Glen Rose 171
- Boerne 200
- Velasco 220
- Belton 589
- Canton 667
- Gatesville 1005
- Pine Tree 1090
- Zapata 1106
- Amistad 1115
- Klein 1141

I have issued Special Dispensations for Physical Limitations of a candidate

- North Fort Worth 684
- Abernathy 877

DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

A question came to me concerning those eligible to serve on the Audit Committee of a subordinate chapter. I wrote a letter to the Worthy Matron explaining the reference in the Code of Laws and absence of restrictions in the Chapter's By-Laws.

After the announced candidacy of a member for an elected office, I contacted the Jurisprudence Committed and asked their decision of the eligibility of this individual for the office for which they announced. After receiving a unanimous decision of the committee, I ruled the member ineligible due to residency requirements in our Constitution, Page 38.

I received a RESOLUTION from the City of Trinity, Texas declaring October 3, 2003 SHARON FENTRESS AND EASTERN STAR DAY IN TRINITY.

OTHER FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

- Banquet-Wolfe/Bakker roundup in Bedford
- Banquet-Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron's Roundup in Grapevine
- No-Host Dinner honoring Grand Marshal and Grand Ruth, restaurant in Fort Worth
- Friendship Visit of Crescent Chapter No. 820 to North Fort Worth Chapter No. 684
Installing Officer for Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association, District Three, Section One

Thank you again and always for all you are to me and for all you do for this Order. I pray God's richest blessings upon you and this Order.

The God of love my Shepherd is,
And He that doth me feed,
While He is mine, and I am His
What can I want or need?

I move the adoption of the Report of the worthy Grand Matron for the 2002-2003 Grand Chapter Year.

From the Heart,

Sharon Fentress,
Worthy Grand Matron

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Nelson Campbell.


WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm looking for my Parliamentarian.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Worthy Grand Matron, the motion to divide the question is legal.

MR. TOM EVERITT: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Tom Everitt. I'm a Past Patron of New Caney 1093. I second that motion made by Nelson.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. That's Brother Tom Everitt. I apologize for the sound system in here. We did not realize it would echo so badly. I hope that you can understand what everyone is saying. If you have a question, please don't hesitate. I made arrangements that there would be steps from the areas where you would be seated onto the floor without your having to go outside and come back in, Sisters and Brothers. I want you to feel free to participate in your Grand Chapter session. So if you have a question, we want to hear your question. As your Parliamentarian said last night, there are no dumb questions. We do have a motion and a second on the floor. Do you understand what this motion and second is about?

VOICES: No.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I'm going to ask my Parliamentarian. Can you explain that, Donna?

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Explain what?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: They don't understand what the motion will mean, I don't think. Is that what you want, Sisters and Brothers? You want an explanation of what this order of business will do?

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Are you talking about dividing the question?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's correct.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: That means each portion of it can be considered separately, can be amended separately, can be struck out separately, that every part of it, every paragraph can be considered one at a time. We call that seriatim in parliamentary procedure. But it is a form of dividing the question into parts, and it is perfectly legal in parliamentary procedure. Does that answer your question, I hope? I'm going to have to have a class and have y'all come and attend it for me.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Now, does that clarify it for you? Are there other questions?

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Yes, ma'am, I have one.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, my wife and I have a contract pending on moving out of District 2, and I didn't think it was appropriate for anybody not living in the district that they are running in -- therefore, we now will be able to run from any district throughout the state for any position on the Board rather than by districts. And if that's the case, I kind of desire to go ahead and let my name be placed to be on the Board because of some things that have been going on. Thank you very kindly.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Richard Ochs. Now this particular vote is not on the issue of residency. This particular vote is on whether you want to accept your Worthy Grand Matron's report in its entirety, or if you want to split it out. And if I understand right -- don't leave me, Donna -- this motion is about whether they adopt their Worthy Grand Matron's report in its entirety or whether they divide it and remove the question of residency that is in the report for the individual. Is that the motion that was made?

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Worthy Grand Matron, the question addressed to me was is it legal to divide the question. Yes. Is it legal to strike out a portion of the Worthy Grand Matron's Annual Report, in my opinion, no, it is not. She is the supreme authority whether you call it -- she is the authority of the Grand Chapter of Texas by virtue of her office as Worthy Grand Matron, and it would not be appropriate. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. The motion and the second is on the floor. It is your decision, Sisters and Brothers. Do you wish to divide the question and separate the Worthy Grand Matron's report? All in favor, raise
your gold cards. I would like to have the Worthy Grand Patron and the Chairman of Jurisprudence, and, Billy Combest, would you come and stand up here, too. I want everyone to be certain we are doing the right thing here. Sisters and Brothers, there is nothing under the table. Everything is right up here in front. Okay? Now if you are in favor of dividing the Worthy Grand Matron's report, raise your gold cards. Down. If you are in favor of not dividing the Worthy Grand Matron's report and adopting it in its entirety, raise your gold cards.

It is a unanimous decision of those that I have with me up here that the report of the Worthy Grand Matron is adopted as given. [applause]


WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize you, Marjorie. Go ahead.

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON-HAYNES: In the Code of Laws, Article 152(f), Duties: Grievance and Appeals. The Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall consider all matters of controversy or grievance coming before Grand Chapter by appeal, or in reports by the Worthy Grand Matron --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Marjorie, may I ask you, please, to speak right into the microphone. Could you hear her, Sisters and Brothers? This sound is bad. Speak right into the mike.

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON-HAYNES: Code of Laws -- on page 106 of your Code of Laws and Constitution, Grievance and Appeals, Article 152(f), Duties. The Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall consider all matters of controversy or grievance coming before Grand Chapter by appeal, or in reports by the Worthy Grand Matron or Worthy Grand Patron, etc., etc. I have been a member of this Order for forty years. This is my 36th Grand Chapter, and I know that you can bring your grievances before Grand Chapter to the Grievance & Appeals Committee. That is what I wish to do. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Marjorie.

Sisters and Brothers, can I see what reports we need to go to next? I backed up here and I lost my place.

I now would recognize Brother Blain Koenning, the Chairman of the Purposes and Policies Committee, to present his report.

REPORT OF
PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE

MR. BLAIN KOENNING: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

Your Purposes and Policies Committee for 2002-2003 had two meetings this past year.
On April 12, 2003 at the Masonic Temple in Fort Worth the Purposes and Policies Committee met with the following persons in attendance:

Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM  
Mr. Ed Warner, WGP  
Mrs. Doris Hester, AGM  
Mr. Jack Guy, AGP  
Mrs. Alma Carter, PGM & Gr. Sec.  
Mrs. Betty Prater, Gr. Treas.  
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Gr. Cond.  
Mr. Billy Combest, PGP, Dist 1, Purposes and Policies  
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, PGM, Dist. 2, Purposes and Policies  
Dr. Effie Mae Davis, PGM, Dist. 1, Purposes and Policies  
Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Chairman, Board of Directors  
Mr. Tom Everett, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors

Mrs. Betty Benham presided in the absence of the Chairman, Blain Koenning. The Associate Grand matron, Sister Doris Hester was invited to present her programs for the coming year. She gave thorough presentation of her planned projects and appropriate explanations of each. It was moved by Brother Billy Combest that the programs be adopted as presented by Sister Doris Hester. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Associate Grand Matron thanked the committee and stated that everyone's help will be needed to accomplish her goals.

Resolution No. 5, which was referred to Purposes and Policies Committee for study by Grand Chapter at last year's session, was tabled until the July 12th meeting.

On July 12th, 2003, the Purposes and Policies Committee met in Arlington in the Board Room of the Administration Building with the following persons in attendance:

Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM  
Mr. Ed Warner, WGP  
Mrs. Doris Hester, AGM  
Mr. Jack Guy, AGP  
Mrs. Alma Carter, PGM & Gr. Sec.  
Mrs. Betty Prater, Gr. Treas.  
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Gr. Cond.  
Mr. Billy Combest, PGP, Dist 1, Purposes and Policies  
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham, PGM, Dist. 2, Purposes and Policies  
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, PGM, Dist. 3, Purposes and Policies  
Mr. Blain Koenning, Dist. 4, Chairman, Purposes and Policies  
Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Chairman, Board of Directors  
Mr. Tom Everett, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors

Brother Koenning called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Sister Betty Prater read the minutes of the previous meeting and was approved by those present.

The chairman stated that Karen Morgenthaler, Grand Conductress
requested time on the agenda to present a planned project for approval of the committee. The Grand Conductress explained she would like to print a 2005 Texas OES Yearbook as a fundraiser to be ready for sale at Grand Chapter in November 2004. Mr. Dwight Phillips was introduced and explained the project and answer all questions concerning the project. The motion was made and passed to allow her to continue with the project.

The Worthy Grand Matron passed out copies of the relevant pages in the transcript of the proceedings referring to Resolution No. 5 indicating that the matter was referred to Purposes and Policies Committee. She stated that we would have an electronic ballot on this issue at Grand Chapter.

Jerre Lucas moved we request Brother Randy Thompson, our attorney, who is also a member of the Order, to be present at the Grand Chapter session when this matter is discussed and that Grand Chapter be responsible for paying his bill. Motion was carried.

Sister Yvonne Brownfield moved that the Grand Secretary request Brother Randy Thompson to prepare an opinion for the October Bulletin as to whether the title restrictions require a two-thirds vote. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Grand Secretary brought all the deeds on the property to the Board Room for the committee to look over and study. The Chairman requested that copies of the deeds be made available for the coming Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Betty Phillips Benham moved that the report of the Task Force Committee be accepted as presented by the Task Force at last year's Grand Chapter Session, motion was second and carried.

Sister Doris Hester, Associate Grand Matron stated that she will now be able to obtain another item for sale for her year at a reduced price and requested approval of the item. The Worthy Grand Matron moved that the additional project be added to Sister Doris' programs for the year, seconded and carried.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, your committee moves the adoption of this report.

Blain Koenning, Chairman, Dist. 4
Bill Combest, Dist 1
Betty Benham, Dist. 2
Yvonne Brownfield, Dist. 3
Effie Mae Davis, Dist. 5

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Purposes and Policies Committee, and we have a second. Is there any discussion? All in favor, please indicate by the raising of your gold card. Down. Are there any opposed? The motion is adopted unanimously. Thank you, Committee, for your hard work. As your Worthy Grand Matron is one of the Line Officers and a member of the Corporate Board, I was present...
at their meetings, and I want to thank them for their diligence and their work in our behalf.

I now recognize Sister Ann Kelly, my General Chairman of the By-Laws Committee and a most proficient and gracious lady.

REPORT OF
BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

MRS. ANN KELLY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, sisters and brothers. It is my pleasure to present the other members of this committee: Mrs. Kimi McGee and Mrs. Janell Trees.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you and the Grand Chapter this year. It has been an interesting, challenging and learning experience for me. We received ninety two (92) requests for amendments with seven (7) chapters submitting more than one request as noted in parenthesis after each chapter number.

Eighty-nine (89) were approved, signed by the Worthy Grand Matron and returned to the chapters for operation. One (1) was disapproved. Several had to be returned as they did not comply with requirements as set forth in the constitution, two (2) have not been returned.

A complete list of the Chapters submitting amendments is attached and included in the Worthy Grand Matron's report and supplemental report.

We would like to express appreciation to the Secretaries for their work and cooperation in making these changes. You did a good job!

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimi McGee
Janell Trees
Ann Kelly, Chairman

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Friendswood 1131
Balch Springs 1132
Klein 1141

Disapproved:
Yselta 991

Returned for correction and not resubmitted:
Thornton 46
Taylor 578

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the By-Laws Committee and the second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, will you vote in the affirmative by raising your gold cards. Down. Any opposed. Sister Ann Kelly, your very hard work has been approved by this Grand Chapter. I commend you on the quality of your work, your dedication of service to this Order also and for always being such a precious friend to the Worthy Grand Matron. She took such a load off of me.

We received a number of by-laws changes, and she caught almost every mistake that had to be returned before it ever came to your Worthy Grand Matron. And how much you do appreciate a very efficient Chairman of that By-Laws Committee. Thank you, Ann. The motion is adopted.

Sisters and Brothers, I now recognize Brother Jesse and Sister Doreen Carden, my General Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee.

REPORT OF
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP COMMITTEE

MR. JESSE CARDEN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving as the General Chairman of the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee.

Those serving as Co-Chairman and District Chairman were:

Doreen Carden, General Co-Chairman
Pat Archer, District 1 Chairman
Jane Ramos, District 2 Chairman
Johnnie Riggs, District 3 Chairman
Mickie Todd Campbell, District 4 Chairman
Benita Bassett, District 5 Chairman

This is the report for 2002-2003:

- District 1: Stamps sold $4,220 Endowments 40
- District 2: Stamps sold $2,970 Endowments 14
- District 3: Stamps sold $17,890 Endowments 65
District 4: Stamps sold $22,330  Endowments 75  
District 5: Stamps sold $ 5,860  Endowments 46  
Unknown purchasers: $ 3,210  

Totals for the State of Texas:  
Endowed membership stamps sold: $56,480.  
Members endowed this period: 240 for a total of $120,000  

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Jesse B Carden, General Chairman, Endowed Membership Stamp Committee

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, and we certainly appreciate that good report. Is there any discussion on it? All in favor of accepting this report, please raise your voting cards. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I want to thank this Committee. You know, Sisters and Brothers, I think one of the best things that ever happened to the Grand Chapter of Texas financially for the Subordinate Chapters was when we adopted the Endowed Membership Stamp project. I think it has enabled many members who would not feel comfortable to be able to pay $500 down at a moment's notice to obtain their Endowed Membership. And it also allows them -- for other people, to give them gifts and to use the Endowed Membership Stamp to help them to obtain that. So I am very, very positive about the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee. I think it was an idea -- it's bound to have been a divine thought implanted, and I think it is a tremendous asset to the Subordinate Chapters. I'm so pleased with this excellent report of this Committee, and I thank them for their hard work. I will tell you -- not because he would want you to know it -- but I nearly fainted, before I was installed -- he came over to my office -- he had already been appointed and he came over to my office to give me just a little supplemental report. He had gone over and laid $10,000 down on the desk of the Grand Secretary and bought the stamps so that we could send them actually out to the District Chairmen. Now, let me tell you: When someone is willing to lay out that amount of their own money, because they believe that strongly in this Order and in this project, I respect them, I appreciate them and I thank God that we have those kind of members in the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you, Jesse and Doreen. [applause]

I am now going to call for the report of our Grand Treasurer. While she's doing that, I am going to go back to the Jurisprudence meeting.
“Celestial Dreams From the Heart” Installation - Dallas
Presenting the Bible
Mr. David Albrecht - Escort by Miss Whitney Warner

Presenting of the Square and Compasses
Mr. Kevin Albrecht and Mr. J.C. Fentress
Escort by Miss Shelby Warner

Presenting of the Bible Marker
Miss Randi Fentress
Escort by Mr. Shane Albrecht
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Worthy Grand Patron, Mr. Ed Warner
Installing Grand Marshal - Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Installing Grand Marshal - Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Patron
Mr. Ed Warner
Escorted by Daughter,
Miss Janis Warner

Worthy Grand Matron
Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Escorted by Son,
Mr. Jim Fentress
Associate Grand Matron
Mrs. Doris Hester
Escorted by Mr. Johnny Hester

Associate Grand Patron
Mr. Jack Guy
Escorted by Mrs. Linda Guy

Grand Secretary
Mrs. Alma Carter
Escorted by Son, Mr. Michael Stinson

Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Betty Prater
Escorted by Mr. Don Prater
Grand Conductress
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Escorted by Mr. "Tom" Morgenthaler

Associate Grand Conductress
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Escorted by Mr. Gayle Brown

Grand Chaplain
Mrs. Virginia Keasling
Escorted by Mr. Paul Garner

Grand Marshal
Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht
Escorted by Mr. Darrell Albrecht
GRAND ORGANIST
Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Escorted by Mr. David Dibrell

GRAND ADAH
Mrs. Joann Drescher
Escorted by Mr. Karl Drescher

GRAND RUTH
Mrs. Brenta Freeman
Escorted by Mr. Jason Burch

GRAND ESTHER
Mrs. Beulah Warner
Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt
Grand Martha
Mrs. Joyce Waddell
Escorted by Mr. Billy Waddell

Grand Electa
Mrs. Allene Barnhill
Escorted by Mr. Larry Whitfield

Grand Warder
Mrs. Margie Curry
Escorted by Mr. Wm. "Bill" Curry

Grand Sentinel
Mr. Trey Smith
Escorted by Mrs. Lesa Smith
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Fraternal Correspondent
Mrs. Doris Moore
Escorted by Mr. Jerry Beck

Bible Presentation Ceremony
by Jennifer Kleinman
Grand Worthy Advisor,
I.O.R.G. to
Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron
& Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron

Presidential Proclamation
by George W. Bush to
Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron
& Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron
Presented by R.W. Elmer M. Murphy III,
Grand Jr. Warder, Grand Lodge of Texas
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, General Grand Chapter
Committee Chairman, Mistress of Ceremony
With Mr. Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron,
Escorted to the Grand East by
Mrs. Beulah Speer Assisting Grand Marshal

Presenting the
American Flag in the East
Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht,
Grand Marshal

Mrs. Mary Nan Anderson
Presenting Bible Marker
Grand Chapter Session - Fort Worth

Mr. Darrell Albrecht
Presenting Square and Compasses
Grand Chapter Session - Fort Worth

"Gifts Of A Kind Heart" Drill
Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal
Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron

General Grand Chapter Officers

Rainbow Officers

Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron

Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas
"Love from the Cross", ESTARL Service and Awards Presented by Mrs. Susie Broughton, General Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Marion Pierce, Dist. 1, Mrs. Susan Bigham, Dist. 2, Mrs. Wylia Holt, Dist. 3, Mrs. Mary Spell, Dist. 4, and Mrs. Eunice Zuckero, Dist. 5 with the Award Recipients who participated in the program.

"THE LORD IS KING - LET HEAVEN SING" Memorial Service Presented by Mrs. Virginia Keasling, Grand Chaplain and "The Cross Within the Heart" Drill including the Installed Grand Officers, Deputies of Grand Chapter, Grand Pages and Secretaries of the Installed Grand Officers Directed by the Grand Marshal, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht.

Grand Representatives Program presented by Mrs. Doris Moore, Fraternal Correspondent And the "Hearts Around the world" Drill Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal

"The Blessings of a Sharing Heart" Humanitarian Program Presented by Mrs. Kathey Crews, Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Ann Wyatt, Dist. 1, Mrs. Flora Maerang, Dist. 2, Mrs. Laura Geyer, Dist. 3, Mrs. Mary Brown, Dist. 4, and Mrs Karen Wright, Dist. 5. And the "Showers of Blessings" Drill presenting the Worthy Matrons and the Worthy Patrons of The 100% Chapters, Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal.
The installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent on the Sidelines
For the informal Opening and Presentations

"Happily Ever After" Banquet honoring Texas General Grand Chapter Officers,
Committee Members and Special Appointees.

The “Deep in the Heart of Texas” Grand Representatives Breakfast

"The Fluttering of Angels Wings" Luncheon for Deputies of Grand Chapter
and Other School Officers
The “Up, Up and Away” General Banquet
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, PGM, Chairman and Mr. “Buddy Baker” PGP, Co-Chairman

The “Angels in the Morning” Breakfast
Hosted by the Boards and Committees of Grand Chapter

“The Heart Recorder” Breakfast - Honoring the Grand Secretary,
Hosted by the Secretaries Association

“The Blue Birds Have Hatched” Breakfast
Honoring Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron
The "Memories of Love" Luncheon
Honoring Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron
and Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron

The "Flights of Fancy" Luncheon
Honoring Mrs. Doris Hester, Associate Grand Matron
and Mr. Jack Guy, Associate Grand Patron

The "Treasures of the Deep" Luncheon
Honoring the Grand Conductress
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler

The "Wreaths of Love" Luncheon
Honoring Mrs. Nancy Brown, Associate Grand Conductress
PURPOSES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE
L-R: Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. Tom Everitt, V-Chm. Brd. of Dir.; Mrs. Jerre Lucas, Chm., Brd. of Dir.; Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, PGM; Mr. Billy Combest, PGP; Dr. Effie Mae Davis, PGM; Mr. Blain Koenning, Chm. and Worthy Grand Patron.

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP COMMITTEE
L-R: Worthy Grand Matron, Mr. Jess Carden, Gen. Chm.; Mrs. Doren Carden, Co-Chm.; Mrs. put Archer, D-1; Mrs. Benita Bassett, D-5; Mr. andrew Scott, and Worthy Grand Patron.

HOPE FOR TOMORROW COMMITTEE
L-R: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Barbara Grosvenor, D-1; Mrs. Ginger Byrd, D-3; Mrs. Sherry Deneckmann, D-4; Mrs. Linda Henderson, Co-Chm.; Mr. Bart Henderson, Gen. Chm.; and Worthy Grand Patron.

GUARDIANS OF THE HEART COMMITTEE
L-R: Mr. Tom Hancock, Co-Chm.; Mrs. Betty Hancock, General Chairman, Mrs. Stephanie Hall, D-4; Mrs. Judith Goldman, D-5 and Worthy Grand Patron.

ESTARL COMMITTEE
L-R: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Marion Pierce, D-1; Mrs. Susan Bigham, D-2; Mrs. Mary Spell, D-4; Mrs. Eunice Zuckero, D-5; Mrs. Susie Broughton, Chm. and Worthy Grand Patron.
"Gifts of a Kind Heart" Drill - Installed Grand Officers and Pages, Directed by Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal.

BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS
L-R: Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Betty Scott, D-1; Mrs. Bess Madison, D-2; Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, D-3; Mrs. Vi Griffin, D-4; Mrs. Betty Martin, D-5; Mary Ruth White, At Large; and Worthy Patron

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
Seated: Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron
Standing: District Deputy Grand Matrons, Mrs. Barbara Grant-Scott, D-1, Mrs. Sue Barnes, D-2; Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, D-3; Mrs. Rita Lytle, D-4; Mrs. Malyna Miller, D-5
SCHOOL OFFICERS DISTRICT ONE
Seated: Mrs. Barbara Grant-Scott, DDGM; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM; Mr. Ed Warner, WGP; Mrs. Betty Scott, GE. Back: Mrs. Diane Markley, S-1; Mrs. Wanda Brown, S-2; Mrs. Linda McCloud, S-3; Mrs. Elizabeth Grayson, S-4; Mrs. Delores Curry, S-5; Mrs. Sherrie Fowler, S-6; Mrs. Carla Yarbrough, S-7; Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth, S-8; Mrs. Reba Fox, S-9; Mrs. Sandra Adams, S-10, DGM's.

SCHOOL OFFICERS DISTRICT TWO
Seated: Mrs. Sue Barnes, DDGM; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM; Mr. Ed Warner, WGP; Mrs. Bess Caldwell, GE. Back: Mrs. Wanda Lamb, S-1; Mrs. Dona Baucom, S-2; Mrs. JaNet Lindsay, S-3; Mrs. Marilyn Knox, S-4; Mrs. Laura Beth Arnold, S-5; Mrs. Jovell Shaffer, S-6; Mrs. Bettye Sloam, S-7; Mrs. Jackie Stogner, S-8; Mrs. Mary Lou Harris, D-9; Mrs. Beatriz Huml, S-10; DGM's.

SCHOOL OFFICERS DISTRICT THREE
Seated: Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, DDGM; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM; Mr. Ed Warner, WGP; Mrs. Joyce Nicklas GE. Back: Mrs. Donna Hill Pope, S-1; Mrs. Donna Herrington, S-2; Mrs. JoAnn Glenn, S-3; Mrs. Helen Plaunty, S-4; Mrs. Brenda Hones, S-5; Mrs. Connie Welch, S-6; Mrs. Helen Hood, S-7; Mrs. Pat Koehn, S-8; Mrs. Belinda Summers, S-9; Mrs. Mildred Bolton, S-10, DGM's.

SCHOOL OFFICERS DISTRICT FOUR
Seated: Mrs. Rita Lytle, DDGM; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM; Mr. Ed Warner, WGP; Mrs. Vi Griffin, GE; Mrs. Mary Ruth White, GE at Large. Back: Mrs. Myrtle Vines, S-1; Mrs. J.J. Singletary, S-2; Mrs. Mary Gilbert, S-3; Mrs. Nelda Robertson, S-4; Mrs. Velma Kleinfelder, S-5; Mrs. Jane Wirt, S-6; Mrs. Cathi Cannon, S-7; Mrs. Vella Noblin, S-8; Mrs. Norma Blalack, S-9; Mrs. Judy Northrup, S-10; DGM's.

SCHOOL OFFICERS DISTRICT FIVE
Seated: Mrs. Malyna Miller, DDGM; Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM; Mr. Ed Warner, WGP; Mrs. Betty Capps Martin, GE. Back: Mrs. Gayna Elred, S-1 & 2; Mrs. Frances Hayes, S-3; Mrs. Ellen Ferguson, S-4; Mrs. Scott Poenisach, S-5; Mrs. Bertie Loweall, S-6; Mrs. June Bell, S-7; Mrs. Bobbie Lou Welch, S-8; Mrs. Sandra Johnson, S-9; Mrs. Peggy Lou Burdine, S-10, DGM's.
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Seated: Mr. Johnny Hester, G. Escort; Mrs. Doris Hester, AGM; Mr. Jack Guy, AGP.

Seated: Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM and Mr. Ed Warner, WGP.
Back: Mr. Jim Fentress, Arr-Vendors, Escort; Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, G. Marshal, Mr. Darrell Albrecht, Escort, and Mrs. Beulah Warner, G. Esther.

Seated: Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, G. Organist; Mr. David Dibrell, G. Escort; Mrs. Nancy Brown, A.G. Cond.
Back: Mr. Billy Waddell, Escort; Mrs. Joyce Waddell, G. Martha, Mr. Gayle Brown, G. Escort.

Seated: Mrs. Lesa Smith, G. Escort; Mrs. Pat Archer, G. Treasurer; Mrs. Alma Carter, G. Secretary.
Back: Troy Smith, G. Sentinel; Mrs. Margie Curry, G. Warder; Mrs. Jean Hunt, Escort

Seated: Mrs. Mary Nan Anderson, Escort; Mrs. Doris Moore, Frat. Correspondent; Mrs. Virginia Keasling, G. Chaplain; Mrs. JoAnn Drescher, G. Adah; Mr. Karl Drescher, G. Escort, Mrs. Brenta Freeman, G. Ruth.
RECEPTION FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

L-R: Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, Hosts

L-R: Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Mr. Fred Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron.

L-R: Mr. Trey Smith, Grand Sentinel; Mrs. Beulah Speer, past Grand matron of Texas, Mrs. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron of Texas; Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron of Texas
Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron escorted to the Grand East by Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Grand Conductress and Mr. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Dona Ernst, Grand Page, for the final session with Beautiful Bouquets presented to them from the Installed Grand Officers.

Congratulations to Fifty Year Members

New Grand Representatives
Mrs. Sharon Fentress, WGM; Miss Jerre Miller, Georgia; Mrs. Zena Wilson, Maryland; Mrs. Donna Reed, New York; Mrs. Beulah Warner, Kentucky; Mr. Ray Lewis, Louisiana and Mr. Ed Warner, WGP.
REPORT OF
GRAND TREASURER

GRAND TREASURER: Sisters and Brothers, if you would like to follow my report, it begins on page 37 and goes through 41 in your Advance Report.

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

How pleased I have been to be able to serve the membership of Texas as Grand Treasurer for the fourth year. As has been the case in the past three years, it has again been a learning experience, for which I am grateful. Thank you, too, for your kind words and encouragement over these years.

To Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bro. Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, your fine leadership this year is only surpassed by your love for the Order. Thank you for your service, for your love for the Order, for the courtesies and support you have extended to this office.

To Sister Doris Hester and Bro. Jack Guy, who will become our leaders in just a matter of hours, we look forward to the strong leadership we know you will bring to our Order. My wish for you is that all of your goals will be accomplished and all of your dreams will be realized.

To Sister Alma Carter, Grand Secretary, thank you for your love and service to our Order and for your friendship these many years. I wish you success and happiness as you go to other levels of service in our Order. As always, I am deeply grateful to your wonderful staff for their love for our Order and for their cooperation and assistance this past year. Grand Chapter is indeed fortunate to have these devoted members in the Grand Secretary’s office.

To the Board of Directors, your tasks this year have been made more difficult because of the combining of the two boards. Your dedication, as you explored new and different areas of responsibility, is appreciated by the membership.

In addition to carrying out the duties of the Grand Treasurer, I attended 11 Schools of Instruction; 9 Fraternal Visits; all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Corporate Board; 2 Purposes and Policies Committee Meeting; all banquets except one for the Grand Line Officers; a banquet for the TMRC Board of Directors; the 8-State Visit in Mobile, AL; a banquet for Sister Elsie Paladino, GGC Committee Member; and participated in 6 installations.

A summary of Grand Chapter’s financial status for November 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 follows. A detailed accounting of all funds is in the Grand Secretary’s office for use in the annual audit of the books and records of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Treasurer, as
printed in the Advance Report and presented to this Grand Chapter, be referred to the proper committee.

Betty Prater
Grand Treasurer

**ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS**

**JUNE 30, 2003**

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**TOTAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS** 3,239 $1,619,500

Note: The Chapters received $21.25 for each eligible Endowed Member.

In accordance with the Code of Laws, Art. 204,(4),(b), page 143, interest in the amount of $191.25 was credited to the General Fund for the following Endowed Memberships:

Robert B. McMurray  Charles E. Day  Patricia D. Jones
Sydney C. McMurray  Sandra Jean Gilbert  Rickie Sandell
Rita Joyce Bragg  Helen W. Henson  Katherine Seymour
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS
JUNE 30, 2003

Endowed Membership Trust
Bank One

Cash Equivalents $ 70,708
Equities 497,650
U. S. Treasury Notes/Government Agencies 495,525
Corporate Bonds and Notes 448,907

Total Investment Cost $ 1,615,453

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

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**GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S. CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT**

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*Operating Checking Account*

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### REVENUES:

- **Administrative Fees**: $16,900 (Nov. 1, 2002), $7,776 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Bequests, Wills, Grants**: 127,281 (Oct. 31, 2002)
- **Constitutions/Revisions**: 13,967 (Nov. 1, 2002), 13,013 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Dues/Per Capita**: 89,319 (Nov. 1, 2002), 84,233 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Registration Fees**: 11,750 (Nov. 1, 2002), 14,420 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **WGM Designated Funds**: -0- (Nov. 1, 2002), 1,489 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Interest**: 3,429 (Nov. 1, 2002), 3,013 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Proceedings**: 1,003 (Nov. 1, 2002), 1,003 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Bulletin Subscriptions/Articles**: 68,544 (Nov. 1, 2002), 38,862 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Dues Cards**: 6,694 (Nov. 1, 2002), 6,276 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Advance Report Announcements**: 2,000 (Nov. 1, 2002), -0- (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Supplies/Directories/Dispensations/Historical Highlights**: 19,975 (Nov. 1, 2002), 18,308 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Instructions**: 1,878 (Nov. 1, 2002), 789 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **GGC Supplies**: 53,443 (Nov. 1, 2002), 27,907 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **GC Session Summary**: 522 (Nov. 1, 2002), 1,961 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **GC Session Misc. Income**: -0- (Nov. 1, 2002), -0- (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Gifts and Donations**: 6,025 (Nov. 1, 2002), 6,181 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Miscellaneous**: 9,397 (Nov. 1, 2002), 10,829 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Postage**: 8,493 (Nov. 1, 2002), 5,747 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Return Labels**: 885 (Nov. 1, 2002), 750 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Endowed Memberships**: 8,533 (Nov. 1, 2002), 9,025 (Nov. 1, 2001)

**TOTAL REVENUES**: $450,038 (Nov. 1, 2002), $249,967 (Nov. 1, 2001)

### DISBURSEMENTS

- **Bulletins & Bulletin Mailings**: 67,968 (Nov. 1, 2002), 44,725 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Grand Officers & Committees**: 11,100 (Nov. 1, 2002), 11,100 (Nov. 1, 2001)
- **Grand Chapter Session**
  - **Session**: 99,971 (Nov. 1, 2002), 996 (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Advance Reports**: 5,939 (Nov. 1, 2002), -0- (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Installation Programs**: 3,828 (Nov. 1, 2002), 2,500 (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Official Reporter**: -0- (Nov. 1, 2002), 3,000 (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Session/Memorial Program**: 7,139 (Nov. 1, 2002), 7,234 (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Entertaining Visiting Grand Officer**: 851 (Nov. 1, 2002), 508 (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Registration Forms/Postage**: 881 (Nov. 1, 2002), 650 (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Ballots/Voting Cards**: 31 (Nov. 1, 2002), 85 (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Grand Warder/Sentinel Book**: 206 (Nov. 1, 2002), -0- (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Grand Chapter Session Summary**: -0- (Nov. 1, 2002), 406 (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Past Grands Jewels**: 1,200 (Nov. 1, 2002), -0- (Nov. 1, 2001)
  - **Insurance**: 14,305 (Nov. 1, 2002), 7,133 (Nov. 1, 2001)
Janitorial 1,505 1,085
Automobile 3,502 2,644
Audit 13,899 12,975
Computer/Data Processing 860 2,325
Deputy Books -0- 3,191
GGC Resale Supplies 46,293 22,542
GGC Per Capita -0- 5,066
GGC Officers Expense -0- 2,061
Legal 42 153
Office Printing Supplies 6,674 4,108
Photos for Proceedings 300 900
Postage 18,275 12,150
Printing 52,173 36,907
Repair & Maintenance 18,585 8,867
Salaries/Payroll Taxes 97,781 62,593
GGC Texas Luncheon -0- 600
Utilities/Electric/Gas/Water Disposal 7,167 4,861
Telephone 3,948 1,738
Miscellaneous 3,983 395

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS $488,406 $263,498

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TOTAL REVENUES $1,200,422 $654,527

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Doctors & Hospitals 493  
Medical Supplies 1,424  
Kitchen 3,433  
Utilities 31,535  
Building Maintenance 1,717  
Contract Services 3,767  
Vehicle 149  
Maintenance & Repairs 4,577  
Moving Expense 3,800  
Funeral Expense 3,020  
Allowance to Ladies 16,487  
Board Expense 426  
Ladies Special Days 446  
Misc. Services & Fees 419  
In Service 501(c)3 Accts. Mgmt. 3,500  
Infirmary Housing 409,146  
Ladies Residence Housing 131,435  
Legal 2,061  

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS $647,620  $499,280  

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501(c)8 FUNDS

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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**  $203,605  $101,567
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of our Grand Treasurer. Do we have a second?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that this report be referred to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? Any questions that you would like to ask of our Grand Treasurer? All in favor of adopting this report as given, please raise your gold cards. All opposed. Sister Grand Treasurer, your report will be referred to the proper Committee.

Worthy Grand Patron, because of my attendance at the back, I'm going to invite you to preside. We are going to receive the report of the Education Committee.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MRS. KAREN KIDD: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a privilege to serve as Chairman of the Education Committee for the past year. It was a pleasure serving with the District Chairpersons: District 1 - Barbara Hines, District 2 - Wanda Duncan, District 3 - Elsie Mae Tolley, District 4 - Bertiss Norris, and District 5 - Bill Bennett. I respectfully submit the following report.

During the year 2002-2003 this committee made many visits to the chapters to inform them of the Applications available for members and friends and family of members for educational scholarships available from Texas Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. When we would receive calls or letters about the application process, we would mail the information to these members.

I would also like to thank the Grand Secretary for placing the application form on the website. This saved a lot of time and expense of mailing the application packets.

Hopefully, our efforts resulted in the large collection of applications for scholarships for the Educational Fund Committee to make recommendations to the Board for approval of these scholarships.

Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your interest and support for the Educational Scholarships given to such deserving young people in the Great State of Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Kidd, Chairman
Educational Committee

I move the adoption of the report.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion. And we certainly appreciate your dedication. Are there any questions? Sisters and Brothers, all in favor of this report, please raise your cards. Thank you.

I now call on Abi Freeman for the Tri-State report.

REPORT OF THE TRI-STATE EXCHANGE VISIT

MRS. ABI FREEMAN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. This is a report for the Tri-State Exchange Visit.

On Friday, July 25, 2003 members from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas gathered at the Velda Rose Resort Hotel & Spa in downtown Hot Springs, Arkansas for the second visit there of this Friendship Festival.

Sue Stone, Arkansas Chairman and her crew awaited the arrival of 212 members, from the 3 states. They had taken care of all of our needs and made us all feel welcome and relaxed while we were there.

Friday evening brought a very informal “Gone Fishing” dinner and a skit was presented by our talented brothers of Arkansas. We heard greetings from our three Worthy Grand Patrons; Brothers Ed Warner of Texas; Robert “Earl” Sapp of Oklahoma and Paul Goings of Arkansas.

Saturday morning a “Country Breakfast” buffet started off the day. Afterwards we had the chance to visit the hospitality room, shop at the malls, take tours, visit the spa, or anything we wanted to do.

Saturday evening, we had a semi formal, Patriotic evening with the program by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and a local Boy Scout Troop from Hot Springs.

Saturday evening is what we had all waited for, those words of wisdom from our Worthy Grand Matrons. Sister Linda Jordan, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma introduced nine of her Grand Floor Officers and 9 Grand Pages or Grand Escorts: WGM; WGP; Carolyn Hacker, Grand Conductress; Norma Clark, Associate Grand Conductress; Judy Dixon, Grand Marshal; Carol Smith, Grand Organist; Wendy Guthrie, Grand Adah; Doris E. Riebel, Grand Electa and Jeaneen C. Darnell, Grand Warder.

Oklahoma had 1 Past Grand Matron, Sister Debbie Beard, Angels in Disguise to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter; 1 Past Grand Patron, Brother Owen H. Major; 1 District Deputy, Sister Pat McAlister and 1 Grand Lecturer, Sister Joseale Ward. Four of Oklahoma’s Grand Representatives were present: Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, Louann Major; Minnesota, Rynd L. Barnes; South Dakota, Bill Barnes and Texas, Robert “Ron” Darnell. Giving Oklahoma a total of 30 present.

Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron of Texas introduced ten of her Grand Floor Officers: WGM, WGP, Doris Hester, Associate Grand Matron; Jack Guy, Associate Grand Patron; Karen Morganthaler, Grand Conductress; Virginia Keasling, Grand Chaplain; Cheryl Albrecht, Grand Marshal; Joann
Drescher, Grand Adah; Brenta Freeman, Grand Ruth; and Beulah Warner, Grand Esther. Four Grand Pages were present.

Sister Wanda Fairchild, Membership Committee, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, was there along with 1 Past Grand Matron, Sister Naomi Wolfe, and 1 Past Grand Patron Brother Buddy Baker. Two members of the Board of Grand Examiners present were Betty Scott, District 1 and Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner at Large. Five Grand Representatives of Texas were there: Arkansas, Alberta Mann; Kentucky, Judy Baker; Oklahoma, Maggie Drennan Manitoba, Robert Wolfe and Montana, Rachel Jackson. Mary Horton Beach, Angels in Disguise, General Grand Chapter, was present. Five Deputy Grand Matrons from District 1 - Sections 1, 2 & 3; District 4 - Sections 4 & 6 were present. Abi and Jessie Freeman of the Tri-State Exchange visit were present, giving Texas 84 there.

Worthy Grand Matron, Arkansas actually had 98 people register this year and they beat us! So Sister Nancy Gipson, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas, actually had the biggest bragging rights this year. She introduced 15 of her Grand Floor Officers: WGM, WGP, Barbara Gadberry, Associate Grand Matron; Ray Boswell, Associate Grand Patron; Carol Anderson, Grand Treasurer; Jessie Adams, Grand Conductress; Glenda Peyton, Associate Grand Conductress; Carol James, Grand Chaplain; Jesse Mason, Grand Organist; Lena Cook, Grand Ruth; Debbie Hedge, Grand Esther; Jeanetta Goings, Grand Martha; Nancy Rudasill, Grand Electa; Lou Turner, Grand Warder; and Ira Payne, Grand Sentinel. Six Grand Pages or Grand Escorts were present along with Brother James Stewart, Grand Chapter Beau.

Sister Jean Smith, Angels in Disguise, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas and Sister Lavonne McDonald, Ambassador to Puerto Rico, General Grand Chapter were recognized. Five Past Grand Matrons: Elizabeth Ann Cooney, Irene Kane, Nancy Lindsey, Diane Peters and Audrey Webb. Five Past Grand Patrons: Garland McDonald, Tom Dixon, Frank Hester, Earl Smith and Jerry Whorton were present.

Five Grand Representatives were introduced: Olea Bean (no state mentioned); Colorado, Pat Henningsen; Louisiana, Wanda Thomas; Minnesota, Kathy Adams and South Dakota, Cora Ellen Davis. They had 2 state chairmen present, Sisters Nettie Bledsoe, ESTARL and Donna Shavers, Jewelry. Four Deputy Grand Lecturers were present.

Overall a great time was had by all who attended. I would like to thank Sister Sue Stone and her committee for all the hard work they did preparing for our visit.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me to serve as Chairman of the Tri-State Exchange Visit.

A little Blue Bird told me next year we will be in the Twin Cities of Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas on July 9th, 10th, and 11th of 2004.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move for the adoption of this report.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second that motion. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting the report, raise your card. Thank you.

Thank you, Abigail, for your work and your dedication. We certainly enjoyed our visit there.

I now call upon Bonita McElroy for the Texas-Louisiana report.

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: Sisters and Brothers, I was Chairman, but I'm going to present to you one of my favorite Sisters, Sister Bonita McElroy, who did most of the work -- she and several others. Bonita will give the report.

REPORT OF
THE TEXAS-LOUISIANA EXCHANGE VISIT COMMITTEE

MRS. BONITA McELROY: Thank you, Sister Pat, for your kind words, and you know you're our favorite Past Grand Matron down in Section 8.

Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: It's my pleasure to present the report for the Texas-Louisiana Exchange Visit. Sister Pat was our General Chairman for this Exchange visit.

The Texas Louisiana Exchange Visit was held on Friday July 18, 2003 in Carthage, Texas, District One, Section Eight.

Honored guests were:

Sister Jean T. Smith, Worthy Grand Matron
Brother Gwayne W. Denham, Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Louisiana.

Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron
Brother Edward Warner, Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas.

One hundred, eighty-seven members from Louisiana and Texas attended the "Texas Star Trail" Banquet which was held at the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame in Carthage.

The banquet room was beautifully decorated in true Texas decor. A delicious chuck wagon steak dinner was enjoyed by all. Mr. Mike Parker, member of Pinehill Masonic Lodge #95 provided a wonderful country music program.

Carthage Chapter #747 hosted a hospitality room on Friday afternoon. An attendance of over one hundred was reported.

Saturday, July 19, 2003, Louisiana hosted the "Red White and Blue" Luncheon in Bossier City, Louisiana. This affair was enjoyed by a large group.
It was a wonderful weekend of fellowship between the membership of both states.

Financial Report

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The balance will be donated to a project in the future.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The motion has been made, and I second it, to accept her report. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your gold card. Thank you.

Thank you, Sister Bonita, for all your help and all those that helped you in this time. We certainly enjoyed our time there.

At this time I call on Syble Yost, Music of the Heart Committee.

REPORT OF
THE MUSIC OF THE HEART COMMITTEE

MRS. SYBLE T. YOST: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all:

The Music of the Heart Committee thus far has generated $1,640.00 in sales of the Worthy Grand Matron's March with more sales to be reported after the Grand Chapter Session.

I would like to thank my District Chairmen for their Love and Cooperation.

- District 1: Michelle Stegman
- District 2: Cristolene Dickson
- District 3: Charlene Clark
- District 4: Susan M. Smith
- District 5: Betsy Banks

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to serve as General Chairman of the Music of the Heart Committee.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The motion has been made and seconded to approve her report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, raise your gold card. Thank you.

Thank you for your good report and for the work you've done.

I now call upon Betty and Tom Hancock for the Guardians of the Heart report.
REPORT OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE HEART COMMITTEE

MRS. BETTY HANCOCK: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Tom and I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter this year as General Co-Chairmen of the Guardians of the Heart Committee.

We were greatly assisted by the District Chairmen of the committee who are:

Melissa Simonton, District I
Bruce Wilson, District II
Ann Walton, District III
Stephanie Hall, District IV
Judith Goldman, District V

They all did a wonderful job, as did all the members of our committee. Would all the members of the Guardians of the Heart Committee please stand.

The Guardians of the Heart Committee sold 1,634 license plate covers this year and turned in $8,170 to the Grand Chapter Secretary’s Office.

Many of the members of this committee are also serving as Assistant Warders and Sentinels at this Grand Chapter. I want to express my thanks for all their continued efforts for this committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of each member of the Guardians of the Heart Committee, I again thank you for giving us the privilege of serving our Grand Chapter and move for adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Motion has been made and seconded for the adoption of this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, raise their gold card. Motion adopted.

I want to thank all of y'all for your dedicated work, and we're certainly proud of you. Thank you.

I now call upon Lori Goldman for the Grand Historian’s report.

REPORT OF HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT COMMITTEE

MRS. LORI GOLDMAN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron on behalf of the District Chairmen and myself, we
would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Grand Historian Committee.

It is with pleasure that I present Sisters Martha Isbell - District 1, Sandra Fitch - District 2, Leah Wanda Sutton - District 3, and Gail Fuller - District 5.

It is with a heavy heart that I report, that Sister Jean Smith-Bonds is not with us today. Sister Jean has gone to Heaven and waits for us there. She did an admirable job this year on the Grand Historian Committee.

Throughout the 2002-2003 Grand Chapter year, the Grand Historian committee has been working hard to bring the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas to the membership. Our thanks go out to the membership, who purchased the Historical Highlight Books, as well as, those who purchased pages to update their existing books. We hope all of you have enjoyed the Historical Highlights and for those of you who do not have the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we encourage you to obtain a copy. It is good reading material and a good memento of the past.

There were 91 Historical Highlight Books and 236 updates for previous years sold for a total of Two thousand seven hundred and forty-seven dollars ($2,747.00). District 4 sold the most.

My thanks to all the members on the 2002-2003 Historical Highlights Committee for a job well done.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The motion has been made and seconded that we adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, raise your gold card. Thank you, Sister Lori. We thank you for all the work you've done and we appreciate you. God bless you.

MRS. MARY CALVERT: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Mary Calvert.

MRS. MARY CALVERT: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Mary Calvert, a Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. I move that we suspend with the order of business that's being presented and continue on to the resolutions and amendments, which are the most important issue to this membership.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary, I appreciate that, but I've just gone to the Jurisprudence Committee and asked them if they were ready to bring their report at this time. You know, they have a preliminary report. They will be on stage just as soon -- they've been on duty for a little while, and I think they were going to a little room in back, and then they are coming on the stage to begin to take that very business. Do you still want to continue with that motion?

MRS. MARY CALVERT: I think after they're -- I move to amend that we go ahead and allow them to give their report and then suspend with all these other Committee reports and get down to the business at hand. And do we have a quorum present?
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's one of the things we'll need to check. I don't mind for the adopting of the reports, but before we get into any serious business, we will certainly want to do that and to get a count of Chapter Representatives. I will do that.

Sisters and Brothers, I've told you -- and one of the things I told Jurisprudence -- they've been tied up with some other matters -- but that we could take these other reports in between theirs if we were having to count something or all of that. We can work them in between. I have talked to some of them that are ready to give them up here, and they're perfectly agreeable to that. I am perfectly ready to get on with the business of Grand Chapter.

MRS. MARY CALVERT: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I will accept your -- I think you moved, though. And if you don't withdraw it, do we have a second?

MRS. MARY CALVERT: I don't wish to withdraw it. Most Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Rennie Ofton, has seconded.


Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second that we suspend reports and go to -- [Worthy Grand Matron confers.] Mary, my Parliamentarian has asked that you restate that motion, please. We have the same problem hearing as you do out there.

MRS. MARY CALVERT: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I move that we suspend with the order of business that's being presented now with Committee reports and move on to the business at hand of resolutions and amendments of this Grand Chapter, provided there is an appropriate quorum present in the assembly. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm told that this is a motion that will require a two-thirds majority. Of course, we're not set up -- so if we take a two-thirds vote, we're going to have to do it by eyesight because we are not set up to do it any other way at this moment. We do have a motion on the floor, and a second, that we suspend -- are you hearing me all right, audience? Do you know what we're doing?

VOICES: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. That we suspend with the order of business -- and I want to tell you that in your -- I believe it's in the Code of Laws -- it is the prerogative of the presiding officer to change the order of business, so far as it is presented at Grand Chapter. I do not seek to enforce that, and I will accept your will. It is my intention to bring this business to you momentarily, so I'm going to say that we have a motion and a second, and I ask you if you're in favor of a motion to suspend the regular order of business and go to the report of the Jurisprudence and the resolutions and amendments at this moment, would you please raise your gold card. Okay. I'm
going to recognize Sister Rennie Ofton.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Rennie Ofton, Past Matron of Harlandale Chapter #750. Yes, Worthy Grand Matron, you do have the privilege of variation, but right behind those words it says, "or by order of this Grand Chapter." So I do appreciate your giving us --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm saying that even though I had done it, I'm still willing to allow them to tell us to do it.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Oh, yes, I know. Thank you.

All right. You have voted in the affirmative. Now, those who are opposed to the motion to suspend the order of business, please raise your gold cards at this time. I have several who are looking at this vote, and there is no doubt in any of our minds that the vote passes in the affirmative. We will suspend the order of business and go directly to Jurisprudence, as immediately as we can get them into the East.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I will go ahead and recognize you, Lee Stallings.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Lee Stallings, a Past Patron of Friendswood Chapter 1131. I'd like to read from the Code of Law, Duties of the Grand Chapter's Officers, Article No. 23 and 30. Article 23 says, "She" -- which refers to the Worthy Grand Matron -- "shall decide all questions of law, custom, usage and report same to the Grand Chapter. Until the next session of the Grand Chapter, her decision shall be the force of law, but no longer" -- meaning at Grand Chapter -- "unless said decisions are put in resolution form, printed for ninety days, as provided by the law, voted and passed by the Grand Chapter."

Article 30 says, "Interim Powers. During the recess of the Grand Chapter, she" -- the Worthy Grand Matron -- "shall exercise executive powers. Her authority will be supreme in all matters, as set forth by the Constitution and Code of Laws."

My point is, Worthy Grand Matron, previously it was stated that the Worthy Grand Matron is supreme, which is correct until you get to Grand Chapter. At Grand Chapter the membership is supreme.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for your remarks, Brother Lee Stallings. I am still waiting on the Jurisprudence Committee. Let's ask the Chapter Representatives to stand so that we can see that we have the quorum present necessary to go on with business. May I ask the Chapter Representatives to please stand with their proper card. Sisters and Brothers, it requires -- I believe -- 118 Chapter Representatives present to conduct business. That is a quorum. Do you agree we have a quorum present? I believe we do. Therefore, we have a quorum present, and we will continue with business. Thank you, my Chapter Representatives.
I am now going to recognize Sister Beulah Speer, the Interim Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. She will bring, I believe, what they term the preliminary report of Jurisprudence.

While they're coming, I do want to thank those who participated in this morning's opening: Sister Susie Smith, your beautiful music was tinkling and beautiful in my ears, my dear. You're a sweet Heartbeat, and I love you. [applause]

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

We appreciate the presence of each one and your concern and dedication for our Order.

I am pleased and honored to introduce the Members of the Jurisprudence Committee:

Sister Mildred Sharpe, Past Grand Matron of District One Our Chairman.

Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron of District 3.

Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron of District 4

Brother Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron of District 5 and

I am Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, District 2, Interim Chairman

The Jurisprudence Committee deeply regrets that because of her very serious illness and surgery our very dedicated Chairman Sister Mildred Sharpe was unable to complete all of her duties. We have prayed that she would be able to be here today or for even a part of the Sessions because our Committee needs her input of knowledge of 59 years of service and her expertise of having served as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee many, many times. Sister Mildred has requested that I NOT assign her to bring any Reports because she tires easily.

Please take care of yourself Sister Mildred we love you.

Sisters and Brothers, I feel very humble to be standing in this unexpected position as Interim Chairman. I sincerely covet and need your prayers and supportive assistance as I serve.

I appreciate the confidence and honor that our Worthy Grand Matron, and Worthy Grand Patron placed in me and I pledge to do my very best.

I am deeply grateful for the support and confidence of the Jurisprudence Committee and working together has been most enjoyable.

This is the "PARTIAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE"

We your Jurisprudence Committee, in compliance with the provisions of
our Code of Laws governing Grand Chapter relating to the duties of the Jurisprudence Committee, recommend the distribution of the matters contained in the Advanced Annual Report including the Supplemental reports of Grand Chapter to the following Committees for consideration.

1. **TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER:**
   a. All matters contained within said Reports.

2. **TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**
   a. The Report of the Grand Secretary
   b. The Report of the Grand Treasurer

3. **TO THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:**
   a. The Amendments to the By-Laws as contained in the reports of the Worthy Grand Matron.
   b. Code of By-Laws of U.D. Chapters as submitted by the Committee on Chapters Under Dispensation and in accordance with the Code of Laws.

4. **TO THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS:**

5. **TO THE COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION:**
   a. That portion of the Worthy Grand Patron's Report on New Chapters Instituted

6. **TO THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE:**
   a. All matters contained in the Reports specifically assigned to the Jurisprudence Committee by Chapter 10, Article-E of the Code of Laws for the Government of Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the Preliminary Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, and I move the adoption of this Report.

Thank You.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion that we adopt the preliminary report of the Jurisprudence Committee, and we have a second. Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers, would you show your approval by raising your gold cards. Down. Will you show your disapproval by raising your gold cards. Your report is adopted unanimously.

I'm going to go ahead and call for the Jurisprudence Committee to start their business of presenting the amendments to this Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers before we begin the actual Reports of the Jurisprudence
Committee, may I first ask the distinguished, knowledgeable and hard working Members of the Jurisprudence Committee to please come and stand by my side.

We your Jurisprudence Committee realize that there may be Members here today who do not know just how our Laws are made or how our Grand Chapter conducts business. To assist them so they can participate in the business we want to point out certain Laws and proper procedure for a Grand Chapter Session and this will also refresh the memory of our very knowledgeable Members. Each Chapter has an Order of Business just as our Grand Chapter has an Order of Business as set forth in our Laws Chapter 12, Article 155. This of course is subject to variations or suspension by the Presiding Officer, or by Order of the Memberships.

ALL Legislation has been prepared by your Jurisprudence Committee to be presented according to this Grand Chapter Order of Business and according to our laws. This Order of Business has also been followed in the Advanced Annual Report so it will not be confusing or difficult for everyone to follow.

We feel very confident as we look at this concerned, dedicated and wonderful Membership that we can depend on each one to remain in the Grand chapter room as much as possible.

We must maintain the required QUORUM for the transaction of business. This required number was changed last year and our CONSTITUTION ARTICLE X SECTION 4 states "REPRESENTATIVES OR PROXIES REGULARLY APPOINTED OF TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS TOGETHER WITH EITHER THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON, ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON, WORTHY GRAND PATRON OR THE ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON" FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

WE ARE CONFIDENT...That EVERYONE will be very attentive and listen quietly to the discussions Pro or Con so that there will be no mistake that you have voted the consciousness of your heart. That all discussions will be given OR responded to in a LOVING, COURTEOUS AND DIGNIFIED SISTERLY AND BROTHERLY MANNER BECOMING OUR ORDER.

THEN, when we go home we can ALL say that we have learned alot, passed Legislation that was beneficial to the future of our Order and that we are proud to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

We will be bringing to you Reports and presenting the proposed Amendments and Resolution that you the Membership submitted to the Grand Secretary, and the Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee under our 90-day rule as stipulated in our Code of Laws Chapter 14 Article 170. By working with the Grand Secretary, we have ascertained that the required number of names is on all the proposed documents and that they are members of the Grand Chapter of Texas as our Law requires.

We would admonish you to remember that as the Jurisprudence Members presents these Amendments or Resolutions, which are contained in the
Advanced Annual Report, that the Jurisprudence Members are “only” reporting to you that such proposed Amendments or Resolutions are in “proper form,” OR “that they are not legal or in proper form.” It does not mean that we are recommending to you that you should vote in favor of or against the proposal. This is your personal choice and privilege.

This Committee would also encourage you the MEMBERSHIP to remember that you are the governing body of this Grand Chapter and we encourage you to speak and vote your convictions. If you should have any questions or if you wish to speak on any matter, please follow the instructions as the Presiding Officer may give to you, following also those matters of parliamentary usage given to you by the Parliamentarian.

Worthy Grand Matron through the October Official Bulletin and the Advanced Annual Report, the Membership has had an opportunity to read and study the Proposed Amendments and Proposed Resolutions. We have also tried to point out questions of Law and set guidelines so that the Legislation can move as quickly and smooth as possible.

Therefore I move the Committee be allowed to present a SYNOPSIS of each Proposed Amendment and Resolution, rather than reading the entire law as it now reads, and then the proposed reading of each matter.

The Committee has decided that in all fairness to the signers on resolution number 1, the amendment to resolution number 1 and the other two amendments to resolution number 1 will be read in their entirety rather than we, the Jurisprudence Committee, submitting a synopsis. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would appreciate the vote to be taken at this point, that we have permission to prepare a synopsis for each amendment, and we’ve already voiced that we will not prepare a synopsis on the resolutions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, do you understand what your Jurisprudence Committee Chairman has reported to you? They are asking you if you would like for them to present these in synopsis form, with the exception of resolution number 1 and those amendments presented -- there's more than one now -- those amendments that have been presented to resolution number 1. Sisters and Brothers, to approve this, that means you are agreeable to the rest of the amendments and resolutions being presented to you in synopsis form. We have a motion and a second. If you are in favor of this motion, will you raise your gold cards. Down. Is there any opposition? It was unanimous.

There are a couple of things I want to say before they start. Sisters and Brothers, you know I've talked to you all year about building bridges and how much we love each other. I ask that we conduct the business of this Grand Chapter in a spirit of love and consideration. I know you'll do that. You've never failed me yet. But I want to tell you -- I'm not trying to be arbitrary, but we have set up one mike, which is in the North, which is clearly marked from this direction -- probably not from the West -- marked "For." There is a mike in the South that is clearly marked "Against." "For" are in favor; "against" are opposed. If you wish to speak on these, I wish for every member to have the right, who is a Past Matron of the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas --
every one of you has a right. And I want to allow you all of the rights and privileges you possess. So if you will come to these microphones, I will do my very best to accept any and all questions and discussion. Thank you.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 1

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

If you would, my Sisters and Brothers, turn to page 52, amendment number 1 in your Advance Annual Report. This is Constitutional Amendment No. 1, Article XI, Section 2, Revenues. The amendment relates to the change in the distribution of the per capita tax funds in our Constitution, page 48. There's no change in the per capita tax, which is $11.00. Our present law divides the revenue as follows: $1.75 to the General Fund, $8.50 to the OES Home Fund and 75 cents to the Benevolent Fund. The proposed amendment would change the distribution of funds to agree with our Code of Laws, page 121 and 122 under "Distributions of Funds." The proposed amendment would read: $3.50 to the General Fund, $6.00 to the Ladies' Retirement Fund and $1.50 to the Benevolent Fund. If this amendment is approved, it will lie over to the 2004 Grand Chapter session for the second and final reading.

Worthy Grand Matron, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, find this amendment in proper order and awaits the action of this Grand Chapter. Are there any questions regarding the format or legalities of this amendment?

[Amendment No. 1 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 1

WHEREAS at our 2002 Grand Chapter Session an amendment was adopted redistributing the Per Capita tax by increasing the amounts allocated to the General Fund and the Benevolent Fund since the ladies from our Eastern Star Home were residing at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, and

WHEREAS the Amendment as found on pages 121 and 122 of the Code of Laws was approved at the 2002 Session; however, as an oversight, the portion relating to the Per Capita as found on page 48 of the Constitution was not included, and

WHEREAS this assembly can consider this as the second reading,

We, the undersigned, propose the following amendment to Article XI, Section 2, page 48 of the Constitution to agree with the Amendment as adopted. This will NOT increase the per capita tax but changes the distribution for the following funds which now reads:

ARTICLE XI. SECTION 2. REVENUES. The Revenues of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:
a. An Annual Per Capita assessment against each Subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the Fiscal Year, in the sum of eleven ($11.00) dollars, this sum to be divided as follows:

(1) One Dollar and Seventy-five Cents ($1.75) to the General Fund
(2) Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents ($8.50) to the O.E.S. Home Fund.
(3) Seventy-five Cents ($0.75) to the Benevolent Fund.

b. Such other fees, penalties and assessments as are, or may be, prescribed by law.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE XI. SECTION 2. REVENUES. The Revenues of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

a. An Annual Per Capita assessment against each Subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the Fiscal Year, in the sum of eleven ($11.00) dollars, this sum to be divided as follows:

(1) Three Dollars and Fifty Cents ($3.50) to the General Fund
(2) Six Dollars ($6.00) to the Ladies Retirement Fund
(3) One Dollar and Fifty Cents ($1.50) to the Benevolent Fund.

b. No change

Submitted by:  Alma Carter
Frances Burbank  Cheryl McGee
Zaneta Miller  Darla Dunaway

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Frances Burbank.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Frances Burbank, Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835, and I am the proponent of this amendment to our Constitution. I just wanted to point out that we did adopt this same thing, which appears in our Code of Laws, at our Grand Chapter session last year. Since this, in all technicality will be the second reading, under the "whereas's" I had included, "Whereas, this assembly can consider this as the second reading," knowing that the members who are present here represent Grand Chapter and they can vote to accept this as the second reading, which in reality it is. Thank you.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, may I respond?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You may. I recognize Harry Cunningham.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Sisters and Brothers, if you'll turn to page 52 in your Constitution, you will find that it takes two years' vote regarding a change in the Constitution. Now, the Constitution will change the Code of Law, but the Code of Law will not change the Constitution.
MR. RICHARD HANCOCK: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Richard Hancock, Past Patron of Marlin #286 and Bellmeade 980. I'm for this, but I do need a clarification, if I could, please. In review back of our Treasurer's report, under the Ladies' Pension Funds, it shows that we had a decrease this year of $154,770. I realize that is just for nine months. But also if you go to the disbursements, for the same nine months our costs increased $23,000. So my only question is, if we reduce from $8.50 to $6, will we have enough funds to support our ladies in the Home, since already this year we've lost over $180,000 -- or we've spent over $180,000 more?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Edna Jeffries.

MRS. EDNA JEFFRIES: I think if Brother Harry will read in the Annual Report -- Advance Report, it says Constitutional amendment due for the second reading. This is the second reading, sir.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: May I respond?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Harry, I will allow you to respond to that.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you very much. The first reading pertained to the Code of Law only.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Alma Carter, Past Matron of Plano Chapter #703. I would like to speak for this amendment. It was an oversight last year, as Sister Frances said, that we did not put in there what was in the Constitution. We put only in the Code of Laws. I'd like to remind this body that they can vote as they wish. They can control this vote. But I would also like to remind this body that if we leave it at $1.50, we have 49,000 people -- over 49,000 people is all we have. You can very quickly see what we have to work with in the General Fund at $1.50 a person. Let me just point out three things to you. This is our Proceedings. It cost $28,000. The way it's written up in our Constitution, we have to have this. It has to go to a typesetter. Of course, we don't typeset anymore. It's $28,000. So that comes out of the General Fund. Everything in your ditty bag costs. The programs usually cost about $7,000. The Advanced Report costs between seven and $8,000. You can readily see that we don't have much to run Grand Chapter on. The General Fund is broke. If we do not get some more money into the General Fund, we cannot support our Subordinate Chapters with all we have to send them that's free of charge. And we are having to charge too much to them for supplies as it is. So if we're going to keep our Subordinate Chapters going, we must provide some funds to keep those Subordinate Chapters going. I'd like to remind this body that we cannot have a Grand Chapter, we cannot have Line Officers, we can't have anything if we don't take care of our Subordinate Chapters. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Harry, are you going to respond?

I'm sorry, Richard, but our law only allows a person to speak on an issue one time.
MR. RICHARD HANCOCK: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm not trying to ask another question. I'm just trying to get an answer to the question I did ask.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I understand what you're saying.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty Friend, Past Matron of New Braunfels Chapter #771 --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm going to ask you to hang on a moment because this gentleman asked for an answer to his question, and that's the second time. I think he deserves an answer, even if it's not a very definitive one. I don't know who's qualified to answer that question. What he's asking is how do we know that if this is changed to these figures, that the $6 that will be placed in the fund for the care of our ladies will be adequate to maintain them.

I might tell you that in a recent report that I received from the Grand Treasurer -- now this is for information only -- I'm not speaking either way on this issue. I'm just giving you information. We presently have over $600,000 in the account that is strictly for maintaining and paying for the care of our ladies. That fund basically has been growing constantly, because it has been receiving the full $8.50. And our ladies' number is declining.

Okay. They tell me here that the place to find that is that is built into the budget that was also printed in your Advanced Report, Richard. I hope that's a fairly definitive answer for you.

I'm sorry, Sister Betty. Would you go forward?

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, as you have reiterated several times, the membership of this Grand Chapter is the body that governs Grand Chapter. And it is my belief that Grand Chapter may decide whether or not they wish this to be a second reading. Therefore, I move that this Grand Chapter be allowed to vote whether or not they wish this to be a second reading. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Associate Grand Matron in the West.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. That's a second to the motion. But, Sisters and Brothers, I must report to you that according to my Jurisprudence Committee and my own beliefs, there is nothing in our law that allows us to do anything with the Constitution that is not brought to you -- again, I'm not speaking for or against this issue because, quite frankly, I have no strong feelings about it. I have strong feelings about your laws. You pass them. I was just one of the many of you. But you had me swear to uphold them when I stood at that Altar and was made your Worthy Grand Matron. So I'm striving to do that. It is the unanimous decision or vote of the Jurisprudence Committee that this cannot legally be done. It would be illegal, even if you voted it. Yes, you can vote to do it and we can bring it back to you next year, and we can do it again. Sisters and Brothers, this oversight
was not caught until I caught it after I had been installed, and none of us wanted it to happen. But there was absolutely no wording -- the wording is different in the Constitution and the Code of Laws concerning this division of the funds. And, therefore, I could not see any way that that reading could be considered a first reading on the Constitution. We all know that the Constitution supersedes the Code of Laws. Therefore, I would have to rule that it would be illegal to vote to make it a second reading.

**MRS. BETTY FRIEND:** Worthy Grand Matron, would it be proper for the Parliamentarian to assist us with this?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Would it be proper -- I'm sorry?

**MRS. BETTY FRIEND:** Would it be wrong in parliamentary procedure for the membership to make a decision on the spot about whether or not this could be a second reading?

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I'm going to recognize -- well, let me finish this one first. Can you respond to that? You tell me if you can or not. We're talking about parliamentary law --

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** It pertains to that.

[Worthy Grand Matron confers with Parliamentarian.]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** She said that that would not be a matter of parliamentary law, that that would be a matter of our law. Do you want to ask her a question on parliamentary -- is that what you're saying, Betty?

**MRS. BETTY FRIEND:** Well, that was my question. Could it be taken care of in parliamentary procedure. If it cannot, then we will consider it as a first reading, I assume.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I want to assure you that this is not something that I'm trying to push down anybody's throat. I realize the tight condition of our General Fund. I have tried to be considerate of the things that we had to spend. I have run as much through my credit card -- Sisters and Brothers, I rented this assembly building that we're meeting in on my Eastern Star credit card, because Grand Chapter gets one-half of a percent off of it. I am understanding of the problems. However, there are many funds that go into the General Fund rather than just that little per capita tax. You know, they get 25 percent of the funds raised by the Worthy Grand Matron except for certain issues on the side, and they get other things. There's a list of them. I realize it's a tight budget even with all of those. I'm not arguing the point of whether it needs -- and I certainly would vote in favor of the change. But I just cannot -- if we do not obey our law, we might as well have a book burning and burn our Constitution. I just feel strongly about that.

[applause]

Brother Richard Ochs.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I feel very much the same way, that if we're going to just disregard the Constitution, why have the
Constitution?  If we're going to disregard our Charter, why have a Charter?  If we're going to disregard what we have done, why do it?  I think there has been much deceit and deception over various issues for several years, and I continue to feel that way.  I also am aware of what probably is a mishandling of something relative to an amendment that was made to an amendment last year that was not printed with the amendment to the amendment in the Constitution when it was printed.  But I was not going -- and I prefer not to address it specifically, but I will bring it up in a letter and forward it to the future Grand Secretary, because I just picked up on it since I've been down here.

But we just play the game with those different laws.  There are many who have spoke to me who feel that if the money isn't needed for the ladies, that it should be returned to the Chapters instead of just moving it and playing this game.  If we need an increase in funds for the General Fund, let's do a straight thing relative to that.  Thank you very kindly.  [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  Thank you for your comments, Brother Richard.

Brother Harry, were you wanting to comment?  I know you're handling this.  Did you have a comment, Harry --

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:  No comment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  -- or are you just waiting for more action?

I recognize Sister Jerre Lucas.

MRS. JERRE LUCAS:  Thank you.  I am Jerre Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911.  A vote of this body is the prevailing factor.  You can check history in our Proceedings, go to Jean Nesbitt's Proceedings.  We voted to use the interest off of the Endowment Fund at that time.  A vote of this body can do anything we want to.  We own this corporation.  Thank you.  [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  My response to that is that yes, we did that one year.  And the next year we came back and passed a law that that interest could no more be used for anything other than the care and maintenance of the Eastern Star Home.  So, Sisters and Brothers, I still, you know....

MRS. BETTY FRIEND:  Worthy Grand Matron, do I need to withdraw my motion? I have a second.  Or what do you want to do with it?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  Well, what we're saying is it's an illegal motion.  We cannot accept it.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND:  Even though it had a second, it just --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  I'm sorry, I can't hear.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND:  -- went into outer space.  Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  Are we ready for the question?  Is there more -- I'm sorry.  I recognize Sister Elsie Paladino.
MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Elsie Paladino, a Past Matron of Clute City Chapter #1011. I know that this entire assembly knows that this was an oversight in presenting this amendment last Grand Chapter session. We want to conform to our laws. Perhaps if this is passed and has to wait another year, could there be emergency legislation to supplement the funds that we need to cover the expenses? Would that solve our problem here?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Elsie, I'm of the opinion that it cannot because, again, emergency legislation only relates to the Code of Laws, because of that portion in the Constitution that says that it has to be considered twice by this Grand Chapter. And so what I'm saying is that there is nothing that is going to resolve that issue. Now, I do know that the Associate Grand Matron has put her funds in such a way that they can be used for emergency -- I forgot how she termed it -- but I think it's a very generous thing on her part. I know that she is planning to help with that. I have tried to add some funds to the General Fund also. And I might say that once I get past the charitable things, I intend to give the rest of what I have left to the General Fund. It's not that I'm uncognizant of the problem, I just cannot find it in our law where I find that there's anything that we could do this year, other than vote on it for a first reading, and then let it go into effect next year.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I just thought that perhaps there was a way that we could conform to our laws and still pay our bills.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I understand. We haven't failed to pay any yet, hopefully, because I've still got to get paid for some of that bill on this arena.

I recognize the lady in the South.

MRS. NADINA CHERRY: My name is Nadina Cherry; I'm a Past Matron of Mesquite 887, and this was just the closest microphone because I'm a little divided on this issue. Later on we have legislation, resolutions and amendments coming up that also deals with the issue of money. Certain property may be for sale which may bring in millions of dollars, which will be possibly, depending on how y'all vote, under the direction of the Board of Directors or the Board of Directors and the Corporate Board. There's no guideline in these amendments, propositions, whatever, to say where that money is going to go. It simply says that they will apportion said proceeds in the best interest of Grand Chapter. I think some of that money will be going into the General Fund. I think y'all need to think very carefully as to how you wish to proceed with those votes, because there are no guidelines for that money.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nadina, I'm sorry, but that's on another issue and we're --

MRS. NADINA CHERRY: I understand. But my point is there will be money coming into Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I see what you're saying, but the question here is not on whether or not we need the funds. That is not the issue or what -- you know, the issue is the law concerning whether or not this can be received as a second reading at this time.
MRS. NADINA CHERRY: Oh, I agree with you one hundred percent. But there have been issues that have come that they're looking at the points in the law. And this does affect the apportioning of the money.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. I understand what you're saying. Thank you.

MRS. NADINA CHERRY: An impassioned plea for the General Fund, and I think that'll be taken care of.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. If there's no other questions, are we ready to call for the question?

VOICE: Call for the question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are you ready to vote on this issue? Okay. Do you want to restate it, Harry?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: If this is adopted, the $11, this is the way it will be divided after a vote next year: $3.50 to the General Fund, $6 to the Ladies' Retirement Fund and $1.50 to the Benevolent Fund. Does that answer your question? That's what you're voting on.

VOICE: For the first reading.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: For the first reading. That's right.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do you understand that this is the same division as proposed last year, but it would be for the first reading? Okay. I ask all in favor, raise their gold cards. Down. All opposed, raise your gold cards.

Would the Chapter Representatives please stand and cast your ballots. For adopting the resolution -- amendment. Okay. If you're against, would you hold up your card.

Sisters and Brothers, I rule that the amendment is adopted for the first reading.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 2

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Sisters and Brothers, pages 53 and 54, Amendment No. 2. This is also a Constitutional amendment, Article XI, Returns, Revenues, Appropriations and Expenditures on page 48 of your Constitution. Our present law, Article XI, Section 3 under letter d. allows the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Chairman of the Board of Directors to make appropriations not to exceed $5,000 in case of extraordinary emergency. The proposed amendment to Article XI, Section 3 under letter d. reads like this, as proposed -- states that "No expenditure exceeding $10,000 may be made without prior approval of Grand Chapter." Now if this is adopted, it removes the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the Chairman of the Board of Directors from that decision. If you read the way it is now and read the way it's proposed, it eliminates them.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and awaits the action of this Grand Chapter. Any
questions are entertained.

Just a moment, Sisters and Brothers, we have a high-powered discussion going on over here. [pause]

[Amendment No. 2 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 2

WHEREAS, the funds of Grand Chapter belong to the membership, and

WHEREAS, to be good stewards of these funds and held accountable to the membership, the following should be addressed:

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XI, RETURNS, REVENUES, APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES, pg 48, NOW READS:

a. Expenditures of funds belonging to Grand Chapter, or any of it's agencies, can be made only after appropriations therefore have been made by the Grand Chapter in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Laws.

b. Appropriations of such funds, except as herein provided, can be made by the Grand Chapter only after proposals for such appropriations shall first have been considered and reported upon by the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter, a special agency herein set up for the purpose of supervising all financial affairs of the Grand Chapter; provided, however, that the powers of that agency to make appropriations shall be limited as herein provided. Said Board shall report to Grand Chapter on all items referred to it.

c. During the vacation of the Grand Chapter, the Board of Directors shall exercise such powers as may be prescribed by law, consistent with this Constitution.

d. In case of extraordinary emergency, the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter may make appropriations not to exceed $5,000.00.

e. Revenues derived from assessments and other sources for a particular purpose cannot be appropriated for some other purpose.

f. No mileage shall be allowed by the Grand Chapter of Texas to any Grand Officers or Officer of Grand Chapter.

AMEND TO READ:

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.
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a. No change
b. No change
c. No change
d. No expenditure exceeding $10,000.00 may be made without prior approval of GRAND CHAPTER
e. No change
f. No change

Submitted by:  Yvonne Brownfield
Willie C. Pointer  Jerre S. Lucas
Sue D. Shoemaker  Carolyn Talley
Robbie L. Abshere  Karen Kidd
Marcia A. Olson  Abigail Freeman
Mary Calvert  Alma Lynn Bane

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry. Her husband was up here bringing me what she was going to say to you. I now recognize Gloria Bennett.

MRS. GLORIA BENNETT: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My name is Gloria Bennett. I am a Past Matron of Fidelis Chapter #963 in Austin. With respect to amendment number two, we know that the Grand Chapter has a budget for ordinary and necessary expenditures, and that those line expenses are already estimated in the budget for the ensuing year. It appears to me that only expenditures that would fall under the category of extraordinary expenditures would be required. Since this Grand Chapter membership elects the Board of Directors to supervise all the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter, it seems appropriate then that the Board of Directors would be deemed in charge of approving expenditures of an extraordinary nature.

I move that we amend amendment number 2 by striking out the language in Section 3.d., which reads "No expenditure exceeding $10,000 may be made without prior approval of Grand Chapter," and inserting in its place, "In case of extraordinary emergency and by majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may make appropriations not to exceed $10,000." Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Bill Bennett. I know he won't contradict his wife.

MR. BILL BENNETT: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bill Bennett. I am the Past Patron of Fidelis #963 in Austin. I am here to second the motion that Gloria just made.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, do you understand? I realize you do not have a copy of this amendment. I want you
to thoroughly understand what has been proposed here. Do you understand what this amendment to the amendment says? You understand that where we have a limitation, this would take out that limitation and would allow the Board to make -- the Board alone. As it is, we cannot spend anything over $5,000 -- I believe it is. Am I right? That's correct -- at this time. And the Worthy Grand Matron and the Corporate Board, I believe, and the Directors, is it, can -- I don't have that in front of me, but can have an emergency approval of $5,000. And what we're doing is we're raising it to $10,000, but we're removing all approval except for the Board of Directors. In other words, the Board of Directors will be able to approve this without any other -- like the Corporate Board or the Worthy Grand Matron or anyone else concurring. Am I correct? Is that an accurate description?

**MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM:** It's the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron -- it takes all three now.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. At this time it takes the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to agree to this. And with the change it will remove the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron from that decision-making and will raise it to $10,000. Do you understand the question? Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I believe they're ready for the question, Harry, don't you? There's no other questions?

Brother, do you plan to go to the mike? Okay. I recognize Brother Paul Garner.

**MR. PAUL GARNER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Worthy Patron of Spring 1105. I need to speak out strongly against this amendment. I think it is another attempt to take away power and resources of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you for your comments.

Let me tell you, I'm sure that every Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron who have ever served you hope that you have never felt that they abused the powers that were given to them.

I recognize Sister Linda Guy.

**MRS. LINDA GUY:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Linda Guy. I am the Worthy Matron of Jacksonville Chapter 377. If I understand what the lady has proposed to change by this amendment is we would take it out of the hands of three people, because it reads -- d. reads now the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the Chairman of the Board of Directors. It would then put it in the hands of ten people on the Board of Directors. I am in favor of adding the number of people to be in charge of having any extreme emergencies that we would have to pay for. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I was looking at the amendment again. We have one copy for Jurisprudence and myself, so we're trying to make sure that we're doing this correctly. We're not trying to stall.

Is there any further discussion? I'm going to ask my Parliamentarian to listen carefully to what I'm saying to make sure that I'm doing this correctly.
I do not claim to be a student of parliamentary law. It is my understanding that we will vote on the amendment to the amendment. All in favor of adopting the amendment to amendment number two please raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed.

**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** There was a majority in the affirmative.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. We all agree that the motion passed in the affirmative, and it is adopted.

Now, we will consider amendment number 2 as amended. So, therefore, it's almost -- Sisters and Brothers, do you understand? Now we're going to vote on this amendment with the amendment you just passed. Is there any other discussion? Go ahead. [pause as Worthy Grand Matron confers]

I recognize Brother Paul Garner.

**MR. PAUL GARNER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Paul Garner, Worthy Patron of Spring 1105. I must also speak out against this amendment. I agree that it does put the responsibility into additional hands, but what we're really voting on is removing the responsibility from the hands of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. I stand against it. I think that the Grand Chapter should stand against it -- stand firm against it. This sets a very dangerous precedent at the Grand Chapter level. I think it is also a precedent that could even come down to your individual Chapter at some point. I think this is a very, very dangerous precedent to set and that we should be against this. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Mary, I'm going to recognize you. Can someone come see about the mike, please? These are all portable mikes and when the battery goes, the mike goes. It's not the controller's fault. Someone is coming to see about that mike. While he's doing that, can I recognize Sister Gloria to see what she wants?

**VOICE:** [inaudible]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Let me repeat what she said so you can hear. She's asking that the Worthy Grand Matron read the amendment as amended, so that it will be clear to the membership. Is that my job or yours, Harry?

**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** It's yours.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay, the Parliamentarian ruled it was mine. Okay. "Whereas, the funds of Grand Chapter belong to the membership, and whereas, the membership elects the Board of Directors to supervise all of the financial affairs of this Grand Chapter, and whereas, the membership is concerned with the economical and efficient use of the resources, we therefore move to amend" -- this is the amendment that we did -- the Constitution, Article XI, Returns, Revenues, Appropriations and Expenditures. And the original wording was the ten -- no expenditure exceeding $10,000 may be made without prior approval of Grand Chapter, to be amended to read, "In case of extraordinary emergency, and by the majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may make appropria-
tions not to exceed $10,000."

There is no other change in the amendment as it is now. This is a Constitutional amendment, and this would be a first reading; am I correct?

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. That is a Constitutional amendment. Are there any other questions? Then you’re ready for the question. All in favor of adopting amendment number 2, please raise your gold cards. Now this is as amended. It has already been amended; we’ve passed that. As amended. Down. All of those opposed to amendment number 2, as amended.

I’m going to ask for some help up here on this. I want to tell you, Sisters and Brothers, it’s very close. I’m going to ask you to put your cards down, and we’re going to do it again. Worthy Grand Patron, Frances Burbank, would you come stand with us? I want you to know that we want all sides involved.

Okay. Would those who are in favor of adopting the amended amendment number 2 raise your gold cards. Down. If you are not in favor of adopting amendment number 2 as amended, please raise your gold cards.

Sisters and Brothers, it is the decision that this amendment has been adopted.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 3

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Amendment number 3, page 55 in your Advanced Annual Report. This is another Constitutional amendment, Article XI, Section 2, Revenues, page 48. Our present law and our Constitution states the exact dollar amount of the annual per capita assessment against each Subordinate Chapter for each member --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Pardon me. I hate to do this, but my Parliamentarian has reminded me that this is a Constitutional amendment. Would the Chapter Representatives please stand. Okay. If you’re in favor of adopting this report, will you please raise your gold cards -- this is on the first reading, you know. But would you raise -- I believe you have a red card for this purpose. Would you raise your red card if you’re in favor of adopting this. If you are in favor, will you be seated. Those who are not in favor, now will you -- I think this will be easier to see -- would you please hold up your red card. It passed by the Chapter Representatives. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. I did not want an oversight.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Back to page 55, another Constitutional amendment, Article XI, Section 2, Revenues on page 48 of the Constitution. Our present law and our Constitution states the exact dollar amount of the annual per capita assessment against each Subordinate Chapter for each members on its rolls at the end of the fiscal year. It also gives the exact dollar amount that is designated for the distribution of assessment to specific funds. Any changes to our Constitution requires two years. The proposed amendment to replace letter (a) under Article XI, Section 2, Revenues, does not state an exact dollar amount for per capita or an exact dollar amount that will be designated for distribution of the assessment to specific funds. To adjust the amount of per
capita and the distribution to various funds in a timely manner, we would follow our Code of Laws, Revenues, page 119 through 122, which gives the exact dollar amount of the per capita and the exact dollar amount designated for specific funds. Then any future proposed amendments to our Code of Laws, Revenues, at any Grand Chapter session could be presented, acted upon, and if passed, would become law in our Code of Law at the end of that Grand Chapter session.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action of this Grand Chapter. Are there any questions regarding the format and legality of this amendment?

[Amendment No. 3 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 3

ARTICLE XI SECTION 2. REVENUES. Page 48.

WHEREAS, the amount of Annual Per Capita assessment and the distribution to the various funds is properly prescribed in the Code of Laws in Chapter 13, ARTICLES 159 through 166 and

WHEREAS, the need to adjust the amount and distributions must be done in a timely manner and

WHEREAS, having it in the Constitution requires two years to make a change.

WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

WHICH NOW READS

SECTION 2. REVENUES. The Revenues of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

a. An Annual Per Capita assessment against each Subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the Fiscal Year, in the sum of eleven ($11.00) dollars, this sum to be divided as follows:

* (1) One Dollar and Seventy-five Cents ($1.75) to the General Fund.

* (2) Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents to the O.E.S. Home Fund.

* (3) Seventy-five Cents ($0.75) to the Benevolent Fund.

b. Such other fees, penalties and assessments as are, or may be, prescribed by law.

TO BE AMENDED TO READ:
SECTION 2. REVENUES. The Revenues of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

a. An Annual Per Capita assessment against each Subordinate Chapter for each member on its rolls at the end of the Fiscal Year, the amount and the distribution of the assessment as prescribed in the Code of Laws.

b. Such other fees, penalties and assessments as are, or may be, prescribed by law.

Submitted by:
Raul Garcia
Syliva Garcia
Rennie Ofton

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have any discussion on this matter? I recognize Brother Raul Garcia.

MR. RAUL GARCIA: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Raul Garcia. I'm a Past Patron of Harlandale Chapter #750. The purpose of this amendment is to clear up the problems we had earlier. Since the amounts are stated in two places, it's very easy to overlook it and only change it in one. And, furthermore, it's imperative that when we have financial difficulties, as we will have this year, that when we pass a change, that it becomes effective the same year. Without passing the first amendment, we're going to have a $84,000 deficit in the budget. I don't know where it's going to come from. So for that reason, I'm in favor of passing this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have any other discussion?

VOICE: Question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We've called for the question. Do you understand what this amendment says? It is taking the breakdown of your per capita tax, as I understand it, out of the Constitution where it would be strictly in the Code of Laws and could be amended in one year; is that correct? Would that be a correct synopsis? Is that what that's about?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: That's right.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. You understand that and you're ready for the question. All in favor of this amendment number 3, please signify by raising your gold cards. Down. All opposed. Amendment number 3 has passed.

I need to ask the Chapter Representatives. This is another Constitutional amendment. Chapter Representatives, if you will raise your red card, or if you want to stand, and are in favor. Okay. If you're not in favor, would you be seated. Those opposed, would you....

Sisters and Brothers, it passed. This is the first reading. It will come back to you again next year.

I recognize Sister Naomi Wolfe who will bring amendment number 4.
REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 4

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Amendment 4, Article II, Section 3 of our Constitution, page 35. Please turn to page 55 and 56 in your Advanced Annual Report. Our present law states that Grand Chapter will make an annual per capita assessment fee for the support of General Grand Chapter, as requested by the body to do so. The proposed amendment is that our Grand Chapter agree to pay an annual per capita assessment of ten cents per member, or the amount assessed per year, for the support of General Grand Chapter as requested to do so by that body.

Are there any questions regarding the format or the legality of this amendment? This will be the first reading.

[Amendment No. 4 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 4

ARTICLE II. SECTION 3, (Page 35)

WHICH NOW READS:

SECTION 3. SUPPORT OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER. This Grand Chapter agrees to make an annual per capita assessment fee for the support of the General Grand Chapter as requested by that body to do so. In the event of any indebtedness to the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter will lose representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 3. SUPPORT OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER. This Grand Chapter agrees to pay an annual per capita assessment fee of ten cents per member, or the amount assessed, per year for the support of the General Grand Chapter as requested to do so by that body. This Grand Chapter understands that any indebtedness to the General Grand Chapter will cause loss of representation at the General Grand Chapter Assembly.

Submitted by:
Alma Carter               Darla Dunaway
Betty Prater              Billie Wilk
Jan Haag

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, we have no choice in this. This is our assessment from General Grand Chapter, if we want to remain a member of that body. We wrote it up to take care of whatever they choose to charge the Subordinate Chapters, so it can be raised or lowered without having to come back to this body. But we have no choice. At this moment this is what they are charging us to be a member of General Grand Chapter. That's our dues to General Grand Chapter. We have no choice. We have to pay it.
MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and is ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, you understand the question here. We pay per capita to the General Grand Chapter just like the Subordinate Chapters pay per capita tax to our Grand Chapter. This is allowing that amount to float with what General Grand Chapter assesses; is that correct? Now this is a first reading, and this is a change, I believe, in the Constitution. So it will take two years' reading. Are you ready for the question? If you're in favor of the adoption of this amendment, would you signify by raising your gold cards. Any opposition.

May I have the Chapter Representatives. If you're in favor of this, will you stand and hold up your red card. Be seated. If there's any of the Chapter Representatives who are opposed, stand and hold your red card.

Well, Sister Rennie, I rule that this has been adopted for a first reading. And it looks like we're going to continue to support General Grand Chapter. I knew that would make you feel better!

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 5

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Amendment number 5. Please turn to page 56 in your Advanced Annual Report, Surrender, Forfeiture or Loss of Dispensation of Charter, Code of Laws, Article 185, page 132 of your Constitution. On Article 185, Surrender, our present law provides that a Chapter may, by a majority vote of its members, surrender its Dispensation or Charter unless 25 members desire to retain it. The proposed amendment to Article 185, Surrender, instructs the Worthy Matron to send written notice to all members of the Chapter giving date of the meeting when they will consider demise of the Chapter, provided that no Charter can be voluntarily surrendered as long as 25 members desire to retain it.

Article 186 is the same. Article 187 is the same. Article 188, Disposition of Property. Our present law explains the duties of the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Secretary and Deputy Grand Matron if a Chapter voluntarily demises as to the disposition of all properties. The proposed amendment to Article 188 under letter (a) has added to the duties of the Secretary, she will perform all the other duties as the laws requires and also forwards all financial records for the past two years, and includes the three copies of the Secret Work to the Grand Secretary. (b) and (c) is the same.

Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?
AMENDMENT NO. 5

WHEREAS: There has been much confusion regarding actions to be taken when a Chapter wishes to Demise,

AND to assist the Chapters through this difficult time,

- We respectfully suggest the following changes to our Code of Laws:

Page 132 SURRENDER, FORFEITURE OR LOSS OF DISPENSATION OF CHARTER.

ARTICLE 185. WHICH NOW READS:

SURRENDER A Chapter, by a majority vote of its members, may surrender its Dispensation or Charter, provided no Dispensation or Charter can be voluntarily surrendered as long as twenty-five (25) members desire to retain it. This shall apply to Chapters voting on Consolidation, as well as to Chapters voting on a proposal to Demise.

TO BE CHANGED TO READ:

SURRENDER The Worthy Matron causes written notice to be sent to all members of said Chapter, giving the date of the meeting when they will consider the demise of the Chapter. By a majority vote of all members present, the chapter may surrender its Charter, PROVIDED that no Charter can be voluntarily surrendered as long as twenty-five (25) members desire to retain it.

ARTICLE 186. Same

ARTICLE 187. Same

ARTICLE 188. DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.

WHICH NOW READS:

a. When a Chapter voluntarily demises, the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron shall see that the Secretary of said Chapter forwards all money, jewels, Dispensation or Charter, records and all other property of the Chapter to the Grand Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Matron to see that all properties of a demised Chapter are returned to Grand Chapter.

b. The Secretary of the Demised Chapter must submit a report to the Grand Secretary which will START with the number of members they ended with on their last Annual Report. This report will show all activity in their membership from that date to the date of demise and list all present members in good standing. The forms for this report will be supplied by the Grand
Secretary's office. The report must be accompanied with a check to cover the Per Capita Tax due. Upon completion of the foregoing all members in good standing at the time of demise will be entitled to Grand Demits upon request.

TO BE CHANGED TO READ:

a. When a Chapter voluntarily demises, the Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron shall see that the Secretary of said Chapter forwards all money, including financial records for the past two years, jewels, dispensation or Charter and all other property of the Chapter, including 3 copies of the Secret Work, to the Grand Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Matron to see that all properties of a demised Chapter are returned to Grand Chapter.

b. Same
c. Same

Submitted by:
Alma Carter
Zaneta Miller
Cheryl McGee
Jan Haag
Darla Dunaway

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, is there any discussion on this amendment? I might point out, this is an amendment to the Code of Laws and if adopted will become law at the end of this session.

Okay. If there are no questions --

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for the action of Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: She just said it was ready for action of Grand Chapter.

Sisters and Brothers, I assume you are ready for the question and you’re ready to vote on this amendment. Would all in favor please raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed, the same sign. This amendment passed.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 6

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Amendment number 6. Please turn to page 57 in your Advanced Annual Report. Article 234, Code of Laws, page 160, "Annual Report," number (f). Our present law states that the Secretary will forward the Annual Report, together with all fees due Grand Chapter, to the Grand Secretary no later than June 8th. The installation signature page, which is furnished with the Annual Report, is to be signed by the Officers and returned to the Grand Secretary within ten days after the day of installation. The proposed amendment of Article 234 and under letter (f) recommends the elimination of the entire installation signature page. The Officers are all
listed at the front of the Annual Report, and in some cases the signature page delays the mailing of the report, and the delicate aging reports are damaged by staples and the added cost to the Subordinate Chapters in postage and envelopes.

Are there any questions regarding the format or the legality of this amendment?

[Amendment No. 6 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 6

WHEREAS, the signature Page provided with the Annual Report is in some cases delaying the mailing of the report and

WHEREAS, the officers installed are all listed at the front of the report and

WHEREAS, the delicate, aging reports are damaged by staples and the added cost to the Subordinate Chapters in postage and envelopes,

We respectfully recommend the elimination of the Installation Signature Page.

ARTICLE 234. Code of Laws page 160

Which Now Reads:

f. Annual Report. The Secretary shall forward the Annual Report, together with all fees due the Grand Chapter to the Grand Secretary no later than June 8th. When the Chapter Installation is held they will show their Chapter Copy of the Annual Report to the Installing Officer for inspection and have the officers sign the Installation Signature Page which is furnished with the Annual Report Forms and return it to the Grand Secretary within ten days after the date of Installation. The Signature Page will then be affixed to the Chapter Report for a permanent record. Failure to comply with these directives will forfeit the vote of the Chapter at Grand Chapter. Provided, that if the report, with remittance, is forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office on time and minor errors of omission or calculation are contained therein, and correction thereof, including payment of any extra amount due, is made within ten (10) days after notice from the Grand Secretary of such error or errors, such Chapter shall not be considered as being in arrears, and shall be entitled to vote in Grand Chapter.

Be changed to read:

f. Annual Report. The Secretary shall forward the Annual Report, together with all fees due the Grand Chapter to the Grand Secretary no later than June 8th. When the Chapter Installation is held they will show their Chapter Copy of the Annual Report to the Installing Officer for inspection. Failure to comply with these directives will forfeit the vote of the Chapter at
Grand Chapter. Provided that, if the report, with remittance, is forwarded to the Grand Secretary's office on time and minor errors of omission or calculation are contained therein, and correction thereof including payment of any extra amount due, is made within ten (10) days after notice from the Grand Secretary of such error or errors, such Chapter will not be considered as being in arrears, and shall be entitled to vote in Grand Chapter.

Submitted by: Jan Haag
Alma Carter Cheryl McGee
Betty Prater Billie Wilk

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action by the Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: There is no discussion. Okay. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment. I assume that you understand it and are prepared for the question. All in favor, raise your gold card. Down. Any opposed.

Amendment number 6 passed.

I'm trying to move this business along as quickly as possible, but I don't want y'all to get, as I like to say, numb and dumb. I would wonder if you would like to stand for just a moment. Maybe our Grand Choir will bring music and we can sing along, and then we'll get right back to business. Our luncheons are here in the Convention Center, and they're at 12 o'clock, so I'm going to go as far as we can, and then we'll adjourn for lunch. So if you don't mind, let's do that. I need to have a little conversation back here. [Singing by Grand Choir.]

I see they're still visiting. I do have the Time and Talent Committee Chairman on stage. I'm going to take a quick report from them. We have a matter of business over here that Jurisprudence is in, and then we'll come right back to business, I promise you, Sisters and Brothers.

I recognize Sister Dee Smith and Brother Darrell Smith is up here with her. They are the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Time and Talent Committee. This wonderful Committee put on the parties at our Eastern Star Home in this year, and you would have been proud to be there. They were all lovely. They were all well attended, and we appreciate so much the hard work of this Committee.

REPORT OF TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

MRS. DEE SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and my Distinguished Brothers and Sisters all:

Your Time and Talent committee is pleased to report the successful completion of five scheduled parties at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (TMRC). These parties were scheduled through Ms. Ginger Hardisty, the activities director, with the approval of Mr. Kirby Rudisill, the administrator.
We wish to thank all the staff at the TMRC for their able assistance with these events.

The Time and Talent Committee Chairmen are as follows: Sisters Joy Allison, District 1; Gloria Fambro, District 2; Kerry Campbell, District 3; Toni Crawford, District 4; and Anna Huckabee, District 5. I am Dee Smith, General Chairman, and my husband, Darrell Smith, General Co-Chairman.

The parties, of course, were open to all residents of the TMRC as well as our Eastern Star ladies who were there. The parties were scheduled on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. as follows:

First, was a Christmas party on December 8th, 2002 hosted by District 1. Second, was a Valentine's Party on February 9th, 2003, hosted by District 2. Third, was a Mother's Day Party on May 4th, 2003, hosted by District 3. Fourth, was a Patriotic party on July 13th, 2003, hosted by District 4. Fifth, was a Musical Celebration on September 14th, 2003, hosted by District 5. All were quite well attended, generally from 60 to 100 residents of the home. The best attended was the Christmas Party with a little over 100 present.

Everyone seemed to have a good time at each of the parties and the residents were so very gracious and appreciative of our endeavors to entertain them.

Sister Sharon, the Worthy Grand Matron, was present at every one of the parties and addressed the gathering on each occasion.

The Worthy Grand Matron, also, had provided “Angel” stamps for placement on dues cards to help with the expenses of this project. The stamps were duly forwarded to each of the five District Chairmen and the proceeds therefrom were sent to the Grand Chapter office. So far as is known, no one has applied for reimbursement from this fund.

As Chairman of this Committee, I cannot adequately express my appreciation to the District Chairmen and their committees, who went to considerable expense and, in many cases, considerable travel to make these parties the successes they were. Thank you so very, very much!

In behalf of this Committee, thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to serve you and Grand Chapter in this capacity.

I especially thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to serve as General Chairman and my husband, Darrell, as General Co-Chairman of this Committee. We had a great time and so enjoyed the Sisters and Brothers at the TMRC.

Signed:

Dee Smith
General Chairman

Darrell Smith
General Co-Chairman
Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All in favor, vote with the usual card. Thank you. All those opposed to that report. I forgot to do that. Any opposition. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron, aren't we glad that we have those that will help keep us straight up here? It can be very exciting sitting in the East up here and standing here.

Sisters and Brothers, it is now, according to my watch -- and it's probably a couple of minutes fast -- ten minutes till twelve. So I am going to go ahead and close the business until this afternoon. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

I now ask Sister Pat Neinast to come and bring our benediction. This has become a very special, sweet friend of mine. I am so delighted to have her participate.

**MRS. PATRICIA NEINAST:** Thank you. Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we invoke Thy blessings upon our Order. We pray that our worship of Thee may be real and serene without hypocrisy and chant, that we may love Thee with our hearts and souls, mind and strength. Bless the leaders of our nation and our Order. We thank Thee in gladness and humility for all the good things we enjoy. Help us in this and every day to live a simple life, repelling every thought of discontent, impurity and self-seeking. Help us to cultivate cheerfulness and charity, to exercise carefulness in conversation, diligence in service, fidelity in trust and a childlike faith in Thee. Dismiss us, bless us as we strive to live Thy way. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, I want to commend you for the ladylike and gentlemanly manner in which we have conducted the business of Grand Chapter this day. You have only enforced my confidence and belief in you. I love you. Have a wonderful lunch. We will see you at 1:30.

I call this session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from labor to at ease.
FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
October 24, 2003

"Heart to Heart" Session

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Good afternoon, Sisters and Brothers. I'm pleased to have the privilege to call to order this "Heart to Heart" session of the "From the Heart" 121st session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, with a dear friend and fine gentleman, Brother Glenn Whitaker. In my book of memories there are special pages with moments of service shared by us for our Grand Chapter. In 1989-90 Brother Glenn and I had the opportunity to serve on a bold, new opportunity in the form of the very first Spring Fling. Brother Glenn was General Chairman; Brother Billy Combest was Co-Chairman; I was District 3 Chairman, and Sister Sharon Fentress served as our District 3, Section 1 Chairman. It was a great adventure for each of us to be a part of a new tradition, and the rest is history.

Brother Glenn, I invite you to greet the membership.

MR. GLENN WHITAKER: Thank you, Sister Alma. Yes, we have had many happy times in serving this beautiful Order together. This will be another occasion that we can add to that list. It is a privilege to open this Friday afternoon session with you. My thanks to Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of greeting and welcoming all the distinguished guests and members that are in attendance. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as the sun is slowly sinking in the West on your year, may you have only beautiful memories of your time in the East. Thank you.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Thank you, Brother Glenn. Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the "Gifts of a Kind Heart" Drill by the Grand Officers and the Personal Pages. [applause following drill] That was a beautiful drill. However, those three pro terns seemed to miss a step every now and then!

Let's thank Sister Janell Trees for that beautiful, beautiful music as we performed our opening. [applause] At this time I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand
Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause as they come to the East] My Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege and honor to present Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join with me in extending Grand Honors.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ed Warner, we thank you for your service to our Order this past year and for the many years to come. Your accomplishments are many and your willingness to go the extra mile is to be commended. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Fentress, we stand here in the East again, and it is once again my privilege and pleasure to present you to the Eastern Star membership as you prepare to serve our Order today. On behalf of all your Heartbeats in Texas, I present you your gavel and invite you to preside.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Heartbeat, Sister Alma Lynn Bane, our Past Grand Matron. Isn't it strange how the tables turn? Sister Alma Lynn Bane and Brother Glenn Whitaker, I want to thank you for calling this "Heart to Heart" session to order. I came to know Sister Alma Lynn personally when she served as District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Doris Efird and was roommate with Sister Wanda Fairchild who was Grand Examiner at that time. I always served as Wanda's Page and had the opportunity to see Alma in several of her schools and was very impressed with her abilities and her genteel manner of speaking. I also remember very well her session, for I was elected Associate Grand Conductress.

Brother Glenn, I was on your Spring Fling Committee in '89-'90 I believe and on that Committee again as a District Chairman when you served as Worthy Grand Patron. I have always appreciated your Christian testimony and your joyful service to the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you both for being such a blessing in my life.

Sister Janell Trees, you are a very special lady, and your music fills our Grand Chapter room with beauty. I do appreciate your willingness to share so much of your time and efforts, not only with our beautiful Order, but also with Rainbow Assemblies and girls. You give much and I pray that God will bless you with health, enough wealth and the love of true friends along the way, my dear. Thank you. Thank you all.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to greet these?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I would, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Alma Lynn, it's an honor to have you in our presence this afternoon. We thank you for your devotion and all the time that you've given to our Order. It's a great pleasure to have you open this afternoon's session. Brother Glenn, you, too, have served our Order with honor, and you have dedicated many hours and hard work to the Order. I want to thank you for opening this afternoon's session. Thank both of you, and we love you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.
Sister Grand Warder, you will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor, and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor. You will see that the doors are secure.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assisting Grand Warders, Assisting Grand Sentinels, you will secure the outer doors of this Grand Chapter.

Sister Grand Warder, your order has been obeyed.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of our Order and are entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter session.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order and entitled to be with us in these deliberations.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

I now call on Sister Lena Maye Cook, Past Grand Matron, to bring our invocation.

MRS. LENA MAYE COOK: Sisters and Brothers, with every head bowed and in reverent silence, let us together go to the Throne of Grace. Heavenly Father, how we feel Your presence as we assemble with grateful hearts to give You our praise and to thank You for the opportunities that are ours in this great organization. Especially do we ask Your guidance in the matters before us. Humbly we pray for peace throughout our Father's world. Reach out in places that we do not see where men do not know, we pray for their coming into Your circle of love. We ask a special prayer for our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. We ask that You give them wisdom, strength and courage in their leadership, together with an added portion of love. Lord, You have heard our petition; thank You for listening. Knowing Thy will will be done, we have asked these things in Thy Precious Name, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I declare this "Heart to Heart" session from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this "Heart to Heart" session is now called from rest to labor.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Lena Maye, thank you for your love
and devotion to our Order and your beautiful prayer this afternoon. I'm so pleased that your health allowed you to share this special day with us. God is good, and His mercies are without measure.

Well, Sisters and Brothers, I hope you had some lunch and a little respite from sitting in the chair, but we still have much business and many reports to be done. I ask that the Chairmen again be ready in case we have a break. We're going to go forward with our amendments and resolutions, but if we have a break and have a holdup, we will try to take some Committee reports.

I think we know all of the minor things, so will our Jurisprudence Chairman -- are you ready to continue with business?

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Yes, ma'am.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 7

MRS. WANDA FAIRCILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Amendment number 7. Please turn to page 58 in your Advanced Annual Report. Code of Laws, page 172, Chapter 13, Consolidation of Chapters, Article 268, Procedure for Consolidation of Chapters. Realizing that there is an increased number of consolidation of Chapters, the proponents of this amendment number 7 feel that our present law, which you now have before you, does not clearly explain in detail the responsibilities and the necessary steps that must be taken when a Chapter wishes to demise with a neighboring Chapter. There are also necessary steps that must be taken and responsibilities that must be met by the Chapter that is considering allowing a Chapter to consolidate with them. The proponents request that the entire Chapter 13, page 172 of our Code of Laws be eliminated and changed to read as proposed and printed in your Advanced Annual Report.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for the actions of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 7 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 7

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in the number of Consolidations, AND

WHEREAS, our Constitution and Code of Laws does not clearly explain in detail the steps to be taken when a Chapter wishes to Consolidate,

We respectfully present the following changes:

Page 172, Chapter 13, Article 268. PROCEDURE FOR CONSOLIDATION OF CHAPTERS.

Chapter 13 - ELIMINATE ENTIRELY
a. Should your chapter make a motion and it carries by vote of the Chapter to consider Consolidation, the Worthy Matron should direct the Secretary to send written notice to all its members, advising them that a Consolidation is contemplated, setting forth the date of the meeting, either Stated or Special, that the members will discuss and vote if they wish to Consolidate. They will also vote regarding the Chapter with whom they would like to Consolidate. Should two-thirds of those members voting vote for the affirmative, the proposition shall have carried; however, no Chapter can surrender its Charter if as many as twenty-five (25) members vote in the negative.

b. If the motion carries to Consolidate with a certain chapter, the Worthy Matron will instruct the Secretary to write that chapter, advising them of your desire to Consolidate with them. The Receiving Chapter will then instruct their Secretary to send written notice to each of their members, advising them a Consolidation is contemplated and advise them the date the Chapter will vote on the Consolidation.

Prior to the Receiving Chapter voting on the Consolidation, the Other Chapter should list ALL their assets and liabilities and deliver same to the Receiving Chapter for consideration prior to their vote to accept them. NO ASSETS MAY BE GIVEN AWAY after the motion to consider Consolidation. This includes all cash, savings accounts, C.D.'s, and all chapter articles of monetary value, etc. All records, paraphernalia, etc. will become the property of the Receiving Chapter.

If the Receiving Chapter votes in the Affirmative for the Consolidation all members of the Consolidating Chapter shall become members of the Chapter, as fully as though they had regularly petitioned and had been made members of said Chapter by initiation or affiliation.

c. The Receiving Chapter determines the EFFECTIVE date of the Consolidation. It can become effective on the date they vote for Consolidation or they can specify another date. This decision must be made on the date they vote for Consolidation. The Grand Secretary's office recommends that if voting during the months of March, April or May, make the effective date June 1st. This will assist both Secretaries and enable each to file their own Annual Report with the per capita tax as of May 31st and allow the Receiving Chapter ample time to combine the membership prior to filing of the next Annual Report. Each should order Dues Cards and after the Consolidation, all dues cards are simply given to the Receiving Chapter which will cover ALL the members.

d. In all cases, BOTH Chapters must send copies of the letters sent to their members to the Grand Secretary, keeping her informed of the actions being taken. The Consolidating Chapter will surrender their Charter and Charter Dispensation, and 3 copies of the Secret Work to the Grand Secretary.

e. The Chapter may vote to change their name; however, the Receiving Chapter will retain its number. The new name cannot exceed twenty (20)
spaces. The Charter must be presented to the Grand Secretary with a fee of $50.00 to make the name change and $5.00 for a new Charter Dispensation.

Please contact your Deputy Grand Matron who will assist you, and if required she will get in touch with her District Deputy and/or the Grand Secretary.

Submitted by:  
Alma Carter  
Zaneta Miller  
Jan Haag  
Darla Dunaway  
Cheryl McGee

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of this amendment. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, those in favor, vote with the uplifting of the gold cards. Thank you. Down. Those opposed. This amendment passed or was adopted.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 8

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Amendment number 8, Code of Laws, Chapter 4-A, Article 17, page 58. Turn to page 59 in your Advanced Annual Report for amendment number 8. Our present law states that it is the duty of the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint members to serve on Standing and Special Committees of Grand Chapter in number and in terms stipulated in the Code of Laws, page 58-60. The allotted number of members to serve on each Standing Committee and the designated term of service of each Standing Committee is also listed on page 58-60. Some of the Standing Committees have one serving from each district for multiple years so that there is a rotation by district, and careful maintenance of records by the Grand Secretary of the terms of service by district is imperative to provide accurate information to the Associate Grand Matron. Special Committees are named and their duties are stipulated by the Worthy Grand Matron for her year only. The proponents of amendment number 8 move that before her installation the Worthy Grand Matron would appoint or invite continued service on Standing Committees, which are structured by multiple years by the law and also appoint Special Committees as necessary. Those appointed to any Standing Committees with multiple years of service, like the Educational Fund, Purposes and Policies, Eastern Star Museum, Titles, Deeds and Properties, the Development and Marketing Committee would receive information as to the status of term of office and full information as to the balance of the cycle, as well as their duties. A rotation of this Committee by districts would be prepared by the Grand Secretary to provide the Grand Line. Members with still another service cycle should not be removed unless, one, requested by the member not to be reappointed; two, failure to perform prescribed duties and such would be reported to the Corporate Board.

Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of amendment number 8?
Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and is ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 8 reads as follows.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 8**

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint committees, and since there should be continuity within committees structured for more than one year of service, and, WHEREAS, by removing a committee member prematurely the committee's usefulness is weakened, and, WHEREAS, continued stability is a positive step in meeting the goals and upholding the standards of our Grand Chapter, and, WHEREAS, persons being appointed on such committee/s should realize the commitment they are making as well as the continued tasks they are embarking on,

THEREFORE, CODE OF LAWS, Chapter 4-A, article 17, pg 58 which reads:

APPOINT COMMITTEES, after her installation and before the close of the Annual Session, the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint members of the following Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter and Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron in number and for terms as indicated to-wit:

a. Fraternal Correspondent  
b. Credentials  
c. By-Laws  
d. Chapters under Dispensation  
e. Jurisprudence  
f. Grievance and Appeals  
g. Educational Fund  
h. Purposes and Policy  
i. Registration  
j. Humanitarian  
k. ESTARL  
l. O.E.S. Home Endowment Fund  
m. Choir Director  
n. International Temple Committee  
o. Executive Committee for Grand Chapter Session  
p. Committee on Grand Chapter Arrangements  
q. Eastern Star Museum Committee  
r. Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee  
s. Parliamentarian  
t. Development and Marketing Committee  
u. Webmaster Committee

AMENDED TO READ:

BEFORE HER INSTALLATION THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON
SHALL APPOINT AND/OR INVITE CONTINUED SERVICE ON STANDING COMMITTEES WHICH ARE STRUCTURED FOR MULTIPLE YEARS PER OUR LAWS AND APPOINT AS NECESSARY SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON STANDING COMMITTEES STRUCTURED FOR MULTIPLE YEARS OF SERVICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

EDUCATIONAL FUND PURPOSES & POLICIES
EASTERN STAR MUSEUM
TITLES DEEDS AND PROPERTIES
DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

OF WHICH MEMBERS STILL WITHIN SERVICE CYCLE WILL NOT BE REMOVED UNLESS:

1. REQUESTED BY MEMBER TO NOT BE REAPPOINTED.

2. FAILS TO PERFORM PRESCRIBED DUTIES AND SUCH IS REPORTED TO CORPORATE BOARD.

A ROTATION OF THESE COMMITTEES WILL BE PREPARED BY GRAND SECRETARY WHO WILL PROVIDE THE GRAND LINE WITH SAME.

FURTHER UPON BEING APPOINTED TO ANY OF THESE COMMITTEES BOTH STANDING AND SPECIAL MEMBER BEING APPOINTED SHALL RECEIVE THE INFORMATION AS TO STATUS OF TERM OF OFFICE (IF ONE OF MULTIPLE YEARS AND/OR FULL INFORMATION AS TO BALANCE OF CYCLE, AS WELL AS DUTIES THE CHAIRMAN OF THESE COMMITTEES SHALL BE APPOINTED (WHERE APPLICABLE ANNUALLY AT THE TIME THE APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE AND/OR CONTINUED.

Submitted by: Rosemary T. Swetland  Joyce Roberts
Lee Stallings  Kenneth R. Gregory  Molly Goodpasture
Betty Phillips Benham  Leland G. Benefield  Opal Martin
Elsie M. Paladino  Lallah Mae Vollus  Yvonne Brownfield
Henry S. Martin  Alma Carter  Ann Kelly
Abigail Freeman  Jane Gregory  Nelson R. Campbell
Alma Lynn Bane  Shirley Rattan  Karen Morgenthaler
Virginia Lynn Green  Billy H. Combest  Freida Dillon
Garland Rattan  Floyd E. Green  Doria Hester

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have been informed by our attorney that we did not move and second -- I'm sorry, I was preoccupied with some other business here -- and that we did not move and second the adoption. We just adopted amendment number 7. Now, we don't want to let anything get by. We want everything to be done correctly. So, Sisters and Brothers, who's going to move the adoption of amendment number 7?
GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of amendment number 7.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a second from behind me. Who was it? Naomi Wolfe. Our recorder needs that information.

Okay. We now have a motion and a second, and this is now back to amendment number 7, which you approved just a moment ago. Again, would you raise your gold cards if you're in favor. Down. If you are opposed, raise your gold cards. All right. This amendment has passed.

All right. Now, we are ready for number 8, which is what Sister Wanda has just read to us. Is there any question or any discussion concerning this amendment?

I would like to make a statement about it. That is, that when I began making my preparations to make appointments on these Committees, I found that it was sometimes very difficult on these multi-year appointments to determine exactly what district's term was the one that expired. There was a feeling that I removed a member from one of those Committees, when, in actuality, we had had great problems in determining -- and there was some misunderstanding about what had been said to them previously as to the length of their term and what we had found. We did a spreadsheet and went back -- I believe it was ten years -- from the Bulletin to determine that, because I know I did not want to do that. And I would recommend that in the Grand Secretary's office, if we could update those records some where they give us a better indication of exact -- the terms are kept by district, not by the individual serving. They're like your boards, they rotate. And that was the major problem that I found in that. That's all I have to say. I'm not for or against. I'm just saying that that certainly -- this is a good idea. I'm sure it just needs -- we need to have real good records on it, to be provided to the Associate Grand Matron, because she wants to do the right thing, I'm sure.

Is there any discussion or questions?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that we accept this recommendation. There hasn't been a motion made on it yet, I don't think.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, I know there hasn't. I'm waiting for it to be moved and then I need a second.

We have a motion and a second that we adopt amendment number 8. All in favor, raise your gold card. Down. All opposed, raise your gold card. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Amendment number 8 has been adopted.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 9

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Amendment number 9, Code of Laws, Chapter 4, Article 17h, page 58. Please turn to page 61 in your Advanced Annual Report for amendment number 9, which now reads, "The Purposes and Policies Committee is composed of five members, one from each district for a term of five years, the term of one expiring each year, and her or his
successor appointed. The Chairman is appointed annually. This Committee is also composed of, one, the eight elected Grand Officers; two, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees; and, three, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences. And at the 2002 Grand Chapter session, an amendment was adopted to combine both the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. The present board is now the Board of Directors. The proponents of the amendment wish to add the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors to the Purposes and Policies Committee.

Are there any questions regarding the format of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and are ready for the actions of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 9 reads as follows.]

**AMENDMENT NO. 9**

WHEREAS, the following committee is charged with long range plans for our Order, and

WHEREAS, to accomplish these goals, continuity should be provided wherever and whenever possible, therefore the following is proposed:

CODE OF LAWS, Chapter 4, Article 17 h, page 58

PURPOSES AND POLICY.

NOW READS:

Five (5) members, one from each of the five Districts, for a term of five (5) years, the term of one member expiring each year and her or his successor appointed; the Chairman of the Committee to be appointed annually. (This Committee is also composed of (1) the eight elective Grand Officers, and (2) the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and (3) the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences.)

AMEND TO READ:

PURPOSES AND POLICY. Five (5) members, one from each of the five Districts, for a term of five (5) years, the term of one member expiring each year and her or his successor appointed; the Chairman of the Committee to be appointed annually. (This Committee is also composed of (1) the eight elective Grand Officers, (2) the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and (3) the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.)

Submitted by: Yvonne Brownfield Abigail Freeman
Milton Branch Jerre S. Lucas Benita Bassett
Sue D. Shoemaker Doris Wyont Alma Lynn Bane
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do I have a motion?

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: I move that we accept amendment number 9.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. We have a motion and a second that we adopt amendment number 9. You know what the amendment says, so, Sisters and Brothers, is there any discussion? Hearing none, we'll vote. All in favor of adopting amendment 9 raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed. Amendment number 9 is adopted.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 10

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Please turn to page 62 in your Advanced Annual Report for amendment number 10. This concerns the duties and the prerogatives of Grand Officers, number A, Worthy Grand Matron. Our present law reads that the Worthy Grand Matron shall have a general supervision of all Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies and Committees in the discharge of their respective duties in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws with the exception of the Worthy Grand Patron and his Deputies. The proposed amendment removes the word "supervision" from the descriptive duties of the Worthy Grand Matron and replaces it with the words "watchful care over the interests of this Grand Chapter." An exception to being under her watchful care is the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies, the Elected Grand Officers and Boards. Any Board decision that she feels is unlawful should be addressed to the Corporate Board in writing and a two-thirds vote of that body would be the overruling factor in changing a Board decision.

Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment number 10?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 10 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 10

WHEREAS, the elected Grand Officers and Boards were elected by the membership, and their duties and responsibilities are covered in Constitution, ARTICLE VI, Sections 1-7, and Code of Laws, Chapter 4, A-G, Board of Grand Examiners may be found in Constitution, ARTICLE VII, C and Code of Laws, Chapter 5, B, and
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors are charged with supervising the financial affairs of Grand Chapter, see Constitution, Chapter VII, B, section 4, DUTIES, and

WHEREAS, Additional duties of the Board of Directors may be found in Code of Laws, Article 82, and

THEREFORE, the following is presented:

NOW READS:

CODE OF LAWS, Chapter 4, A WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Article 21, pg 60 SUPERVISION: She shall have a general supervision of all Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies, and Committees, with the exception of the Worthy Grand Patron and his Deputies, in the discharge of their respective duties, in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws, and may require the advise and assistance of any or every Grand Officer at any and all times.

CHANGE TO READ:

She shall exercise a watchful care over the interests of this Grand Chapter. Ensuring that all Grand Officers, Deputies and Committees discharge their respective duties, in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws. An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies, the elected Grand Officers and Boards. Any board decision that she feels is unlawful should be addressed to the Corporate Board in writing and a 2/3 vote of that body would be the overruling factor in changing a board decision.

Submitted by: Rennie Ofton Yvonne Brownfield
Phil Kauffman Karl A. Drescher, Sr. Jack Guy
Ed Squyres Jerre S. Lucas Sandra Perdue
Raul Garcia Jack C. Beall Forrest Smith
Marion G. Pope E.T. Morgenthaler Nelson Campbell

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, just a moment. We have been handed an amendment to the amendment, and the Jurisprudence Committee is looking at it to make sure it's in proper order.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Sisters and Brothers, we didn't realize they had an amendment to amendment 10, so we will disregard the reading of the synopsis on that amendment number 10, and we will read the amendment to number 10.

"Change to read: Article 21, Supervision. She shall exercise a watchful care over the interests of this Grand Chapter, ensuring that all Grand Officers, Deputies and Committees discharge their respective duties in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws. An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies, the Elected Grand Officers and Boards.
Any Board decision that she feels is unlawful should be addressed to the Corporate Board in writing and a majority vote of that body would be the overruling factor in changing a Board's decision."

"Ad Interim Powers, During the recess of Grand Chapter, she shall exercise its executive powers, and her authority shall be supreme in all matters as set forth in our Constitution and Laws." Amend to read, "Article 30, Ad Interim Powers. During the recess of Grand Chapter, she shall exercise its executive powers, and her authority shall extend only as set forth in our Constitution and Laws. She shall not allow, condone, nor be a part to any violation of these laws, as the entire membership, including the Worthy Grand Matron, are subject to these laws which include the Legal Code."

Sisters and Brothers, this was just handed to us. We also have amendment number 11 that was related to the "Ad Interim Powers." So, Worthy Grand Matron, would you like to act on this? As far as we can glance at it and see, it's in proper order and form.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Sister Beulah, I'm Yvonne Brownfield, a Past Matron from Copperas Cove Chapter 1070. I believe we were discussing amendment number 10.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Is that Yvonne?

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Yes. Can you hear me?

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Well, I couldn't very well.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Okay. I think we were discussing amendment number 10 --

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Yes.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: And then you read something of 11. I might have dozed off, but I don't think I missed that much. [laughter]

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Well, Sister Yvonne, it's all under amendment 10, darling, it's all on the same page.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Well, we're not on the same page I don't think.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Wait. Let me get in here, if you will.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Matron, would you like to separate these, as the amendment number 11 comes up next?

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: That's the way I understood it, Beulah. As I said, I may have misunderstood you, but I thought we were discussing amendment 10.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We were, Sister Yvonne. We were discussing amendment 10. We have an amendment to amendment 10.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I understood that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And we are now presenting the amend-
ment to the amendment, and we're fixing to allow them to -- we have never taken the question on amendment 10.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I understand, Sister Sharon. But some of the verbiage that Sister Beulah was reading applies to amendment number 11.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Yeah. It surely does, it surely does. But it's included in these papers that has been presented as amendment number 10. It doesn't --

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: It has two different topics on those two different amendments, one --

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission and the membership, may we vote on this amendment to number 10 and then proceed on the original amendment number 10, and then go to the amendment that allows for the ad interim powers? [Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

GRAND SENTINEL: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Trey Smith.

GRAND SENTINEL: I'm Trey Smith, Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249. I proposed the amendment to the amendment. And maybe for clarification, if I can tell you why I did this. Where it says at the bottom on "Change to read," in that part it says that a two-thirds vote of the body of the Corporate Board would be the overruling factor in changing a Board decision. I'm not a mathematician, but you cannot get two-thirds vote of seven people. Am I wrong? I stand wrong, if I am. If the Worthy Grand Matron is in officio, then the Corporate Board would be a remainder of seven Officers. If she presides over that Corporate Board meeting, she would in turn break the decision of that group, but would that not be the Worthy Grand Matron voting on her own letter that she wrote to the Corporate Board?

So that's why -- don't run from me!

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Also, whoever handed me this, we'd appreciate it if you would sign it.

GRAND SENTINEL: Well, I'm sorry. You started talking on it, and it was coming off the printer, so I ran as fast as my little old legs would carry me.

Sister Sharon, the reason -- in the amendment to the amendment it said a majority vote of that group is what I was trying to clarify, compared to two-thirds vote.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I understand what you're trying to do, Trey. But we'll have to have a couple of signatures on these because that's required. We also are going to have to have this moved and seconded.

GRAND SENTINEL: Should I come sign it first and then move it?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have three copies --
MR. LEE STALLINGS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Lee Stallings.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: I'm Lee Stallings, a Past Patron of Friendswood 1131. I believe under parliamentary procedure you cannot vote on an amendment to an amendment unless that amendment has first been -- a motion has been made and seconded, which has not happened. I believe we're taking this out of order and I'd ask that you talk to your Parliamentarian.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry, Lee. I was hearing you till -- tell me that again. I got the part about what we need to do then is get a motion and a second on amendment 10 and then we can accept the amendment. Thank you.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: That's my understanding. You might talk to Donna. But it's my understanding you have to have a motion and a second on the amendment before you can amend the amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. That would give Trey a little while to get his little short legs in action and get up here and get it signed then, wouldn't it? Thank you. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.] Sisters and Brothers, they're doing some rewriting here. In the printing of this, we got part of 11 in with 10, and they're trying to take that off. And let me explain to you also that we are privileged today to have in our presence our attorney, Brother Randy Thompson, who is a member of the Order and who is with us here today to advise us on any legal matters that might come up. I'm sure this was done at the request of the Board. He is also assisting with some of these matters, and he and my Parliamentarian are talking about parliamentary procedure here. We want to get it right. That's what we're trying to do at this time.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we'll move right along. Now this is the change to amendment 10 --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Beulah, let me explain one thing because Lee came and said that he believed we had to have a motion on amendment 10. It was then that the attorney came and said that was not the case, that we could go ahead and take the amendment to amendment 10 first without a motion and a second. And the Parliamentarian has agreed with that.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Are you ready, Worthy Grand Matron?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: If you're ready to read it, I'm ready to let you.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: "Change to read: She shall exercise a watchful care over the interests of this Grand Chapter, ensuring that all Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies and Committees discharge their respective duties in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws. An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies, the Elected Grand Officers and Boards." He said he wanted the Boards up there at the front. All right. "An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies and the Elected Grand Officers. Any Board decision that she feels is unlawful should be addressed to the Corporate Board in writing and a majority vote of that body
would be the overruling factor in changing a Board's decision." You notice the other said two-thirds vote. You notice that he has added Boards to his proposed amendment.

Worthy Grand Matron, we have the proper signatures on this amendment, and it's in proper order and awaits your pleasure.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we are now asking if you have any -- do we have a motion? Did you move that, Beulah, to consider the amendment to amendment number 10?

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move to consider a motion -- number 10 -- as amended -- or the amendment to that motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Our Grand Secretary has moved and our Worthy Grand Patron is seconding.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That will let us consider it. Trey, is there any discussion on this? I see you there at the mike. Okay. Is there anyone else that wants to discuss this? Okay. We understand that this is an amendment to amendment number 10. I'm sure you're ready for the question. So all in favor of adopting -- I'm sorry. We do have someone. Brother Jack Beall, I recognize you.

MR. JACK BEALL: I'm Jack Beall, Past Patron of Farris Chapter 508. The amendment to the amendment, did you leave out the Boards or was that stricken on the second time it was read? The first time you read it, you read the Boards.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Brother Trey came up to the front. He wrote in "Boards" when he gave his paper to us just then, and then he put -- the proper signatures were on it. I read before exactly what was presented to me.

MR. JACK BEALL: Because my understanding of what he proposed was the only change was majority instead of two-thirds majority.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: All right. Worthy Grand Matron, may I read this again?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To answer his question because he really has a question here. The word "Boards" has been inserted into this, and it does now read "Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies and Committees." I'll let her read it in its entirety again. It's not that long.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: All right. Please listen closely. This is what has been submitted. "She shall exercise a watchful care over the interests of this Grand Chapter, ensuring that all Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies and Committees discharge their respective duties in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws. An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies, the Elected Grand Officers. Any Board decision that she feels is unlawful should be addressed to the Corporate Board in writing and a majority vote of that body would be the overruling factor in changing a Board's decision." Is there any question?
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Richard.

MR. RICHARD HANCOCK: Richard Hancock, Past Patron of Marlin 286. Again, that time you left the Boards out.

VOICES: No.

MR. RICHARD HANCOCK: As far as -- you know, well, of course, my main question is -- I don't know what we're going to do this Grand Chapter, but this whole amendment, including the amendment to the amendment, says that the Worthy Grand Matron has those supervisory powers over any Elected Officer or any Board. That means any people that she has any authority over are those that she appoints. Is that our goal this Grand Chapter, to strip the Worthy Grand Matron of all authority and power that she has had in the past? That's what it appears to be. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Paul Garner.

MR. PAUL GARNER: Worthy Grand Matron, Paul Garner, Worthy Patron of Spring 1105. Brother Richard, I believe that the language, as it was just read, corrects the problem that you are concerned about. I think you need to listen very carefully. I think everyone needs to listen very carefully to the way that she is reading it, because I believe she is correcting -- and that Trey is correcting the deficiencies that are in the amendment as are in the book. So please listen very carefully. Would you mind repeating?

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: I would be pleased. Sisters and Brothers, please listen. "Supervision. She shall exercise a watchful care over the interests of this Grand Chapter, ensuring that all Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies and Committees discharge their respective duties in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws. An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies, the Elected Grand Officers. Any Board decision that she feels is unlawful should be addressed to the Corporate Board in writing and a majority vote of that body would be the overruling factor in changing a Board's decision." Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. We had another one to speak. I recognize Sister Yvonne Brownfield.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I'm Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove 1070. Now I understood that Trey's amendment was to remove the word "two-thirds" and replace it with "majority," but every time you've read it, Sister Beulah, which I'm sure you're reading what you see, that last word, "Boards," has been omitted. So I don't know if that was a typo or what. Because it says --

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Let's have your attention, Sisters and Brothers, so we can hear.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies, the Elected Grand Officers and Boards, period. That's the way it was printed in the book. So I don't know if that was removed by his amendment or what.
MRS. BEULAH SPEER: The amendment that Brother Trey handed the Jurisprudence Committee is just exactly like I have it. Do you want me to read it, Sister Yvonne?

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Sister Beulah, you've read it three times, and the word "Boards" is out. My question is: Is it meant to be left out --

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: I can't hear you.

MR. PAUL GARNER: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe that -- and we ought to check with the Parliamentarian, but she has read it twice now, as Trey has submitted it. And if Trey intended to leave that out and -- add it in one place and leave it out in another, then that is what Trey has intended to do.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Sisters and Brothers, I think I can clarify what some of the concern is about. We are reading -- we are proposing the amendment to the resolution. Now, the original resolution that you have in your Advanced Annual Report, Sister Yvonne, is stated differently. I stand corrected.

Worthy Grand Matron, is that our problem, as was pointed out by your Page there, that the original is different from this amendment to the original, but we're not voting on that original one right now? We're voting on the amendment to the original; is that right, Worthy Grand Matron?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That is correct. We are now only considering the amendment to amendment 10. Yes, Brother Bill Bane.

MR. BILL BANE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Bill Bane, Past Patron of Waco 7 and Stephenville 801. I think that the thing that was confusing me on it is that it was presented that there was only one change to the original, i.e., "two-thirds" to "majority." And in this case it has moved "Boards" from being an exception up to being under ensuring that all the Grand Officers and so forth. So there are two changes to it, not just one.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Yes, sir.

MR. BILL BANE: That's what I think was confusing.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: You're correct. That's when he brought it back. Yes. He added "Boards" to his amendment to resolution 10. And as we pointed out, he has "majority vote."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion? [pause]

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: May I compliment you, Sisters and Brothers. I don't know of an assembly that has been more attentive and quiet and cooperative. You notice that we're just moving right along. We just lack two or three, and we'll be through with amendments and then get into something that is so important to all of us. We're moving right along.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry, Sisters and Brothers, it's raining amendments and resolutions up here in the East. Now there's a
question that this is duplicating, because it mentions Grand Officers, Deputies and Committees. They're checking the appropriateness and legality of it saying in one place one thing and a little later something different. So give us just a second and let us figure out what this is. [singing by Grand Choir]

Thank goodness for a wonderful Choir. Thank you for your beautiful music in filling this space. Sisters and Brothers, we just want to do this right. We want this to be totally legal, and we want to understand because how can we discuss it with you if we don't understand?

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: I will be happy to read this. Please quietly give your attention so that we all know what we're doing. "Supervision. She shall exercise a watchful care over the interests of this Grand Chapter, ensuring that all Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies and Committees discharge their respective duties in accordance with the Ritual and the Constitution and Laws. An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron, his Deputies. Any Board decision that she feels is unlawful should be addressed to the Corporate Board in writing and a majority vote of that body would be the overruling factor in changing a Board's decision."

Worthy Grand Matron, we find this in proper order and ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

Listen, Sisters and Brothers, to the instructions of your Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yeah, right! Gayle, did you wish to say something? Okay. First, I want to say that this has been edited for legality purposes, because the way it was written originally you are saying that the Worthy Grand Matron would have a watchful care over the interests of this Grand Chapter, ensuring that all Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies and Committees discharge their respective duties in accordance with the Ritual, Constitution and Laws. An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron and his Deputies.

We dropped off the next line which is the Elected Grand Officers and Boards, because that was already stated up above. And if you left that in there, you were exempting them from her supervision, which you had just written in the line before -- which was in the line previous to that, giving her authority over them -- I'm sorry -- "supervision" I believe the wording is here.

So it was the legality of that that was giving us a problem. It was brought to our attention by a Jurisprudence member. So we have rewritten that. I might tell you that our attorney feels we need to have a new motion and second, since that is a significant change in this amendment. I'll tell you I already have a replacement amendment up here. It's raining resolutions and amendments. But we want to do it right. Do we have some more discussion?

MRS. LILLIAN TRAVIS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Lillian Travis from Velasco 220. Sister Beulah read the last time different, which confused all of us once more. So -- that's the reason I'm here to speak on that. I think you explained what -- the reason for it was the legality of it, and so I presume I'm
satisfied, as long as we understand that’s what it is.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Matron, may I read it again?
VOICES: No.
MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Okay. Everybody knows --
MRS. LILLIAN TRAVIS: You keep changing it is the reason that we’re confused.
MRS. BEULAH SPEER: I’m sorry I confused you in any way, darling.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did my explanation clear that up then for you? Is that what you’re saying?
MRS. LILLIAN TRAVIS: Yes, it did, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you.
Sisters and Brothers, I know this is tedious, but when you come into matters of law, we need to have -- we don’t want to pass something that’s illegal. All right. Now, we need a motion -- again I understand -- Grand Secretary.
GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the previous motion.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Now we have a motion and a second, and you are considering the amendment to amendment number 10. If you are in favor -- go ahead. I’m sorry. I forgot to ask for discussion again. Go ahead, Brother Paul.
MR. PAUL GARNER: Worthy Grand Matron, Paul Garner, Worthy Patron of Spring 1105. I have substituted a substitute amendment for the amendment under discussion, that I hope will clarify. May I read it?
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay.
MR. PAUL GARNER: "Substitute to the amendment of amendment number 10. Replace to read. She shall exercise a general supervision over the interests of this Grand Chapter, ensuring that all Grand Officers, Boards, Deputies and Committees discharge their respective duties in accordance with the Ritual, and the Constitution and Laws. An exception being the Worthy Grand Patron and his Deputies in the discharge of their respective duties. Any Board decision that she feels is unlawful should be addressed to the Corporate Board in writing, and a majority vote of that body would be the overruling factor in changing a Board decision."
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That’s the replacement. It’s a little simpler, maybe because we haven’t heard it so much. Okay, Grand Secretary.
GRAND SECRETARY: Alma Carter, Past Matron of Plano 703. I believe that this new motion leaves out our Grand Line, and I think that they should be in there. It was in the first motion, so I’m going to vote against this last motion -- the last amendment that was read because I think the amendment before that was a better, more workable motion.
[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Grand Choir. Okay. Who was first? Let's get the first one at the "against" mike.

MRS. JANELL NANGOLDS: My name is Janell Nangolds. I'm an Affiliated Past Matron of Jefferson Chapter 627. I believe we have too many amendments on the floor. The verbiage is too confusing to those of us trying to listen to it. Until the verbiage can be corrected, I suggest that we table amendment 10. [applause]

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: I'm Darla Dunaway, Worthy Matron of Mansfield 876. I second the motion and request that we move on with our valuable time not being wasted. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I've asked my Parliamentarian to clarify this. My understanding is if we adopt this motion and second to table amendment number 10, that we will table everything relating to it, which will be the amendment to amendment number 10 and the replacement or substitution to amendment number 10, and number 10 will go to never-never land. [applause] That's where you want it to go! Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I think you clearly understand this. This is an undebatable motion and it is a ranking motion. We will just vote. Those in favor of tabling amendment number 10 and all of the other amendments thereto. Okay. Down. I don't think I need to take those against, but I will. Those against. I think it was unanimous. No, there were a few down here. Thank you.

We have sent amendment number 10 to the table.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: May I present 11?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You can present 11. I thought you were going to say skip it!

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 11

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Sisters and Brothers, this is amendment number 11, Code of Laws, Duties and Prerogatives of Grand Officers. Worthy Grand Matron Ad Interim Powers now reads, "During the recess of the Grand Chapter she shall exercise its executive powers, and her authority shall be supreme in all matters as set forth in our Constitution and Laws." The amendment to read: "Article 30. Ad Interim Powers. During the recess of Grand Chapter, she shall exercise its executive powers, and her authority shall extend only as set forth in our Constitution and Laws. She shall not allow, condone, nor be a part to any violation of these laws, as the entire membership, including the Worthy Grand Matron, are subject to these laws which include the Legal Code."

Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this in proper order and awaits the pleasure of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 11 reads as follows.]
AMENDMENT NO. 11

WHEREAS, Before becoming a member of this Order the candidate answers in the affirmative that she/he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being, and

WHEREAS, No one should be considered higher or equal to the Supreme Being, and

WHEREAS, Our Order is governed by Rules and Regulations to wit: Constitution and Code of Laws which when followed insures that the Good of the Order is uppermost with all members, and that the will of the majority prevails, therefore the following is presented:

CODE OF LAWS, Chapter 4, DUTIES & PREROGATIVES OF GRAND OFFICERS

A. WORTHY GRAND MATRON, page 61

Article 30, AD INTERIM POWERS, NOW READS: During the recess of the Grand Chapter, she shall exercise its executive powers, and her authority shall be supreme in all matters as set forth in our Constitution and Laws.

AMENDED TO READ:

Article 30, AD INTERIM POWERS. During the recess of Grand Chapter, she shall exercise its executive powers, and her authority shall extend only as set forth in our Constitution and Laws. She shall not allow, condone, nor be a part to any violation of these laws as the entire membership including the Worthy Grand Matron are subject to these laws which include the Legal Code.

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Jack Guy

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have had amendment number 11 presented. Do we have a motion?

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Morgenthaler, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I am in favor of this amendment. I feel that the Corporate Board should work together in unity, and a lot of times rulings have been made in the past that all of the members of the Corporate Board were not aware of. I think by changing that, we can
come together as a team and be more working together as the Corporate Board. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for those comments. We have a motion and a second to consider this amendment. Is there any other discussion? I'm going to invite the Worthy Grand Patron to preside. Brother Ed.

Sisters and Brothers, you all know that I'm going to be out of this office in just about, what? 24 hours, a little more than that. And so this is not going to relate to me as an individual, but I want to say that I don't think sometimes we realize the magnitude of the business of the Grand Chapter of Texas. You are an organization -- and I added up the figures on the latest accounting statement of our Grand Treasurer -- with over $12 million in assets in the bank. You also have the door open for a number of liabilities. At the present time and for a while, we have been totally clear of any legal matters where we have been sued for any purpose. But in the past, when the Grand Chapter of Texas has received a legal lawsuit, I promise you it comes to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star; and I don't feel like I could get served before I go out Saturday night, so the next opportunity would be -- and then in the name of Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron.

I will assure you that the first thing I did when I was elected was take out an umbrella policy on my insurance. The Grand Chapter does have a policy, but I did not consider it adequate. I am not -- if the powers are taken away from the office of Worthy Grand Matron, there is no way that if she truly believed that something was being done that could put us in a precarious legal position, there really would be no way that she could move to stop it in any type of an expeditious process. I understand that we rule by committee, because we have the Board that handles finances and all. But, Sisters and Brothers, if I exceeded my authority or if I misused the authority of the office of Worthy Grand Matron, I apologize. But I have never felt that I did so. And I would be very sorry to see the power -- the authority of the office of Worthy Grand Matron decreased to the point that she was just a figurehead. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Patron, I know I'm standing at the mike for "against," but I hope the assembly will let me speak for this so I will not have to walk around the room. If that's okay. May I? [applause]

I'm Yvonne Brownfield, Past Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter 1070. I don't believe that this amendment had anything to do with the financial responsibilities of Grand Chapter. It is all encompassing. As Worthy Grand Matron -- which I had the privilege of serving one time -- I feel that I had my plate full in doing what the Ritual told me to do and that I agreed to do at the Altar and governed by the Constitution and Code of Laws. We have the Board who takes care of our finances, and I believe that this amendment does not address the finances. It just addresses some terminology that perhaps should not be there. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. PRISCILLA LOCKE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Priscilla Locke. I'm a Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter 171. Ladies and gentlemen, we vote
on our Worthy Grand Matron, and it starts with our Associate Grand Matron. We vote on these people to lead us. And if we take away their authority and power, then what we've done is vote someone to be at the head of a social organization. Sometimes you don't realize what you are doing until down the road something happens. And I want to caution you about being very, very careful in what you do. Our Worthy Grand Matron should retain, I believe, the powers that she has been given in her office. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Is there any further discussion? If not, all that are in favor will raise their ballots. Thank you. All opposed. I believe it carried, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: The Worthy Grand Patron ruled that the amendment passed. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Sister Wanda.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 12

MRS. WANDA FAIRCILD: Amendment number 12. Please turn to page 63 in your Advanced Annual Report, Code of Laws, Purposes and Policies Committee, Article 152-j, page 109. Composition. Our present law states that the Purposes and Policies Committee is composed of eight elected Grand Officers, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and five members appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five Districts in Texas. At the 2002 Grand Chapter session, an amendment was adopted that combines both the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences. So our present Board of Directors represents both. The proposed amendment is to add the Vice Chairman to the composition of the Purposes and Policies Committee. Are there any questions regarding this amendment number 12?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds the amendment in proper order and is ready for the action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 12 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 12

WHEREAS, It is prudent business practice to plan for continuity, and

WHEREAS, the following committee is charged with Long Range Plans for our Order, it is therefore in the best interest of same, that the following be proposed:


NOW READS:

a. COMPOSITION. The Purposes and Policy Committee is composed as follows:
(1) The eight (8) elective Grand Officers.

(2) The Chairman of the Board of Directors.

(3) Five members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five Districts in Texas; the terms of Committee Members from Districts on the first committee hereunder to be: ETC ETC

AMEND TO READ:

a. COMPOSITION. The Purposes and Policy Committee is composed as follows:

(1) The eight (8) elective Grand Officers.

(2) The Chairman of the Board of Directors.

(3) The Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

(4) Five members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, one from each of the five Districts in Texas; the terms of Committee Members from Districts on the first committee hereunder to be: ETC ETC.

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WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I move to second that, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did you move it, Wanda?

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Yes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt amendment number 12 concerning the Purposes and Policies Committee. Are there any questions, any discussion? Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we're ready for a vote. All in favor of adopting amendment number 12, raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed, please raise your gold cards. This amendment was adopted.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 13

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Amendment 13, please turn to page 64 of your Advanced Annual Report, Code of Laws, Chapter 13, Revenues, Returns, Appropriations and Expenditures. Source of Revenue, Article 169, Expenditures, page 122 of your Constitution and Code of Laws. Our present law states that (a) every account against Grand Chapter should be in detail
and show upon its face each item comprising the whole bill; (b) any motion, resolution or recommendation involving the appropriations or investment of money shall be referred to the Board of Directors and report made thereon before final action is taken.

The proposed amendment remains the same on letter (a) and (b). You will note that additional letter (c) has been added, which reads, "No expenditure exceeding $10,000.00 may be made without prior approval of Grand Chapter."

Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this amendment?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 13 reads as follows.]

AMENDMENT NO. 13

WHEREAS, the funds of Grand Chapter belong to the membership, and

WHEREAS, to be good stewards of these funds, and held accountable to the membership the following should be addressed:

CODE OF LAWS, Chapter 13 REVENUES, RETURNS, EXPENDITURES SOURCES OF REVENUE

Article 169. EXPENDITURES, pg 122

NOW READS:

a. Accounts. Every account shall be in detail, and show upon its face each item comprising the whole bill.

b. Motions involving expense or investment. Any motion, resolution or recommendation involving the appropriation or investment of money shall be referred to the Board of Directors and report made thereon before final action is taken.

AMEND TO READ

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b. Motions involving expense or investment. Any motion, resolution or recommendation involving the appropriation or investment of money shall be referred to the Board of Directors and report made thereon before final action is taken.

c. NO EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING $10,000.00 MAY BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF GRAND CHAPTER.
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Benita Basset
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Pat Turner
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MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: I move acceptance of this amendment 13 -- is that what I'm --

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. We have a motion and a second to accept or to adopt amendment 13 to our Code of Laws. Is there any discussion?

Seeing none, we will proceed to vote. All in favor of adopting amendment 13, please raise those gold cards. We're going to get our money's worth out of those. Down. All opposed. Amendment 13 has passed.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Sisters and Brothers, isn't this a great Order? [applause]

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 14

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Please turn to page 65, amendment number 14, Code of Laws, Chapter 4, Affiliation, Article 204g, page 145. Fifty-Year Members. Our present law allows members who have paid dues for fifty years and have been awarded a certificate of 50-year membership prior to October 31, 1991, to be exempt from dues and the Chapter is exempt from paying per capita tax to Grand Chapter. However, those who qualify for a 50-year certificate after October 31, 1991, are subject to payment of dues unless so waived by the Chapter. Regardless of the Chapter's action to waive the dues, the Chapter is still required to pay the per capita dues on this member. The proposed amendment would allow all those who qualify for the 50-year membership certificate to be exempt from Chapter dues and also their Chapter to be exempt from paying per capita tax on the members, regardless of the year that they attained their 50-year membership.

Are there any questions regarding the formality or legality of this amendment number 14?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this amendment in proper order and ready for action of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 14 reads as follows.]
AMENDMENT NO. 14

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF LAWS
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

WHEREAS small Subordinate Chapters of Grand Chapter of Texas are having a hard time surviving, and have to collect dues for the next year in order to pay their Per Capita Tax to Grand Chapter; and,

WHEREAS the Grand Chapter of Texas for many years exempted the fifty-year members from the per capita tax, and now allow the exemption to apply only to those who attained their fifty-year membership prior to October 31, 1991; and,

WHEREAS many members have retained membership because they believe that they will be exempt from dues upon attaining fifty years of membership; and,

WHEREAS the Subordinate Chapters cannot tell a few long-time members they are exempt from dues, and others that they are not; and,

WHEREAS Subordinate Chapters with many locally exempt fifty-year members are in a financial strain thus keeping them from coming to the aid of their members, having fellowship meetings, or giving to worthy causes that help publicize the presence of the Order of the Eastern Star in their local communities;

THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED:

Change Article 204 g of the Code of Laws which reads:

\[g. \text{FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS}\]

(1) Members who have paid dues for fifty years and have been awarded a Certificate of Fifty-Year Membership prior to October 31, 1991 are EXEMPT from all dues in their Chapter and said Chapter is EXEMPT from payment of Per Capita to Grand Chapter.

(2) However, those who qualify for the receipt of a Fifty-Year Membership Certificate after October 31st, 1991 will be subject to payment of dues unless same are waived by a majority vote of those present at a Chapter meeting. Regardless of the Chapter action, the Chapter shall pay Per Capita Tax on the member.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Members who have paid dues for fifty years in a Subordinate Chapter and qualify for the receipt of a Fifty-Year Membership Certificate are EXEMPT from all dues in their Chapter and said Chapter is EXEMPT from payment of
Per Capita Tax to Grand Chapter on said fifty-year members.

Submitted by: Robert Brookshear Dorris Martin
Frances Godwin Geny Stone Sharon Burns
Marilyn Brookshear Marie Boyd

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did you move the adoption of this? Don't we have to have a motion before we have discussion?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: I so move, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. We have a motion and a second so that we can go on to discussion. We have an individual here at the mike "for." Sister, I recognize you in the North.

MRS. FRANCES GODWIN: I'm Frances Godwin, Colorado 58, Past Matron. We have been looking for ways to help the Subordinate Chapters. I believe this would help. We have to raise our -- have to collect our dues for next year in order to pay our per capita tax. This is one thing we could do to help the small Chapters. There are 12 pages of Chapters that have been consolidated or demised. Over 61 percent of our Chapters have less than 100 members. We need to do something to help them stay alive. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister. I recognize the Sister in the South.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Frances Burbank, Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter 835. I understand many, many Chapters need additional funding and they're having a difficult time, and I wish we could make everyone, after they become a 50-year member, exempt from dues in their Chapter and from Grand Chapter. But Grand Chapter cannot afford it. We need money in the General Fund at this time. We need money in particularly the Benevolent Fund. I understand that we have about 5,000 members that are 50-year members in the Grand Chapter of Texas. Grand Chapter cannot stand the expense. And many Chapters also need the income from their members, even though they are 50-year members. I know it's difficult. I am aware also that a Chapter can exempt their members from dues to the Chapter, but of course they do still have to pay per capita tax to Grand Chapter. It's the per capita tax that hurts the funds of Grand Chapter if this amendment is passed. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Frances. Do we have another? I recognize Sister "Peaches" Wallace.

MRS. "PEACHES" WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm a Past Matron from Ridglea Chapter #999. I can remember when we were here in this Grand Chapter when this was voted to change it this way. One of the things brought to our attention then is this, that Grand Chapter cannot tell the Subordinate Chapter who they shall collect dues from and who they shall not. That's the reason why that vote is left to the Subordinate Chapter. If they want to exempt their members from paying dues, they can do that.
Grand Chapter cannot do that for the Subordinate Chapter. We cannot tell them how they can get their money to run their Chapter.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I recognize Brother John Kleinfelder in the North.

**MR. JOHN KLEINFELDER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm John Kleinfelder, Past Patron of Melrose 920, currently Patron of Klein 1141. I belong to a lot of organizations. Every one of them -- when you have been a member for 50 years, you become exempt from dues and exempt from per capita, except for Eastern Star. When a member has been a good and faithful member for that long, I think that's the least we can do to recognize them. We give them a certificate; we give them a pin. I think we should exempt their dues. It's not going to hurt the Chapter; it's not going to hurt the Grand Chapter. It doesn't hurt the Lodges that I belong to, nor the Chapters, the Councils, the Commandries and everything else that does it. I think we owe it to them. It's our appreciation. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Kleinfelder. Is there any other discussion? I recognize Barbara Cunningham.

**MRS. BARBARA CUNNINGHAM:** I'm Barbara Cunningham, Past Matron -- I can't talk in front of a mike, I cry -- of Somerset Chapter #730. Sisters and Brothers, when we have members who are 50-year members -- and they're very dedicated members -- what more honor than to have the Chapter vote to pay their per capita and make them a life member. Now that's an honor. That's honoring your member much more so than if it comes through Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Barbara, for your input. Is there any other? Okay. We have one coming to the microphone. I'm going to recognize Sister Joyce Martin.

**MRS. JOYCE MARTIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Joyce Martin, Worthy Matron of Hurst Chapter #1099. I am a 50-year member, and I can remember when a motion was made in this Grand Chapter to exclude all 50-year members from dues. Does anybody remember how much it cost the Grand Chapter of Texas when they did not receive this money? The Chapters didn't pay on them, and the members didn't pay. I'm just glad I lived 50 years, and I'm real happy that I can pay this. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you for your comments. I see we have another. Since I have no one at the "for," I'll recognize the Sister at "against" in the South.

**MRS. NORMA ALLEN:** I'm Norma Allen, Secretary of Richardson Chapter 921. We have a little over 120-something members; I can't give you the exact figures, I'm sorry. Of that total, we carry probably 25 on our rolls for which we pay the assessment. I am a 50-year member. Our Chapter cannot afford many more. The last ones that have received 50-years, I have talked to them and requested that they pay dues -- and we have this in our by-laws, so our Chapter is covered in that way. But we cannot afford this. Neither can Grand Chapter. That's all I have to say. It's a great idea; it's a great honor to be a 50-year member, but you still owe something to the Order.
Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is such a sensitive issue at this moment, a very tender issue. So I feel it in my heart that we have some other legislation facing us that maybe can take care -- this is going to cost Grand Chapter about $55,000 if we pass this right now. I'm not going to say we shouldn't, but I'm going to say that at this point we've got deficit budgets, we've got problems, and we've got a couple of resolutions that maybe just might take care of all of our financial problems, if we don't have a big empty Home to take care of. So I'm recommending that we table this until we see the actions of the rest of our business, and then possibly bring it back on the floor. Could I do that, respectfully, please? [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Of course you may, Sister Rosemary. Every member of this Grand Chapter are equal at these microphones, and you have the right -- this is your Grand Chapter, this is your business, and you have a right for your input.

Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion. Do we have a second?

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I second the motion to table.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Why was I not surprised? That's because she handles the money! She seconds that motion. I know you understand what Sister Rosemary said, so we are going to move straight to the question. Any discussion -- no, wait, we don't discuss this. It's a motion to table. Okay. Sisters and Brothers, if you wish to table amendment 14, please raise your yellow cards at this time. Lower them. Any opposed. Sisters and Brothers, you have tabled amendment number 14.

All right. Sisters and Brothers, I have a question for you. I'm going to allow you to make the decision. We, as you know, have resolution number 1 that will be the next order of business, or we have emergency legislation that has been presented to us by your Board of Directors. I want you to tell me which piece of legislation you would like to consider first. If you would like to take up the emergency legislation first, it is concerning using funds from the interest of -- I tell you what. Just a moment. I need to check with Jurisprudence. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to tell you what my problem is here. We may have to come back and look at this, but it is the opinion -- it is my opinion and I turned it to Jurisprudence -- that the emergency legislation would not be legal. So we're going to look at that. I'm not saying it isn't. We're going to look at that. I have not been wrong very often. Ha, ha! But I do want the business to keep rolling. I know many of you are here in relation to resolution number 1, and, Sisters and Brothers, we are here to serve you and that's what we want to do. So we're going on with resolution number 1. We're going to research this information on the emergency legislation and then we'll come back and see what we need to do.

Who is handling resolution number 1? Beulah is. Okay. [Worthy
Grand Matron confers.] I'm going to see if we can get some more business started here. I know the hour grows late. Let me give you some idea of what brings on the complexity here. That is the fact that in your Advanced Report you have printed a resolution, and then you have printed an amendment to that resolution, but in our possession now are four more amendments to that resolution. We have to consider each one of these, if they are proposed, if they are legal in form and if they are moved. And that's what we're trying to figure out, the proper order to do this in. [Worthy Grand Matron confers and Grand Choir sings.] "Because He Lives," we are going to get through this some way. We are going to hear from Sister Beulah Speer on resolution number 1.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Matron, would you ask the Sentinels to tell anyone outside, if they're interested in this resolution, this business is going on so that someone can't say later, 'Well, I didn't know it was going on.'

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder, will you inform the Grand Sentinel to ask the Assisting Grand Sentinels to please notify any that might be outside the Grand Chapter room that we are considering resolution number 1, and if they wish to be in the Grand Chapter room while this is being done, they need to come to the Grand Chapter room immediately.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, you will see if those who are outside the door might like to listen to resolution number 1 proposal. You will inform those Assistant Sentinels to let the people know outside that we are about to consider resolution number 1.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Sentinels, you will spread the word far and wide that we are about to consider resolution number 1. Anyone who is interested should please come into the Grand Chapter room and secure the doors behind them.

Sister Grand Warder, they are telling the members who are outside the Grand Chapter room, and they will be coming in shortly.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 1

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Sisters and Brothers, we will now consider resolution number 1. Please turn to page 66 in your Advanced Annual Report. Sisters and Brothers, resolution number 1 pertains to the sale of the property of the Order of the Eastern Star which consists of approximately 29.61 acres. It will require a two-thirds vote of the voting members of this Grand Chapter to sell the property. It has been established by our deeds recorded in Volume 1106, page 343 of the Deeds and Records of Tarrant County, Texas. Also, Grand Chapter has two letters from Mr. John Randolph Thompson, Jr., attorney for the Grand Chapter of Texas, responding to questions regarding warranty deed restrictions on the sale of the OES property. One letter is dated October 12th, 2001, and was sent to Marjorie
Errington, Grand Secretary; another second, and recent, letter dated July 22nd, 2003, was sent to Alma Carter, Grand Secretary. This letter has been published in the 2003 September issue of your Official Bulletin.

The following is a quote from both of the letters from Mr. John Randolph Thompson, Jr. "Only after the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, has two-thirds vote of its delegates, duly taken, instructing them to sell or convey." Sisters and Brothers, we, your Jurisprudence Committee, realize that this is very important legislation for you to consider. We feel that it would be in the best interest of the Grand Chapter of Texas if resolution number 1 was read exactly as proposed. Rather than giving a synopsis, we would ask that you quietly and prayerfully follow along in your Advanced Annual Report on page 66.

[Resolution No. 1 reads as follows.]

**RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**Proposal**

WHEREAS, the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, whose stated purpose is to provide benevolent aid, to as many members as possible, as needed, and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the sale of the OES property, consisting of approximately 29.61 acres would generate additional interest Income which could be used for benevolent aid, and

WHEREAS, recognizing that renovation costs for the OES Home will be a financial burden for the Membership, Subordinate Chapters, and Grand Chapter, and

WHEREAS, the former residents of the OES Home are being well taken care of in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center leaving the OES Home vacant, and

WHEREAS, the members appointed by the 2001 session of Grand Chapter of Texas, after studying various options and alternatives of the uses of the OES property, recommended the sale of such property.

THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED:

The Board of Directors, shall be granted the authority and is directed to take the following actions:

(1) will, if deemed in the best interest of this Grand Chapter, secure and approve payment of a second appraisal on the OES Property immediately following the close of the 2003 Grand Chapter Session; and

(2) engage a Licensed Commercial Realtor, if needed, to market the OES Property (excluding paying full commission on any entities who have previously expressed an interest in purchasing the property), it being understood
that the selected realtor not be related by blood or marriage, to any elected office of Grand Chapter past or present; and

(3) sell the property for the best possible price, said price not being less than the highest appraised value and apportion said proceeds in the best interests of Grand Chapter; and

4) lease or purchase space and/or property for the OES Business Headquarters and Museum; and

(5) provide all support necessary to ensure that the sale of the OES Property and the relocation of the Business Headquarters and Museum are successfully completed; and

(6) provide a comprehensive report containing the progress of the sale of the OES Property and the relocation of the Business Headquarters and Museum each Grand Chapter until all has been completed. A current progress report will be published in the Official Bulletin monthly.

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Edna Jefferies  Jerre S. Lucas  +610 Signatures

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of resolution 1? And I want to remind you that I believe we have four or five amendments to this resolution number 1.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds this resolution number 1 in proper order and awaits the action of this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Do we have a motion?
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I so move, Worthy Grand Matron.
THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Don’t say that!
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Correction. Go ahead, Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I move the adoption of this resolution.
VOICE: Second.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: We have a second. Is there discussion?
MR. BEN DAY: Worthy Grand Matron.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize --

MR. BEN DAY: My name is Ben Day. I'm a Past Patron -- current Worthy Patron of Dalcliff Chapter #574, also a Past Patron several times. I want to know how to reconcile this resolution number 1 with Section 3 of Article 3 of our Constitution, which states, "Permanent headquarters for the Grand Chapter office is hereby fixed in the Administration Building belonging to the Grand Chapter and located on the grounds of the OES Home at Arlington. In this office all equipment and facilities suitable and necessary for the transaction of the office business of Grand Chapter and for the preservation of its records shall be maintained." To me it looks like we're going to have to have a change to our Constitution; it will take two readings to the Constitution.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I know the sound is bad in here, Sisters and Brothers. Our Jurisprudence Chairman was asking what he was saying. What he was saying is that in our Constitution it states that our headquarters will be located at -- is it 1121 Division Street? I don't have it right here in front of me, but it is in our Constitution. And this resolution is saying that we will sell the property, and therefore the headquarters would not be there, and that that is in violation of our Constitution. In other words, what he's saying is he believes resolution 1 to be in violation of our Constitution. Does that answer -- I'm sorry. I'm answering the question here of the Jurisprudence Chairman.

I recognize --

MRS. MARY SHOOK: My name is Mary Shook. I'm a Past Matron of Abilene Chapter #30. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers: I come from a very long line of members of Eastern Star back several generations. We are carrying that on with younger generations in my family. In all of those years, the Eastern Star Home was there. The property of the Eastern Star Home -- of course I realize that we have moved our ladies, but the property is quite valuable. Right now, the Tarrant County tax rolls carry it at -- $5.1 million is the amount appraised on it -- the appraised value. We are tax exempt on that property. I personally am against any sale of the property. I feel like that we could make good use of that property by building -- like resolution 3 brings up, building a Grand Chapter building at that place. We've already spent $500,000 discussing this the last two years. We have to spend over -- you've already said today, over $20,000 just for this building. And all of those things would be -- all of that money would be saved if we did build a Grand Chapter building and area on our property that is already owned. So I, therefore, am against any sale of the property of Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Sister. I know we have one in the North. Sister Brenda Smith.

MRS. BRENDA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Brenda Smith, a Past Matron of Oak Forest Chapter #1080, now affiliated with Bandera Chapter #643. I speak in favor of this resolution. As the maker of this resolution, I am speaking not only for myself, but I am also speaking for the
727 other concerned members who signed this resolution. Our Grand Chapter again finds itself at an important fork in the road, and it is up to the membership to decide which direction this Grand Chapter will take. The question before us is not just do we want to sell the Eastern Star property in Arlington. The real question is do we, as an organization, want to fulfill our Charter which says our purposes are charitable and benevolent.

Simply stated, does the membership of Texas want to continue spending large sums of money -- $232,000 last year and $445,423 this year -- on an empty building? Or does the membership of Texas want to sell the property and put the proceeds to work benefitting the members of our Grand Chapter who are in need? Sisters and Brothers, you may not realize it, but our Grand Chapter spent three times more money on an empty building than we did supporting our members in need -- $145,423 last year on the building, $51,827 on benevolent aid. Don't we have to ask ourselves what's wrong with this picture? I, like you, have heard the concerns voiced by some over the value of the property, the cost to relocate the State Office and the Museum and the members' ashes that are on the property. This resolution addresses all of these items by giving the Board of Directors, who by our Constitution has the responsibility and obligation to administer the affairs of our Grand Chapter, the control over each of these items. Sisters and Brothers, we elected these members to serve our Grand Chapter. And if we, the membership, give the Board the direction we want them to take by approving this resolution, they will do what is in the best interest of our Grand Chapter --

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Brenda, I have been notified that the three-minute time limit is up.

**MRS. BRENDA SMITH:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brenda. I will recognize Brother Richard Ochs. I believe he was there first.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Richard Ochs, Past Patron of Amarillo Chapter 787. As I understand, our proposed amendments will be presented before a vote is taken, because I feel very strongly about the things that I had in the amendment about some of the dis-information, deceit and deception. I want to assure that we get some of the comments relative to that. So I'm opposed to the resolution as it currently stands and look forward to the amendment. I'll wait for that to be on the other side.

**MRS. BEULAH SPEER:** Brother Richard, we are reading all of the other resolutions in complete form as submitted. And I can tell you that the Worthy Grand Matron will assure you that your amendment will be presented as you submitted.

**MR. RICHARD OCHS:** Thank you very kindly.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Let me make an explanation on that. We have one amendment that is printed, and it will have to be taken first is the instructions I have before we take any other amendments. So you can only have so many at a time. Now, this is my Parliamentarian and our attorney advising me on this. We will be working our way through these.
I recognize the lady in the North. Is that you, Sandy?

MRS. SANDY McMILLAN: Yes, ma'am. Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Sandy McMillan. I'm a Past Matron of Buna Chapter #968. I am in favor of this resolution. I don't know if everybody is aware -- I love the Order; I've only been in since '93, but it is a wonderful Order. I would like to see it continue, but we have a problem. Our little ladies are looked after now. I think they're very happy where they're at. We've got to start considering that we have members that belong to this Grand Chapter that are on fixed incomes. They only get so much a month. If we don't start doing something and taking this Home under consideration here that we're having to pay for - the utilities and everything, we cannot afford to keep doing this. I myself and my husband are on a fixed income. We have so much coming in a month. That's all we have. We've got to start thinking about the ones out here that are members that are on these fixed incomes and start doing something about our membership here. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Sister. I need to speak to my Parliamentarian a moment. I'm going to go ahead and take another speaker. Buddy, were you up next?

MR. BUDDY BAKER: I just got here.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I'll take the "for."

MRS. NANCY WOOD: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Nancy Wood. I'm a Past Matron of League City Chapter #621. I would like to concede my three minutes to Brenda to continue her presentation. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Let me get my Parliamentarian here. Just a second. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.] Sister, the Parliamentarian says that we do not relinquish our time under our Grand Chapter parliamentary procedure. [applause]

MRS. NANCY WOOD: The sale of our Eastern Star property would help us manage through our financial crisis. It would eliminate the money wasted on an empty building and put that money to work helping our members. After all, isn't this what we're all about, helping and supporting each other? Sisters and Brothers, I will not tell you how to vote on this crucial piece of legislation, nor should anyone else. However, I will ask you to review the financial facts. Vote with your head and not your heart. The viable future of our Grand Chapter depends greatly on the decision you make and I make on this important resolution. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister. Now, since we have heard all of this report, I would like to -- I heard some figures in that report that we heard that I had not seen at any time. I receive monthly financial figures from the Grand Treasurer, and I went to her. I would like for her to explain -- I believe the figure was something like $400,000 to maintain the property. Sister Betty, I'm just wanting to get clarification on those figures. I believe what you tell me is that the only place you can find that figure in your figures is where the -- it's inclusive of the figures of the care of the ladies.

MRS. BRENDA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, I did misspeak those
The correct figure -- I spoke it in two different places and I did misspeak. Excuse my nervousness for doing that. The correct figure is $145,423 for this year's expenses on the empty building. Is that the figure you were talking about?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I just heard that 400,000 and it kind of blew me away. I'm not certain exactly where it was. Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

I do want to also point out to you that that hundred-and-something thousand dollars did not come out of the General Fund. Every penny of it came out of the interest of the Home Endowment Fund. Am I correct, Sister Betty?

Okay. No funds from per capita have gone for any use for the Eastern Star Home since we changed -- or moved the ladies out and changed the way we divided per capita. I believe that was two years ago. And we changed the accounts, and we started putting the eight-fifty into a ladies' -- what is the title? Ladies' retirement account. So the eight-fifty goes in there, and the other goes into the General Fund and the Benevolent Aid Fund. The Board is using the interest off of the Home Endowment Fund, I believe, to pay the expenses on the Eastern Star Home. I'm not arguing the figures. I just want the membership to know that your Board is not taking money out of the General Fund to maintain the Home. Buddy, were you going to speak?

MR. BUDDY BAKER: Worthy Grand Matron -- and I am Worthy Patron of Mart Chapter 109. Y'all have answered my question, but it felt so good standing here, I'm just going to state what I was going to say. On page 43 of the Advanced Proceedings, it said it was only $101,567. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Thank you. You were going to help me with that. I recognize Henry Martin.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. May I ask a question? I will not incur a time. We had not heard --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Say that again. I'm sorry for the sound.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I want to ask a question of you, please. We had not heard about a time limit prior to Brenda speaking. Are we just imposing that on this resolution?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear all that you said, Henry, in that. But just a minute, let me say this. The time limit was given in the report of the Parliamentarian which she gave last night and it was adopted today by this body. And the three-minute time limit was in there, and it was read, because I checked on that before we started setting the clock.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You're welcome.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Resolution 1 gives the Board of Directors the authority to relocate the State Administrative Offices and the Eastern Star Museum. As the question of where that new location should be was
discussed, the idea of moving to the campus of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center appeared to be very attractive, because this is where our ladies are now residing and receiving excellent care. Definite advantage could be seen to relocating there. As a result, there have been discussions with the Board of the TMRC concerning various options. Because of the 501(c)(3) status of the TMRC, the Board had to have several legal and IRS questions researched and answered before a decision could be made. I have attended several of the recent Board meetings where the issue was discussed, and I am pleased to tell you today of a decision that the TMRC Board made last Thursday by way of a unanimous vote. This is the decision. If this Grand Chapter votes to sell the OES property, the TMRC will begin the process to build a multi-story building attached to the present TMRC building. Once that building is completed, they will then lease one floor to the Eastern Star at their cost, which is significantly below the current rate for commercial property in Arlington. They will lease one entire floor of that building to use for our administrative offices and museum. Sisters and Brothers, this will allow us to have our ladies, the administrative offices and the museum all in one convenient and economical place where members and guests can visit. If this step is taken, the Grand Chapter will not face, as we have in the past, the prospect of financing a large, aging building, maintaining the grounds, paying for additional security because of a declining neighborhood. We can focus on our benevolent work and helping our membership across this state.

As they have consistently done in the past, the TMRC Board Members have taken this action specifically to help the Eastern Star. I believe this will not only further improve the excellent relationship we have with our Masonic Brothers, but will also move us even more closely to truly becoming a Masonic family. And, Sisters and Brothers, we'll also save money in the process. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Lee, I apologize, if you will just wait a moment. I have been instructed by my Jurisprudence and Parliamentarian down here that we have an amendment that must be considered, because it was published in our Advanced Report and all that, and we have not brought that. So they feel that we should go ahead and bring the amendment to the floor, because normally we do the amendment before -- the amendment to the amendment before we do the amendment. We have an additional four amendments. That would also apply to you, Darla. I cannot take you --

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: I'm not speaking on the amendment, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry. I can't hear you, Darla.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: I'm Darla Dunaway, Worthy Matron of Mansfield #876. I just wish to clarify that the monies that are spent to pay for the upkeep of the 1209 East Division property do not come from the Home Endowment interest. That is 501(c)(3) money, which is only spendable for the care of our ladies. The monies that have been used this year to pay for the care of the 1201 East Division property come from the 501(c)(8) OES Endowment Fund.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did I forget to say the eight? I'm sorry. I knew it could not be used out of the (c)(3) funds. I'm sorry. I am aware.

Sister Grand Conductress, I'm going to have to tell you also that we need to take the amendment. If you want to be seated just right there, you can, and we're going to be coming back. We're going to take the amendment to resolution number 1 now. I recognize Sister Wanda Fairchild.

REPORT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 1

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The Parliamentarian has said that amendment to resolution number 1 is a substitute amendment to resolution number 1, and if adopted will replace resolution number 1.

[Proposed Amendment to Resolution No. 1 reads as follows.]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, whose stated purpose is to provide benevolent aid to as many members as possible, as needed, and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the sale of the OES property, consisting of approximately 29.61 acres would generate additional interest income which could be used for benevolent aid, and

WHEREAS, recognizing that renovation costs for the OES Home will be a financial burden for the Membership, Subordinate Chapters, and Grand Chapter, and

WHEREAS the former residents of the OES Home are being well taken care of in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center leaving the OES Home vacant, and

WHEREAS, the members appointed by the 2001 Session of Grand Chapter of Texas, after studying various options and alternatives of the uses of the OES property, recommended the sale of the property.

THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED:

The Board of Directors and the Corporate Board shall be granted the authority and are directed to take the following actions:

(1) will secure and approve payment of a second appraisal on the OES property immediately following the close of the 2003 Grand Chapter Session; with the expenses of said appraisal to be taken from the Home Renovation Trust, and
(2) engage a Texas Licensed Commercial Realtor to market the OES property (excluding paying full commission to any entities who have previously expressed an interest in purchasing the property), it being understood that the selected realtor not be related by blood or marriage to any elected officer of Grand Chapter, past or present, and

(3) retain the services of an attorney to ensure that the sale of the OES Home and property follows legal guidelines and does not violate any IRS regulations, and,

(4) sell the property for the best possible price, said price not being less than the highest appraised value and secure from buyer a waiver that property is sold as, is, that buyer assumes all responsibility for any costs involved in removal and cleanup of the property and that buyer holds The Grand Chapter of Texas and their officers and members harmless in regard to costs or liability involved in the process. The proceeds will be apportioned in the best interest of Grand Chapter.

(5) lease or purchase space, and/or property for the OES Business Headquarters and Museum; and

(6) provide all support necessary to ensure that the sale of the OES Property and the relocation of the business Headquarters and Museum are successfully completed; and

(7) provide a comprehensive report containing the progress of the sale of the OES Property and the relocation of the Business Headquarters and Museum each Grand Chapter until all has been completed. A current progress report will be published in the Official Bulletin monthly.

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Patricia Hart
Larry Hart
Ruth West

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there a motion?

MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD: I move that we accept --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And Sister Elise Hammack is going to second that, I believe. And she's seconding the motion. Okay. Sisters and Brothers, now we are talking about the amendment to resolution number 1. Do you want to talk about that, Sister Karen?

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I have something that
in a sense is related to that that I would like to say to this membership.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Of course.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: When the Grand Chapter of Texas became the Grand Chapter of Texas, in researching our history we did not have property, we did not have a Grand Secretary’s office, we did not have a Home in the 1880s. But as time went on, the membership grew, and the need came to have a piece of property, because in the twenties the membership did not have the retirements that they have today. In 1931-32 the Grand Trustees began to have financial problems in the maintenance of that piece of property. They began to cut expenses. And through those years we have continued to cut the expenses to maintaining that piece of property with that building on it. I believe if our founder, Brother Robert Morris, was standing here today, he would say to you, "Sisters and Brothers, we are a charitable and we are a benevolent organization," and I don’t believe he would want to see us in the real estate business, changing everything that he stands for. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for your comments, Sister Grand Conductress. I recognize Brother Trey Smith.

GRAND SENTINEL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Trey Smith, Past Patron of Arlington Chapter #249. My question is for clarification, and I think that the membership deserves the answer, to know this. Is it possible for me to ask Brother Henry Martin a question in regard to his statement earlier?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is it possible to ask what, Trey?

GRAND SENTINEL: Brother Henry Martin a question in regard to his statement earlier? I'm not speaking for or against. I have a question that I think --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'll allow that. Brother Henry, are you prepared -- yes, here he comes. You know, Sisters and Brothers, I'm going to say something right here while Henry comes. My whole intention is for you to get all of the information that is there concerning the business of this Grand Chapter. So I am going to be as lenient as I can and allow as much information and clarification as we can. Proceed.

GRAND SENTINEL: I appreciate this courtesy. Henry, your statement earlier where you said -- the terms of the lease for this property at the Masonic Retirement Center, you said that they would lease it to us at their cost. What is the terms, though, in the length of that lease?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Currently the going rate for commercial property in the city of Arlington -- and that's if we went out and leased space in a strip shopping center or something like that -- the going rate is 12 to $14 per square foot. Now, the TMRC Board has estimated that they can build this building for somewhere between 9 and $10 per square foot. They believe that in approximately ten years, they would be able to pay off the debt that they incurred.

Let's remember, they're spending their money to build this building. It is primarily -- they would not be building it if the Eastern Star did not have a
need. They would not be building it today. But they are building this now with their money, and they say they would pay off the debt in approximately ten years. So we would be -- if you want to think about a commitment, we would have to commit to ten years with them to pay off this debt.

GRAND SENTINEL: So it would be then a ten-year lease?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Yes.

GRAND SENTINEL: Because they're not going to build it and not expect to make something in profit at some point?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Well, no, they're not making a profit, no. They are a 501(c)(3) organization, and they are not making a profit on this. They are simply recovering the cost of building the building. And they are building it here on their property next to the existing building, which is already platted, which will save money in terms of going to the City of Arlington. It will save time in getting it approved for building. That was their decision. Does that answer your question, Brother Trey?

GRAND SENTINEL: Yes, sir. The first part is answered. What is the approximate size of this building?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: The size of -- the building will in all likelihood, based on their discussions, be three stories. The lower floor, they expect, would be a parking garage. The second floor would be what would be leased to us, based on the discussions to date. That space would be 10,000 square feet. Today, Sisters and Brothers, we have 5,200 square feet in the Grand Secretary's office that we're utilizing. So if we used exactly that same amount, we would have the remainder of that 10,000 square feet to use for a museum. As all of you know, our museum has been in a relatively small, somewhat cramped, room in the Home property. And this would give us a chance to perhaps expand it a little bit or, you know, use only what we needed. But that floor would be a total of 10,000 square feet.

GRAND SENTINEL: So at 10,000 square feet at $10 a square foot, that's $100,000 a year in rent?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: That's true. The question is, though, Brother Trey, let's say that we went out to some strip shopping center and we rented, say, 5,000 or 7,000 square feet at $14 per square foot. 7,000 square feet at $14 a square foot, if my sixth grade arithmetic is still good, is about $98,000. So you're getting a lot more building for the money you're spending. That makes it more economical to build; it allows the parking garage to be built. And, you know, we have to remember that suddenly, if we did this, we would not be paying for additional security, we would not be paying for maintenance on a building, we would not be paying a lot of these grounds costs to keep the grass cut and all of that sort of thing. So there's going to be savings over that. I think this Grand Chapter should seriously consider it. It sounds to me like a win-win situation.

GRAND SENTINEL: What is the term of completion once they start?

MR. HENRY MARTIN: That was discussed, and they would expect the
building to be completed in roughly 18 months. Is that it?

GRAND SENTINEL: Yes. Thank you. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I appreciate the clarification. [applause]

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Worthy Grand Matron, where --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We alternate "for" and "against," Jimmie. I'm sorry. Let us get this "for," and then we'll get you. Go ahead.

MRS. DIANE WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Diane Wilson. I'm a Past Matron of The Colony, Chapter #1136. I'm speaking in favor of this resolution. We are all on fixed incomes, I don't care what your age is. If you are working, you get paid a certain amount of money every month, and you have bills that you have to meet. Our younger members, we are encouraging the youth to come into this Order. They, too, are on fixed incomes and mainly being subsidized -- a lot -- by their parents. The more items we have to sell to get this Grand Chapter profitable reduces the amount of membership that comes into our Order because they see it as being cost prohibitive. It also reduces, in my opinion, the amount of people who are willing to take Grand Appointments from our Line Officers because they don't want to have to sell anything. Therefore, I think in order for us to be out of the real estate business and to become a charitable and benevolent organization, as our Charter states, we need to adopt this resolution as amended, or in its form as it was presented originally -- it makes no difference, because we retain the services of an attorney to make sure we are in compliance with our IRS Code and our 501(c)(3) designation. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now recognize Jimmie Lee McMahon.

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Jimmie Lee McMahon. I'm the Worthy Matron of Duncanville #1014 and a Past Matron. On the proposed amendment to the resolution, where and is it legal for us to use Home Renovation Trust money when the Home Renovation Trust money was given for a particular purpose and a particular reason and we use it for something else? What will the IRS say on that, because it has been listed, it has been collected and it has been given for renovation, not for real estate appraisals?

And then, as Mr. Martin -- Henry -- said while ago, he said 18 months for completion. Where does our office go for 18 months? Does that make the Grand Chapter of Texas become rental property people and not Home centrally located? Does that also mean that if we sell our property, that we then in turn have to increase the amount that we pay our Grand Secretary for her living place that she stays that we furnish for her in the facilities? Does that mean that we then incur renter's insurance to cover our property and our museum in another location, which opens up another box?

Worthy Grand Matron, I believe that a lot of things have not been researched, nor has the answer been completely given to us. I am against selling our property at this time. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, there is no doubt that this is a very complex issue. If it were simple we wouldn't be here this
long, would we, and we wouldn't have four or five amendments? It is a very
difficult and a very complex situation. Let's see. She spoke against. We
have a "for."

MRS. JANELL NICHOLS: I am Janell Nichols, Affiliated Past Matron
with Jefferson Chapter 627. I neither stand for or against; I stand for what
is right for the Grand Chapter of Texas. I believe that what is right at this
point in time has been discussed for a number of years. I've been a member
since 1967, and I've heard these discussions in Grand Chapter about what we
can do. I call for the vote. [applause]

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron, that was my thought. I would like to
come up here to say before we have a vote, I would like to have your assurety
that it will be a paper vote, that when I make my vote, it will be my decision,
and I alone will know how I made that vote. Thank you.

One other thing is, if this resolution passes, will we have a chance to
consider and look at the possibility of resolution number 3?

MR. RICHARD OCHS: There's an amendment to that amendment.

[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we are considering
the amendment. So we have had a motion -- and I understand it is not debat­
able to close debate --

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Point of order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: -- and we would vote, and it is not -- like I
say, it is not a debatable motion --

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Point of order. Point of order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Just a second.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: State your point, Richard.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, I presented an amend­
ment to that amendment to the Jurisprudence in time that was recognized,
and they asked me that I not present it until they read it, which is an amend­
ment to that amendment that we're discussing, and it was relative to only five
words that the proponents and all have been making a big issue of. And I
definitely want that amendment to the amendment considered before you
vote on this amendment, per se. And all it is is that charitable and benevo­
lent item in lieu of "in the best interest." And they've been making a big issue
of it themselves.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, I rise to a parliamentary
inquiry. Is it in order to offer an amendment now, as there is an amendment
to the amendment currently on the floor? [applause]

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: I'm going to take the prerogative -- if she
doesn't mind -- of the Worthy Grand Matron and tell you that we have a
motion on the floor which was to call for the question, which technically means to stop debate and immediately vote. Therefore, no more discussion. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is this a test? [laughter]

[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

**VOICE:** Worthy Grand Matron, if we take a paper ballot, we're going to need pencils.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** There was a #2 pencil in every ditty bag. We obtained a donation of 3,000 #2 pencils. I see them being waved around the room. If you don't have one, we do have some additional ones. So we are prepared for that, but we have other problems, Sisters and Brothers, and we're trying to work it out right now. We understand debate has ended.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Worthy Grand Matron, could I ask for a Parliamentary clarification, please?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Let me see. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Oh, no! What do you wish to ask me?

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Sister Donna, I'm Lee Stallings, Past Patron of Friendswood 1131. I'm a little bit confused about the parliamentary procedure. Yesterday when you outlined parliamentary procedure, you said that when the question is called, it is up to the presiding officer whether or not to allow the Sisters and Brothers standing at the mike to speak. You just now emphatically said when the question is called, we've got to vote. Which is it, please?

**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Well, maybe my eyesight -- I need new glasses -- because I didn't see other people. And if I did give wrong advice to the Worthy Grand Matron, then I sincerely apologize. It was never my intent to stifle anybody who wishes to discuss things when it's time. The motion on the floor had been to stop debate and to immediately vote. I think that's what I was addressing. Whoever was standing at the microphone, I apologize if we failed to call on you.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** I just want to make sure in the future --

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Let me break in here just a minute. I think we have an emergency up here.

**VOICE:** We need a doctor or a paramedic.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Did you get your answer, Lee? I'm sorry.

**MR. LEE STALLINGS:** Yes, ma'am. I was just trying to get clarification because there were a couple of people in line. We were just confused as to the determination, if in fact we were going to always call the question and immediately vote, or if you were going to allow the line to clear. That's my only question.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Now, we have stopped debate on amendment to the resolution, and we are now -- I understand we have another amendment to the amendment, which was properly sent to them in advance and must be considered before we take that amendment. So I'm going to ask -- who's going to read this one?

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is an amendment to the proposed amendment to resolution 1 in the October Bulletin. I will read the whole thing.

"Whereas, the resolution appears more appropriate than resolution 1, if the membership strongly supports selling with a two-thirds majority vote, because Sections 3 and 4 have been better thought out to protect the interests of Grand Chapter responsibilities and liabilities, if selling resolution is passed,

"Whereas, a substantial amount of the total dollars that have been contributed to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, over the past approximately 120 years was for charitable and benevolent purposes, as set forth in its July 24th, 1884 Charter, and in Division 3, Article 1 of our Constitution,

"Whereas, the OES Home was the primary reason for soliciting and then receiving contributions since 1920, therefore, I propose a short, but what I believe, a very appropriate change, the replacing of four words, 'in the best interest,' from the last sentence in Section (4) which states, 'The proceeds will be apportioned in the best interest of Grand Chapter,' and insert the following five words, 'to charitable and benevolent purposes,' to conform with the Grand Chapter of Texas Charter and Constitution, and then would read, 'The proceeds would be apportioned to charitable and benevolent purposes of Grand Chapter.'"

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron.

[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Wait just a minute, Grand Secretary. I understood we were not going to take anymore. So let me get clear here. We have a discussion going back here about the legality of what we're doing. We want to do this correctly.

GRAND SECRETARY: If it's about this, fine. But somebody needs to speak on it.

[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have been told that we have a motion and a second to stop debate and to go immediately to vote on the amendment to resolution number 1, and that we cannot take any other amendments -- vote on any other amendments or take them, since it has been moved -- until this is voted upon. I know there was a Sister that came down and asked about a paper ballot. It is my firm intention to take a paper ballot when we ballot on resolution number 2. Do you feel that we need a paper ballot on the amendment to resolution number 2?
GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, are you speaking of the amendment that Brother Richard Ochs just presented? That's the only amendment to the amendment that I know that's on the floor.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry. It's the amendment to resolution number 1. The question was called, and my Parliamentarian has told me that we must -- once the question was called, that that ends debate immediately and we vote on the issue.

GRAND SECRETARY: Okay. Then this is not considered at all right now?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Right now, even though I had it read. It was my error. I readily admit to that. But it has been brought to my attention that that is not the proper

GRAND SECRETARY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Grand Secretary.

MRS. BRENDAB SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, I have a question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I didn't hear you.

MRS. BRENDAB SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Brenda Smith, Past Matron of Oak Forest Chapter #1080, now affiliated with Bandera #643. Does not us balloting on this amendment take the place of resolution number 1? You stated earlier that if we ballot and pass this amendment, that it is a substitute for resolution number 1. If that is the case, then I feel we should take a written ballot, so that we are absolutely clear that we get a two-thirds vote.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Brenda. I just talked to my Parliamentarian. She agrees this is a substitute -- this amendment becomes a substitute for resolution number 2 and I agree with you --

VOICES: One.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry. -- resolution number 1. You know what? I think maybe we're getting tired. What do you think? [applause] Okay. I know you are, Sisters and Brothers. And let me commend you on your excellent behavior and attention. I've been watching you. You're paying attention. You're following along, and I'm sorry that there's so many delays. But it is an amendment to resolution number 1, and it would be a substitute.

MRS. BRENDAB SMITH: If it passes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Correct. If it passes, it would be a --

MRS. BRENDAB SMITH: I feel that we should take a written ballot, so I second the lady's motion that we should have a written ballot, if that was a motion that she made, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Now, Sisters and Brothers, I want to tell
you that, yes, this will become a substitute amendment, and it will then be the same or take the place of resolution number 1. But we do have other amendments that were legally prepared and turned in to the Jurisprudence Committee, and they will need to be heard, no matter what happens on that vote. So we do have other amendments before we get to resolution number 1.

Is this a question?

MR. LEE JOHNSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Lee Johnson, Past Patron of Dayton 233, now affiliated with Cedar Bayou 1111. With all this that's going on, first off, don't we need to vote on the lady's motion to suspend debate and go on? We haven't voted on that yet, so that's not a point of fact. Secondly, there's a lot of confusion out here. When we vote on the amendment, that's only to substitute it. That's not calling it, that that's the way it's going to be; is that not correct? There's a lot of people down here at the other end that are confused. So we've got about three things that need to be done just to clear up confusion. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I'm going to let my Parliamentarian explain that. Do you want to explain this, Donna?

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: I'm going to try, Worthy Grand Matron. I've never been a school teacher, but I have taught parliamentary procedure before. You have a main motion, which is — in this case the main motion is resolution number 1. You have an amendment that has been proposed to resolution number 1. Technically, it is a substitute. If it is adopted, it would completely replace the original language in resolution number 1. Now, according to our adopted parliamentary authority and the one that's in our Code of Laws, you can have one main motion or resolution. See, a resolution is really a main motion, so I want to explain that to you first.

You could have one primary amendment to that resolution. We have several amendments to the resolution number 1 that have been presented to the Worthy Grand Matron. Well, I've told her you can only have one amendment pending at a time. You have to vote either yes or no on this amendment to resolution number 1. After it has been disposed of — if it's adopted, it replaces the existing language, or if it fails, the existing language remains. Then other additional amendments will be taken, and they will also be voted on one at a time.

If you've got any questions of me, I'll try and answer them. You know, she's trying. She wants so much to be fair to all of you. So do I, because my professional reputation is at stake if I'm not. And I don't want, after all these years, to jeopardize my reputation as a professional parliamentarian. So I want you to understand — as I said yesterday, there are not any dumb questions. If you don't understand, somebody else doesn't understand, and they're too chicken to come up and ask. I'll answer any questions of a parliamentary nature that you want. Anything about the Order, etc., etc., those go to the Worthy Grand Matron or whoever she wants to answer them. I'm not her, and I don't take any part of her duties as mine. I just answer parliamentary questions. And I also don't make rulings. I only give advice. You know, she doesn't have to take my advice if she doesn't want to, but she will take the
advice of the assembly. That's all of you. When you vote, you are giving her the advice. Your advice is either yes or your advice is no.

**VOICE:** Let's vote.

**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** What?

**VOICE:** Let's vote.

**THE PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Sisters and Brothers, this is an organization dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. Let's see a little of that, please. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Now, Sisters and Brothers, that's one of the things that I was trying to avoid. I do not want to get in the situation of us yelling out to the Chair because we are not going to accept or recognize that type of action. [applause] Thank you. We're perfectly willing to hear what you want to do, but we're going to do it in a businesslike manner.

I want to assure you that you are going to know -- we are going to make it exceedingly clear to you -- I know this is very confusing with all these amendments. But you are going to know when we vote on resolution number 1. There's not going to be any question what we're voting on. I don't want anyone to feel like we're clouding the water here. We're just trying to take the business in proper order. It is my understanding that we will now -- I want to explain something to you, and I'm sure I don't have to tell you -- but it is now almost 5:30 in the afternoon.

**VOICES:** [murmurings]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Wait just a moment, please. We will have banquets that are set at -- is it 6:30? [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Six. Do you want to stay and take care of this business? [applause] I can stand it if you can! I want to know your pleasure on that, and I appreciate your responding. I'm just as anxious to get this as you are, but I know many of you have paid good money for tickets and I want to be sure -- and perhaps we can still do that. A printed ballot takes a while to do. We are set up to do it. As you can see, we have the computer and the counter over here. I will appoint Tellers and Judges, and we will begin, if we want to take a written ballot then on the amendment to resolution number 1. That is a substitute amendment. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

We call this person an Election Judge, and we consider that our election. But because we do need additional people when we start taking this written ballot, I am going to announce that my Election Judge is Sister Alma Lynn Bane, and I would ask that she come to the East at this time.

**MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Robert Brownfield, Past Patron of Copperas Cove Chapter 1070. I have a question. As we ballot on the amendments, who or what says it takes two-thirds vote for the amendment? I don't think it does. And if it doesn't, no paper ballot
is necessary on the amendments. [applause] After we're through with the amendments, then proposition 1, as amended, would take two-thirds. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Brownfield, I'm going to allow our attorney, Brother Randy Thompson, to address that issue since he's coming to the mike.

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: Brothers and Sisters, Randy Thompson, from South Fort Worth 835. We will be voting to sell the property. According to the deed restrictions, that requires a two-thirds vote. So when you vote to sell the property -- we need a written ballot with two-thirds approval to sell the property. If you pass the first one, you don't get back to the previous one. You've already voted to sell the property. You're there.

MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: So, in other words, this first vote -- if it's approved by two-thirds or more, then the proposition has already been approved; is that what you're saying?

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: That's correct. And at that point you then take the other proposed amendments one at a time --

MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: But the basic proposition has been approved?

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: That's correct.

MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: Okay. Thank you, sir.

[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I just wanted to be sure we were on the same page. Even if the amendment to resolution 1 passes, it becomes a substitute -- we have not voted on resolution number 1. If it is defeated, we vote that. If it were adopted, we would then -- it would become resolution number 1, because it is the substitute. We still would not have voted on it. Taking this vote will not -- we will not be voting on -- we will be voting on the amendment only.

MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron, that's not what the attorney just said. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's why I went to ask him so that I would be sure that we were clear on this.

MRS. GLORIA YANCY: Worthy Grand Matron, I have stood here very patiently while other people have spoken. May I speak?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Let me get this one point clear and you certainly may. Brother Randy, will you come back to the mike again. This gentleman -- Brother Robert Brownfield -- is unclear whether you intended to tell him that if we voted on amendment to resolution number 1 and it passed, would we also then -- it would amend 1 and 1 would be voted on?

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: It is a substitute motion, and you do not vote the second time. If you pass the amendment, it becomes 1.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Correct. But then you would vote on it as number 1?

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: No. You've already approved it.

[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I see what you're saying. If it passes, then it will take the place of resolution number 1, and we would then work on the amendments to the substitute resolution? Am I correct with that?

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: Worthy Grand Matron, I stand corrected, from the Parliamentarian. She indicates that even though it is a substitute motion, if you approve amendment number 1, then you go back and you vote again the second time on it as approved.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I thought that's what she said.

MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: Okay. Thank you, sir. And now, Worthy Grand Matron, with that clarified, I still feel that a written ballot for this vote to amend or substitute -- whatever you want to say -- is not necessary because we're not voting to sell the property. We're voting to substitute the amendment for the original.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for those comments, Brother Robert.

MR. ROBERT BROWNFIELD: In the sense of saving time for the membership and you -- we know we're all tired -- I feel that our yellow cards would be sufficient. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for your comments, Robert.

I have a lady, as she said, who has been waiting very patiently on the far side. I will now acknowledge her.

MRS. GLORIA YANCY: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Gloria Yancy, a Past Matron of Silsbee Chapter #298. I do believe that parliamentary procedure says that you vote on the amendment to the amendment. And if there is more than one amendment -- like Brother Ochs has said, he has a written amendment to the amendment to the amendment -- no matter how many amendments to the amendments you have, you vote on the last amendment and go down the line until you come back to the original amendment or proposal. And all these amendments do is change the wording, as approved or disapproved, to the original amendment or resolution. There has been a call for a vote, which means that we stop all this arguing and immediately go to the vote. But you cannot vote when somebody is standing there saying, "I have a written amendment to the amendment." All amendments have to be voted on first before your original proposal or amendment gets voted on. Thank you for your time. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm going to refer that to the Parliamentarian. That's what she gets the big bucks for!
THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: Oh, yeah. Pro bono, I want you-all to know that. You know, one of these minutes around here, I expect somebody to get up, like they did in the old vaudevillian days, and get a hook and hook me off of this Grand East. And that's okay because I have broad shoulders and thick skin and can take almost anything that you want to tell me.

But you can only have one -- one -- primary amendment pending at a time. Now, I can show you where that says that in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Edition, which I have here. I can also show it to you in the Eastern Star Constitution that covers parliamentary procedure for the Grand Chapter. One primary amendment.

A secondary amendment is permissible if it deals with the primary amendment. Secondary is secondary to the primary amendment. The primary amendment is primary to the original, main motion or the original resolution. I said while ago a resolution is a main motion. I'm not trying to confuse you! And I'm doing a good job, aren't I?

VOICES: Yes.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: When you vote -- when you vote, you vote on the secondary amendment first. Then you vote on a primary amendment. And then, depending on whether it passes or fails, the wording changes -- but, for instance, in this particular case on this particular amendment to resolution number 1, let us assume -- remember, I'm not taking a position because I don't -- but let us assume it is defeated. If it is defeated, you will then vote on resolution number 1, as printed in the Advance Report. If the amendment to resolution number 1 is adopted, which means it passes, then you will vote on resolution number 1, as amended. Do you-all understand that? I know you do. You're smart. I can tell you're smart. I can look at you and tell you're smart. You wouldn't be sitting in this Grand Chapter room as delegates if you weren't smart people and knew how this goes. You may be smart; you're just not parliamentarians. That's all right. I'll be happy to give you lessons any time you want.

And I think, Randy, you agree with me?

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: Yes, I do. And I have a suggestion. And that is, as long as we have one vote approving by two-thirds, that's all that's required. So if we're going to vote on an amendment and then we'll ultimately vote on the base motion, that's the one that requires the written ballot and the two-thirds.

THE PARLIAMENTARIAN: I don't ever argue with a lawyer.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Now, what the attorney -- I'm sure you understood. What he said was that these amendments would only require a simple majority vote.

[Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

Now, you tell me. Do we want to take -- I'm going to allow you to vote on this. Do you want to take a written ballot on this amendment to resolution number 1 --
VOICES: No.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Instead of yelling out -- please -- if you want to take a written ballot on the amendment to resolution number 1, please hold up your gold card. Okay. Now, if we want to have a standing vote for the amendment to resolution number 1, would you please hold up your yellow cards. Oh, that's so easy. Thank you. We will ballot -- I did those that wanted and those that didn't. That's for and against. Don't lose your sense of humor. Stay there with me now. I've never claimed to be a parliamentarian.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we are going to take a vote on the amendment to resolution number 1. We are going to take -- I'm going to ask you to stand and hold your yellow card up if you are in favor of the amendment to resolution number 1. Sit down, please. Well, that was big enough, I'm just going to say if you're opposed to it, hold up your yellow card. Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I think it is easily discernible that the amendment to resolution number 1 was a substitute, and we are now going to take the other amendments we have to the amended resolution number 1.

And so now we are going to take the first of these amendments. You've read it already, but let's read it again.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: I read this so well, she wants me to read it again. All right. This is the amendment now to the amendment. "This resolution appears more appropriate than resolution 1, if the membership strongly supports selling with a two-thirds majority vote, because Sections 3 and 4 have been better thought out to protect the interests of Grand Chapter responsibilities and liabilities, if selling resolution is passed,

"Whereas, a substantial amount of the total dollars that have been contributed to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, over the past approximately 120 years was for charitable and benevolent purposes, as set forth in its July 24th, 1884 Charter, and in Division 3, Article 1 of our Constitution,

"Whereas, the OES Home was the primary reason for soliciting and then receiving contributions since 1920, therefore, I propose a short, but what I believe, a very appropriate change, the replacing of four words, 'in the best interest,' from the last sentence in Section (4) which states, 'The proceeds will be apportioned in the best interest of Grand Chapter,' and insert the following five words, 'to charitable and benevolent purposes,' to conform with the Grand Chapter of Texas Charter and Constitution, and then would read, 'The proceeds would be apportioned to charitable and benevolent purposes of Grand Chapter.""

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do I need to get this moved and seconded before we can take discussion? Okay. I want to get that done. Who's going to move it?

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: I'll move it.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  Okay. And the Worthy Grand Patron is going to second it.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON:  Worthy Grand Matron, I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  Okay. I just want to keep this going correctly. All right. Now, Sister Grand Secretary, I'll be glad to hear from you.

GRAND SECRETARY:  Worthy Grand Matron, I oppose in totality this amendment. We need the funds to run Grand Chapter. We will need other office space to support our Subordinate Chapters. Too many funds are restricted now. As you know, we have a shortfall after we did not divide our per capita, and we have been struggling with how we could make up that shortfall. When you have every -- every one of your finances restricted, you have no way to pay your bills. I will not be the Grand Secretary after tomorrow afternoon, but Sisters and Brothers, if you want to support your Subordinate Chapters, which we are here for, do not make this restrictive to only charitable and beneficent purposes because that would absolutely restrict every fund that we sold this property for and we could never use it for anything else. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  Thank you, Sister Alma. I will now recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

MR. RICHARD OCHS:  Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Richard Ochs, Worthy Patron and Past Patron of Amarillo 787. This demonstrates partly what I was talking about in making the proposal. "In the best interest" -- as you all very well recognize, all -- many spoke that were making proposals to the amendment or to resolution number 1, as well as the amendment to the resolution -- spoke about the charitable and benevolent purposes. And that was one of my primary interests all along is that we keep it tied to charity and benevolence. If we need -- and we do need -- additional General Funds, they need to be handled as a separate issue. Part of that probably could be, as several have mentioned to me, the buildings that were the State Office could be pro rated. But the monies that were provided were for the Home and the property -- were for OES Home, benevolent and charitable purposes. I think it is a very serious error to change that. And if it is changed, now does that become an issue relative to the Constitution? It takes two years again. Does it become an issue relative to our original Charter? And I think it very well does. Let's take care of general business, and let's take care of the other, if we insist on voting two-thirds to sell. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON:  Thank you, Brother Richard. I recognize Brother Henry Martin.

MR. HENRY MARTIN:  Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Henry Martin, a Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. Sisters and Brothers, idealistically, it would be wonderful if every amount of money we had could be given to charitable purposes. But you and I know that at our homes we have to pay the rent, we have to pay the utilities, we have to pay the car expenses and so forth. Sisters and Brothers, Grand Chapter is no different. There are expenses over and above benevolent work that must be met if we are to
continue to exist as a Grand Chapter. One of those expenses I discussed with Brother Trey Smith a while ago, and that is, paying the rent for new offices. Sisters and Brothers, let's don't tie the hands of these people who govern us. We elect these people to serve us in the best interest of Grand Chapter and decide where our funds are going. Let's give them the power to do the job, to keep Grand Chapter a viable force in the State of Texas, and also with the additional funds, we can do our benevolent work. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Brother Henry. Which one was there first? Brother Richard.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: I'm going to pull a Lee Stallings now, as of a couple of years ago. As the proponent of that, I get to have last say.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: He has already spoken.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Go ahead.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: I'm Darla Dunaway, Worthy Matron of Mansfield #876. As bookkeeper for the great State of Texas Grand Chapter, I would like to remind this membership that every week I go and sit down by Alma Carter's desk and try to decide where we will find 501(c)(8) monies available to pay not only the bills of this Grand Chapter, but also the minimal payroll that this Grand Chapter pays its office staff. I would like to also remind this membership that in the 1900s when these funds were began to start a Home for our Eastern Star aged membership, there was no such thing as 501(c)(3) nor 501(c)(8).

Also, 501(c)(3) funds, once put into a 501(c)(3) fund, can never be used for anything but the care of our ladies. At the present time we have a surplus of $508,000 in the OES Ladies' Retirement Trust, which has not been used for the past two years, for the care of our ladies. Any 501(c)(8) fund can be used for the care of these ladies. However, once these funds have been restricted as charitable or 501(c)(3) funds, they cannot be used to assist our membership who want to stay at home with benevolent aid. They cannot be used to help to fund ESTARL scholarships or education scholarships. The General Fund and the supplies of $105,000 that are given freely to the Chapters every year is what 501(c)(8) is all about. 501(c)(3) funds are restricted simply for the ladies. I beg of you to please not tie our hands where we can assist no one but 27 ladies. [applause]

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Darla. Brother Lee.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Sister Naomi. I'm Lee Stallings, Past Patron of Friendswood 1131. Sisters and Brothers, I would remind you that we elect the Board of Directors to administrate the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter. I would suggest that we let them take care of the placement of the money. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. JANELL NICHOLS: I am Janell Nichols, an Affiliated Past Matron of Jefferson Chapter #627. The Order of the Eastern Star is dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. I speak against this, and I call for the question. [applause]
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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Richard, I understand what you said, but my Parliamentarian tells me there's no such thing as that right to speak last.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: I was just trying to pull what the Jurisprudence Chairman allowed to happen a couple of years ago. Thank you very kindly.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It's quite all right.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, she has called for the question, so you are going to have the opportunity to vote. Do you want to stop debate and vote on the amendment to resolution number 1, as amended? All in favor raise your yellow cards -- [Worthy Grand Matron confers.] We are voting on whether or not to stop debate. Now is there a problem with that? Okay. Raise your cards. Now if you are opposed to halting debate, please raise your yellow cards. Sisters and Brothers, debate has been stopped and we will now vote on this amendment to resolution number 1, as amended. All in favor of adopting this amendment, raise your yellow card. All opposed. This amendment is defeated. [applause]

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Sisters and Brothers, this is an amendment to the resolution number 1, as proposed. And it's two pages. The first part basically reads as the last one did, except the last two paragraphs. And we have assured the proposer of this that it would be in the Proceedings, as it is written, so I want you to understand that. But it's basically the same as the one before, except for the last two paragraphs.

"Therefore, a short, but appropriate, change is needed to conform to the Grand Chapter of Texas Charter and Constitution to avoid another Constitutional change. I propose the removal of the four words, 'in the best interest,' in the phrase, 'proceeds in the best interest of Grand Chapter,' in Section 3, and there insert the five words, 'for charitable and benevolent purposes.' Then the last sentence would read, 'sell the property for best possible price, said price not being less than the highest appraised value, and apportion said proceeds for charitable and benevolent purposes of Grand Chapter;' and add a new Section 7 as follows, 'The legal services of an attorney familiar with OES property and IRS statutes related to all regulations that would affect the Grand Chapter of Texas, or is subject to or in conjunction with a sales contract to ensure that the Grand Chapter of Texas, its officers and members are held harmless when and/or if the OES Building and 29.60 acres are sold.'"

[The amendment reads as follows in its entirety.] [Reporter's note: The amendment was not available at time of transcription, but if and when it becomes available, it can be placed here.]

WHEREAS, the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, whose stated purpose is to provide benevolent aid, to as many members as possible, as needed, and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the sale of the OES property, consisting of approximately 29.61 acres would generate additional interest Income which could be used for benevolent aid, and
WHEREAS, recognizing that renovation costs for the OES Home will be a financial burden for the Membership, Subordinate Chapters, and Grand Chapter, and

WHEREAS, the former residents of the OES Home are being well taken care of in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center leaving the OES Home vacant, and

WHEREAS, the members appointed by the 2001 session of Grand Chapter of Texas, after studying various options and alternatives of the uses of the OES property, recommended the sale of such property.

THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED:

The Board of Directors and the Corporate Board shall be granted the authority and are directed to take the following actions:

(1) will secure and approve payment of a second appraisal on the OES property immediately following the close of the 2003 Grand Chapter Session; with the expenses of said appraisal to be taken from the Home Renovation Trust, and

(2) engage a Texas Licensed Commercial Realtor to market the OES property (excluding paying full commission to any entities who have previously expressed an interest in purchasing the property), it being understood that the selected realtor not be related by blood or marriage to any elected officer of Grand Chapter, past or present, and

(3) retain the services of an attorney to ensure that the sale of the OES Home and property follows legal guidelines and does not violate any IRS regulations, and

(4) sell the property for the best possible price, said price not being less than the highest appraised value and secure from buyer a waiver that property is sold as is, that buyer assumes all responsibility for any costs involved in removal and cleanup of the property and that buyer holds The Grand Chapter of Texas and their officers and members harmless in regard to costs or liability involved in the process. The proceeds will be apportioned in the best interest of Grand Chapter.

(5) lease or purchase space, and/or property for the OES Business Headquarters and Museum; and

(6) provide all support necessary to ensure that the sale of the OES Property and the relocation of the business Headquarters and Museum are successfully completed; and

(7) provide a comprehensive report containing the progress of the sale of the OES Property and the relocation of the Business Headquarters and Museum each Grand Chapter until all has been completed. A current progress report will be published in the Official Bulletin monthly.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, I move acceptance of this.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Harry has moved acceptance, and the Worthy Grand Patron is going to second that motion. So now it has been moved and seconded, so we can have discussion. I recognize the lady to my right who is in the North.

MRS. TONIA CEAT-ALEXANDER: This is a question not for or against. My name is Tonia Ceat-Alexander from Grapevine Chapter 326; I'm a Past Matron. Can someone just tell me somewhere in this book where it shows how much money we gave out last year for charity or for benevolence? Give me a page number. I keep flipping through here, but I haven't found out how much we gave away.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Alma, was the amount given for charitable purposes -- or used for charitable purposes last year printed in your report? The Treasurer said it was not in her report, so it's not in there in hers.

GRAND SECRETARY: In this year's report, Worthy Grand Matron -- as you know, we are behind. But we have our bookkeeper here, and she has a better memory than I do. She can tell you exactly what we gave to each one.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: She's asking what page number is it printed on in the Advanced Report.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: We do not print last year's charitable in this Advance Report. This is dealing with this year's figures through June 30th. But I can tell you through October 10th, for our benevolent aid we gave a rough figure of $52,000; for education scholarships we gave $37,000; and for ESTARL scholarships we gave $33,000.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Tonia, did you get those figures down? It is not on a page in the Advanced Report. And the bookkeeper in the Grand Secretary's office just gave you those figures from her memory. I recognize Sister Alma Carter.

GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I object to this amendment for the same reason. It's just almost exactly the other one. And as far as an attorney, it says that in the main motion. It calls for an attorney in Sister Elise's motion that we passed. So that wouldn't seem to be necessary again, plus also if we voted on this, we'd also have the money going to charitable and benevolent purposes altogether. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Bill Bennett.

MR. BILL BENNETT: I'm Bill Bennett. I'm a Past Patron of Fidelis 963 in Austin. I'd like to say that I want to speak against this amendment, and I'd like to call for the question. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I understand this is a nondebatable motion. I'm going to get it down after a while. If you approve it, it will end debate and we will proceed to vote on the amendment. All in favor of halting debate, please raise your yellow cards. Down. All opposed, same sign. It passed. We are going to halt debate. We are going to vote on the amendment to resolution number 1, as amended. All in favor,
please raise your yellow cards. All opposed, same sign. This amendment failed.

Next amendment.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: We have good news. This is the last amendment to the proposed amendment, resolution number 1. [applause] Please listen closely.

"In number (1) insert the words, 'by a licensed appraiser in the State of Texas, not related by blood or marriage to any Elected Officer of Grand Chapter, past or present, and not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star,' between the words 'property' and 'immediately,' such that the section would read: '(1) will secure and approve payment of a second appraisal on the OES property by a licensed appraiser in the State of Texas, not related by blood or marriage to any Elected Officer of Grand Chapter, past or present, and not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, immediately following the close of the 2003 Grand Chapter session, with the expenses of said appraisal to be taken from the Home Renovation Trust, and.' In number two insert the words 'and not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star' after the phrase, 'past or present,' so the section would read: '(2) engage a Texas Licensed Commercial Realtor to market the OES property (excluding paying full commission to any entities who have previously expressed an interest in purchasing the property), it being understood that the selected realtor not be related by blood or marriage to any Elected Officer of Grand Chapter, past or present, and not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.' And in number three, insert the words, 'licensed in the State of Texas, not related by blood or marriage to any Elected Officer of Grand Chapter, past or present, and not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star,' immediately after the word 'attorney,' such that the section would read: '(3) retain the services of an attorney licensed in the State of Texas, not related by blood or marriage to any Elected Officer of Grand Chapter, past or present, and not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, to ensure that the sale of the OES Home and property follows legal guidelines and does not violate any IRS regulations.'"

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment to the resolution is in proper order and awaits the pleasure of this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the reading of this amendment. Do you move its adoption?

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: He did.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Brother Bill Wyatt moved and Brother Ed Warner seconded that motion. We are now ready for discussion. Go ahead. I will recognize Paul Garner.

MR. PAUL GARNER: Worthy Grand Matron, Paul Garner, Worthy Patron of Spring 1105. I brought this amendment. Sister Elise had put in her amendment the stipulations on the realtor, and I only included the language to include those same stipulations on the appraiser and the attorney. The amendments I offer will ensure that the complex sale will be carefully handled with the best possible counsel that we can have from
outside individuals that have the appropriate education, training and are recognized by our great state as knowledgeable in their field of endeavor, such as appraisal, realty marketing, corporate law and IRS regulations. The wise counsel of these neutral parties will ensure that our Order and its Board are protected from any inquiry that might arise out of this endeavor, and that the best interests of our Order are protected legally --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Hold on just a second. We've lost that mike.

MR. PAUL GARNER: Thank you. I will finish. The wise counsel of these neutral parties will ensure that our Order and its Board are protected from any inquiry that might arise out of this endeavor, and that the best interests of our Order are protected legally and financially. I believe that the Board of Directors and the Officers of this corporation will welcome these amendments and the added fiduciary protections that they afford.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Paul. I recognize -- is that you, Grand Secretary?

GRAND SECRETARY: This is me again, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Well, I saw Molly there, too.

GRAND SECRETARY: Well, she may support me. Worthy Grand Matron, I oppose this amendment to this amendment. I think that nobody knows our laws better than a member of our Order, especially someone that has been our attorney for years. [applause] Whether we want to use him or not --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Stop just a minute. Now I can understand that we're growing tired and all, but we cannot hear when you applaud while they're speaking. I'll ask you to start again, Sister Alma.

GRAND SECRETARY: I'm saying that no one knows our laws better than someone who has studied them for years and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star does not disqualify a reputable attorney, whom we've all known for many years and has given us sage advice down through those years. I'm not saying that you can't use someone else, but I resent the fact that anyone would consider that our attorney would not be qualified to handle a sale of our property. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Grand Secretary. Sister Lola "Peaches" Wallace.

MRS. "PEACHES" WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron, I speak on behalf of Brother Randy Thompson who has represented the Masonic Retirement Center for many years, on their board. He was their attorney. We've turned to him to answer our questions through the years. We encouraged him that if he became a member of the Eastern Star, he would not have to get his information second-hand. He could be present during the meetings and hear what was being said and what questions were being asked. Therefore, he has joined the Eastern Star at our request. We would feel that he is definitely qualified to represent Grand Chapter in all legal matters. Thank you.
[applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I recognize Henry Martin.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. I am Henry Martin, Past Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. I speak against this resolution. Sisters and Brothers, to me it is a slap in the face to our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers to say that there is no one in this Order qualified to represent us. The next thing I'll hear, I suspect, is we don't want any Masons around. Now, Sisters and Brothers, I think it's time that we recognize that we have legal, competent counsel that happens also to be a Mason and an Eastern Star. And you know that gives me a degree of comfort, Sisters and Brothers, because I feel like I can trust my Masonic Brothers. What do you think? [applause] And on top of that, Worthy Grand Patron, I call for the question. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Brother Henry has called for the question. We know that is an undebatable motion, and we will proceed to vote whether you want to cease debate. The first thing I want to say before we do that is I do not believe for one moment that anyone was making any disparaging statements about our attorney, Brother Randy Thompson. He's here today, and we greatly appreciate that. I have been where he has helped us before. It is a standard business practice that you try to separate those things. It is not a matter of any disparaging remark concerning this individual. And I want to make that clear, and I know that Paul also wants to make that clear. I know that Paul would not do that.

Second, I want to vote. If you wish to cease debate, raise your gold cards. Imagine! Okay. Those opposed. I have sent word to the caterer and asked if they could hold our dinners for a little while, and they said they would. Now how long a "little while" is is not exactly known, but we can call them from here. However, we know that to appoint Tellers, set up tables and take a written ballot, we're not talking about a "little while." Let me ask you: Do you want to go on through with this? I'm willing to do everything -- except we do have people coming for our ESTARL program. I would not feel it fair to them not to allow them to do that. We can stay in these clothes, we can go and eat our dinner, they're right out here in the exhibit hall -- those that have tickets; and we can come back and do those. I'm perfectly willing to either come back -- and this is your desire, I'm going to do whatever you want to do -- but do you want to -- after we handle this amendment, I need to give them some answers about when we can be there. And also there is another obligation, we need to let them know what we're doing. But do you want to finish this amendment, then either come back this evening and after our programs -- we were out of here by 9:30 last night. I can have the tables set up and the chairs and all the things we'll need. We can take a written ballot and go on to resolution number 1 after those programs. If we go on through with it now, Sisters and Brothers, we are probably going to go straight from this to our first program, which I believe is the ESTARL.

Now what is your desire? Would you like to take a break after we handle this amendment and go and eat at the banquet and come back after that? We can either take up this vote tonight after these programs -- I'll stay with you
as long as you want to -- or we could take it up in the morning. It's up to you, and I want to do what you want. So, Sisters and Brothers, if you would like to take the break, have dinner, come back --

**MR. RANDY THOMPSON:** Could I make a suggestion? My suggestion for a written ballot was in case there was any question. To me the vote has been so overwhelming, I think you can take a vote by hand if people want to do it. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** No. I understand that I have the right to require a written ballot, Sisters and Brothers, and I have seen too many friendships damaged by this already. I don't wish to see any more of that. I have said from day one, every time I've talked to any of you, that this issue would be taken up in a written ballot. So I plan to take this in a written ballot, not for my personal need, but because I've seen the damage it has done to us, and we don't need that.

I need to send some word to the caterer. Do you want to take out and go eat and come back, and we will take it up either this afternoon -- you tell me what you want to do -- or we'll take it up first thing in the morning? But with a written ballot and we'll prepare. Do you want to go eat and come back and take care of it tonight? Raise your yellow cards. Do you want to just go on straight through?

I think what we had better do is -- put your cards down and let's stand. Those who would like to plan to go to the banquets and have the banquets and eat and then come back and do our ESTARL and Memorial and then take this ballot tonight, would you please stand and raise your cards? I want somebody else up here to help me count.

All right. Please be seated. Those that want to skip the banquet and go right on and take the written ballot as immediately as we can prepare for it, would you please stand and raise your yellow card.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we are going to continue business --

**VOICES:** Tomorrow morning.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. I'm sorry, I didn't put that to you, did I? How would you feel then about going ahead to dinner and coming back for our two programs and taking this up in the morning? Now you know we have to start election at 10 o'clock, but I will get this in. So you want to do it in the morning. Sit down. Those that are opposed to taking care of this amendment and going to dinner and having this vote tomorrow morning -- that are opposed to that, hold up your card. My Friends, we are going to go to dinner and have our two programs tonight -- we're going to remain in these clothes, we're not going to be formal -- and we will go on with this ballot. Now we're going to take care of this amendment, Sisters and Brothers. Stay with me just a minute, and we're going to take care of this amendment. Let me take care of this real quick, and then we're going to close this session and go eat.

Sisters and Brothers, all of those in favor of this amendment to resolution number 1, as amended, please raise your yellow cards. All opposed, raise your yellow cards. This amendment is also defeated.
Sisters and Brothers, how much I thank you for your letting me know what you want to do in a kind way.

I do need to make an announcement. When the non-voting delegates come in in the morning, they need to be seated in the numbers 300, which is above the walkway. All voting delegates need to be in the 100/200, nothing higher than the 200 section for us to take our ballots tomorrow. I see the Associate Grand Matron in the West.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, may we end this session on a very happy note? Could the Choir and the Membership sing "Happy Birthday" to Brother Judge Walker here in the West? Today is his birthday.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What's left of the Grand Choir that hasn't deserted us, we're going to sing "Happy Birthday" to Brother Judge Walker.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Worthy Grand Matron, did I understand you to say that we would take this up the first thing in the morning? Is that what you had said?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's right. The membership voted that they would take a written ballot on resolution number 1 tomorrow morning. There will be no business transacted tonight, Sisters and Brothers. You have my word on it, and I have the gavel.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you. I just wanted a clarification.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Just a minute. I'm going to get the benediction and then we're going to close the Bible. Brother Harry Cunningham has agreed to bring our benediction. Please be still for just a moment.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, may we make one more announcement, that we will have installation practice after the program tonight, immediately following.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. She's going to have a practice tonight after the programs. No wonder they didn't want to take care of that tonight. I wish you had brought that up sooner.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Shall we pray. Our Heavenly Father, we thank You, Lord, for the business of the day. We thank You, Lord, for the conduct of our Sisters and Brothers. We thank You, Lord, for the privilege of being able to conduct the business in a business manner. We thank You for those who participated. We thank You for those that made the proposals. And, Father, as we go forth now to these banquets and return here for the ESTARL program, we pray, Lord, You will give all of us a safe walk there and back. And, Lord, help us to be grateful to You for every good thing in our life because we know it comes from You. Thank You, Lord, for our leaders. We give You the praise. Forgive us where we have failed Thee, O Lord. We pray these things in Jesus Christ's Name, amen.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this Grand Chapter session from labor to rest.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from labor to rest. You will so inform.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, you will secure the doors so that we may go into the ceremony of calling this session from labor to rest.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.] I now call this "Heart to Heart" session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from labor to rest until 7:30 this evening.
FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

October 24, 2003

"Grace, God's Gift of the Heart" Session

Musical Prelude ............................. Mr. Fred VanDevender
Music of the Heart Committee

Call to Order .................................... Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
Past Grand Matron of Texas
Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Good evening, my Sisters and Brothers and Friends. With a heart full of love for you and with gratitude to our Worthy Grand Matron for granting us this special honor, Brother Buddy Baker and I welcome you to this Friday evening, "Grace, God's Gift of the Heart" session, a name that identifies the fruits of the Spirit and exemplifies the touch of the Master's Hand in our lives. We are glad you're here and sincerely believe that as this night draws to a close, you will be pleased to remember in your heart the words of Christ when he said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me."

Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my happy privilege to introduce Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Please join me in according them Grand Honors.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will take your respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Worthy Grand Matron, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present your gavel. Sister Sharon and Brother Ed -- I can call you my Worthy Grand Matron and my Worthy Grand Patron -- thank you for giving Buddy and myself the privilege of opening this Friday evening session, "Grace, God's Gift of the Heart." We appreciate this opportunity and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We want you to know that we have enjoyed this year with you. It was a privilege to be in so many of your schools and many occasions with you. I can tell you that I really learned a few things this year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I can't believe you'd admit that!
MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: We have had wonderful times while in the schools and watching you teach, building bridges of trust, kindness and friendship, your goal for this year. Know how much we love you.

Brother Buddy, I know you would like to bring greetings.

MR. BUDDY BAKER: Thank you, Sister Naomi, my Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Patron, I, too, want to thank you for allowing me this honor and privilege to help open this "Grace, God's Gift of the Heart" session. Since the day that you gave me my picture of my first timer's up until now and in the future, I have always been in awe of you and always will be, and more especially the way you have conducted this session. Not many people would be able to do that, but knowing you, you're one that can do it again next time if you so want to. I do again thank you for allowing me this privilege.

And, Brother Ed, Worthy Grand Patron, I was one of your Royal Heartbeats. I think I've been in our little Chapter in Mart probably everybody's co-worker, but I do want to tell you I have thoroughly enjoyed your year, your words of wisdom, but I'd like to leave you where you can carry on a little bit to finish this session out. I'm a morning person, I notice you are, too. And you've always heard that the early bird gets the worm. Well, I've learned to live by the second mouse usually gets the cheese.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Naomi Wolfe and Brother Buddy Baker, I deeply appreciate your calling this "Grace, God's Gift of the Heart" session to order. Sister Naomi, you have been a sweet friend to me, and being your Grand Conductress was an honor. Through the years we have shared some valleys and some hilltops, and we have always remained friends. Tonight we will share the East as we pause to reflect on the past and look forward to the future, while celebrating the present with a grateful heart for God's gift of friendship.

Brother Buddy -- or better known as our High Pockets, friend -- thank you for all you have done for our Order and all I know you will continue to do for your Chapter, your Section and this Grand Chapter. Your work in the Shrine Clowns blesses the lives of many, and you will have stars in your crown for the joys you bring to those less fortunate. God does keep accounts, you know.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Naomi, I want to say thank you and for "short boy" Buddy for opening this evening's session. We want to thank both of you again for all the time and for your dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you again for opening this session tonight. May God bless you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Tonight we have the deep privilege of having our ESTARL program. I now recognize Sister Susie Broughton, our ESTARL Committee General Chairman. I want to tell these young people I apologize to them. We had a very lengthy business session today. We normally would look more like these ladies on the front row, but we did not go back to the room to change clothes in order to conduct more business. So please excuse our appearance and know it is no reflection of our appreciation.
for your presence here tonight.

I'm going to let our invocation be this religious service that's going to be presented tonight. Thank you.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters, Brother and Friends: It is with a joyful and humble heart that I welcome each of you to this very special ESTARL Service and Awards Ceremony, "Love from the Cross." The Bible tells us that we are to make the love of God our great aim in life. Since God's love is so powerful and enduring because it never fails, why don't more believers do what the Bible says and make the love of God their aim and their quest in life? In fact, how many of us can honestly say we have made God's love our great quest in life? Yet God's love working through us and reaching out to others can change anyone. Love never fails; love always wins.

These students we honor tonight who are enrolled in religious training have, no doubt, heard the call to service from our Father and have most definitely made the love of God their quest in life. Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, through your donations to the ESTARL fund, we are able to contribute, in a small way, toward their continuing education as they use their gifts of inspiration, motivation and passion to seek out those who have no hope and have lost heart.

At this time I am honored to introduce four of the five very devoted ladies who have served on the ESTARL Committee for 2003. They have spent many hours in prayer as the decisions were being made regarding applications. I have seen their emotions sink to rock bottom when they were informed that the funds were just not available for the number of awards that needed to be granted and then rise to extreme jubilation at the news that their prayers had been answered as more funds became a reality. I am pleased to introduce Sister Marion Pierce, District 1; Susan Bigham, District 2; and I'm sorry to say that our District 3 Chairman, Wylia Holt, is not with us; we have Sister Mary Spell, District 4; and Eunice Zuckero, District 5. Sisters and Brothers, let us show our appreciation for these District Chairmen. [applause]

Our invocation will be given by Terry Henderson, a District 3 recipient from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Please stand as we unite in prayer.

MR. TERRY HENDERSON: Would you bow with me for a word of prayer. Our dear, most gracious Heavenly Father, Lord, we humbly bow before Your Throne of Grace this evening. Lord, for You spoke this world into existence; Lord, You knew each one of us before we were even yet birthed; and, Lord, I thank You for the preparation that You've given us to live this life according to Your will. I thank You, Lord, for each and every one of these recipients that are here this evening that You are preparing for Your ministry. I pray, Lord, that You will open up the fields of lost souls as they come before You and they try to minister in Your Name, to bring lost souls unto You. I thank You, Lord, for the great sacrifice that was given on the cross 2,000 years ago of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who shed His blood to reconcile us to You. And, Lord, I thank You for each and every one of these men and women that are gathered here
tonight that have given of their time and their efforts and their finances to
help support men and women around this world to be able to further Your
Kingdom. I thank You, Lord, for friends and family that are gathered here
during this time. And, Lord, I pray that in everything that we do and say
tonight that You will be honored. And I ask that You would help us to be
Christ's body, the hands and the feet as we go out to share to a lost and
darkened world the love that You have for each one of us. In Jesus' Name we
pray, amen.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: You may be seated. Sisters and Brothers,
you're about to receive a blessing. A District 1 recipient, Bradley Edge, who
is attending East Texas Baptist University, will share with us his message in
song. [applause following song]

Kimberly Hagedorn from the Perkins School of Theology and a recipient
from District 4, will read of His Love from His Word.

MS. KIMBERLY HAGEDORN: I'm going to be reading from 1 John,
Chapter 4, Verse 7 through Chapter 5, Verse 5. "Beloved, let us love one
another because love is from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and
knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's
love was revealed among us in this way. God sent His Only Son into the
world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved
God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our
sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought to also love one another.
No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God lives in us, and His
love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us,
because He has given us His spirit, and we have seen and do testify that the
Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who
confess that Jesus is the Son of God and they abide in God. So we have
known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love and those who
abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected
among us in this, that we may have boldness on the day of judgment because
as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love
casts our fear, for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not
reached perfection in love. We love because He first loved us. Those who say
I love God and hate their brothers or sisters are liars, for those who do not love
a brother or sister whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not
seen. The commandment we have from Him is this: Those who love God
must love their brothers and sisters also. Everyone who believes that Jesus
is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves
the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love
God and obey His commandments, for the love of God is this, that we obey His
commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome, for whatever
is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the
world: our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God." This is the Word of the Lord.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: A recipient from District 5, Clayton
Faulkner, who is attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
brings us music from the heart. Clayton. [applause following song]
The special message for this evening will be presented by Chris Yost. Chris is sponsored by District 1 and is currently attending Perkins School of Theology. Chris.

MR. CHRIS YOST: Good evening. My understanding is you've had a very long day. Is this so?

VOICES: Yes.

MR. CHRIS YOST: All right. Well, hopefully, we'll have a time where the Holy Spirit comes into this place and blesses each and every one of us. But as we listen tonight, as we think about the Word of God and what it means in our lives, we will be enlivened, that from this point forward that the long day you had before you will not drag you down, but you'll have the strength to continue on.

Please now listen to the reading of the Word from James Chapter 3, Verses 2 through 11. "For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes is speaking perfectly, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships. Though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great the force that's set ablaze by such a small fire. And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity. It stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue, a restless evil full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord our Father and with it we curse those who are made in his image. From the same mouth come blessings and cursing. My Brothers and Sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish waters?" This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Let us pray. Almighty Lord, as we enter this time I ask that each person would experience your Holy Spirit, and I pray now, Lord, that You would hide Your servant behind Your Cross and allow Your Living Water to flow out of this earthen vessel. In Jesus' Name, I give thanks, amen.

So as I am driving around back and forth to seminary every week, I listen to the radio like many people do. And recently I keep hearing this advertisement over and over again. On this advertisement they're advertising a vocabulary development resource, and it goes something like this. "Like it or not, people are making decisions about who you are by the words you use and how you speak." The person then goes on to describe the benefits of such an outstanding vocabulary program. But then I thought about those words once again. "People are making decisions about who you are by the words you use and how you speak."

How mindful are we of what we say? How true is that? How much are people really paying attention? What bearing on God's work am I having by the way that I speak with other people? The gift of speech is a powerful tool, and with it comes great choices about what to say, and perhaps most impor-
tantly, what not to say. As Christians, our words come with great responsibility to bear faithful witness to God's grace. I also thought about how all too often we're so concerned with what we're saying next that we do not really listen. And when we do respond, are we responding with God's truth in mind?

I'd like to point out several of the choices that we do face when we speak. Take note of the responsibility that we have to talk in ways that are godly, as well as helping each one of us to be better listeners. Let us take just a moment and hear the silence. How powerful is that, that the words not spoken can sometimes speak more volumes than the ones that are.

In verse 9 James stated a most poignant fact, "With our tongues we bless the Lord our Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God." Any one of us can attest to this. In the hallways and homes of this world, one moment people are spoken of as heroes and valiant to their face and yet ridiculed behind their backs. The same is unfortunately true around water coolers and cubicles in the business world and even around our own dinner tables. Now, of course, I know that hasn't gone on here this week, by the way; right? Can I get an "amen"?

VOICES: Amen.

MR. CHRIS YOST: I hope so. With the use of our tongues, we have the ability to build people up or to tear them down, the ability to instruct for righteousness or evil, to provide correction or to demean, to provide words of truth or to spread lies, to protect people from false accusations or even gossip, to motivate people to fight evil or to motivate entire nations to genocide as in the Holocaust of Adolph Hitler. With the tongues of humans, one may speak the hard truth in love or speak truth as a brandishing tool to further oppress those who can't stand one more thumb on their heads. With our tongues we may speak until we are no longer heard.

Perhaps nowhere in all of our actions is the evidence of human free will made clearer than how we use our speech. Time and time again God has admonished us through the prophets and the apostles to guard our speech and keep it wholesome and pure. Proverbs 19:1 tells us, "Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse." In Matthew Chapter 12, Verses 36 through 37, Jesus says perhaps some of the scariest words in Scripture to me, that I'll be held accountable for every word I use. I don't mind telling you I'm a pretty young guy, but we're going to be there a while watching God's grace unfold to keep me in Heaven, because I'm going to need it.

These are sobering thoughts, to have to stand before God and give an account of every word. I am truly dependent upon God's grace, the very grace that we're celebrating tonight. We're accountable not just in the hereafter, though, for what we've spoken, but right here and right now. I would venture to say that seventy-five percent of the conflicts in our lives are caused by misunderstandings and misspoken words. I'd be a fool to sit here and tell you how we do this, to sit here and pretend to know the details of how it is that we perfect our speech and perfect our lives. But I've got a few hints, a couple
of things to keep in mind. How can we be mindful of what is said? If you've ever read the little book by Richard Carlson, you'll notice that he says some of the most profound words of our generation, "Take a breath before you speak." That one-second pause will give you a moment to think through your words and decide if what you have said or what you have heard is what you intend to say and what they intended to say. Is what I'm about to say building up? Is it something that would benefit the presence of God among us? Is my response appropriate to the question that is asked?

I understand that throughout all this week, that there has been a lot of conversation, a lot of decision-making, and as we found out earlier today, a lot of business. And knowing the organization as I have, I'm sure these words are wholesome and are pure and are in keeping with the good faith that you have gathered together in, by taking just a moment to keep friendships from being broken and ties from being scarred. I think it's also very important that we be very intentional about what it is that we're saying.

How many of you ever saw the movie "Forest Gump"? That's one of my favorite movies of all time. I was really struck again and again as I went to the theater and I watched this show, and I couldn't help it but there was something about Forest Gump that just absolutely struck to the heart of my soul. I think I figured it out. Did you ever notice how Forest was a very simple person, and yet spoke some of the most profound words? Forest was not an eloquent person, but the thing that made Forest Gump powerful was that he had to think before he spoke, because words didn't come easy enough for him to fall into the trap that many of us have. The irony and humor was not a mistake, but they spoke to our soul because he took the time to think.

The last and most important thing that we can do to guard our speech is simply ask the Holy Spirit of God to go before us, to perfect us before we ever come to the time of trial and to the time of speech. Imagine if all of our speech was guided by God's Spirit. Imagine if at the helm of the ship, as the Apostle James spoke of, sat Jesus Christ himself gently turning on the rudder or standing at the helm saying, "Full speed ahead, I've got it." I absolutely love the image that James shared with us about the ship and the rudder. I spent six years in the Navy as a submariner before God's call into this wonderful ministry. And one of the most profound experiences of my life that I'm still trying to figure out happened on September 20th of 1996. That day we went through the Panama Canal, something I had thought about and dreamed about for all of my life, the sights, the smells and everything. But as I reflected upon what it is that James was speaking to us about in this ship, I thought back. There was not one single person on board with us that knew the way through the canal. None of us. We had maps and little charts, and that was really nice and handy. But you're not going to take a $2 billion submarine and crash it into the side because somebody forgot.

Well, similarly, when we come to a time where we don't know what's ahead of us, we call ahead and they send out a pilot. And this pilot comes on board and they tell you when to turn, how fast to go, when to slow down, what to do when other ships are coming headlong and how to avoid collisions and what's on the other side. And the pilot knows that you've safely transversed
those waters that are unknown. They're able to leave and know in confidence that you're in safekeeping.

And so it is with God. We come to the unknown places in our lives, and not only in our speech, but in all of our life actions. We call upon God, and God is faithful and answers that call and comes and takes the helm of the ship that we don't know how to drive. Praise be to God.

In closing, people do make decisions about what we say and about the words that we use. We do have choices to use them for good or for evil, as well as all of our lives. I don't pretend to sit here today and tell you a new mystery. But watching my 94-year-old great-grandmother, she reminds me day in and day out that this lesson of the words that we choose and use is a challenge for all the days of our life.

I pray God's blessing upon you and the business that you have here. Amen. [applause]

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: What a powerful message, Christopher. We thank you. Sister Syble, you must be so proud!

People in all walks of life need helping hands to make the difference. In many ways we can hold up the hands of those about us. We can hold up the hands of our religious leaders by expressing gratitude, encouragement and by providing heartfelt donations for their service. Before I ask the Assisting Pages, Warders and Sentinels to pick up the boxes on the table there in the table to collect the ESTARL love offering and then ask them to return the boxes to the same table after the collection, I would ask George Warner from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to come and lead us in prayer as we prepare our hearts for giving.

MR. GEORGE WARNER: May we pray together, please. Father, we recall Your Son's nailed body on the Cross of Calvary. Perhaps we hear the hammer ring, the flesh pierce. We see the blood as it trickles, and we remember the sacrifice of Your Son at Calvary. Father, we thank You indeed for Your loving kindness and Your tender mercies. Remind us, Father, that all we have is Yours, and we are simply stewards and that as we give to Your Kingdom's work tonight, we simply are returning to You a small portion of the marvelous gifts that You give to us. Bless the giver; bless the gift. May we have the wisdom to use them for Your Kingdom's advances in this world. In Christ's Name, we pray these things. Amen.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: As the offering is being taken, we will enjoy the beautiful talent of Clayton Faulkner again. Thank you, Clayton. [applause following music]

Sisters and Brothers, we do thank you for your donation. I also would like to thank Sister Kathleen Yancy for her beautiful music. Would you please show her how much we appreciate her. [applause]

For several years there has been a surplus in the ESTARL fund. However, Sisters and Brothers, please realize that this is no longer the case. Through your Humanitarian donations of $16,532.39 and the funds carried over from last year, we were only able to present 22 scholarships. Sisters and
Brothers, we had 47 eligible and worthy applicants. The Committee, to say the least, was devastated. I could not send out the letters to decline those worthy applicants of a scholarship. A phone call was placed to our Worthy Grand Matron informing her of the situation; 25 students would not be receiving a scholarship. Last Friday afternoon our Worthy Grand Matron called to say that she could not possibly think of a more deserving place to transfer some funds that had not yet been designated than to the ESTARL fund to help these deserving religious leaders sitting behind me. The Committee's prayers had been answered.

Worthy Grand Matron, you truly know that love practiced brings great rewards. You let your heart and your love for our Star in the East dominate your decision. Thank you for your love. Thank you for allowing the Grand Chapter of Texas to make sure that our future religious leaders came first. Thank you for providing scholarships for all 47 applicants. Sisters and Brothers, join me as we show our Worthy Grand Matron how pleased we are with her heartfelt decision. [applause]

God calls us for service and He knows what training is needed. He allowed His own Son to be trained on earth for thirty years before the three years of intense, public ministry began. God will do great things for those who heed His call for service. It is my honor to let the Committee Members call the names of the recipients from their respective districts who have "heeded the call." Would our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron come forward and present the 2003 ESTARL scholarships to the students who were able to attend the program tonight. I present Marion Pierce from District 1.

MRS. MARION PIERCE: Shawn Bakker, Perkins School of Theology, Mike Thomas - OakCliff #951; Bradley Scott Edge, East Texas Baptist University, Jefferson #627; Preston Greenwaldt, Texas Christian University, Longview #610; Robert Henson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Decatur #543; Steven Mosley, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Winnie #160; John Michael Trimble, Dallas Theological Seminary, James Ladd Burgess #983; George Warner, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Forney - Terrell #557; Jack Womack, Perkins School of Theology, Pine Hill #675; Chris Yost, Perkins School of Theology, Princeton #1126.

And the following recipients were unable to attend tonight: Leslie Ann Conn, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas #1; Shane Fore, Southwestern Assembly of God University, Lancaster #943; Steven Grisham, Dallas Baptist University, Chico #433; Kevin Ray Jackson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Pine Tree #1090; Deron Patterson, Perkins School of Theology, Richardson #921; Michael Redmon, Perkins School of Theology, Richland Hills #1040; Ryan Von Weaver, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Irving #777; and Matthew Weathers, Perkins School of Theology, Decatur #543.

I now recognize Susan Bigham, District 2.

MRS. SUSAN BIGHAM: Due to prior commitments the recipients from District 2 were not able to attend tonight. That is Suzanne Kerr, Brite Divinity School sponsored by Norman Read #1010; Janie Nobel, Perkins
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School of Theology, sponsored by Dumas #653.

It is an honor for me to fill in for Sister Wylia Holt, District 3. Those receiving scholarships in District 3 that were able to attend tonight are Terry Henderson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, sponsored by Evermn #624; Carol Henry, Texas Christian University, sponsored by McLennan #639; James Griff Martin, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, sponsored by Round Rock #316. Those who could not attend tonight are Shawn Cabaniss, George Truett Theological Seminary, sponsored by McLennan #639; Brandi Johnson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, sponsored by McLennan #639; Alicia Wills, Brite Divinity School, sponsored by Mansfield #876; and Craig Wills, Brite Divinity School, sponsored by Mansfield #876.

I now recognize Sister Mary Spell from District 4.

MRS. MARY SPELL: We had one of our recipients from District 4 that was able to be with us tonight. We have Kimberly Hagedorn, Perkins School of Theology, sponsored by Houston Heights Chapter #258. The other recipients who were not able to be with us tonight that did receive scholarships are Rhonda Boehm, Perkins School of Theology, sponsored by Oak Forest #1080; William Denham, Perkins School of Theology, sponsored by Wisteria Chapter #823; Holly Ebel, Perkins School of Theology, sponsored by Brenham Chapter #144; Travis Hayman, Liberty University, sponsored by Montgomery Chapter #228; Joshua Hubert, Princeton Theological Seminary, sponsored by Houston Heights Chapter #258; Susan Kennard, Virginia Theological Seminary, sponsored by Conroe Chapter #710; Kimberly Orr, Asbury Theological Seminary, sponsored by Houston Heights #258; and Michael Shanks, Mission Masters Commission, sponsored by Clute City #1011.

I now recognize Eunice Zuckero from District 5.

MRS. EUNICE ZUCKERO: District 5 had one recipient here: Clayton Faulkner, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Yoakum #282. The following recipients from District 5 were unable to attend: Ronald Bentley, Perkins School of Theology, sponsored by Hondo Chapter #404; Stephen Cottingham, Perkins School of Theology, sponsored by Adah Chapter #49; Jesus Elizondo, Dallas Theological Seminary, sponsored by New Braunfels #771; Paul Evans, Perkins School of Theology, sponsored by Bronte Chapter #1048; Shelia Griffith, University of Virginia, sponsored by Port Lavaca Chapter #373; Matt Homeyer, Truett Seminary, sponsored by Kenedy Chapter #36; Danielle Moore, The Lutheran Program in the Southwest, sponsored by Austin Chapter #304; Barry Nelson, Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, sponsored by Uvalde Chapter #297; Jennie Ott, Yale Divinity School, sponsored by Mission Chapter #527; Bonnie Perry, St. Edward's University, sponsored by Creedmoor Chapter #607; and Wayne Urbowski, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, sponsored by Alamo Heights Chapter #734.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: Sisters and Brothers, let's show all these recipients of these scholarships how much we appreciate them. [applause]
We will now have greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ed Warner.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Sister Susie. I want to say how much I appreciate you and your girls that's working with you for what you're doing. Sisters and Brothers, you see tonight what your ESTARL money is going for. We ought to be grateful for that. How great it is to be able to give these scholarships that these young men and women might spread the Gospel through music and through the preaching of His Word. We're certainly grateful for each one of them. May God bless you and watch over you as you go about your work. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON:** Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Fentress.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Susie Broughton, my Chairman of ESTARL. We're getting to be good phone friends. She calls me for regular donations! I'm about out of funds, though. We were so delighted that we had the funds. Sisters and Brothers, I was given the opportunity to designate those funds for these beautiful ESTARL scholarships. But you provided that money. And to you is the credit that these young people were able to receive this assistance in obtaining their education.

You know, Sisters and Brothers, I believe that there is nothing that we could do that would please God more than being able to assist those who seek to educate themselves in His service. I believe in that Scripture that says if we give, He'll bless us with a blessing, pressed down and running over. And, Sisters and Brothers, I believe this Order has been blessed. I know He has blessed my life in a marvelous way. And, Sisters and Brothers and our wonderful ESTARL recipients, you have certainly blessed our lives tonight by bringing us your talents and the words that God places in your hearts and your souls. We wish for you every success and every good thing that can happen to you in your life. Godspeed as you go forth sharing His message.

I thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for allowing me to use those funds which I promised to you would be used for a charitable purpose. I know of no more deserving charity than that of our ESTARL recipients. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON:** On behalf of all of our recipients, I invite Jack Womack to share his acceptance.

**MR. JACK WOMACK:** She was looking back to see if I was still awake. I got up at three this morning, and I am still awake. Good evening, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all the Grand Officers, Brothers and Sisters of the Eastern Star and Visitors and Guests. You know, it's a great honor to receive a scholarship for the purpose of religious education. Each one of us here tonight that receives this honor has a different story, and you'll probably be glad that you don't have to hear all of them. But I can tell you - - "amen" to you, too, Sister [laughter] -- I can tell you I'm a student at Perkins School of Theology over at SMU. I'm 52 years old. I have a lovely wife, Kathy, and she's a member of Pine Hill Chapter. I am too, actually. I have two sons, a stepson and a stepdaughter. And when I was called by God to
enter full-time Christian ministry, I had to leave a secular job that paid a little
more than I make now. I took about a hundred thousand dollar pay cut to go
to work for God.

Many that knew me said they couldn't understand how I could do that. But what I know -- and I'm sure you know -- is that it's not about the money. It is the greatest joy and most satisfying experience of my life to be able to go to school and study the things that we learn at seminary. And it's also the greatest joy of my life to work every day for the church. You know, working at First United Methodist Church in LaPorte, Texas, I get a chance to see weddings and funerals and baptisms. All of that stuff that goes on is part of the life that we're all part of every day. My Masonic background and my Brothers in the Lodge and my Brothers and Sisters in the Eastern Star have been really supportive of my education and my ministry, and I'm grateful to Pine Hill for having sponsored me for this scholarship.

I know that each of these students here tonight has a story similar to that one. I know that I speak for all of us when I tell you that receiving this scholarship is support that we need. I can tell you that we all appreciate it. It's each of our commitment to allow this investment in the Kingdom to multiply time and time again until Jesus returns and we're all together at the heavenly banquet.

I thank you and we thank you so much for your support and your help. God bless you each and every one. Amen. [applause]

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: Prayer helps us to remember that our lives are sustained by a higher power; the presence and wisdom of the divine power will stay with us always. Our recipient, Carol Henry, will close our ESTARL program and voice our benediction.

MISS CAROL HENRY: Would you please stand, as you're able, to receive the benediction. Heavenly Father, as You have called us together to join, to hear, to praise and to receive the love that we've found from the Cross from Your Son, let us go forth in strength, in energy and patience and endurance as we reach out and share that love with those around us in our world. It's in Christ's Name we pray, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Susie, and the District Chairmen of our ESTARL Committee for your beautiful report and the ESTARL presentation. To our participants this evening, I thank you for sharing a most precious commodity with us this evening -- your time and your love for the Lord. May the peace of Christ be with each of you as you listen to His Words of our heart.

The Grand Chaplain tells me that we will need to clear the floor, except for the Altar. Sister Grand Conductress, you will please attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. At this time our Grand Choir will present "To God Be the Glory." Thank you, Ruth.

Our invocation will be given by our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ed Warner.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, let us join hands as we pray. Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we invoke Thy blessings upon these, our children, as we pause to honor those members who having traveled with us for a time walk with us no more. Some were leaders, some were followers as we were children; and it warms our hearts to remember each of them. Someone once said that God has blessed us with a gift of memory so that we can have roses in December. Memories help us to relive and enjoy in retrospect the experiences and friends of former years. The writer of the Letter of Hebrews in the New Testament referred to a long list of faithful believers and called them a great cloud of witness. Clouds have a way of lingering over us and influencing the experiences of every day. Many of those bright clouds splash in the high colors of the sunshine and the rainbow. Some may offer a cooling shade or send down refreshing rain upon us. Even so, those members we recall and cherish in this Memorial Ceremony continue to make their influence felt. They still speak to us, perhaps silently, but profoundly. We thank Thee, Father, for this holy hour of memory. Amen.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, my beloved Sisters and Brothers: What a privilege it has been for me to serve as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Texas during this year. I thank Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, for extending this honor to me. Because of my physical limitations, I never dreamed I would be able to serve as your Grand Chaplain. But Sister Sharon has made this possible, and I will love her forever. The experiences of this year, the laughter and tears, the love and friendship of this Grand Family and all of my Sisters and Brothers who have welcomed me with kindness and love during my travels will be treasures in my heart forevermore. I want to thank each one who has assisted in this Memorial Service. I certainly could do none of this alone, and I shall always be grateful for your service. The support and encouragement of my Spring Chapter #1105 and my Grand Pages, Sisters Regina Garner, Melba Jean Hanna and Genevieve Orr have helped make my travels much easier, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. I also express my gratitude to Sisters Mary Nan Anderson, Rita Lytle and Mary Brown who have traveled with me extensively and helped me in every way.

We are sincerely grateful and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His loving care and blessings this past year, and that He has allowed our Grand Family circle to be unbroken. We have sent flowers and cards to the Floor Officers as needed. We have sent letters of sympathy to each Grand Jurisdiction wherein there has been a death in their Past Grand Officers or Installed Grand Officers. We have received many expressions of sorrow for the loss of our beloved Texas Past Grand Matrons from other Grand Jurisdictions. When those among us lose someone beloved to them, we reach out and share their tears and their sorrows. We're less alone in our sorrow if we reach out in comfort and understanding to someone else. What a wonderful God we have. He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy and the one who wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. Jesus blesses us in this way so that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort He has given us.
At this time our precious Priscilla Locke will sing "Amazing Grace." [applause following song]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** "Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, will you take your places and prepare for the draping of our Holy Altar. Sisters Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain, you will drape our Holy Altar in loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers. [The Altar was draped.]

**MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD:** This year we lost our beloved Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy Marie Dewing. I was so very honored to represent Texas at her memorial service in Portland, Oregon, on May 9th, 2003. Sister Dorothy was truly a blessing in our lives, and she certainly served our Order well and with sincere devotion. In Romans 5:1 we find these words, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace through God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who we have gained access by faith and into His grace which we now stand. And we rejoice with hope of the glory of God."

We light this candle in remembrance of our General Grand Chapter Member who has gone before us as we pay this tribute. The Second Beatitude says, "Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** From our beloved Texas Grand Chapter, we will miss three of our much beloved Past Grand Matrons:

Sister Frances Key Herrin. This lady will be long remembered for her wit and service to our Order; she presided over the "Key of Faith, Kindness and Humility" session of our 89th session of Grand Chapter in 1971; she passed away on December 19th, 2002. "Where there is faith, there is love and good will. Where there is kindness, there are good deeds and devotion to principles. Where there is humility, there is understanding, tolerance and mercy toward all men."

Sister Lois Bell. This gracious lady will long be remembered for her loving ways, her beautiful renditions of our work and the teachings of our Landmarks. Sister Lois presided over the "Wonders of His Kingdom" 101st session of our Grand Chapter in 1983. She passed away on June 16th, 2003. "God's road is all up hill and we shall not tire, but rejoice that we may still be climbing higher. We must, despite ourselves, turn heavenward our eyes to see that chief in his kingdom and supreme in all His plans in the upward reach He placed in the heart of man."

Sister Eunice Connell. This precious lady will long be remembered for her sweetness and kindness. She was very special to me and to my family. Sister Eunice presided over the "Mission" 73rd session of our Grand Chapter in 1954-1955. She was indeed a true friend, and I miss her greatly. She passed away on July 14th, 2003. "Somewhere back of the sunset, where loveliness never dies, they live in a land of glory mid the blue and gold of the skies."

Let us pray. Our Father and our God, we thank Thee for the friends we have known and loved, those whose presence made our lives brighter and
happier. We bow our heads in memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers, taking comfort in the words of our Savior, "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, and that where I am, there ye may be also." With this assurance we know that our loved ones have left us but for a time, and we shall meet again in our Father's house. May those who are feeling the loss of a loved one find comfort and peace in this knowledge. Bless every bereaved home, we pray. Grant us courage and faith to sustain us and grace and strength to fulfill every duty we owe to each other and to Thee. Abide in our hearts. Lead us in understanding and strengthen us to do Thy will. All this we ask in Thy Precious Holy Name, amen.

We light this candle as a tribute to the Seventh Beatitude chosen: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Tribute to our Subordinate Chapters. From our Subordinate Chapters we have lost 1,847 members. This is the moment when we pay tribute to our members who have gone into God's greatest service, who have received their call and have answered, who have said goodbye and have turned their faces to the light and have followed that light into a place not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. And to this place, may we follow. Our sympathy and compassion is extended to the families of each of these members who have gone on to our heavenly home, and they will live on in our hearts. They were precious friends to us, and we thank God for the strength they gave to the fraternal chain of our Grand Chapter, for the warmth of their friendship and for the love that was reflected in their devoted service. We honor them tonight and will remember them always with love. We are sad and lonely because we are no longer blessed with their presence, but our Christian faith uplifts us in the knowledge that God does all things well, and He knew it was time for these loved ones to enter into eternal rest. To each one who has suffered a loss, we extend our sincere sympathy and trust you may have that blessed assurance that your loved one is now resting in the everlasting arms of our blessed Lord.

We light this candle as a tribute to the teachings of Christianity and constancy to our Order, and for the many small deeds of kindness which are done for the sake of one another. In Romans 8:28 we find the comforting words, "And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

GRAND CHAPLAIN: We will now have a musical selection, "Star of the East," by Susie Smith. [applause following song]

MRS. JIMMIE LEE McMAHON: "The Lord is King - Let Heaven Sing" Memorial is dedicated lovingly to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Fentress, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ed Warner, for their steadfast faith, love and service in this year of seeking spiritual guidance in serving our Grand Chapter. We lovingly join with them in honoring those who have gone before us to our heavenly home. Our beloved Bible, which rests upon the Altar, is full of promises. We turn to the Scriptures, and God speaks to us. Fear not for I am with thee. Be not dismayed for I am God and I will strengthen you. Yet will I help thee. Peace I leave with you. Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid.
And God's servants of old also speak to us in the Scriptures. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and coming in from this time forth and forevermore. In Romans 15:5-7, it is written: "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one heart and one mouth you may glorify the God, the Father of our Lord Jesus. Accept one another, then, just as Jesus accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Each ray of our beautiful star lights our life with God's love and promises. The years of life are like a gift from God's eternal time, each one a precious flower that will never fade away. Experiences and memories from every shining hour remain to give us pleasure for each day. No matter what the years may bring in God's eternal plan, each moment has its beauty just as these flowers show His Spirit shining through. As we look to Him each day with thankfulness and love, we feel His presence and His care in everything we do. May our future be blessed with God's greatest gifts, and may our hearts be guided through His grace. One of the most beautiful passages in all literature is found in the New Testament and contains two simple words, "Jesus wept." There are times in our lives when tears -- tears of compassion, tears of suffering and bereavement -- are the best healing we can have. We place these flowers at the foot of the cross in remembrance of those who were once with us, but who are now living in a holy realm.

The sacred time of memory has filled our hearts with a spirit of love that can bridge time and space and bring back to us in our thoughts and in our prayers the memories of all those whom we hold most dear.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: At this time we will have "The Cross Within the Heart" drill on the Grand Chapter floor, which is presented by our Installed Grand Officers, Deputies of Grand Chapter and our Grand Pages and Secretaries. Our Grand Marshal, Sister Cheryl Albrecht, will be in charge of this drill. We are very honored to have these members on our Grand Chapter floor, as they have been a great support to us this year, to our Order and to our Grand Family. When this drill has been completed and our Grand Family has surrounded our Holy Altar, we will have a rendition of "The Holy City," as beautifully presented by Sister Betty Carol Shively and accompanied by her daughter, Becky Wunsche. [applause following drill and singing] ["When We All Get to Heaven" sung by Grand Choir.]

The last scene of this Memorial Service is presented by our Grand Choir, and we thank you sincerely for attending this service with us. If we do not see you again on this earth, we will see you when they ring those golden bells for you and me in heaven.

The benediction will be given by Brother Harry Cunningham.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Shall we pray. Our Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for this time we have spent with You. We are grateful for the Order of the Eastern Star and the important part it has played in the life of each of us. We are thankful for the moment we have shared with You and the time we were privileged to share together. We are thankful for the faith of others who have gone before us and for our own faith that will pass through
those times of tribulation without damage. We are grateful for the heavenly home You have prepared for all those who love and trust You. We are grateful and thankful for the hope which You provide in our hearts and the assurance that this hope knows no defeat. Be with us and all those who guide us and those who have gone on before us. For all these things we ask in Christ’s Name, amen.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, will you and the Worthy Grand Patron return to the East.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible on the Altar.

I now declare this 121st session called from labor to rest until 8:15 a.m. Saturday morning.
SATURDAY MORNING SESSION
October 25, 2003

"Angelic Heartbeats" Session

Musical Prelude ................................................................. Mrs. Maggie Matysatik
Worthy Matron, Waco #7

Call to Order ................................................................. Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Leland Benefield
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and Distinguished Visitors and my wonderful Sisters and Brothers all: I know you have enjoyed the music brought to us by Maggie Matysatik from Waco #7. Will you thank her for her lovely music. [applause]

It has been said that all things live and glow in the majesty of early morning, and, Sisters and Brothers, you are indeed a beautiful sight. I trust we may each find comfort in the challenges that will be brought to us today. Sisters and Brothers, be assured that it is good to have you here for this "Angelic Heartbeats Ascending" session. May this be a day that all may be comforted in the presence of our Lord. Deep appreciation is extended to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the courtesy of calling this, our 121st session, to order with my good friend, my Fraternal Son, a Chamberlain's Champion, Brother Leland G. Benefield, Past Grand Patron. Brother Leland, will you favor us with remarks at this time.

MR. LELAND BENEFIELD: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you, Sister Sharon, our Worthy Grand Matron, for asking me to open this Saturday morning session with Sister Elise. I was her Champion in that great year of 1981-82. We welcome all of you to this final day of Grand Chapter. It is almost time for another change of officers, as Sharon and Ed and their crew finish their business. Congratulations to Sharon and Ed for a job well done. And best wishes to Doris and Jack as they begin on their new journey. Thanks again, and let's have a great day. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Brother Leland. I now invite the Grand Floor Officers and Personal Pages to enter the Grand Chapter room that we may see them just one last time in their drill, "Gifts of a Kind Heart" drill. Our Grand Marshal, Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, is in charge. And, Cheryl, thank you for being so willing and capable of handling this position. Thank you to all the Officers for doing this again for us. Every one of you has done
well, and we're anxious to see you again. [applause following drill] I now invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the other Grand Floor Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress present them with sheafs of multicolored roses before they begin their walk to the East.] Sisters and Brothers, you will join me in saluting our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, time is fleeting and a year passes so fast. May all the angelic heartbeats ascending always serve as a reminder of this, your year of service. You have worked diligently, and, hopefully, only the happy times will be paramount in your memories. I commend you for the loving, caring and patient manner in which you have conducted your business at this session. Know we appreciate that, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure now to present you your gavel.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter. Thank you, Installed Grand Officers, for your beautiful work.

Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this session from rest to labor. You will so inform the Assistant Grand Sentinels and Grand Warders.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels, you will secure the outer doors of this Grand Chapter and permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

Sister Grand Warder, your order has been obeyed.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of our Order and entitled to be seated in this Grand Chapter room.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order and entitled to be with us in these deliberations.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.] Our invocation will
be given by Sister Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. MARY BROWN: Let us pray. Father, we thank Thee for our Christian leaders this year. Our Father God who knowest all things and doeth all things well, we place in Your hands the business of this day, a day of decisions that could materially change Eastern Star as we have known and loved it. Help us, Lord, to be patient and tolerant of our Sisters and Brothers, seeking to understand the reasoning on both sides. And, Father, we beg You to cleanse our hearts and lead us in an appreciation of the reasoning presented. Thou knowest all things and can see the future. Lead us in the right decisions, teaching us, guiding us in the way that You know best. And last, Precious Lord, forgive us where we fail You. Stay by our sides holding our hands. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I placed my bouquet in front of the podium so that you might enjoy these beautiful flowers with me this morning. Sister Elise and Brother Leland, I want to express my deep appreciation for your calling this "Angelic Heartbeats" session to order. Your friendship has meant much to me for many years. Elise, I remember well when we served as Sally's Pals together in 1969-1970. We soon realized we had the same deep dedication and enthusiasm about this Order and became special friends. At that time the Worthy Matrons of our section always wore white formals for our school of instruction. And the two of us, unbeknown to each other, went to the same boutique and bought the same formal. I think one of us ordered and one bought it off the rack. And when we came to the school and we wore the same dresses, we told everyone we planned it that way because we were Worthy Matron and Associate Matron. Special times, special memories. Thank you for always being my friend and for making this morning special by opening this session for me.

Brother Leland, you were my Worthy Grand Patron when I was privileged to serve as the District Deputy Grand Matron for you and Sister Marcella Curry in 1993-1994. We had already become close friends when I served as Deputy Grand Matron when our sweet Lynda served as District Deputy Grand Matron, and you served as Grand Sentinel for Sister Sherrill Cain and B. F. Hutson in 1987-88. We truly found a sweet spirit of friendship, and your support and belief in me has always been a source of strength and encouragement. Thank you for being by my side and opening this my final session as Worthy Grand Matron with Sister Elise. I love you both. [applause]

Sister Mary -- you don't have to come up here -- thank you for sharing your words of prayer with us this very special morning. It is the last morning in my year of service as Worthy Grand Matron, and I would not want to start it without asking the Heavenly Father for His wisdom and guidance, as I have every day of this year. I appreciate your adding your requests and petitions in our behalf. Thank you for sharing this day with us.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you would also like to greet our special friends.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Elise and Brother Leland, it's an
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honor and privilege to have y'all to open our Saturday morning session. I've known both of you for a long time and learned to love and appreciate you. I appreciate the dedication and the time that you've given to our wonderful Order. We love you, and we thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for the lovely opening. Later today we will be recognizing our 50-year members. I'm going to try to work as much of the reports and these type of things in between our business as I can. So we are prepared to begin with the business, and we will go directly into that, just as I promised you last night. I'm going to ask the Jurisprudence Committee -- are they present on the stage? As they're getting their things together to be ready to bring our next order of business to you, I would ask, though, that we would know for sure -- looking at this crowd, there's no doubt in my mind -- but would the Chapter Representatives please stand and hold up your red card so that we can know that we do have a quorum present without any question in anybody's mind? Would you look at that, Sisters and Brothers? We certainly do have a quorum present, and we can continue with our business. [applause]

GRAND SENTINEL: Worthy Grand Matron, we have voting delegates who are just now picking up their credentials. Is it permissible for them to enter the Grand Chapter room at this time?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, we're through with our opening. If they have proper credentials, they may enter.

GRAND SENTINEL: Thank you, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did I forget to unsecure the doors, Brother Trey?

GRAND SENTINEL: Yes, ma'am. I was trying to politely say that.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm waiting on Jurisprudence -- I'm not stalling here, but I thought we'd go ahead and get a report right quick while they're getting that resolution ready. Brother Joe Nance, my General Chairman of the Guiding Hearts Committee, can give his report quite quickly.

REPORT OF THE GUIDING HEARTS COMMITTEE

MR. JOE NANCE: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter and the membership as General Chairman of the Guiding Hearts Committee.

This committee was responsible for selling the Guiding Hearts/Take Time To Read pins for a donation of $5.00 each. The profit from the sales will go to the Scottish Rite Hospital For Children.

The report by Districts is as follows:
District 1 Chairman  
J. Marlin Fox  
$ 815.00

District 2 Chairman  
Lester Ericson  
65.00

District 3 Chairman  
Hurshel Keyton  
1,230.00

District 4 Chairman  
Garner Robertson  
805.00

District 5 Chairman  
Jimmie Banks  
770.00

General Chairman  
170.00

Sold at this Grand Chapter Session  
0

TOTAL SALES  
$ 3,855.00

Respectively submitted,

Joe Nance, General Chairman
Guiding Hearts Committee

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Guiding Hearts Committee. All in favor, raise your yellow cards. All opposed, same sign. The report is adopted. Thank you. This Committee did great work, and Brother Joe Nance is one of the most communicative and keeps you in touch and advised of what's going on. He's a wonderful General Chairman, and I appreciate his hard work. Thank you, Joe. [applause]

Let me tell you, Sisters and Brothers, one of the things we're waiting on is because we have a little unusual situation this morning, we are waiting -- it's after nine o'clock and Credentials has closed, that we may get the complete Credentials report so our Election Judge will have an accurate count on the number of ballots possible and all of those details. So we are just filling in time right now.

Sister Virginia, do you have your report ready? Our Grand Chaplain presented to us a most moving and beautiful Memorial Service last night. I now invite her to move the adoption of her report.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the Memorial Program report for Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion that we adopt the report of the Grand Chaplain. All in favor, raise your yellow cards. Down. All opposed, same sign. Of course, there is none. Thank you.

Is Susie Broughton in the room? Yes, I see her coming right now. We'll get that one adopted also.
Willie Mae Shaw, would you come. She's going to give us our report of our General Grand Chapter Committee.

REPORT OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE

MRS. WILLIE MAE SHAW: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the privilege of serving this year as your general chairman of the “General Grand Chapter Committee.” It has been my pleasure to work with the Chairmen, they are:

Sisters: Sylvia Garcia, General Co-Chairman
Gayle Doyle District I
Joyce Fields District II
Earline Rogers District III
Wylma Peacock District IV
Nannette Gwaltney District V

Would all members of this committee please stand. Thank you for your good work. You are appreciated!

Our committee had two distinct responsibilities.

First: General Grand Chapter Pins

We had a total of 250 pins plus five packages of six pins each

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Submitted by:

Willie Mae Shaw
General Chairman
General Grand Chapter Committee
Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this wonderful report of our General Grand Chapter Committee. Sister
Willie Mae Shaw always does an excellent job, and I assured Rennie when I talked to her about this Committee that she would have a most proficient and efficient General Chairman. You have heard the motion and the second. All in favor raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed, same sign. Of course, there is none. It's adopted. Thank you, Sister Willie Mae.

I promised Jerre Lucas, our Chairman of our Board of Directors, that she could make an advertisement this morning, so I'm going to now allow her to do that

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Before I go into the sales pitch, would a member of Carthage Chapter please report to the Board of Directors desk. I think they have some money for you.

Sisters and Brothers, we have the Grand Chapter van, a 2001 Ford van, F-150. We will have sealed bids with the Board reserving the right to reject any and all offers. The vehicle has approximately 58,000 miles. And in that vein, I want to commend our Worthy Grand Matron. I've done a lot of research on the mileage of the Grand Chapter vehicles. I've gone back some twenty years or more. And if I'm not mistaken, our Worthy Grand Matron has put fewer miles on this vehicle than any other that I have researched these past few years. So I certainly am wanting to extend the gratitude of the Board of Directors in that regard. We will open our bids at one o'clock today. If anyone is interested, come to the Board of Directors table and we'll show you where the vehicle is that you can go look at it. We hope to do great. This is a fine vehicle. It has been very well taken care of. It does have some minor body damage. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jerre Lucas. We very much enjoyed the van that the Grand Chapter furnished to us, and the Board was most cooperative in everything we asked of them. The van drives good. The air conditioner is excellent, and it rides good, has got brand new tires on it. You can kick 'em if you want to.

I now recognize Sister Susie Broughton, General Chairman of the ESTARL Committee.

MRS. SUSIE BROUGHTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I would like to introduce the ESTARL Committee for 2002-2003: District 1 - Marion Pierce; District 2 - Susan Bigham; District 3 - Wylia Holt; District 4 - Mary Spell; and District 5 - Eunice Zuckero. As stated last evening, we received $16,532.39 in donations to the ESTARL fund this year as part of the Humanitarian Program. From the funds carried over from last year and $25,000 from the Worthy Grand Matron's undesignated funds, we were able to award 47 scholarships of $1,000 each. We received a generous love offering last evening of $2,681. A list of the recipients is attached.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report and the ESTARL as presented last evening.
2002-2003 ESTARL Recipients

1. Bakker, Shawn  
2. Bentley, Ronald  
3. Boehm, Rhona  
4. Cabaniss, Shawn  
5. Conn, Leslie Ann  
6. Cottingham, Stephen  
7. Denham, William  
8. Ebel, Holly Kristen  
9. Edge, Bradley Scott  
10. Elizondo, Jesus  
11. Evans, Paul  
12. Faulkner, Clayton  
13. Fore, Shane  
14. Greenwaldt, Preston  
15. Griffith, Sheila  
16. Grisham, Steven  
17. Hagedorn, Kimberly  
18. Hayman, Travis  
19. Henderson, Terry  
20. Henry, Carol  
21. Henson, Robert  
22. Homeyer, Matt  
23. Hubert, Joshua  
24. Jackson, Kevin Ray  
25. Johnson, Brandi  
26. Kennard, Susan  
27. Kerr, Suzanne  
28. Martin, James  
29. Moore, Danielle  
30. Mosley, Steven  
31. Nelson, Barry  
32. Noble, Janie  
33. Orr, Kimberly  
34. Ott, Jennie  
35. Patterson, Deron  
36. Perry, Bonnie  
37. Redmon, Michael  
38. Shanks, Michael  
39. Trimble, John  
40. Urbarowski, Wayne  
41. Von Weaver, Ryan  
42. Warner, George  
43. Weathers, Matthew  
44. Wills, Alicia  
45. Wills, Craig  
46. Womack, Jack  
47. Yost, Chris

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion that we adopt the report of the ESTARL Committee and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. Any opposition, the same sign. Of course, it’s adopted unanimously.

Sister Susie, you have done an outstanding job. I know we had some health problems this year, but you came right through. I was most grateful that this membership placed in their Grand Chapter’s hands in the Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Projects the ability to help you with your ESTARL scholarships so that every qualified and deserving applicant was able to receive a scholarship. Sisters and Brothers, I knew of no better way to spend your money than on the work of our Heavenly Father, and that’s what I’ve done with most of it. Thank you. [applause]

I recognize Martha Sanderson to come bring us a report on the Cookbook Updates.
MRS. MARTHA SANDERSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: I would like to call the names of those who are District Chairmen. I don't believe any of them are up here. If they would stand. District 1 - Diane Wilson; District 2 - Ramona Lee Harris; District 3 - Ruth Lowe Jameson; District 4 - Martha Stewart; and District 5 - Vickie Matthews. These ladies worked very diligently trying to get these Updates sold. We did not do as well as we had hoped to do on the updates, and there are some available out there that you can purchase now, if you would like Updates and did not get them. The Updates sold to date: General Chairman sold 30; District 1 - 25; District 3 - 52; District 4 - 167; District 5 - 74 for a total of 348. And then from District 4 there were 25 that were sold that came in after our report had gone in. And then there were 8 that had been sent directly to Grand Chapter and did not come through the General Chairman. Making total Updates sold of 381. This made a collection of $1,218 for the Cookbook Updates. I know that some of you bought the cookbooks the year before, and I want you to know there are still Cookbook Updates available, and we would certainly like to get those sold for Grand Chapter.

I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to serve in this capacity for this year. We appreciate it, Sister Sharon. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Martha. You have heard it moved and seconded --- as our Worthy Grand Patron comes to the mike --- that we adopt the report of the Cookbook Update Committee. All in favor, raise your gold cards. All down. Any opposed. Of course, none. The report is adopted. Thank you, Martha, for your hard work.

Let's get another report. Sister Audrey Cox is the General Chairman of the Proficiency Committee, but she is ill. Sister Audrey Geron will give the report.

MRS. AUDREY GERON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, it is with pleasure that this Committee submits the following report:

Monies received from donations for the proficiency stickers:

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I wish to thank those committee members for their service and especially the District Chairmen - Bobbye Ann Dyer, District 1; Blanche Abbott, District
2; Audrey Geron, District 3; Mary Brown, District 4; and Vickie Smith, District 5.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Audrey Cox
General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Audrey, we appreciate that report and the work that you have done this year. Thank you, my dear. Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the report and the Worthy Grand Patron has seconded the motion for the adoption of this report. All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. Any opposed. Of course, there is none and the report is adopted.

We're still waiting the report of the Credentials Committee. Sister Lola "Peaches" Wallace, I'll recognize you.

REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

MRS. "PEACHES" WALLACE: Sister Gerry Isaacs, the Chairman of the Marketing and Development Committee, had an emergency in her family. She's not able to be here this morning, but is hoping to be here this evening. She faxed her report to me last night.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my brothers and sisters.

I obtained congratulatory letters from President George Bush and governor Rick Perry for presentation at installation.

I worked with statewide non-profit agencies for abused women and children, establishing their IRS and non-profit status for statewide outreach programs.

I worked with Grand Lodge Webmaster to establish a 'presence' for community service outreach and benevolent work within our order, thus creating a positive public relations image in the non-profit sector in the state of Texas.

I encourage the 2003-2004 Marketing and Development Committee to concentrate on community service projects of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Patron, thus creating a greater public awareness of our benevolent order.

I move for the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Lola "Peaches" Wallace,
for this wonderful report. I know that our Worthy Grand Patron seconded that. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion for the adoption of this report. All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed, same sign. This report is adopted. Thank you, Sister Lola, for that excellent report.

I'm going to recognize Brother Butch Hanna, the Founder's Day Committee General Chairman, to come and give his report.

REPORT OF
THE FOUNDER'S DAY COMMITTEE

MR. BUTCH HANNA: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to introduce my Co-Chairman, Rick Trimble, who I owe a debt of gratitude to for the wonderful job he did, in assisting me with Founder's Day. Thank You to the District Chairman who did their part in contacting their Chapters for their donations.

Would the members of the Founder's Day Committee who attended, please stand.

Sister Sharon and Brother Ed, I want to thank you for the appointment of these committee members who came to Founder's Day and worked diligently to make it a success. It could never have happened without each and every one of them.

Founder's Day was held on the front lawn of our beautiful Eastern Star Home under the trees. On Friday morning, the boys and girls of the Masonic Home and School came and set up the tents under the trees for the vendors. We had nine vendors to participate this year. Two from outside our organization and seven (7) from the different chapters.

Friday evening a Spaghetti Dinner was held in the Dining Hall of our Home by the Ft. Worth Rainbow Assembly #15, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Mrs. Ginger Byrd, Mother Advisor and Jennifer Byrd, Worthy Advisor and the girls did a fantastic job and all who attended enjoyed a great meal. They served over 100 people.

We began bright and early Saturday morning with a great start as all of the vendors were in place and ready to go. The vendors were very pleased at the location of their tents and expressed their appreciation for their success. Inside our home we had tables set up in the hallway for our Silent Auction. We had over thirty (30) beautifully decorated baskets that were donated by the various Chapters and their membership along with exercise equipment, a brand new bar-b-que pit and other donated items for bid. A Domino tournament was also held in the dining hall, with trophies awarded to the winners.

During the day, Saturday, several members of our order, accompanied by Sister Susan Smith of Tomball Chapter #838, playing our Baby Grand Piano, sang songs and enjoyed the fellowship in the Parlor of our Home.
We had over 200 people in attendance on Saturday for Founder’s Day. Thank you to the membership of Texas for your faith in our Order and participation in our Celebration.

It is my pleasure to submit the following report:

Proceeds from Founder’s Day held August 1 - 2, 2003;

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Thank you Sister Sharon for allowing me to serve as Chairman of this Committee for you and Brother Ed. It was also my great pleasure to have served with Brother Rick Trimble. All who worked to make this a success for this Grand Chapter year will always have my utmost heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful job you did.

Respectfully submitted,
N. W. (Butch) Hanna, Jr.
General Chairman,
Founder’s Day

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the report of the Founder’s Day Committee and the Worthy Grand Patron has seconded it. All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. Any opposed, raise your gold cards. There is none. The report is adopted, and I want to thank this gentleman for everything that he did for me and for you and for the Order to make our Founder’s Day so successful. Thank you, Brother Butch. Your hard work is much appreciated. [applause]

I have talked with my Election Judge. I did announce yesterday that my Election Judge is Sister Alma Lynn Bane. We have decided that we could go ahead and start appointing people at the tables so that we could have that accomplished. I do want to tell the membership -- it was brought to my attention -- I hope all of you realize that when we are voting on amendments or resolutions or any order of business, every qualified voter has one vote. The multiple votes only count as multiple votes in elections. That's in our law.
It's kind of -- you might not catch it, but I want everyone to know that every vote will be counted as one vote when we tally any vote on a matter of business. Our elections -- of course, your multiple votes will count in the number in which you have issued to you.

I'm going to go ahead and ask that Brother Mark Dieckmann be an assistant. My operator of the computer is Brother Paul Garner. I am going to appoint him an assistant, Brother Mark Dieckmann, who has been my Chairman of the Webmaster Committee. Mark, why don't you come bring your report, and then I'll go on with this and then you can go on about what I need for you to do now.

REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER COMMITTEE

MR. MARK DIECKMANN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This is the report of the Webmaster Committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I am Mark Dieckmann, Chairman of the Webmaster committee. I would like to recognize the other members of the committee. Brother Gary Steele, District 1, Brother Jack York, District 2, Brother Hub McNett, District 3, Brother Gene Carnes District 5. After a slow start I am pleased to report that the official web page of the Grand chapter, which by the way is www.grandchapteroftexas.org, is active and available for all to view. As more of the membership sign onto internet access and we start using more electronic means for communication, the importance of an internet presence for our Grand Chapter continues to rise. I would like to thank the members who sent me announcements of events for their Chapters, especially those who sent it electronically. We had several requests from people who visited our site for more information about joining our order. Sisters and Brothers, it cost the Grand Chapter a total of $15 to have our web page. Thanks to Brother Douglas King, we are able to put our web pages on space that the Grand Lodge and many other Texas Masonic organizations use which was donated by Brother King. I would also like to thank Brother Loyd Addy who assisted by having written a large portion of the content before we took on this project. I believe as time goes on, our web pages will continue to grow in their content and we as a Grand Chapter can realize this low cost means of communicating with our members and with the world.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Mark, for accepting that position as Chairman of the Webmaster Committee. We appreciate your work. This is our first year to have our own website, and, Sisters and Brothers, I hope you become well acquainted with it and that we become very proficient in placing information on all of our activities on that website. Many of our members are very proficient on the computer. I'm going to work on that when I get out of here. Okay? But, Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the motion -- and our Worthy Grand Patron seconded it -- that we adopt the report of the Webmaster Committee. All in favor, raise your gold cards.
Down. Any opposed, same sign. Of course, it's unanimously adopted. Thank you, Brother Mark, for accepting that responsibility and then that of being assistant this morning. I appreciate you so very much. Thank you.

I'm going to go forward. We're still waiting on that report from Credentials, but I'm going to go ahead and appoint the Table Judges. I'm going to ask -- this is a request because they don't know in advance -- that Table Judges be -- why don't you do this, Sister Alma, since you are the Election Judge. You can tell them what table you want them to go to.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Our Table Judges that will be assisting me are: Brother Kenneth Gregory, Sister Patricia Major Neinast, Sister Effie Mae Davis, Brother Garland Rattan and Brother Harold Trammell. I would like to appoint the following Tellers, with the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron. We have chairs for them at the Teller Tables located within our Grand Chapter room. The Tellers are: Mrs. Diane Markley, Mrs. Donna Herrington, Mrs. Linda McCloud, Mrs. Velma Kleinfelder, Mrs. Jovell Shaffer, Mrs. Jane Wert, Mrs. Judy Northrup, Mrs. Wanda Hollingsworth. Alternates to these -- please also be in position -- Mrs. Donna Baucom, Mrs. Helen Plaunty, Mrs. Pat Koehn, Mrs. J. J. Singletary, Mrs. Jackie Stogner, Mrs. Donna Hill-Pope, Mrs. Vee Noblin and Mrs. Myrtle Vines. Would these report to the tables in our Grand Chapter room, both the Table Judges and the Table Tellers. Please bring with you your ballots and your personal effects that you don't want to lose.

I would ask that our Arrangements Committee please put three chairs near each of the tables for our Table Judges. The Table Judges will not be seated at the tables. They will have a chair away from the table.

As they are being seated, how many of you watch David Letterman? He has a top ten list. This morning I have the top ten questions that have been asked of me, and I have answers. And with your attention, I will share the question and the answer with you so that we will all understand how this morning is going to proceed, as far as our ballots. Our Worthy Grand Matron has specified -- and it's according to our Code of Laws legislation -- each Past Matron, Past Patron, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or their proxies are allowed one vote on legislation. You have been issued a paper ballot with a "for" or "against." It is a one-count ballot, and it will be used for the tabulation on legislative issues. You have been issued ballots with names on them. Those are for our election of officers. As per our Code of Laws, you are issued a one-vote, two-vote or a three-vote ballot, and they will be tabulated accordingly.

All ballots will be counted. We will be using electronic means of counting our ballots, realizing some ballots for one reason or another may be rejected. These ballots will be hand counted that are rejected. We will count them at the Teller Table, cross check them so that each is counted twice, so that we can validate the count of those ballots. And we will present to our presiding officer the results of the counted ballots. Please be in attention to your Worthy Grand Matron when she issues which paper ballot to use. If you use the wrong ballot on one of these issues and then we must take another ballot, you stand a good chance of not losing one ballot, but two. Always make sure
you are using the correct ballot.

At this time I would like for the voting delegates to please have their envelopes in their lap with their signature and label face up. This is something I tell my students never to do. Please look down at your envelope.

It should have your name and your signature on it. Now look at the person to the right of you. Is their name and their signature on their envelope? Now look to the person to the left of you. Is their name and signature on their envelope? After this exercise, every single envelope should have a signature along with a name that matches. Sisters and Brothers, if you do not, our Grand Warder and our Grand Sentinel will challenge you as you try to reenter, that your envelope is not presigned. It must be signed before you leave, and I want to make sure it’s done now.

I believe in safety first. Our Pages will be assisting us with the collection of the ballots. Those of you that have churches with aisles like ours, when you pass the collection plate, they don’t walk down the aisle in front of you. And, Sisters and Brothers, we will be passing the ballot box. The only people to be in the aisles are our Pages. Please keep the ballot boxes in visible range of that Page at all times. Place your ballot in the box face down for secrecy. When it reaches the other end of the aisle, the Page at that end will take it up to the next row. I have served as a Page when I had to walk down each aisle between y’all, and I know that everybody brought everything with them today that’s down there by your feet, and that is very unsafe.

As our Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel issue the ballot boxes to our Pages each time, they will turn the ballot box upside down and tap them on the table to assure everyone that the ballot boxes are totally empty when they go to collect your ballots.

We had asked that two individuals who are nonvoting delegates retire at the time of balloting to the registration area, and the Registration Committee will be invited in in its entirety to ballot. They will come inside the Chapter room to ballot. We do not want any member to say they were not allowed to cast a ballot. Our Sentinels are guarding our doors. They will be the only ones who can vote from outside. We have some working Committees of our Worthy Grand Matron in our Grand Chapter, such as our Grand Examiner at Large. They will be invited in to cast their ballot, because they are performing duties of the Worthy Grand Matron in our Grand Chapter.

We have some Associate Matrons and Associate Patrons who, after arriving at Grand Chapter, became proxies and now have a ballot. You may see them in the sections for voting delegates and they don’t have a yellow badge. This is because when they came to Grand Chapter, they came as a member, but now they are representing their Chapter and have been issued ballots. Please show them courtesy.

Do I have any voting delegates in the sections marked with 300 or higher? If I do, your ballots will not be collected because you are not in the area for voting delegates.

And item number ten on my list, when the ballot boxes are in motion, our doors are sealed. When the ballot boxes return to the floor and the ballot has
been declared closed, at that time our Worthy Grand Matron will instruct our Warders and Sentinels that they may open the doors. But, Sisters and Brothers, in order for your ballot to be counted, the bottom line is, you must be in this Grand Chapter room.

I have inspected the equipment, both the laptop and the reader. I have verified that we will be using a Microsoft Office Excel Spreadsheet. This is a commercially produced spreadsheet that all of us use in our home computers. It will be used to tabulate our votes. I have verified the accuracy of our ballots, and we will work with the counts given us by Credentials to verify that we have a reasonable ballot.

Are there any questions? If so, please let me know now.

Our voters are seated on the floor. Realizing we have some nonvoters in the handicap area, our voters should be in the lower level. These are the levels that have the numbers 100's and 200's. Our nonvoters need to be seated in the levels 300 or higher, and that is above the walkway up top.

Yes, Brother Harold. The names I called, we should have had more than enough to be seated there. Let me read that list one more time. And if when I call your name, you'll raise your hand so that I know you're at a table. Diane Markley, Donna Herrington, Linda McCloud, Velma Kleinfelder, Jovell Shaffer, Jane Wert, Judy Northrup, Wanda Hollingsworth, Donna Baucom, Helen Plaunty, Pat Koehn, J. J. Singletary, Jackie Stogner, Donna Hill-Pope, Vee Knoblin, Myrtle Vines. I would ask that these Tellers be seated along the four chairs. The chairs at the end of the table are for my Table Judges. That's why we had four empty chairs. That works out great. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Election Judge, I knew none of my Deputies would let me down! Thank you.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for this opportunity of service for our Order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma Lynn Bane. I have a report here on the Hope for Tomorrow Committee, and I'm going to ask him to come real quickly while they're coming to the East. And we're going to give a wonderful report. I recognize Bart Henderson, General Chairman of the Hope for Tomorrow.

REPORT OF HOPE FOR TOMORROW COMMITTEE

MR. BART HENDERSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, past Grand matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter Officers and my distinguished Sisters and Brothers:

As Co-Chairman of the Hope for Tomorrow Committee for this Grand Chapter, I would first like to thank you for the opportunity to Co-Chair this great committee. I believe that it was the most important Committee's of this Grand Chapter, because it directly affected our Youth. I could not have asked
for a better Co-Chairman than Linda Rae Henderson, she kept everything moving in the right direction and the District Chairman were outstanding salespeople and managed their Districts with finesse; any Fortune 500 Company would be proud to have any of them on their sales staff. Let me introduce them to you now; from District 1 there is Barbara Grosvenor; from District 2, Debra Ford; from District 3, Ginger Byrd; from District 4, Sherry Dieckman and from District 5, Janlen Waclawczyk. I would also like to acknowledge Cheryl Albrecht for her guidance and perseverance with us, she was great!

Who would have believed that such a little thing (th pin), could have made such a positive impact! For the last several years, the Texas Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star has been very generous to our Masonic Youth Organizations, but this year, our Worthy Grand Matron, Mom Fentress, actually gave us something to do for ourselves; she put the carrot on the stick and held it out for us to reach for... and reach we did. Mom Fentress gave us and the youth the opportunity to prove that we could, with some assistance, be a productive part of our masonic Family. Many of the Texas Rainbow Girls, Texas Job's Daughters and Texas DeMolay's and their Advisor's assisted with the sales of these pins, knowing that the proceeds of the sales would directly benefit them. Mom Fentress understands how important the concept of 'Tomorrow' is; she understands that the legacy we leave for our masonic Youth to follow must be positive and one that has been forged by good examples, ones that both we and they can be proud of, ones that they would want to continue.

The sales figures as of October 1, 2003, were:

- District 1 ........................................ $2,020.00
- District 2 ........................................ $1,400.00
- District 3 ........................................ $4,900.00
- District 4 ........................................ $2,140.00
- District 5 ........................................ $2,170.00
- Grand Chapter office sales - .................. $ 230.00
- Miscellaneous sales (from OES schools and individual sale) - $2,605.00

For a grand sub-total of: ......................... $15,465.00

This is a sub-total because we are not finished, we have made some additional sales and there are still a few pins left.

The cost of the pins was $9,200.00 and using the figures that I reported, each of the Youth Organizations should share the net proceeds of $6,265.00.

Let me ask, will the Majority Rainbow Girls please rise; now the Majority Job's Daughters please rise; Now, let me ask the Senior DeMolay's present to do the same... Impressive, isn't it! You can be proud of your Youth Organizations.

As Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, I have the honor and pleasure of working with three of the most gifted and generous people I know and as the adult leaders of the Texas Masonic Youth Organizations, they understand the importance of
‘Tomorrow’ and since they have taken the reigns of their respective organizations, they have led them to a stature only talked about before. Because the “Hope for Tomorrow” Committee benefited the Masonic Youth Organizations and because they are all three here to support our Grand Chapter, I would be remiss not to acknowledge them at this time; they are Mom Peggy Songer of Texas Job’s Daughters; Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, known affectionately as most Wonderful, of Texas Rainbow; and Dad J. Weldon Clampitte of Texas DeMolay. They know that we cannot predict the future, but they, we believe that we can help shape or mold it by giving our Masonic Youth, our kids, the opportunity to perform and excel, while holding them within the guidelines and precepts of our Order, preparing them to be the ‘Leaders of Tomorrow’. A few months ago, Dad Clampitte initiated the Texas Masonic Youth Foundation and it is now up and running and ready for donations... these adult leaders of our Youth saw how important this was and how it will benefit the Youth of Tomorrow, long after they are gone and all three of them were the first to donate to it. They along with Mom Fentress, understand the importance of ‘Tomorrow’!

Have you purchased your ['Hope for Tomorrow' pin yet... It is not too late!

I again THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve you and this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of my fellow Committee persons, I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Bart Henderson, Co-Chairman
Linda Rae Henderson, Co-Chairman

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Hope for Tomorrow Committee, and our Worthy Grand Patron has seconded it. All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. Any opposed, raise your cards. Of course, it passed unanimously. I want to thank this Committee for their hard and diligent work. Many of these individuals are hard workers in our youth groups, and that was one of our greatest desires this year was to assist our Hope for Tomorrow. Thank you. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, I had hoped that we might get to an order of business before we had to start elections, but my watch tells me it’s 10 a.m., and our law requires that elections begin at 10 a.m. So we will begin our election of officers first. I will accept the report of the Credentials Committee, and I now request that they come forward and give their final report.
MRS. KATHY CREEL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to thank all who helped me with credentials during Grand Chapter. We trust our best services have proven acceptable and worthy.

Total Number of Chapters Represented 403
Total Number of voting Delegates Registered 2361
Number of Ballots not Issued 268

Delegates divided as follows:

Number of One vote Ballots Issued 1604 = 1604
Number of Two Vote Ballots Issued 383 = 766
Number of Three Vote Ballots Issued 106 = 318
TOTAL BALLOTS ISSUED 2093
TOTAL NUMBER ELIGIBLE VOTES ISSUED 2688

Respectfully submitted by the Credentials Committee:

Chairman: Kathy Creel
District 1: John Creel
District 2: Nadine Wilson
Frances Reedy
District 3: Shirley Martindale
Nancy Keylon
District 4: Georgia Campbell
Randy Spell
District 5: Jeffie Roberts

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this final report.

Kathy Creel
Chairman, Credentials

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the Final Report of the Credentials Committee and the second by the Worthy Grand Patron. All in favor of adopting this report, please raise those gold cards. Down. Any opposition. There being none, it is adopted.

Thank you, Credentials Committee. This is a very hard-working Committee. I served on it myself. Thank you for all that you have done and for bringing us this report so that we may go forward with our business.

We are going to begin with our elections. Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to preside. Sisters and Brothers, I want to tell you that at the request of many of you, I am not going -- even though we are taking a vote which would be just a unanimous vote for these Line Officers -- I have had many of you
come to me and ask not to close the doors until we begin an actual ballot. Is that agreeable with you? Okay. I've had many ladies especially.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron for this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Sharon Fentress.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, I am Sharon Fentress, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820. I place the name of Sister Doris Hester, a Past Matron of Beeville Chapter #422, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Doris Hester has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Doris Hester for the office of Worthy Grand Matron will say "aye." Those opposed will say "no." Sister Doris Hester, you have been elected as Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for nominating me for the office of Worthy Grand Matron for the ensuing year. It is with a humble and a grateful heart that I do accept this awesome position. And to the membership of Texas, yes, I will be willing to serve. Thank you very much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Doris Hester, our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you, and I return the gavel to you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Nominations are now in order for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Ed Warner.


WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the nomination of Brother Jack Guy for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will close nominations and elect by acclamation. All in favor of electing Brother Jack Guy to the office of Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year say "aye." All opposed. Brother Jack Guy is elected. Brother Guy, will you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for nominating me for this office. With an humble heart, I do accept. Thank you, membership. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Jack. Now, Sisters and Brothers, I have told you from the first I want to obey the laws; I also want to
do everything right and fair. Our law says that elections must begin at 10 a.m. I have begun our elections. However, I need to break in here and allow the report of the Grievances & Appeals Committee, because we have had a grievance concerning -- or an appeal, whatever it's called -- concerning a matter that will affect elections possibly. So I want to now invite the Chairman of the Grievances & Appeals Committee, Sister Elise Hammack, to come and to present that report to you.

REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE


Since the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Matron on Friday morning, we have a grievance from Marjorie Errington-Raynes. We understand she was disallowed seeking an elective position in this Grand Chapter because of her residency. Our Committee has reviewed documents furnished to us, including a voter's registration, Homestead Act taxation showing property ownership, driver's license, banking statements, retirement and annuities and insurance coverages, life and medical, along with reports and billings from hotel registrations, florists and Sam's Club. All of this documentation shows Amarillo, Texas, and Randall County as her legal residence. It is our desire that this assembly be allowed to decide the issue of her residency. We thank you for asking us to serve in this capacity, Worthy Grand Matron; and we thank this assembly for their consideration of this decision. It is the majority of we three members on this Committee that she has met the residency requirement, and I now move adoption of this report.

MR. DAVID NICKLAS: I am David Nicklas, Worthy Patron of Mineral Wells Chapter 44. I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Grievances & Appeals Committee, and we have a second thereto. I wish to state my findings on this before we do this. This was adopted in my report that was adopted by this membership earlier in the session, and that report included that ruling, and it was approved. Some believe that it is not necessary for me to allow this to come before you. But, Sisters and Brothers, I have tried to show that I want to allow you to make every decision in which you feel you should have a part. So, therefore, I am agreeing to give this report and to take this issue now.

I want you to know that I did not make this ruling without much thought, without contacting my Jurisprudence Committee and having them research it, research the law and come back with an answer for me on this question. Their response to me was unanimous, that this individual was not eligible because she does not reside in the district for which she wished to be a candidate. Now, I understand the paperwork that was presented. Our law does
not respond, nor does it speak on the issue of where you vote or where you
have a homestead. I'm not questioning at all that this individual lived in that
area for a long time. Sisters and Brothers, this is a matter to me of law, and
I'm trying to obey your law. Therefore, I ruled, with the total consent and
agreement of the Jurisprudence Chairman, that this individual was not
eligible. When I did much research to see that I was confident that the every-
day habitation, as our Webster's Dictionary says, abode of this individual, was
within District 3 and not District 2, I then made the decision that the
individual was not eligible. It was not a personal matter; it was a matter of
the law. This is stated in our law. Therefore, I did that in response to that.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Worthy Grand Matron, may I say this. The
documentation that I gave, that documentation is available for any of you to
see. We have looked at it; we've observed it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Absolutely. And I will say that a copy of
that documentation was presented to me, and I was allowed to look at it in
advance, Sisters and Brothers. However, as I say, I had previously
researched the issue, as had the Jurisprudence Committee -- and if you would
like, I would read you that section of the law. It's very brief, if you want to
hear it. But it basically says that you must be a resident of the area or the
district -- if you are being elected into a district position, you must reside in
that district. And as I went to Webster's Dictionary, it said abode, live. And
I was firmly convinced that that was the case.

You have heard the report. Is there any other discussion? Is
Jurisprudence satisfied with that? Sister Brenda Smith.

MRS. BRENDA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Brenda Smith, Past
Matron of Oak Forest Chapter #1080, now affiliated with Bandera Chapter
#643. I understand our law. I think interpretation of what a residence is
isn't the question here. I think it would be very sad if we had a member that
went to this great length to want to serve, volunteered her service to our
Order, and not be allowed the opportunity to do so. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now recognize Sister Molly Goodpasture.

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: I'd like to refer the membership to page
134 of the Code of Laws, Article 194. "The term 'residence' is defined to be
the legal residence of the petitioner, where he or she exercises his or her rights
as a citizen." For instance, voting and so forth. The place that is fixed by the
petitioner as his or her residence. Marjorie married a retired Methodist
preacher. They are living for a while in the church manse that is being
allowed for them to live there, and then they are going to their home, which
is in Amarillo, where Marjorie has -- where she votes, where she does have a
residence there that is declared a homestead. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Molly, would you mind giving me that
reference again, please, ma'am?

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Page 134 in your Code of Laws,
Article 194.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I was looking at what this
jurisdiction refers to, because I had not found it; and that is speaking to a
residence for initiation.

Sisters and Brothers, I stand on my ruling. But I'm going to allow you
the opportunity to -- anybody else have anything they want to add? I will tell
you, Sisters and Brothers, you must always --

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Oh, we have another speaker. Go ahead.

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron, we have several precedents in this world
-- in these United States that allows something like this to happen. We have
people in the military who serve all over the world. They carry driver's
licenses from their home states, and they can be expired while they are
overseas, and they have 90 days to renew in their home state -- or renew
wherever they come back to, that those licenses are good for a certain period
of time even though they are expired after they come back from service, and
it's listing them as their residence in another state, even though they may be
in another state or in another country serving.

Our Vice President -- not to bring politics into this -- but our Vice
President was determined -- and certified as a resident of Wyoming, even
though he was living in Dallas when he ran for Vice President. Thank you
very much.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I realize that there are -- my
husband was in the Air Force when I married him, and I understand there are
special laws for those members of our Armed Services who are allowed to do
that. However, I believe in Texas legally you can only go -- how many days
without changing your address legally? But if they don't ask you and you
don't tell... I think someone said 90 days.

There was one other thing I wanted to point out and then I'll take you.
That is, Sister Molly brought this out of your Code of Laws. The quote that
I was giving to you is out of the Constitution, page 38. And, Sisters and
Brothers, we know that our Constitution is supreme -- not supreme -- it takes
precedence over the Code of Laws. So whatever the Constitution -- if it refers
to it, whatever it says overrules anything that is in the Code of Laws.

I now recognize the gentleman in the South.

MR. ANGUS CROWDER: My name is Angus Crowder. I'm a Past Patron
of Queen Esther Chapter in Abilene. I call for the question. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, we've had a
call for the question. We know that's nondebatable, don't we? And we know
that we are going to vote immediately. Would all who are in favor of adopting
the report of the Grievances & Appeals Committee -- I want you to understand
that will reflect back on my report, which has already been adopted, but you
can do that -- would raise their gold cards. Down. All opposed.

Okay. I want to get some other people up here. I've spoken on it too
much, and I don't want to be the one to judge. I'm going to ask you if you
want to vote to adopt the report of the Grievances & Appeals Committee, would you please hold up your yellow card -- stand they say. We're voting to adopt the report of the Committee. Be seated. Now all opposed.

Sisters and Brothers, you have adopted the report of the Grievances & Appeals Committee. [applause]

We are now going forward with our elections. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Doris Hester, a Past Matron of Beeville Chapter #422. It is with much pride and pleasure that I nominate Sister Karen Morgenthaler, a Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065, for Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Karen Morgenthaler has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Karen Morgenthaler for the office of Associate Grand Matron say "aye." All opposed, "no." Sister Karen Morgenthaler, you have been elected Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter of Texas for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron -- to Sister Doris Hester, thank you very much for your nomination -- yes, Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept this honor. And to the membership of Texas, thank you so much for your love and your confidence in me. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Karen Morgenthaler has been elected to the office of Associate Grand Matron. Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction for the ensuing year.

MRS. BETTY JO DEAN: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Betty Jo Dean, Past Matron of Travis Chapter #472. I have the distinct and great honor to place in nomination the name of Jerry L. Martin, a Past Patron of Travis Chapter #472, and a Dual Member of New Braunfels Chapter #771 for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Jerry Martin has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Patron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of electing Brother Jerry Martin for the office of Associate Grand Patron, say "aye." Those opposed, "no." Brother Jerry Martin, you have been elected as Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, with special thanks to the membership for their vote of trust and praying that I never violate it, I accept this opportunity to be of service to this Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Jerry. He may have to go back to work on the Registration Committee!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize the Sister at the Worthy Grand Patron's podium.

MRS. MARIE MOORE: Worthy Grand Matron, Friends: I am Marie Moore, Worthy Matron of Bandera Chapter #643. It is my pleasure to place in nomination Sister Nell Smith, Past Matron of Bandera Chapter, for the office of Grand Secretary. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Lola "Peaches" Wallace.

MRS. LOLA "PEACHES" WALLACE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Lola "Peaches" Wallace, Worthy Grand Matron of Ridglea Chapter #999. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Charlene Littlewood, a Past Matron of Ridglea Chapter #999 and Crowley Chapter #1125, for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have Sister Nell Smith and Sister Charlene Littlewood. Would they please come to the East. Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce to you Sister Nell Smith and Sister Charlene Littlewood, who have both been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. Thank you, ladies. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, we will, of course, be marking these ballots on ballot number A. So if you wish to mark your ballot at this time. I want to know - - everyone had a #2 wooden pencil, which your Worthy Grand Matron sharpened quite a number of herself, in your ditty bag. Does everyone have a #2 wooden pencil? If you do not, we do have some additional ones on hand, and we will be glad to furnish you one.

Sisters and Brothers, our Election Judge has asked that I be sure and point out to you that this is the ballot with the names and offices on the left-hand side, and it is marked ballot A on the right-hand side. That will be the ballot. And it is the only one that will be counted on this ballot.

We're going to go through until we get all the nominations made, since we're doing this on a single paper ballot. Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Sisters and Brothers, I have been asked by the Election Judge to go ahead and secure the doors at this time. Sister Grand Warder, will you instruct the Grand Sentinel to secure the doors.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, you will secure the doors so we may begin the elections.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, you will secure the doors of this Grand Chapter room. You will announce to the people in the halls and to Registration that we are about to take this ballot, and they will enter the Grand Chapter room to cast their ballot, as well as the people that are in the Grand Examining room. They
need to come in to cast their ballot at this time, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I have ruled that those members who are required in their duties for this Grand Chapter session to be outside the door, that they may step inside the door. And they know the predesignated door, which is, I believe, the one right behind the arch, isn't it, Brother Grand Sentinel?

GRAND SENTINEL: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And I do have an extra observer there, and they will be allowed to just step inside the door, ballot and go back out -- cast their ballot. Okay. Did you say the doors are secure, or are we waiting?

GRAND SENTINEL: We're waiting, Worthy Grand Matron. At this time I would like to remind you that we are not going up the steps in the 300 areas, Assistant Warders. Do not go up the steps, please.

Sister Grand Warder, the doors are secure and there will be no interruption.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, I want to make it clear to you that I have not declared the ballot open because balloting really has not begun yet. That was the reason I was leaving the doors open. I will declare the ballot open when we are ready to vote. Go ahead.

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron, when I picked up my Credentials package, I do not have a form A. I have only a form B.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You're saying your voting packet did not have a ballot A in it?

VOICE: That is correct.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I believe you would need to see the Credentials Chairman about that.

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron, I believe we have another member here with that also. Everybody might check their ballots.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. Check your ballots now. We have not actually opened the balloting.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Sisters and Brothers, I realize that many of you like to sit in several locations at every Grand Chapter, but we will only be collecting ballots in Sections 100 and 200. If you are a voter in Section 300, you will not be able to cast your ballot. That is the nonvoting section. Please move to the lower levels if you wish to vote at this Grand Chapter on our ballots.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Be careful when you do your balloting. It has been brought to my attention that the Secretaries were nominated out of order. So be sure that you recognize the fact on your ballot which lady was which.
I'm going to accept the nomination now on the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. I recognize the lady at the Worthy Grand Patron's podium.

MRS. MURIEL ROWELL: I am Muriel Rowell, Worthy Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Betty Prater, a Past Matron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter #959, for the office of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sister Betty Prater has been nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Betty Prater for the office of Grand Treasurer say "aye." Those opposed, "no." Sister Betty Prater, you have again been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept, my dear?

GRAND TREASURER: Very humbly and very gratefully and with a heart full of love for this fine membership, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sister Betty Prater has been elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Karen Morgenthaler, a Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I would like to place in nomination the name of Nancy Brown, a Past Matron of Castleberry Chapter #1028, for the office of Grand Conductress.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sister Nancy Brown has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Nancy Brown for the office of Grand Conductress, please say "aye." All opposed, "no." Hearing none, Sister Nancy Brown, you have been elected Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. It's with great love and concern for our membership that I accept this office and look forward to serving with you. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Nancy, your Grand Conductress-Elect.

Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year. Are there nominations?

MRS. MYRA BECKER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Myra Becker, a Past Matron of Harlingen Chapter #641. I'm pleased to place in nomination for the office of Associate Grand Conductress the name of Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, a Past Matron of Harlingen Chapter #641. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Other nominations?
MRS. SYBLE YOST: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Syble Yost. I'm a Past Matron of Gate City Chapter #77 in Denison. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Joyce Gilbert, a Past Matron of Princeton Chapter #1126, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Joyce Gilbert has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Are there other nominations? Would these two ladies please come forward so we can introduce you and let them see your face. Sisters and Brothers, I introduce to you -- and I'm sure I don't need to -- Sister Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek and Sister Joyce Gilbert. Thank each of you ladies for your willingness to serve. Thank you. [applause]

Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors from District 1. I recognize Mike Salas.

MR. MIKE SALAS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Mike Salas, Worthy Patron, Lewisville Chapter #935. It is my privilege and pleasure to place the name of Brother Gary Steele, Past Patron of Denton Chapter #259, Dual with Lewisville #935, for the nomination of the office of Board of Directors, District 1.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you.

MRS. MONNIE PENNINGTON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Monnie Pennington. I am Worthy Matron of Carthage #747. I would like to place in nomination at this time the name of Sister Sue Briwa. She is a Past Matron of Carthage #747 and Dal-Cliff #574, for the office of Board of Directors, District 1.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Are there other nominations? Seeing none, would these two come forward and let me introduce them to you at this time. Sisters and Brothers, I present to you Brother Gary Steele and Sister Sue Briwa who have been nominated for the office of Board of Directors from District 1. Thank each of you for your willingness to serve. [applause]

Nominations are now open for the Board of Directors, District 2, for the ensuing year.

MRS. JUNE HUGLE: My name is June Hugle. I'm a Past Matron of Odessa Chapter #447. I am pleased to place the name of Brother A. L. Casparis, a Past Patron of Odessa Chapter #447, for the office of Board of Directors from District 2.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Molly Goodpasture, Past Matron of Brownfield Chapter #785. I wish to place in nomination the name of Marjorie Errington, Past Matron of Panhandle Chapter #760, for the office of Board of Directors from District 2.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? [no response]

There is a report that a gold card that is torn in half is being used. Now,
Sisters and Brothers, I want to tell you, I had many complaints and reports of this from last year's session. So, therefore, to keep from trying to find a material that was indestructible and to save you money, rather than doing that, we decided to write the word "vote" down your cards. You the membership are the ones that reported it to me. That way you would know if it was a whole card or a piece of a card. It is illegal to vote without your voting card with the word "vote" on it. So I report that to you.

Now I have another imperative message. Don't write anything on your ballot, please. We have a single floor nomination for this position, but do not write the name on the ballot. It will confuse the machine if there are pencil marks other than in the square, and we will wind up with a bunch of hand-counting votes. So, Sisters and Brothers, you have only one floor nomination. That is going to become the name on this ballot for your nomination from the floor. That's clear, isn't it? In other words, we have Brother A. L. Casparis whose name is written on the ballot. We have Sister Marjorie Errington who has been nominated from the floor. Therefore, we cannot write her name in on this type of ballot, but we know that her name has become "Floor Nomination"; okay? All right. Thank you.

I now ask that Brother A. L. Casparis and Sister Marjorie Errington come to the East. We have Brother A. L. Casparis and Sister Marjorie Errington -

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON-HAYNES: Haynes.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry. She has only been married several years! Marjorie Errington-Haynes -- who have been nominated for the Board of Directors, District 2. Thank you for your willingness to serve. [applause]

Do you have any special instructions before they start marking? [Worthy Grand Matron confers.] Do we have anyone in the Grand Chapter room who did not receive a ballot A in their packet? Have we resolved this issue with Credentials? I've asked once, twice, thrice. Done.

My Election Judge is announcing behind me because you simply cannot hear on the back of this stage. The sound goes forward, and she is merely reiterating the instructions that we have given to you about not writing a name on this ballot for the Board of Directors, District 2, and that it will be done on ballot A. Put no pencil marks or any marks on the ballot except in the blocks of the individual for whom you wish to ballot.

Sister Grand Warder, do we have our doors secured? It appears to me there may be people -- or are they just gathering back there?

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, we will secure them again just in case.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I think we may have someone who was injured or became ill and they're assisting her out, but I do want to get the doors secured before we begin to take this ballot.

Sisters and Brothers, our Grand Secretary has advised me that there are new voters present who do not realize that we vote on these positions in the
districts on a statewide basis. If you are a registered voter at this Grand Chapter session, you have a ballot, a vote, in every race that is on ballot A. You are certainly entitled to vote on the ballots that are not written. Are there any other questions that you feel need to be addressed? Sisters and Brothers, I want to be sure that we all understand each other.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Sisters and Brothers, have you ever typed anything and then you went back and you made corrections, but you forgot to correct one little line? When we printed these, we realized that we had not changed the title from Board of Trustees to Board of Directors, and the correction was made on the one-votes, and I believe, if my information is correct, it was made on the two-votes -- just the one. It is under the title of Board of Trustees on the two-votes and the three-votes only. Do not fear that your ballot will not be counted because of this typo in title. You are voting on the election of the person, and we will pick it up correctly. We apologize for that error of omission.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I declare the ballot open. You may mark your ballots. Do not fold the ballots. They will fit in the box without being folded. Put them face down. Those who are assisting as Pages and Warders, will you pick up your boxes. We have the tables right in front of you there. We're asking that they tap them on the table to show you there is nothing in them.

Brother Paul, I have the question that since the office of Associate Grand Patron is on this ballot -- they do not need to mark it, but if they do, it won't affect anything, will it? Okay. I didn't think so, but I wanted to be certain.

Thank you.

MRS. MARY CALVERT: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Mary Calvert, a Past Matron of Athens Chapter #177. I realize that between nine and ten you had a Credentials report to receive. The first order of business today was supposed to be an unfinished resolution that we have on the floor. I think we need to take care of that business as soon as possible. [applause]

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Worthy Grand Matron, I would respectfully ask that the only people in the aisles are our Pages. We ask this of our membership for safety reasons. Do I have any Pages still collecting ballots? Are all ballot boxes returned to the Grand Chapter floor at this time and in possession of our Pages? Is there another ballot box off the floor?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We might ask everyone in the sections numbered 100 and 200, have all ballots been collected? Is there anyone who has a ballot in those sections that has not been collected?

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Are there any ballot boxes in the Grand Chapter room other than on the floor? Once, twice, thrice. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, my Election Judge. Then I'm going to declare the ballot closed. We will proceed with counting the ballot. Sister Warders, you will place the ballots on the tables. If you will, tap those; look in them and make sure they're all completely empty. It is my under-
standing that the Tellers will put these face side up or straight side up so that they all face the same way, to be put into the machine. As soon as we get those dropped on the table, I will open the doors for you.

The Arrangements Committee has placed the names of our candidates on the floor for you. Are all ballots deposited on the Tellers’ Table? Then I’m going to ask -- Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel, you may open the doors so that our membership may take a break.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, the ballot is closed, and they may enter and leave the Grand Chapter room.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, the ballot has been closed, and you may permit people to enter and leave the Grand Chapter room. Please keep the doors closed during the session. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That means with proper credentials you can get in and out. And the proper credentials today do include your ballot. Be sure that you do have your ballot, as well as your credentials.

Sisters and Brothers, I heard the statement made by our Sister at the microphone. However, you understand that we have a written ballot being handled at this time. Therefore, we cannot move on with the next order of business and the resolutions. I am going to go ahead and take the nominations for the offices that will not require a ballot. [Worthy Grand Matron confers and Grand Choir sings.]

Thank you, Grand Choir. I will go ahead at this moment and remind you that we do have vendors in the area out there. They have complained that when we’re in our business session, y’all don’t come to them. I’m sorry about that. But I do want to say that if you are wanting to visit them, they are out there. I understand that many of them will plan to probably start closing down by noon or shortly thereafter. But if we have enough of a break that you feel you can go, they are there.

I’ve also had a request that when we get ready to take up our next order of business, which will be resolution number 1, that a report will be made outside the door, in the halls. I feel that you would like that done, so I will see to it that a report is announced out in the hall so that all who want to can be present for that business. I will also have it announced in the vendors’ area.

We have a vocalist to present one of my favorite songs, "It Is Well With My Soul." [applause following song] Thank you, Brother Keith Buice, for reminding us how important things are in life and that the most important thing is that it is well with our soul. Thank you.

I’m going to take a report. Sister Marijo King, will you come and give your report, please.
REPORT OF
THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE

MRS. MARIJO KING: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with some regret that I present this report of the Museum Committee, as it represents the conclusion of my three years on the committee and my two years as chairman. The members of this committee have enjoyed greeting you as you visited during special occasions at the home and have learned much about the history of our order in the state of Texas. It has been a pleasure to serve with the following ladies this past year:

Velma White, District One
Evelyn Berry, District Two
Martha Grissom, District Three
Marian Von Heeder, District Four
Adele Fischer, District Five

During the past three years we have greeted guests, organized, inventoried, repaired and performed other duties related to the museum. This past year was a different situation as the home was only open during Founder's Day. We were also unable to inventory as the keys to the cases were missing during Founder's Day and were not found. However, we were aware that some items were missing - including six copies of McCoy rituals.

Last year in this report suggestions related to areas of concern were given and as none were pursued, we again suggest that steps be taken to secure the precious items housed in our museum. This should begin with allowing no visitors to enter without a hostess present. This is not only a matter of security, but of graciousness. None of you would invite a guest to enter your door as you exit the door.

As the child of longtime Eastern Star members, as a Rainbow Girl, and as a longtime Eastern Star member myself, this museum represents real people and real events. The pictures and items on display are not just things that “used to be” - they represent where we came from where we used to be, and how we got where we are. As many have said in many different ways, “On the road of life we cannot get to where we want to go if we do no know where we came from.” We have a great past and a great future - may we support them both.

Marijo King
Chairman, 2002-2003

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have heard the report of the Museum Committee and the Worthy Grand Patron has seconded that report. Its adoption has been moved. All in favor of receiving and adopting this report, raise your gold cards. Down. Any opposed. Okay. The report of the Museum Committee has been adopted.

Sister Grand Warder, you will secure the doors. We are going to go ahead
and elect our Board of Grand Examiners -- we have no opposition -- because legally we should have the doors closed during a ballot. We are going to go ahead and do that.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to take a ballot. The Worthy Grand Matron requests that the doors are secure and that there will be no interruption.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, you will announce that we are about to take a ballot in this Grand Chapter, and you will secure the doors and allow no interruptions while we are doing so. Please announce to those in the hall that we are about to take this ballot as quickly as possible, please. Thank you.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. The doors are secure.

Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, for the ensuing year.

MRS. CYNTHIA MARR: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Cynthia Marr, Worthy Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter #1086 in Dallas. It is with pleasure that I place in nomination the name of Sister Betty Scott, Past Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter, for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners for District 1 for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Cynthia. We have Sister Betty Scott nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? There being no further nominations, we will elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Betty Scott for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, please say "aye." All opposed, "no." Sister Betty Scott, you are elected for the ensuing year for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Will you accept?

MRS. BETTY SCOTT: Worthy Grand Matron, I accept this important position, and I consider it an honor and a privilege and opportunity to serve the members of District 1 and this fine membership. Thank you, members, one and all. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Betty.

I've been advised that there's a question in the membership's mind that resolution number 1 will be the next order of business taken, and I assure you, Sisters and Brothers, it will. I'm trying to let the ballot clear. I believe they're working on it now. I'm going to go ahead with these elections and then we will take up resolution number 1, as amended.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: I'm Yvonne Brownfield, a Past Matron of Copperas Cove Chapter 1070. If we are in fact going to continue with resolution 1 immediately after this election, would you please notify the people in
the halls and those who have been encouraged to go shopping to come back to the Grand Chapter room.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I will do that. I said I would announce it in the halls, and I will do that.

**MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD:** I beg your pardon. I didn't understand.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** That's all right. I understand. The sound is terrible in here. Thank you.

Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, for the ensuing year.

**MRS. AUDREY ROWELL:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Audrey Rowell, a Past Matron of Cora Posey Chapter #1072. It is with pleasure that I place the name of Bess Caldwell, a Past Matron of Cora Posey #1072, for the office of Grand Examiner, District 2, for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, the name of Bess Caldwell has been placed in nomination for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing no other nominations, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor, say "aye." Opposed, say "no." Sister Bess Caldwell, you have been elected to the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Will you accept, my dear?

**MRS. BESS CALDWELL:** Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. It is with a humble heart that I accept this position. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Nominations are now in order for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, for the ensuing year.

**MR. DAVID NICKLAS:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is David Nicklas. I am Worthy Patron of Mineral Wells Chapter #44. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Sister Joyce Nicklas, Worthy Matron, Mineral Wells 44, for the office of Grand Examiner, District 3, for the ensuing year.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, the name of Sister Joyce Nicklas has been placed in nomination for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 3, for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of electing Sister Joyce Nicklas say "aye." All opposed, "no." Sister Joyce Nicklas, you have been elected Grand Examiner of District 3 again for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

**MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS:** Yes, ma'am, Worthy Grand Matron, I accept. Thank you, membership, for this honor to serve. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Nominations are now in order for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year.

**MRS. MELANIE RAYNER-TURNER:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Melanie Rayner-Turner, Past Matron and Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter
#649. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Vi Griffin, Past Matron and Endowed Member of Anahuac #649, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, Sister Vi Griffin has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 4 for the ensuing year. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Vi Griffin for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, please signify by saying "aye." Those opposed, "no." Of course, Sister Vi Griffin, you have been elected to the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4, my dear. Do you accept?

MRS. VI GRIFFIN: It will be my happy privilege to serve the membership of District 4 and of this Grand Chapter for another year. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, for the ensuing year.

MRS. BARBARA HITE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Barbara Hite, Past Matron and currently Worthy Matron of Travis Chapter #472. I'm honored to place in nomination the name of Sister Betty Martin, a Past Matron and Member of Hillsboro Chapter #269 and an Affiliated Past Matron of Travis Chapter #472, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, for the ensuing year. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Betty Martin has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners for District 5. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Betty Martin for the office of the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5, say "aye." All opposed say "no." I declare Sister Betty Martin elected to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Do you accept, Sister Betty?

MRS. BETTY CAPPS MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron, with much love for this great membership of Texas, I do accept this position and I am looking forward to serving this next year. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners at Large for the ensuing year.

MRS. RUTH GOLDROD: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ruth Goldrod, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter #135. It is my pleasure to place in nomination the name of Mary Ruth White, a Past Matron of Ransford Chapter #135, for the Board of Grand Examiners, Grand Examiner at Large, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary Ruth White has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners at Large. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Mary Ruth White for the Board of Grand Examiners at Large say "aye." All those opposed say "no." Sister Mary Ruth White, I declare you have been elected Grand Examiner at Large. Do you accept?

MRS. MARY RUTH WHITE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm grateful for the
privilege of serving this Grand Jurisdiction for a second year as Grand Examiner at Large. I consider it an honor and a privilege, and I thank the membership for this opportunity. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Mary Ruth White.

Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel to have it announced throughout the complex that we are about to take up the business of Grand Chapter on resolution number 1, and will they please notify all in the halls and in the vending area that we are about to take up this order of business. We will open the doors, of course, for that.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, the Worthy Grand Matron has stated that you can announce in the hallways that we are about to take up proposition number 1 and invite those members outside to enter as quickly as possible.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Assistant Grand Warders, you will inform the Assistant Grand Sentinels to notify the membership in the hallways and the vending areas that we are about to resume discussion and voting on resolution number 1 at this time. Please do so as quickly as possible.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** While we are allowing that to be done, I'm going to go ahead and take another report. Sister Sherry Thompson, would you come give the International Temple report, please, quickly. I'm not trying to rush you. This is an outstanding report. Thank you, dear.

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE COMMITTEE**

**MRS. SHERRY THOMPSON:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is with pleasure that I present the following International Temple report for 2002-2003. This year a notice was sent to all Chapters regarding the International Temple Fund. The response from them was overwhelming. A total of $9,466.65 was collected, making the majority of our Chapters in Texas 100%. At General Grand Chapter, Texas' heartfelt love of our Order will be recognized by these results. I am pleased to submit this report depicting the membership's dedication to the International Temple.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the International Temple Committee. All in favor, would you please raise your yellow cards. All opposed, same sign. We have adopted the report of the International Temple Committee. Thank you for your work; it has been outstanding. We have done very well this year in International Temple. You know, those funds go straight to General Grand Chapter for the upkeep and work on our International Temple there.

I'll have a quick report from the Registration Committee. They assure
me it is short. I now recognize Sister Lynn Kearney, who is Chairman of the Registration Committee who is going to give you your Registration report.

**REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**MRS. LYNN KEARNEY:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to thank all who helped me with registration before and during Grand Chapter. We trust our best services have proven acceptable.

Pre-Registrations ......................................... 2458
Voting Delegates, registered since Pre-Registration closed ...........206
Non-Voting members Registered since Pre-Registration closed ......66

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS ..................................... 2730

Which includes:
Visitors Registered (other Grand Jurisdictions) ................... 62
from 22 Jurisdictions
Residents - TMRC .......................................... 21

Less: Exempt from Registration Fees:
TMRC ................................................ 21
MWGM & MWGP ........................................... 0

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS WITH FEES ..................... 2709

Total Registration Fees collected:

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2709 \times \$10.00 & = \$27,090 \\
\text{Less Returned Checks} & = 10
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**TOTAL MONIES DEPOSITED** \$27,080

Respectfully submitted by the Registration Committee:

Chairman: Lynn Kearney
District 1:
District 2: Cindy Echols
Larry Bingham
District 3: Jan Holland
Jeff Geyer
District 4: Christine Armstrong
Ruby Casto
District 5: Jerry Martin
David Ouellette

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Lynn Kearney
Chairman, Registration
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report of the Registration Committee. All in favor of adopting this report, raise those yellow cards. We're going to get our money's worth out of those. Down. All opposed, same sign. The Registration report is adopted. I thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. I have worked in Credentials, and my daughter has been Chairman of Registration, and I know what a chore it is. But you have done it with dispatch, and I have not had a single complaint. So I know you have done it very kindly. Thank you for your labors.

Okay. Are we pretty sure that we have announced and that everybody has been allowed to come back in?

GRAND SENTINEL: The doors are secure and there will be no interruptions.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I want to be sure that it has been announced in the halls and in the vending areas that we are going to take up resolution number 1 at this time.

GRAND WARDER: It has been done so, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. I now call on Jurisprudence.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Okay, Sisters and Brothers, may I have your attention. If everyone will be quiet, I think this is important to each one of us. I want each one of you to understand what you're voting on so that when you leave this arena you can know that you voted the consciousness of your heart and that the Grand Chapter of Texas is going to take that decision in a feeling of prayer. This is the substitute amendment to resolution number 1, as approved by this Grand Chapter assembly at the Friday afternoon session. Now, you realize when you approved that amendment, then the one that I will read to you now as resolution number 1 is the one that you will consider. You will forget about the one that's in your Annual Report as resolution number 1 and look at your amendment to resolution number 1, and I believe -- I don't have my Annual Report, but I believe they listed it as resolution 2, but it is amendment to resolution 1.

So this is what we're concerned and we're going to ballot upon. And if you will listen, I will read this in the entirety so that no one will be misled by any synopsis or so forth.

WHEREAS, the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, whose stated purpose is to provide benevolent aid, to as many members as possible, as needed, and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the sale of the OES property, consisting of approximately 29.61 acres would generate additional interest Income which could be used for benevolent aid, and

WHEREAS, recognizing that renovation costs for the OES Home will be
a financial burden for the Membership, Subordinate Chapters, and Grand Chapter, and

WHEREAS, the former residents of the OES Home are being well taken care of in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center leaving the OES Home vacant, and

WHEREAS, the members appointed by the 2001 session of Grand Chapter of Texas, after studying various options and alternatives of the uses of the OES property, recommended the sale of such property.

THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED:

The Board of Directors and the Corporate Board shall be granted the authority and are directed to take the following actions:

(1) will secure and approve payment of a second appraisal on the OES property immediately following the close of the 2003 Grand Chapter Session; with the expenses of said appraisal to be taken from the Home Renovation Trust, and

(2) engage a Texas Licensed Commercial Realtor to market the OES property (excluding paying full commission to any entities who have previously expressed an interest in purchasing the property), it being understood that the selected realtor not be related by blood or marriage to any elected officer of Grand Chapter, past or present, and

(3) retain the services of an attorney to ensure that the sale of the OES Home and property follows legal guidelines and does not violate any IRS regulations, and

(4) sell the property for the best possible price, said price not being less than the highest appraised value and secure from buyer a waiver that property is sold as is, that buyer assumes all responsibility for any costs involved in removal and cleanup of the property and that buyer holds The Grand Chapter of Texas and their officers and members harmless in regard to costs or liability involved in the process. The proceeds will be apportioned in the best interest of Grand Chapter.

(5) lease or purchase space, and/or property for the OES Business Headquarters and Museum; and

(6) provide all support necessary to ensure that the sale of the OES Property and the relocation of the business Headquarters and Museum are successfully completed; and

(7) provide a comprehensive report containing the progress of the sale of the OES Property and the relocation of the Business Headquarters and Museum each Grand Chapter until all has been completed. A current progress report will be published in the Official Bulletin monthly.

Worthy Grand Matron, your Jurisprudence Committee finds this resolution in proper order and awaits the action of this Grand Chapter.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we need a motion?

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Sister Alma made the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Alma Carter moved this resolution be presented for ballot, and the Worthy Grand Patron seconded it. Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot upon resolution number 1, as amended. Is there any discussion?

One question I've been asked -- and Jurisprudence, I believe, has already decided on this. And that is, if this resolution is adopted -- and one lady asked that on the floor last night, I believe -- if this resolution, as amended, is adopted, then we will not consider the other resolution -- what is it? resolution 3 -- 2 or 3.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Matron, if I may have the privilege of just speaking here beside you. If resolution 1 is accepted, then resolution -- I believe they have it as 3 in the Advanced Annual Report -- if this one is accepted, then the resolution number 3 would be considered null and void. I want to advise you you do have emergency legislation to this resolution, should it pass. But if resolution number 1 passes, we will not vote on resolution number 3.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That was asked of me. Okay. There's no other questions. Sisters and Brothers, we all know that this ballot will require a two-thirds majority to pass. That has been established as a prerequisite by the law of the land, by our attorney, Brother Randy Thompson. So, therefore, we know that that is necessary. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

I just wanted to check with our Election Judge and make sure we were going to be able to accommodate these at this time.

Sister Grand Warder, would you ask the Grand Warders and Sentinels to secure the doors.

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Worthy Grand Matron, so there will be no question, would you please ask the Warders and Sentinels to check if there's anybody outside, that this is going to be done right now, and we don't want someone to say later, "Well, I was outside and they didn't let me in."

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Also, my Election Judge has asked that you please come in and be seated. As the Tellers are receiving these ballots, please do not be up in the aisles for safety's sake. We have had several falls already. Sisters and Brothers, your safety is our utmost consideration.

Sisters and Brothers, we are about to ballot on resolution number 1. I want to be very, very clear on this. My Election Judge has asked that we do this ballot on ballot D. That is D as in dog.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, may we ask for security just in case, because we have complaints that there are some coming and going. May we ask for security before you start this ballot?
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, I have not asked them to mark the ballot. I have just told we are going to use ballot D.

GRAND WARDER: We're being questioned. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do you have it secure yet?

GRAND WARDER: We're awaiting your order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder, you will secure the doors.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are asking that the doors be secured during the balloting.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, you will absolutely secure the doors, and you will absolutely not allow anyone to enter this Grand Chapter room while this ballot is being taken. This is by order of the Worthy Grand Matron to our Grand Warder.

Sister Grand Warder, this Grand Chapter room is secure.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel.

Okay. Sisters and Brothers, I am now going to declare the ballot open.

GRAND SENTINEL: Worthy Grand Matron, we have a Sister who is standing here who does not have a D ballot.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I feel badly about this, but I don't know much that I can do about it. We have the doors secured, and this individual would have to go to Credentials, if they even will issue additional ballots. I'm not certain what the decision was on that.

The Grand Secretary says the ballots were in sequence, and they were in number order. I will say that one of the problems that we're having down here with this ballot that we have on the floor is the fact that some members placed all of their ballots in the box. They received the whole packet. We appreciate that so much!

I'm going to go ahead and declare the ballot open on ballot D. If you wish to vote in favor of resolution number 1, as amended, mark your ballot "for." If you wish to vote in opposition to that resolution, you would mark your ballot "against." Please mark only in the boxes with your #2 pencil, and try not to get anything else on the ballots. Thank you.

Assistant Grand Warders and Pages, you can pick up your boxes so that we might take up this ballot.

While they're doing this, I want to assure you that the Election Judge has assured me that these ballots will only be taken to the Tellers' tables and they will not leave those tables right out here in front of you until the ballots have been completed and removed from the counting table.

[singing by Grand Choir] Thank you, Sister Ruth Naron, my Choir
Director, and my wonderful Choir. I'll tell you, I'm glad you're self-starters because I keep getting wrapped up in this. We enjoy your music. Thank you. It kind of helps us to relieve the tension.

I would ask if there are any 50-year members who are not seated in the chairs in the West, please do so at this time as we are going to line you up and have you recognized very shortly, as soon as we can get this election. Do we have all of our ballots? Is there anyone who has not balloted?

Now, Sisters and Brothers, I did not dispatch you out to the vendors' area. I just made you aware they were there and you could go and shop. But I am going to tell you that if you did go and you shopped, I hope you used your Eastern Star credit card. Your Worthy Grand Matron has done that much and often. Let me tell you, Sisters and Brothers, those vendors are what make it possible for us to be able to have our Grand Chapter session. With that $20,000 allocated, we cannot do it without their income.

I recognize my Election Judge.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Worthy Grand Matron, are there any ballot boxes in the voter areas? Are there any ballot boxes, empty or otherwise, in the voting areas? All ballot boxes must be on the floor at this time. Look around you, Sisters and Brothers. Do you see any ballot boxes in the voter areas other than these down on the floor? Is there anyone who has not cast their ballot that's sitting in the voting area? Asking once, twice, thrice. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Then we are ready for the Pages and Warders to place the ballots on the Tellers' table. You will place the ballots on the Tellers' table, please.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Worthy Grand Matron, has the ballot been declared closed?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now declare the ballot closed. Thank you.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Worthy Grand Matron, is it permissible at this point for people to enter and leave, if they so desire?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Brother Trey. If you will hold on. That's what we were talking about back here. There is a matter of emergency legislation. I'm going to let Jurisprudence speak on that right at this moment.

**MRS. BEULAH SPEER:** Sisters and Brothers, I admonish you to please be aware: We have an emergency legislation amendment that should resolution number 1 be adopted, then we would present this emergency legislation. If it is not adopted, the emergency legislation will not be presented. But this definitely pertains to resolution number 1. Do not leave this arena if you're concerned about what happens on the future of resolution number 1 because this emergency amendment will be presented. And if you go home and are not here to cast your vote, then something could very well pass that you might not like or something you do like or something you would like to make an
amendment to this amendment. But I wanted to make you aware that emergency legislation will be presented if resolution number 1 is adopted; it definitely affects resolution 1. Now we have another emergency legislation amendment, but it has nothing to do with resolution number 1. But this one definitely does. Is there any question?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Doris Hester in the West.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: May we keep the doors secure until you give us permission to let them out?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, you will wait for my instructions on that, please. I'm going to allow Jurisprudence --

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Just as a matter of information for you, the general membership, so that you would know what is coming up.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have several rather important matters of business yet to consider, Sisters and Brothers. The Board of Directors will also include your financial business and their budget. And, Sisters and Brothers, I need to have enough of you stay with me, please -- I do want to have a budget approved by you this year. We are going to get to that. We have been brought word that those who are 50-year members are having a problem with being very cold back there in the West, and we are going to try to get them through here. But we're going to try to move right on with business as we're doing these ballots.

I have told this membership the important business that is still pending before them. If they choose to leave, I'm going to allow them to do that at this time. Sister Grand Warder, you will instruct the Grand Sentinel that the doors may be allowed open.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, the doors may be opened, but the membership should be aware that we are taking up a lot of legislation.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, you will permit people to enter and leave the Grand Chapter room at this time. However, please do not leave the doors standing open. Please continue to check credentials and ballots.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Probably you would call this at ease within closed doors. I recognize the Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm concerned. I know we have important legislation and other things -- the budget -- to come before this body of this Grand Chapter. I would like and insist that we definitely inform those who are outside, for whatever reason, that it is important legislation and give them the opportunity to make sure they're back in this session before we start any emergency legislation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. We'll make an attempt to do that. Sisters and Brothers, I'm wanting to please you. I'm trying to do anything that you would want me to do. Realize all of this takes a little time. I don't
want to delay the installation of the Associate Grand Matron. I have been there and done that.

Since we have a moment here and are waiting for them to continue to get the 50-year members lined up, I'm going to go ahead and recognize Sister Mary Ann Edwards, Credit Cards - Hearts Desires Chairman, to bring her report.

REPORT OF
THE CREDIT CARD - HEARTS DESIRE COMMITTEE

MRS. MARY ANN EDWARDS: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter as the General Chairman of the CREDIT CARD-HEARTS DESIRES COMMITTEE.

I would also like to thank the following District Chairmen, as well as the Committee members, you so thoughtfully provided to aid in the distribution of the Applications:

DISTRICT I: Mrs. Kay Rohloff
DISTRICT II: Mrs. Norma Graham
DISTRICT III: Mrs Barbara Johnson
DISTRICT IV: Mrs. Rhonda Beamesderfer
DISTRICT V: Mrs. Dorothy Coons

Each of these ladies were instrumental in seeing that the Credit Card Applications were made available at our meetings, our District schools and other gatherings, and readily upon request.

My thanks also to the Grand Secretary's Office personnel who included in their mailings of supplies, copies of the Application.

It is working - we are shopping and the receipt of funds has been substantial. We need to keep up the good work and continue shopping and traveling with our Eastern Star Credit Card.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Edwards,
General Chairman
Credit Card-Hearts Desires Committee

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Hearts Desires Credit Card Program. All in favor, raise yellow cards. Down. Opposed, same sign. Of course it was adopted.
unanimously. Thank you, Sister Mary Ann Edwards, for your work with this Committee. Your Worthy Grand Matron has been one of your largest proponents. The rent on this coliseum was around $16,000, I think, and it went on my credit card in two different installments.

I would ask that we bring our 50-year members to the East for recognition. [applause as they come to the East] I've asked some of these ladies and gentlemen to show me a driver's license or something with a date of birth. I just don't believe some of these could be 50-year members. Don't they look great? [applause] These are the ones that are present with us today: Jo Ann Snow, Nann Martin, Patricia Lang, Betty Jane Lynn -- I know who that is -- and Clinton Lynn, Patricia Brown, Billie Branch, W. R. Knight, Dorothea Riggs, Kathleen Yancey, Myrtle Waller, Sue Massey Briwa, June Carter, Mary Helen Bagley, Neel A. Wright, Eunice Burks. That's Lexie Lollar down there. LaNell Mahaffy is present, but did not make it to the stage. Grace McMahon from Bryan 222.

Not only is this a 50-year member, but do you want to give us your age, Gladys?

VOICE: Yes. I've been a member 81 years and am a hundred years old.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: 81 years and she says she's a hundred years old. Do you believe that? [applause] We have another one, Lucy Jones. And Wilma Johnson.

Sisters and Brothers, we had a total, according to this list, of 612 50-year members that could have been recognized here today. Isn't it wonderful to see the continued interest and devotion? We thank God for the physical ability of these members to still be active members of the Order of the Eastern Star. We love you and appreciate you that you still love us and love the Order and that you are willing to serve. Many of you serve daily I know. Thank you, and may God bless and keep you in that excellent health and wonderful spirit. We congratulate you in the highest manner. Grand Choir, do you have a song you want to sing to them? ["Let Me Call You Sweetheart" sung.] Choir, I had one request from up here. They want "Help Me Make It Through the Night." [laughter] I wouldn't give a name, but I would give you the initials of Clinton Lynn. Again, Sisters and Brothers, how much we thank you for all you've done for the Order. They tell me they have already received their certificates. We appreciate you and hope to see you again in Grand Chapter next year.

50 Year Certificates Issued During the Grand Chapter

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have now asked the Board of Directors - - and Sister Jerre Lucas, its Chairman -- to come forward and let's get the report of the Board of Directors while we're in the process of balloting.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all:

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REPORT NO. 1
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers All:

It is my pleasure to introduce the members of the Board of Directors. Tom Everitt, Vice Chairman from District 4; Leah Hayes, Secretary from District 2; Lewis Mathison, Member from District 1; Jack Beall, Member from District 1; Dwayne Maserang, Member from District 2; Jayne Yenger, Member from District 3; Jo Ann Snow, Member from District 3; Nelson Campbell, Member from District 4; and Raul Garcia, Member from District 5. Grand Chapter elected each of you. Your dedicated service is deeply appreciated.

God granted each of us with a special talent, this Chairman is very grateful for the diversity. Each member brought to the table different talents which helped create a well rounded Board. A smooth transition, no. Better after ten months, yes. We began the year somewhat at arm’s length, ten months later, communication found workable solutions. We can disagree agreeably most of the time.

Grand Chapter is a business. A big business. It appears to be imperative that it be operated as a business. The Board members are trying to be good stewards of your funds. You have entrusted these members to be prudent in handling your funds and have trusted them to be your representative by attending and participating in the meetings.

Meetings were held monthly beginning in November, 2002 to select officers as directed by our Constitution and Code of Laws. Most of our meetings have been held in the Administration Building in Arlington. Several presentations were made, including the Bank One Trust Officers to review our investments. Our Auditors were in attendance at two of our meetings. Suggestions were made for improved performance. Our Insurance professionals have made recommendations which have been implemented.

We have performed cost and service analysis for several of our contracts. Both payroll and lawn contracts have been reviewed and cancelled. Each service is being performed in-house. In general, the Board of Directors is attempting to operate Grand Chapter finances like the big business it is in a prudent manner in these changing times.

Our Constitution, Page 42, d. BENEVOLENCES...(4) The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of the O.E.S Home and of the administration of the Grand Chapter Benevolent Fund, etc. The empty building which previously housed our ladies is being managed by two full time employees, one hired by the previous Board, the other hired by the Board of Directors. One serves as a clerk/matron, the other handling the lawn, outside equipment, and general maintenance. Both inside and outside the buildings are being well maintained. Also, Page 40, Article B, Section 4. Duties. A. Financial Affairs. Said Board shall supervise all the financial affairs of Grand Chapter, etc. Grand Chapter 2002 voted that no funds would be expended other than emergencies. The Board voted for utilities to be scaled back all possible in an effort to follow the dictates of your vote and be good stewards
of your funds.

The members of Grand Chapter in 2002 did not approve a budget. The Worthy Grand Matron approved the budget as printed in the Advance Annual Report however, that budget was almost one hundred thousand dollars deficit. The only answer the Board has is your approval in reallocating our Per Capita as shown in the budget in your Annual Report. Please note this is NOT an increase, it is simply reallocation.

Because of changes Grand Chapter made these last few years, the Board has operated under temporary rules. The “Rules and Regulations of the O.E.S. Home of Texas” or the “Blue Book” as it is commonly called, is a part of the Code of Laws. Grand Chapter adopted these rules in 3999. Grand Chapter mandated some actions which have rendered most of those rules obsolete. It became imperative that common sense be applied, it being doubtful that you truly prefer us paying a Dietician or Director of Nurses to oversee an empty building. The Board has adopted temporary rules to replace the Blue Book. Until determination has been made regarding the final disposition of the property, we ask your indulgence in allowing us to operate under those temporary rules. We anticipate final presentation of the “Blue Book” for your consideration in 2004.

The Grand Secretary’s staff certainly is to be commended for their conservatism. I truly believe Mrs. Alma Carter would send an Email to a board member who leaves the premises with one of her (already used) file folders. If funds were available for a competent employee to be hired on a competitive salary, and proper equipment could be purchased, our printing costs could be virtually eliminated. Many dollars have been saved by the Office Staff producing many of the items previously produced by a Commercial Printer. The Board of Directors is grateful to the staff for implementing these changes thus saving money.

The Board welcomed many visitors at our meetings including the Grand Officers when their schedule allowed their presence. Always visitors are invited to attend, the Board is grateful to know that there are members taking an interest in the business end of Grand Chapter. We are also grateful for the support you have shown of the individual Board Members.

The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the Office Staff work for you throughout the year. Every report, every cent, every piece of paper is handled, prepared, and mailed from the Office. Thank goodness we have dedicated members willing to work for our benefit. The salaries we pay in several of these positions qualify for State and Federal welfare and food stamps. Our law does require they be members of the Order, hopefully in the near future we can get our salaries competitive in the business world. The Grand Secretary could not accept this position were it not for additional outside income. This an elected position however, there are no discounts given at the grocery store or electric company.

To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you for the service you have given Grand Chapter. Thank you for your interest in the Board’s business. We have been pleased to have each of you attend many of our meetings when your schedule permitted Our hope is that you have enjoyed your travels and the membership. Thank you for selecting Linda Carney to serve as our Secretary.
To the Grand Secretary: No one could be more grateful to your dedicated service to Grand Chapter than this Chairman. Your kind understanding is deeply appreciated. Thank you for all you have done for Grand Chapter, and for this Chairman. I have treasured our friendship! The Board is grateful for the years you have given to assist us in these times of transition. We wish for you happy travels, good health, and God speed! Enjoy your much deserved rest!

To the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Prater, a friend to so many, for so long! Your kind manner is only exceeded by your loyal dedication to this membership. Thank you for your friendship these many years. Just think of all the friendships formed outside the door enjoying a smoke! Touche' Evelyn and Louise!

To the members of the Board of Directors: The members of Grand Chapter elected each of you for a reason known only to God. He knew your abilities. From a grateful heart, I can only say THANK YOU for serving in these stressful times.

To Two Retiring Board Members: Lewis Mathison, I know the gratitude each of the five Worthy Grand Matrons feel under whom you have served. Your loyalty to each of them I feel sure, is appreciated. Leah Hayes, as you leave this place of service, please know how grateful we are to have worked with you. We have shared many happy times these past few years. Thank you sincerely!

To the Superintendent of Texas Masonic Retirement Center, Mr. Kirby Rudisill: Words could not possibly express the gratitude this Board has for you. The ladies Grand Chapter placed in your care are happy and healthy. They are delighted to be living in a home-type atmosphere, yet operated by absolute professionals in every department. As of the date of this report, we currently have twenty five ladies entrusted to the care of your professional staff. Eleven are in the clinic, those remaining are enjoying independent living. The biggest complaint I have received is that there are not enough hours to enjoy all amenities and activities offered. An appreciation dinner is being planned by the Board of Directors to thank these dedicated Christians and Masonic gentlemen. We want these men to know the appreciation we have for their assisting our ladies in their declining years. They have proven the old adage 'My word is my bond' - our respect and gratitude always!

The approximate cost per month for our ladies is $60,000.00. This cost is LESS THAN our original contract. This cost has proven less than we were operating with a full staff. The position of appointed, secretary to the Board of Directors is a working position which requires absolute dedication, decorum, and professionalism. Thank you Linda Carney for this tremendous service to Grand Chapter and to the Board of Directors. You have traveled – to put in mildly, you have served above and beyond the call of duty. We are thankful to have had you be a part of our team.

The 2002-03 Grand Chapter year has been a year of transition. Four previous Board of Grand Trustees welcomed four members of the Board of Grand Chapter Benevolences, and together, these eight welcomed two new members who were elected in 2002. We have met the challenge Grand Chapter voted and are working together somewhat harmoniously. Learning experiences are interesting. Much duplication has been eliminated however, we have only scratched the surface. Each year the gap should narrow until we
truly have one Board. Following this 2003 Session, we will welcome a new chairman. I look forward with great anticipation your service and expect many improvements in 2003-04.

To the Membership: This is your Board. This is your money. The ladies are your members. We are your members. You are our boss. These Board members are entrusted to be good stewards of your money. Please think very carefully and prayerfully in regard to those who are making decisions for you. The Board members have a responsibility to those who elected us. Many difficult decisions have been ours. Each has been faced with courage. I am most grateful to each member of this Board who possesses the courage of their convictions.

To those with whom I have served on the previous Board of Grand Trustees. Jim Rippey, Pat Washington, Frances Burbank, Leah Hayes, Nelson Campbell and Jack Beall. Thank you for your patience, for knowing me and loving me anyway. Best wishes, in just one more short year, Tom Everitt and I will join some of you as retired bored members!

Recommendations: Ten Board Members is cumbersome, observation has shown that five members are too few, ten too many. New office equipment needs to be added yearly. An eighteen year old computer is somewhat obsolete!

Sisters and Brothers, please prayerfully study the budget presented.

In your Advance annual Report there is a generalization of the board of Directors Report on Page 43. This report was closed July 31, 2003 due to the printing deadline. I doubt you need a reading lesson, therefore; this is the only report I will present.

In September, the Board acted on a letter from the Zoning and Planning Department of the City of Arlington objecting to an expansion of a nearby trash refuse facility. A representative of our Board was present.

When the election for the office of Associate Grand conductress has been announced, the Board presents to her their requirements regarding finances, printing deadlines and so forth. On Page 40, Article VII, B, Section 4, Paragraph a, states the duties of the Board relating to Financial Affairs. Our Code of Laws, Page 68, Article 62, Grand Officers' Supplies states that "All orders for printing shall be placed through the Office of the Grand Secretary. All printing of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Texas, shall be determined by the Board of Directors." The Grand Secretary was required to pay $1,700.00 to an outside printer for our ballots. This request had not taken the proper steps as our law requires. In this same vein, the Board was presented data that a new set of tires had been installed on the Grand Chapter vehicle, again, with no notification nor approval from the Board of Directors.

We received a report from the Grand Treasurer in reference to low interest from the Renovation Fund. Nelson Campbell and I stayed over until a meeting could be arranged with the representative from Guaranty Bank. Following an affirmative vote of the Board of Directors, changes were made to that account to alleviate that situation by changing that account to a FlexRate Money Market Account.

The Board of Directors has tried to cut expenses in every possible way. We have been somewhat successful in that endeavor. We have repaid the 501
C-3 account, the sum of $59,329.52 which has been pending for two years. This matter has been cleared in full. The board has been as prudent as possible with your funds. In the Endowment fund, we are returning interest back into principal due to cutbacks in the 1201 building expenses.

September 27, 2003 marked a memorable day as the Board of Directors hosted a delightful banquet honoring the Board Members and Superintendent of Texas Masonic Retirement Center. A signal honor was ours as Mr. Lewis Hopkins, The Most Excellent Grand high Priest of the Royal Arch Chapters of Texas attended and brought greetings on behalf of that organization. The affair was well attended, with a spirit of cooperation between the two boards spread throughout the room. This Chairman is highly grateful to Nelson Campbell for chairing this event, and to each Board Member who assisted and participated. Mr. Henry Martin certainly did Texas proud serving as the guest speaker, as we knew he would. Markam says it best - "There is a destiny that makes us brothers; None goes his way alone. All that we send into the lives of others, Come back into our own."

My thanks to the membership of Texas for affording me this opportunity of service, and to the Board of Directors for electing me Chairman in these troubled times. I look forward to my last year of service when we will have, I am confident, a most competent Chairman. My sincere hope is that my actions as Chairman have been pleasing to each of you, and to God.

Jerre S. Lucas
Chairman, Board of Directors

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: The first one I will call on for a report will be Brother Raul Garcia to do the TMRC report and then we'll do our two budgets. Other than that, I'll file mine for printing in the Proceedings, as will the rest of us. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report, as will be printed in the Proceedings. I am pleased to present Brother Raul Garcia for the report on our ladies at TMRC. Thank you.

MR. RAUL GARCIA: Thank you, Sister Jerre. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: I have good news. Our ladies are receiving excellent care at TMRC, and they are very happy. But don't take my word for it. Go out and see them. They will love to have you visit with them.

This report covers the period June 30th, 2002 through June 30th, 2003. We started this period with 28 residents, 13 in the clinic and 15 in independent care. Their ages range from 70 to 103, with a median age of 87. During this period we have had five deaths. Two of them were in their hundreds, two in their late nineties and only one in her eighties. We admitted three new residents, bringing the current total to 26 residents, 11 in the clinic and 15 in independent care. The cost of maintaining a member in the clinic is $117.39 per day, or $43,669 per year. The cost for independent care is $37.22 per day, which comes to $13,846 per year.

In 2001 we paid TMRC approximately $784,000 for their care. That went up slightly in 2002 to 790,000, as we completed moving the rest of the ladies. This year it will be approximately $678,000. Each year the cost gets
adjusted to reflect the actual cost of maintaining all the residents at TMRC. This year the cost decreased slightly. The coming year we expect an increase, primarily because of the ever-increasing cost of medical support.

Since the close of this period, we have lost one more lady, bringing us to ten members in the clinic, and 15 in independent care. However, we do have two members who have requested applications, so we may be back to 27 residents before too long.

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that you adopt the report of the Board of Directors on the TMRC status. All in favor. Down. I don’t even have to tell them what color of card any more. All opposed. That’s wonderful. It’s unanimous.

MR. RAUL GARCIA: I would now ask Sister JoAnn Snow to present Report No. 2.

REPORT NO. 2 OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
501(c)(3) LADIES’ RETIREMENT FUND

MRS. JO ANN SNOW: Thank you, Brother Raul Garcia.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: I call your attention to page 47 of the Advance Report. In the 4000 General Ledger Codes, you will find the receipts, or better known as revenue. They are very self-explanatory. The dues revenue is what was received from dues paid on May 31, 2002, and the projected will be dues from May 31, 2003. The dues per capita, as voted by the Grand Chapter, is the only thing that would change on our proposed budget. But since this is laying over another year, the $8.50 will be our proposed budget. Please remember the Actual Revenues and Expenditures are through June 30, 2003, being only eight months, so there will be added revenues and expenditures for the 2002-2003 year.

The expenditures projected will not change, this being the General Ledger Codes 5234 through 5504. One thing I would like to call to your attention is the Funeral Expenses/Rose Garden. The budgeted expense is for the anticipation of the sale of the property on East Division. We will need to relocate the ladies’ remains that are in the Rose Garden located behind the OES Home. The funeral expense of $1,395 for the 2002-2003 year is not a true picture. In the 501(c)(8) budget report, General Ledger Code number 5755 is the balance of the funeral expenses in the amount of $2,647. This will be explained in that budget report.

The bottom line being, whichever way the membership decides to allocate the per capita, the ladies should have enough income to keep them very nicely during the 2003-2004 Grand Chapter year. This is reflected on the net gain line of the proposed budget.
Before I close this report, since I have been at Grand Chapter and had my report typed, as the membership knows -- I hope they know -- that our expenses to TMRC are never known until the end of their audit. We do owe another $99,000 to TMRC for the upkeep of our ladies from July 1st, 2002 through June 30th, 2003, but we do have the revenues to take care of this.

MRS. JO ANN SNOW: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the Report No. 2 on the 501(c)(3) Ladies' Retirement Fund, and it has been seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed, same sign. It is a unanimous adoption.

MRS. JO ANN SNOW: I am pleased to present Brother Jack Beall who will present the next report.

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PROPOSED 1201 E. DIVISION STREET 501(c)(8) FUNDS
AND OES GENERAL FUNDS FOR 2003-2004

MR. JACK BEALL: Thank you, Sister JoAnn.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: We, the Board of Directors, present for your consideration and approval the proposed budget for 1201 E. Division Street 501(c)(8) Funds and OES General Funds 2003-2004. This is a summary of the report. The details of this budget can be found on pages 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the Advanced Annual Report.

The proposed budget for maintaining 1201 E. Division property, which is supported by the interest from the Home Endowment Fund (c)(8) interest, is $148,200.

The OES General Funds proposed budget has revenues of $356,933.75 @ $1.75 per capita, and an expenditure of $449,356.60, leaving a deficit of $84,031.85. I was going to read the $3.50. It is in your Advance Report. You can see what the difference would be. We will be proposing a deficit budget of $84,031.85.

[Budgets found on pages 47-50 of the Advance Annual Report follow.]

MR. JACK BEALL: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 3 of the Board of Directors.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Jack has moved, and the Worthy Grand Patron has seconded, that we adopt Report No. 3 of the Board of Directors, and that is relating to the (c)(8) and the General Funds for 2003-2004. Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers, we'll vote. All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed. It passed unanimously, Brother Jack. The report is adopted.

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Worthy Grand Matron, the Board would like to
tell you thank you for every courtesy that has been extended to this Board. We certainly are appreciative to the membership for approving the budget. We're doing the very best that we can. I would move that we accept the supplemental report and the other reports as will be printed in the Proceedings, and we'll yield our time to the Associate Grand Matron. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: She has moved that you allow them to file their reports with the Grand Secretary to be printed in the Proceedings, and the Worthy Grand Patron has seconded. All in favor, raise your yellow cards. Down. All opposed, same sign.

[The written reports of the Board of Directors follow.]

REPORT NO. 4
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you Jack.

Worthy Grand matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with the 113th Annual Session of 1995, Resolution No. 2, Page 177 of the code of laws, the Board of Directors presents the Home Renovation Fund for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

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During this reporting period there were no withdrawals from the Trust Fund for the purpose of Eastern Star Home renovations.

The Funds Earned $1,689.39

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Thank you. Sister Jayne Yenger will present Report No. 5.

REPORT NO. 5
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with Article 204e, pages 142-144 of the code of Laws, we your Board of Directors present the report on the Endowed Memberships, for the period from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

One Hundred Eighty-Two (182) Endowed Memberships were purchased from November 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 for a total dollar amount of $91,000 (Ninety-one Thousand Dollars).

In accordance with Article 204e (4) (b) Page 144, distribution of earnings
cannot be made until May 31, of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

As of June 30, 2003, a grand total of Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine (3,239) Endowed Memberships have been purchased for a total dollar amount of $1,619,500 (One Million Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand five Hundred Dollars).

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Yenger
Board of Directors

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 5.

Brother Lewis Mathison will present Report No. 6.

REPORT NO. 6
CONTINGENCY FUND

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Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 6

Dwayne Maserang
Board of Directors
District Two

REPORT NO. 7
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
FOR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS O.E.S.

Sisters and Brothers: We the Board of Directors, are pleased to present the Report of the Scholarship Program for the years of 2002-2003. We are grateful for the Educational committee Members, Sisters Carolyn Martin, Mary Swanson, Patsy Duke and Brothers Jerry Trees and Horton Kidd for their dedication and assistance in the selection of this years Scholarship recipients. We received funds of 37,000 dollars which includes Interest from the Mary C.K5ennington Trust, the T.R. and Helen Bramlett Fund, Interest from the Fannie V. Ward Fund and Interest from the Educational fund and Humanitarian Donations. These monies enabled us to present Scholarships to 37 outstanding students. It is regrettable that we were unable to award Scholarships to many well qualified, deserving students.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of Report #7.

Thank You. Brother Tom Everett will present Report #8.
REPORT NO. 8
BENEVOLENT AID REPORT

Beginning Balance 11-01-02 $ 44,466.24
Gifts and Donations $ 680.00
Humanitarian Funds Dep $ 16,985.52
Interest through 8/29/2003 $ 36.12
Prior Year Funds Transferred $ 3,602.94

TOTAL: $ 65,770.82

Disbursement:
Benevolent aid Thru 10/26/2003 $ 51,927.00

BALANCE: $ 13,843.82

90 Day Temporary Aid 12
1 Time Aid 8
Permanent Aid 15

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Sisters and Brothers, we did open the bid for the Grand Chapter vehicle. Betty Gibbons was the winning bidder.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Board of Directors, for helping us to speed business along by simplifying these reports as much as possible. I sure do hate they sold my car. I've got to ride back in the hotel in it. Where's Betty? Can I ride back to the hotel?

Whatever you're saying is okay with me. I'll promise anything.

MRS. BETTY GIBBONS: Worthy Grand Matron, I said just leave it parked at the hotel. That'll be fine.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Board of Grand Examiners, for following the example of the Board of Directors. They're going to file their report and allow it to be printed in the Proceedings.
## 501©(3) LADIES RETIREMENT FUNDS

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**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

$120,633.10 | $618,765.64 | $435,870.00 | $338,300.54 | $440,965.60 | $440,965.60
MRS. BETTY SCOTT: Worthy Grand Matron, in the essence of time, the members of the Board of Grand Examiners move to have their reports filed with the Grand Secretary and the entire reports be printed in the Proceedings for this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, having been a Grand Examiner and knowing the work they put into these reports, I hate to do this, but in the essence of time --

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: -- The Worthy Grand Patron is going to second the motion! It has been moved and seconded that we accept the reports of the Grand Examiners and allow them to be printed in the Proceedings. All in favor, raise your gold cards. Down. All opposed. Sisters Grand Examiners, let me express to you how much I love and appreciate you. I served four years on the Board of Grand Examiners from District 3. I never had a position I loved more than that. Now this one is real nice, but that one gave me a great opportunity to become so close to the membership in my district. I know each one of you are experiencing or have experienced that. But the Grand Chapter appreciates the service that you give. We love you. Thank you. [applause]

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINER DISTRICT I

The Report of the Board of Grand Examiner of District One is possible because of the hard work of the membership of this District. I sincerely appreciate all that was done by those who gave unrelentingly of their time and talents. I am also deeply indebted to the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction for electing me to serve in this position thus allowing my life to be touched by so many special people. All of this is such an humbling experience.

It is with great pride in the membership that I submit the following report for District one for the Grand Chapter year 2002-2003:

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

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"A" Certificates Earned 825
"B" Certificates Earned  0
Total Certificates Earned 825

Of the 825 members who earned "A" Certificates of Proficiency, 59 members were "First Timers."

A detailed report by Chapter is on file with the Grand secretary's office and each Chapter in District One has been mailed a list of the names of their members who were granted Certificates of Proficiency.

Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, it was a distinct honor and pleasure to travel with you on the District one school schedule. Traveling with you was most enjoyable and gave me many treasured memories. Throughout the year you emphasized that "the most beautiful things in the world are not seen or touched. They are felt with the heart." Thank you for always thinking of others and for touching my heart in a very special way.

Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your dedicated and constant service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Your and Sister Beulah's love and service of our Order has been felt by the entire membership of our Grand Jurisdiction. Best wishes to each of you and may God richly bless you both.

Sister Barbara Grand-Scott, District Deputy Grand Matron, the ten very competent Deputy Grand Matrons of District One, and Sister Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank each of you so very much for each and every kindness. I will remember and treasure my time with each of you and will cherish our friendships.

My Co-Workers, it has been a wonderful experience serving with you and I look forward to future times together. Our times together are moments made for special memories. Thank you very, very much for your many kindnesses and especially your friendships.

Members of District One, you could not have been more thoughtful, helpful, or loving. I appreciate the Honorary Memberships to each of the Chapters of District One and the many acts of kindness. I extend to the entire membership of District One my deep appreciation.

Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas, may blessing and peace of heart be your rich gifts from God our Father and from Jesus Christ, our Lord. Always remember:

There ever walks beside you a Friend.

Fraternally,
Betty M. Scott
Board of Grand Examiners
District One
REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINER
DISTRICT II

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers.

This is my first year to serve on the Board of Grand Examiners as the District Two member, and it has been a wonderful and challenging year. A special thank you to the membership for allowing me the privilege of serving our beautiful Order in this position.

It is my pleasure to submit the following report:

"A" Certificates 410
"B" Certificates 0
Total Certificates 410

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY 2002-2003

"A" Certificates:  "B" Certificates:

Section 1   20
Section 2   46
Section 3   20
Section 4   41
Section 5   23
Section 6   50
Section 7   62
Section 8   69
Section 9   138
Section 10  41

Total District II Membership 6316

To Sister, Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for making this year as Grand Examiner an exciting one, but most of all for the love and support that you gave me.

To Brother, Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, and Sister, Beulah it was a delight to travel with you both this year - may all good things come your way.

A special thank you to the District Deputy, Sister Sue Barnes, the ten great Deputy Grand Matrons of District II and the Traveling Secretary, Sister Jerre Miller for your thoughtfulness and many deeds of kindness.

To the Membership thank you for allowing me to serve this year - we have been able to renew old friendships and make new ones - this is what Eastern Star is all about - the friendships we have with one another.

Respectively Submitted,
Bess Madison Caldwell
Grand Examiner
District II
It is my pleasure to recognize Sister, Joyce Nicklas, Grand Examiner of District III.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Thank you Sister Bess Caldwell my co-worker and friend.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT THREE MEMBER
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINER

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Fentress and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ed Warner for your support and encouragement this year. Sweet Beulah Warner, it was a joy sitting next to you and sharing stories, you're a kind and gentle lady.

A special thanks to Sister Patsy Hewlett, District Deputy Grand Matron and the ten wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons of District III. What a delight it was to serve with each of you and those you provided to assist me in the examining rooms. My good friend Sister Jerre Miller, traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for always being there to encourage me and to lift me up in prayer when I needed it most. I especially thank the membership of this great Order or without you this report would not have been possible. This again has been an unforgettable year of service as Grand Examiner of District III, thanks to the enthusiastic and capable assistance of the membership. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

I am honored to present this report for District III.

“A” Certificates:  “B” Certificates:

Section 1  194  
Section 2  80  
Section 3  25  
Section 4  23  
Section 5  32  
Section 6  60  
Section 7  47  
Section 8  72  
Section 9  58  
Section 10  66  

Total “A” Certificates 657
Total “B” Certificates 1
Total Certificates 658

There were 58 “First Timers”, those who earned their first Certificates of Proficiency in the District Three schools.

Respectfully given,

Joyce Nicklas
Grand Examiner of District III
It is now my honor to present my co-worker and friend, Sister Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner of District IV.

REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT FOUR
2002-2003

Worthy Grand matron Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters & Brothers:

It has been my joy and delight to serve another year as Grand Examiner of district four. Thank you sincerely for this honor and privilege.

A special thank you to District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Rita Lytle, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District four, and Traveling Secretary, Sister Jerre Miller for all your thoughtfulness and many acts of kindness.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for providing the laughter and Sister Beulah, thank you for holding my hand.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am grateful for your many kindnesses, may God’s richest blessings be yours.

My sincere thanks to the members of District Four who have studied well and whose efforts are reflected in this report. I appreciate each one who has helped in any way - large or small - to make this report possible. I am proud to submit, in behalf of the members of District four, the following report.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY ISSUED

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The total number of “A” Certificates earned were 1001 (106 fewer than last year). No “B” Certificates were issued.

There were 54 who earned and “A” Certificate for the first time.

A detailed report by Chapter is on file in the Grand Secretary’s office. Each Chapter has been forwarded a list of their members earning Certificates of Proficiency.
It is now my pleasure to introduce Sister Betty Capps Martin, Grand Examiner of District Five.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER, DISTRICT 5**


What an honor it is to submit this, my very first report as Grand Examiner of District 5. I want to thank the membership for allowing me the privilege of serving them this year. With the assistance of many hard working district 5 members, we had a successful and productive time in each of the nine schools this year.

It is my pleasure to present the final report of the Grand Examiner of District 5 for the Grand chapter year 2002-2003.

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I am especially pleased to report that there were 36 first timers that earned an "A" Certificate of Proficiency.

A detailed report by Chapter is on file with the Grand Secretary and each Chapter has been provided a list of their members earning Certificates of Proficiency.

Worthy Grand Matron, it as a pleasure to travel with you on the school schedule this year. I greatly appreciate the support and encouragement you gave me. I am also thankful for the assistance of your traveling secretary Jerre Miller.

Worthy Grand Patron, I enjoyed being with you and your lovely wife Beulah during our travels this year.

To the District Deputy Grand Matron and the nine Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5, your love and support and every courtesy extended to the Office of Grand Examiner is deeply appreciated.

Respectively submitted,
Betty Capps Martin
Grand Examiner, District 5
It is my pleasure to present Sister Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner at Large.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE**

I want to thank the membership of Texas for allowing me the opportunity and privilege of serving as Grand Examiner At Large. I appreciate every courtesy and kindness that was extended to the office of Grand Examiner and me personally this past year. To the members of my chapter, Ransford #135, I appreciate your continued support and encouragement. I attended as many schools as possible and stood ready to assist in any if and when needed. I was not called upon to serve as a replacement in any of the Five Districts during the School Schedule but did have the privilege to assist in many of the School Examining Rooms.

To the Five District Grand Examiners, thank you for joining me in the Examining Room during this Grand Chapter Session. I treasure the wonderful experiences we have shared this year as we have served together. We have formed long lasting friendships and have many special memories to share.

A special thanks to Ada Webster and Fleeta Fannette. They have been assisting me this week, and to all the members that helped in any way in the Examining Room. Many special friends during this past week and year have certainly touched my life.

I submit the following report of Certificates of Proficiency earned during this Grand Chapter Session.

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Total Certificates earned at this Grand Chapter Session - 23.

A detailed report by Chapter will be filed in the grand Secretary's office and each Chapter and District Grand Examiner will be forwarded a list of their members earning Certificates of Proficiency.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Board of Grand Examiners
Grand Examiner At Large

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of these reports.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm asking that the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons in the room please report to the East. [singing by Grand Choir] Thank you again, Grand Choir.

We've got about a minute while this group is organizing. Richard, read whatever those few words are that you had to read. I recognize Richard Ochs.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: I didn't have to, but I read a statement in the paper seven days ago. The great masses of the people more easily fall victim to a great lie than to a small one. It was in the paper October 17th. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: He said it was very short, Sisters and Brothers. I took him at his word. I didn't even get to hear it. I was back there getting my District Deputies together. The reason I'm going to try to rush this in right now is these Deputies are acting as Tellers back there on the tables. I want to get their reports in. They've worked very hard for you and for me this year. I'm going to ask them to bring their reports now. I'm going to ask them to be as brief as possible, but to come forward. I recognize District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Scott, from District 1.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
DISTRICT 1

MRS. BARBARA GRANT-SCOTT: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

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

What an exciting year of service this has been. It is indeed a pleasure to present the District 1 annual report for 2002-2003 and a special privilege to present the team of dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1.

The sincere love, service and dedication from these 10 Deputy Grand Matrons makes this report possible.

Sister Dianne Markley, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 1: "Braveheart" Eastern Star School held March 11, 2002, in Gainesville, with 14 chapters and 158 attendance.


Sister Elizabeth Grayson, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 4: "Windows to the World of Knowledge", Eastern Star School held March 29, 2003, in Dallas, with 11 chapters and 237 attendance.

Sister Delores Curry, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 5: "Hearts on Fire",
Eastern Star School held March 15, 2003 in Farmers Branch, with 18 chapters and 183 attendance.

Sister Sherrie Fowler, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 6: “Put a Song in your Heart”, Eastern Star School held April 3, 2003 in Corsicana, with 8 chapters and 116 attendance.

Sister Carla Yarborough, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 7: “Hearts, Hope and love” Eastern Star School, held April 1, 2003, in Athens, with 11 chapters and 162 attendance.

Sister Wanda Hollingsworth, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 8: “Heart of my Heart” Eastern Star School, held March 22, 2003, in Longview, with 10 chapters and 260 attendance.

Sister Reba Fox, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 9: “Academy of Hearts” Eastern Star School, held March 20, 2003, in Texarkana, with 14 chapters and 169 attendance.

Sister Sandra Adams, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 10: “Heartbeats Across America” Eastern Star School, held March 27, 2003, in Canton, with 11 chapters and 158 attendance.

Total attendance for the schools in District 1 was 1702.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT I

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This Grand Chapter year began with 123 chapters.

In Section 2:
Bells Chapter #1110 demised, May 31, 2003

In Section 4:
Blue Bonnet Buckner Chapter #888 consolidated with Roy Stanley Chapter #1086, February 8, 2003

In Section 7:
Whitehouse Chapter #1133 consolidated with Troup Chapter #421, November 26, 2002
Mt. Sylvan Chapter #595 consolidated with Lindale Chapter #864, June 1, 2003
In Section 10:
Mineola Chapter #454 consolidated with Quitman Chapter #695, June, 2001

District 1 now has 118 chapters.

The ten dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons of District 1 join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to:

Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron: Words are inadequate to express my feelings of love and appreciation to you for the honor bestowed upon me and Pine Hill Chapter No. 675 in selecting me to serve in this place of responsibility this year. Your great capacity to love and the courage you have exemplified in fulfilling the responsibilities of your office have made me proud to represent you in District 1. Your special gift to put everyone at ease and make them feel special, made you a delight to work and travel with.

Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Grand Patron: Your kind ways and charming manners have endeared you to our hearts forever. Your attendance and participation in the schools in District 1 added that special touch. We sincerely appreciate your dedication to the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Beulah Warner, Grand Esther: Thank you for all your words of encouragement you gave to each of us. The beautiful and contagious smile of yours always brightened the school room.

Sister Betty Scott, Grand Examiner, District 1: What a privilege it was to travel the School of Instructions trail with you. Your words of encouragement were sincerely appreciated. You are to be commended for the proficient manner in which you performed your duties and your excellent reports on the school certificates.

Sister Ann Wyatt, Humanitarian Chairman, District 1: Thank you for the beautiful Humanitarian program. It was a compliment to the Schools in District 1. Congratulations on an exciting program and report to Grand Chapter.

Sister Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron: Thank you for all your encouragement and kindness. You were a pleasure to travel and work with this year. With your many duties to perform, you always had time to stop and help us. Thanks for just being you.

To The Membership of District 1: You truly are the greatest. Your sweet spirit was visible throughout the Schools in District 1. Thank you for every courtesy, the honorary memberships and for the many acts of love and kindness you sent our way, we shall be forever grateful. You have blessed us with many forever memories. The Deputy Grand Matrons and “My Chicks” join me in our sincere appreciation for the many courtesies and the love you extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara R. Grant-Scott
District Deputy Grand Matron
District 1
It is with pleasure that I recognize Sister Sue Barnes, my special friend and District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

**REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON**

**DISTRICT 2**

**MRS. SUE BARNES:** Thank you, Sister Barbara Grant-Scott, and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for these who served as your Deputy Grand Matrons in District 2:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for District 2 and it is my special honor to present these who made it possible.

Sister Wanda Lamb and the 5 Chapters of Section 1 held the “To America With Hearts of Love” School on December 11, 2002 in Shamrock with 53 in attendance.

Sister Dona Baucom and the 6 Chapters of Section 2 held the “Follow Your Heart” School on December 11, 2002 in Amarillo with 81 in attendance.

Sister JaNet Lindsey and the 5 Chapters of Section 3 held “The Heart of Christmas is Love” School on December 17, 2002 in Canyon with 61 in attendance.

Sister Marilyn Knox and the 8 Chapters of Section 4 held the “Love of Knowledge and Service” School on January 11, 2002 in Lubbock with 122 in attendance.

Sister Laura Beth Arnold and the 6 Chapters of Section 5 held the “Spur’s Heart Roundup” School on January 8, 2003 in Spur with 48 in attendance.

Sister Jovell Shaffer and the 9 Chapters of Section 6 held the “Essence of the Heart” School on December 10, 2002 in Wichita Falls with 125 in attendance.

Sister Bettye Sloan and the 10 Chapters of Section 7 held the “Queen of Our Hearts” School on January 4, 2003 in Abilene with 188 in attendance.

Sister Jackie Stogner and the 9 Chapters of Section 8 held the “Hearts With a Different Rhythm” School on January 9, 2003 in Odessa with 121 in attendance.

Sister Mary Lou Harris and the 4 Chapters of Section 9 held the “Hearts of the Desert” School on January 16, 2003 in Fort Stockton with 44 in attendance.

Sister Bea Huml and the 4 Chapters of Section 10 held the “Hearts of Love on the Border” on January 14, 2003 in El Paso with 80 in attendance.

Ten schools were held in District 2 with a total attendance of 923.
Chapters Assigned 66
Chapters Consolidated 3
Chapters Demised 1
Chapters Instituted 0
Chapters Inspected 65
Schools Conducted 10
Schools Attended in Other Sections 47
Letters Written 1,002
Miles Traveled 38,512

Sister Sharon Fentress, Worthy Grand Matron, Thank You so much for allowing me this privilege to serve Grand Chapter as District Deputy Grand matron. Your energy was untiring, your love of the Order everlasting, and your ability to carry this Grand Chapter through a difficult year will be remembered.

Brother Ed Warner, Worthy Great Patron, Thank You for serving our Order and our Grand Chapter. It was a renewed joy to see you and Sister Beulah at each school.

Sister Bess Caldwell, Grand Examiner of District 2, my roommate and best friend. Your rendition of the Secret Work was perfect and your endless hours in the examining rooms of the schools was greatly appreciated by the membership. You always encouraged me, and for that, I will never forget.

Sister Flora Maserang, Humanitarian, District 2. Your presentation of "The Blessings of a Sharing Heart" was presented so beautifully, added to by your wonderful voice. Thank You for all you do for our Grand Chapter.

Sister Jerre Miller, Traveling Secretary, you were such fun and an inspiration to me. Thank You for always having the right answers, helping me when I was in a bind, and for just always being there with a kind word and hug.

To my co-workers, Thank You for the love and support you gave to me. I know that I could call an you would be there for me - I love you all.

To the Membership of District 2, the Deputy Grand Matrons and I Thank you for all you do in the schools, and the courtesies you have shown us. The honorary memberships will be memories to treasure.

To my Chapter, Abilene No. 30 and my home section 7, you have all been so kind and caring. You will always have a special place in my heart.

Respectful Submitted,

Sue Barnes
District Deputy Grand Matron
District 2
2002-2003
It is now my pleasure to introduce my very special friend Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, District Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 3.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
DISTRICT 3

MRS. PATSY HEWLETT: Thank you, Sister Sue Barnes, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2, my friend and co-worker.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members all. It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve with these ten wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons having worked diligently to perform their duties. They are fondly known as "Patsy's Pen Pals", and they will forever be my special pals.

Section 1 - Sister Donna Hill Pope, and the 20 Chapters of Section 1 hosted the "Footprints on My Heart" School April 26 in Fort Worth with 409 in attendance.

Section 2 - Sister Donna Herrington, and the 10 Chapters of Section 2, hosted the "Hearts with a Vision" School April 19th at Weatherford with 186 in attendance.

Section 3 - Sister Jo Ann Glenn, and the 4 chapters of Section 3, hosted the "Fruits of the Heart" School April 22nd, at Throckmorton with 50 in attendance.

Section 4 - Sister Helen Flaunty, and the 6 Chapters of Section 4 hosted the "Faith, Love and Friendship" School April 17th at DeLeon, with 67 in attendance.

Section 5 - Sister Brenda Honea, along with the 4 Chapters of Section 5, hosted the "Heart of Texas" School at Coleman, April 15th with 76 in attendance.

Section 6 - Sister Connie Welch, and the 9 Chapters of Section 6, hosted the "Heart of the Hill Country" School April 12th at Marble Falls with 125 in attendance.

Section 7 - Sister Helen Hood, and the 6 Chapters of Section 7 hosted the "Leading with the Heart" School April 8th, at Clifton with 110 in attendance.

Section 8 - Sister Pat Koehn, and the 8 Chapters of Section 8 hosted the "Caring Hearts" School April 10th at Round Rock with 136 in attendance.

Section 9 - Sister Belinda Summers, and the 10 Chapters of Section 9 hosted the "Deep in the Heart of Texas" School April 5th at Waco with 195 in attendance.

Section 10 - Sister Mildred Bolton, and the 10 Chapters of Section 10 hosted the "Little Eastern Star School That Could" School April 24th at Cleburne, with 128 in attendance.
Statistical Report of District III

Chapters Assigned 87
Chapters Consolidated 1
Chapters Instituted 0
Chapters Inspected 87
Schools conducted 10
Schools Attended Officially 20
Schools Attended Unofficially 66
Letters Written 1,390
Miles Traveled 41,349
Total attendance at Dist. 3 Schools 1,482

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sharon Fentress, thank you for the opportunity to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3, and for your faith in me. You selected ten “precious” and wonderful deputies to work with me. Thank you for your guidance, wisdom, and loving heart that you so generously share with all. I will forever treasure the memories of this year as we traveled the School Schedule.

Worthy Grand Patron, you are a true Gentleman, with consideration, wit, and humor. Thank you for the gracious manner in which you served, and always for your love and support. How lucky we were to have your beautiful, Beulah, Grand Esther with us. Both of you so generously gave of your time in traveling the Schools and beyond!

Sister Joyce Nicklas, Grand Examiner of District III, what beautiful, perfect every time, renditions of the Secret Work you so graciously shared with the membership. It was a pleasure to travel with you and thank you for the love, support, and encouragement you gave me each day.

Sister Laura Geyer, Humanitarian Chairman of District III, what a joy to have the opportunity to hear your Program at each of the Schools in our district, and to share special times of fellowship and fun.

Sister Jerre Miller, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for your love support, and assistance during out travels. What would we have “done” without you, my very special friend.

And to the Membership of District III, thank you for every kindness and expression of love. I thank you for the love gifts, the Honorary Memberships, and for every courtesy extended to me as District Deputy Grand Matron of District III. It was my honor and privilege to serve you this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Hewlett
District Deputy Grand Matron, District III

It is with pleasure that I present my friend and co-worker Sister Rita Lytle, District Deputy Grand Matron of District IV.
REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
DISTRICT 4

MRS. RITA LYTLE: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for a privilege, that I thought would never be mine, that of serving as District Deputy Grand Matron. Thank goodness you don't practice age discrimination. This has been a wonderful year with lots of good times.

Worthy Grand Patron, thank you and Sister Beulah for the special effort you put forth to attend all of the schools and fraternal visits. I love and appreciate you for this.

Sister Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner, District IV, thank you for being so loving and caring as you performed your very important duty.

Sister Jerre Miller, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, I haven't know you very long, but you have a special place in my heart.

The "Silver Wings", Deputy Grand Matron,s District IV, I love each of you and you will always be very special to me. The Worthy Grand Matron chose a wonderful group for me to work with. Thanks to each of you for your untiring efforts in performing each task assigned to you. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your group.

District IV, thank you for being so ready and willing to participate in the schools of instruction. Thank you for all the love gifts, the honorary memberships, and all the acts of kindness extended. Thank you for receiving me as your District Deputy with such love and encouragement. This meant so much to me. I am so happy that I got to know you better.

District IV, Section 7, you are very special to me. Thank you for your love and support during this beautiful year.

I am very honored to introduce these special ones who worked with me, the Deputies of District IV.

Mrs. Myrtle Vines Section 1 "Angels Ascending - Love Never Ending" Attendance 139
Mrs. J.J. Singletary Section 2 "Heavenly Jubilee Gala" Attendance 200
Mrs. Mary Gilbert Section 3 "Heart's Desire" Attendance 101
Mrs. Nelda Robertson Section 4 "The Love of My Life" Attendance 199
Mrs. Velma Kleinfelder Section 5 "Deep in the Heart of Houston" Attendance 347
Mrs. Jane Wert Section 6 "Sparkling Hearts" Attendance 126
Mrs. Cathi Cannon Section 7 "Love Grows in a Garden" Attendance 191
Mrs, Vela Noblin  Section 8  “Heart to Heart and Angels to Angels”  Attendance 121
Mrs. Norma Blalack  Section 9  “Sweet Thoughts of Knowledge”  Attendance 116
Mrs Judy Northrup  Section 10  “Let Your Heart Be a Beacon”  Attendance 219

Ten schools were held with 1,759 in attendance.

Statistical report for District IV:

- Chapters Assigned .......... 124
- Chapters Consolidated ...... 1
- Chapters DeDlised .......... 1
- Schools Conducted .......... 10
- Schools Attended
  in Other Districts .......... .81
- Letters Written ............ 2,902
- Miles Traveled ............ 114,210.7

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Lytle
District Deputy Grand Matron
District IV

MRS. RITA LYTLE: It is my pleasure to present Sister Barbara Scott who will make the District 5 report.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON
DISTRICT 5

MRS. BARBARA GRANT-SCOTT: On behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matron from District 5 that could not be with us today due to her being back in the hospital, it is my privilege to introduce her Deputy Grand Matrons from District 5: Mrs. Gayna Eldred, Section 1 and 2; Mrs. Frances Hayes, Section 3; Mrs. Ellen Ferguson, Section 4; Mrs. Scott Poenisich, Section 5; Mrs. Bertie Loveall, Section 6; Mrs. June Bell, Section 7; Mrs. Bobbie Lou Welch, Section 8; Mrs. Sandra Johnson, Section 9; Mrs. Peggy Lou Burdine, Section 10. We do not have the report, and it will be published in the Proceedings, but we do want to recognize these very hard-working girls of District 5. Thank you.

- Chapters Assigned ............. 84
- Chapters Demised or Consolidated ........ 2
- Chapters Inspected ............. 84
- Chapters Visited ............... 108
- Schools Attended ............... 9
- Letters Written ............... 1,416
- Miles Traveled ............... 15,159
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons. Sisters and Brothers, only those who have served in this place know what this group of ladies mean to them. No group has ever been more supporting, more loving of a Worthy Grand Matron than this group has been. They have done excellent work for you, and they are doing good work for you today. They have always been sweet friends of the Worthy Grand Matron, and I shall always be in their debt.

We’re so sorry that Sister Malyna Miller has been quite ill, very seriously ill, and was not able to be with us for this Grand Chapter session. My other four District Deputies are really sorry because they had to pick up the slack.

MRS. RITA LYTLE: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the District Deputy Grand Matrons’ report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Our Worthy Grand Patron was very proud to second that. You heard the motion to adopt the report of the District Deputy Grand Matrons. All in favor raise your yellow cards. All opposed, yellow cards. Of course there are none, and it’s adopted unanimously. Thank you.

If you want to bring that emergency legislation to us now, we will hear the emergency legislation. Do we need to notify – was that one of the requests? I believe it was. You might notify those out in the hall that we are taking this emergency legislation at this time and to return quickly to the arena.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This will be emergency legislation, Article 7(b), Section 4, Paragraph 3 –

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to take up emergency legislation. You will so inform those outside the Grand Chapter room.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, you will inform the members outside the Grand Chapter room that they need to come into the Grand Chapter room if they are interested in hearing this legislation as soon as possible, for the doors are about to be secured again. This is for emergency legislation. So, please, let’s make it as quickly as possible.

Sister Grand Warder, it is my belief that the membership has been informed of this emergency legislation and they have entered the Grand Chapter room, those desiring to do so.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you. I’m answering for the Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Worthy Grand Matron, I’m Jerre Lucas, Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #991. I move that emergency legislation be presented, if this body will allow us to do so. I therefore move.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It has been moved that you accept emergency legislation that has been brought to us and proposed.

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: And Rosemary Swetland seconded it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Rosemary Swetland is signifying she has seconded this motion. Sisters and Brothers, we are following the law. You have heard it moved and seconded, asking you if you wish to hear emergency legislation; and what that does, it releases the 90-day rule for proposing those prior to Grand Chapter. If you want to hear the emergency legislation, raise your yellow card. If you're opposed, raise your yellow card. Okay. We will hear the emergency legislation. It is approved.

MRS. NAOMI WOLFE: Thank you. I believe I'll start over since we've had a little bit of disturbance with opening and closing of doors. This will be Article 7(b), Section 4, Paragraph 3, the emergency legislation. We are respectfully requesting the transfer of $84,031.85 from the interest of the 501(c)(8) fund into the General Fund for the purpose of balancing the 2003-2004 budget, which at this time reflects a deficit as stated above, and found on pages 49 and 50 of the Advance Annual Report. Are there any questions regarding the format or legality of this emergency legislation?

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee finds the emergency legislation in proper order and ready for action of this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I understand we have a motion back here--

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Worthy Grand Matron, if we need a motion, I've got Nelson Campbell right here.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm a Past Patron from Silsbee Chapter #298, and I move for the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. We've got a second back here; someone seconded it. Obviously, there's going to be some discussion.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Worthy Grand Matron, we need to ask permission. Could we use this mike to speak for, or do you wish for us to go around? We don't mind walking. Do you want us to go to the North side? We're all for it. Do you want us to go over there?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. I'd feel real sorry for them walking around except I've been standing here all day! Now talking about getting your ducks in a row.

I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland at the "for" mike.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Rosemary Swetland, a Past Matron of Burke Chapter #1098. We want our membership to understand why we have presented emergency legislation. This is unique. You normally do not present emergency legislation unless you can't get it in within the 90 days. This Board that stands with me is a wonderful board that has been elected by this membership. They are here to serve only you,
not themselves. We had to wait until the passing of the per capita resolution, and this was the first reading. Membership, we want to thank you. You have been so attentive today. You have not left except when you thought you could go to the bathroom or shopping, but you got right back in here. We're so grateful because this is very important now and we want you to hear what we're begging for. Okay.

You just passed a report of the Board of Directors No. 3 with an $84,031.85 deficit. This Board does not have money now to go into the new year and operate on. They earnestly need your support in granting them the use of the interest on the 501(c)(8), which will end October 31st. They have sufficient funds in that interest account right now to balance a budget, which means when we leave here this afternoon at the close of this session, we could go home with a balanced budget on behalf of this Grand Chapter. We earnestly ask you to allow this Board, this entire Board, to use the interest from the 501(c)(8) to balance the deficit budget that you passed just a few minutes ago. Please, Sisters and Brothers, grant this wonderful Board that's working on your behalf that opportunity to have a balanced budget when we go home.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to speak. I'm not real sure why they asked me to do this, but they're all right here in support because this is what they're asking for. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion?

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Worthy Grand Matron, we've been asked to see if you could speak closer into the mike. They can't hear you, and we didn't either.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Boy, that is really unusual. My mother always called me the speaker of the house.

Now, I want to bring to the membership's attention something that I brought to Jurisprudence's attention when this was proposed. Sisters and Brothers, this is a figure that I believe is in the Constitution. And it says that the interest from the Home Endowment Fund can only be used for the maintenance of the Eastern Star Home. That is in our Constitution. So it could not be as emergency legislation, according to the way I read our law, changed. That's another instance of where it takes two readings to do that. And so I'm not going to -- I'm going to speak to the legality only, not to the need. Okay? And I'm of the opinion that it is in violation of your law again to do this because -- and I know there was a precedent set back when there was interest taken out of that fund previously.

But then following that -- and Sister Rosemary -- oh, no, that was not Rosemary that did that. It was Katherine Poulis, I'm sorry. But, anyway, after that the next year, you, the membership, came back and voted to put the restriction in that it could be used only for the maintenance and care of the Eastern Star Home. Now that is in the Constitution, so that's the reason that I question the legality of it. I want to bring it to this membership's attention that to vote this is to go against the Constitution, as it's written. It would take two years to change that and allow it to be used
according -- and that is my feeling of the law.

I'll recognize Priscilla Locke in the South.

MRS. PRISCILLA LOCKE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Priscilla Locke, I'm a Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter 171. I had been looking up things and thought that maybe that was not -- the interest could not be used in that way. But we have a fund -- I don't know that I'm against. I just have a question. We have a General Fund brokerage trust sweep account that June 30th, 2003, had $600,890 in it. And if that is a place -- sweep accounts are, I understand, a place that you put money to hold it until you use it somewhere else. I was wondering if maybe we couldn't balance the deficit budget by taking out of that. That was just a question.

GRAND SECRETARY: My Sister, the sweep account is where we put all of our monies to protect them, over $100,000. When we get all of our per capita and different monies in, we have to protect it until it's put in the proper account. So that is what we call our brokerage account. We don't have to pay any interest on it, but it is just an account where we transfer money from. Not every account can you transfer money from. But there is not that amount of money in that account. Besides it doesn't belong to just one account. It's just more or less a collective body to protect our -- of money until it can be divided into accounts that are safe, with less than $100,000. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did that answer your question, Priscilla?

GRAND SECRETARY: Man, if I'd had $600,000, you'd have seen a lot of difference in the office! [laughter]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did that answer your question, Priscilla?

MRS. PRISCILLA LOCKE: What she said was the $84,000 can't come out of that?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Correct. What she's saying is I believe they even deposit like the interest income off of that Home Endowment Fund that we were speaking of into that. And as she said, a sweep account is set up where you have to maintain funds in an account over $100,000. We know that the FDIC will not insure them over that amount. And we cannot stand for our funds not to be protected, so we have a sweep. They are swept into a brokerage account, which not only does not have a charge, but it will draw that much interest. And that's why that's done that way. I cannot answer what funds are in that account. I'm sorry, I don't have that knowledge. I've asked that myself.

GRAND SECRETARY: Most of it is dedicated funds, like the Ladies' Fund and different funds. But it goes through that account.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Let me just stop one second here and say if my Parliamentarian is somewhere within earshot, would you please come to the East. You've had a long enough break! No, we have a question for her.

I will recognize the lady in the North.
MRS. NANCY WOOD: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Nancy Wood. I'm a Past Matron of League City Chapter #621. I would like to speak about the legality of the Constitution and how we have made exceptions almost every year to hold Grand Chapter not on the third Thursday of every October. So we do make exceptions; we do not change our Constitution and Code of Laws at that time. So, therefore, I would like to speak for making an exception today at Grand Chapter to balance our budget.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Let me answer one thing you said there, Sister. Your remarks are appreciated, but let me say that our Constitution does allow variance in the date of Grand Chapter, if we have to move it to meet a calendar date that we can obtain rental facilities, such as this auditorium. Sometimes it's very difficult to get those. That is allowed in the Constitution, so that is not an infraction. And I believe it's in the Code of Laws, but I wouldn't swear at this hour of the day. I just wanted to answer that that was not against our laws.

MRS. NANCY WOOD: I was under the impression that it does state the third Thursday.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: But it goes on and makes an exception where it is necessary to adjust that date to obtain the necessary facilities. Thank you, Sister.

I recognize Brother Richard Ochs.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Richard Ochs, Past Patron, Amarillo 787 and Panhandle 760. Yes, I appreciate you pointing out that specific issue where funds were being used, and the fact that there was a Constitutional amendment. But in many ways, because of the 1-3-5 being passed out amongst many, we have really circumvented in many ways some of our Constitutional rules. It's too bad we continue to just do things this way rather than straightforward about what we need and where we're going to get it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'll tell you, Sisters and Brothers, I do that -- I point out that point to you because I take the responsibilities you put on me very seriously, not to be argumentative I promise you. I recognize Sister Darla.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Darla Dunaway, Worthy Matron of Mansfield #876. First, I would like to address Priscilla's question. There is a balance in the 1003 General Ledger account, which is our General Fund trust, which does contain the interest from the 501(c)(8) OES Endowment Fund that has been transferred to take care of the expenses of the 1201 Division Street property. The other funds in that account are strictly prohibited. They are the per capita dollars that will be transferred, effective October 31st, to be used by this Grand Chapter to take care of their obligations for next year. They have been designated as OES Home Funds, which have been strictly prohibited by our Constitution. There's an eight-fifty that moves to that fund and so forth.

So the only money in that account that will be used by the General Fund is the $1.75 allowed by our Constitution. Those funds, however, are only for
next year's budget. They are in next year's budget shown as income of per capita dues.

The next thing I'd like to address this body with is the fact that we are the body of Grand Chapter, you have five employees that work in that office. If you look at your budget figures, those five employees draw $70,000 a year or less collectively. If you do not vote to bring the $84,000 into the account for our payroll to be paid, you're basically telling these five very hard-working, dedicated people that we are not worth your money. I'd appreciate if you'd consider that we need money to make payroll, as well as the $105,000 worth of supplies that we do send to our local Chapters. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I have a question, Darla. Did you not state, as you said that, that -- I'm assuming that -- is all of the per capita tax that was collected in June then deposited into that account that you're talking about?

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: Yes, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: One hundred percent of the per capita tax that was collected in June is now deposited in that account and has not been disbursed into the accounts where it's divided up; is that correct?

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: Yes, ma'am. It's disbursed as of August 31st to be used in the year November 1st, 2003, through the year of October 31st, 2004, our Grand Chapter year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I will point out to you that prior to -- I believe -- to either this year or last year, those funds were always used as soon as they came in. And next June they were used again; am I correct? Sister Frances Burbank is standing back there in line. And I believe she was Grand Secretary during that time period. Is that correct, Sister Frances?

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: It has not happened in the time I've been employed by this Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Frances, would you answer that question?

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Worthy Grand Matron, that is correct. There have been years in which we did not have the funds to operate on. The money was there, and it had to be used to pay the bills. And so, yes, that is correct.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I just want to point out that when you start taking the amount of our per capita tax and moving it around from showing it shown in June and showing it shown at the end of October into your accounts, it makes a very drastic difference in the amount, and that's why that -- I've never been able to figure out why that fund had gotten that large. Thank you for that information.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: May I now please --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. I will recognize you.
MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: I am Frances Burbank, Past Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter 835. Now, I know we have a difficult decision here, and I understand both sides. And having worked with the budget before, I understand the predicament they have at this time. My understanding is that between Grand Chapter sessions, our Corporate Board -- within the guidelines, of course, of our Constitution and Laws will make decisions. And some decisions I believe would come up that would require maybe them having to make a decision that they could not find in the Constitution entirely.

But what I want to point out is that when you come to Grand Chapter, this is Grand Chapter. And the members that are here can vote to set aside a law -- I know that we have a rule that says an amendment to the Constitution requires two years. We've already been through that earlier. But this body -- our membership -- can vote to do this today because they are Grand Chapter. And I would hope that we would be allowed to vote on this and take this to the membership and allow them to vote.

You know, if you don't have the money to operate Grand Chapter, then I would hope we would not have to close the doors. They have to have the money to operate, so we have to have the money somewhere. I would like to ask that Grand Chapter be allowed to vote on whether they will do this. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Frances, I'm sorry if you misinterpreted what I said about it not being legal. I was not ruling that this could not be considered. I'm going to allow this membership to decide any issue it wants to. But if it is an illegal move they're going to make, I am going to acknowledge to them and make them aware that according to the law -- because there is a stipulation in the Constitution, as you well know, that says it can only be used for the maintenance of the property. But I have no intention of trying to keep this legislation from coming before this body.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Grand Marshal.

GRAND MARSHAL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Cheryl Albrecht, a Past Matron of Crescent Chapter #820. Being connected with some of those who had printing schedules to be in this Annual Report, we would be able to make more intelligent decisions and have better information if we were not using information that is five months old, if we had current balances. I believe that in this day of computers and the electronic situation and the updates in the Grand Secretary's Office that they have talked about, that we could get financial information to base our decisions on that would be more current than the end of June. Thank you. [applause]

MR. JIMMY WILLIAMS: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Jimmy Williams. I'm Past Patron of Crowley 1125. It's my understanding that the Board informed us when they brought the budget to us that they were $84,000 short. Therefore, we approved that budget here today, so we should, I think, give them the money to balance the budget. We've already approved the budget. Thank you. [applause]
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I hate to have to report to you, Brother Jimmy, but for several years all of our budgets were in the red and we accepted them. I know that's not considered something that accountants like to hear. Go ahead. I acknowledge --

MR. JACK BEALL: Jack Beall, Past Patron, Farris Chapter #508. I call for the question. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the call for the question, and we know that's nondebatable, and we do know that we're going to move to vote immediately. I would ask that all who are in favor of adopting this emergency legislation that has been presented to you, if you are in favor of adopting this legislation, raise your yellow cards. Down. All opposed. It is adopted. You get your $84,000. [applause]

MR. JACK BEALL: Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for the love and care of your Order.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We need Loyd Phelps in the East, please.

Do we have other legislation, Jurisprudence? [Worthy Grand Matron confers.] While he's coming, do I have anybody up here who's waiting to give a report? Well, I believe not. You know, Sisters and Brothers, if it is not a report required in our law, these Committee Chairmen can file those with the Secretary, and they will be printed in the Proceedings, as if they were read at this Grand Chapter. Some have opted to do that because of the time factor. Thank you.

MR. LOYD PHELPS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the gentleman in the East.

MR. LOYD PHELPS: My name is Loyd Phelps. I'm a Past Patron of Blue Bell Chapter #856. I respectfully request that resolution number 1 from year 2002 that was tabled be brought forward for discussion at this year's session.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second it, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. The motion was to take the tabled resolution from last year concerning the pin from the table for consideration; is that correct?

MR. LOYD PHELPS: Yes, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: -- at this Grand Chapter session. It has been seconded by the Worthy Grand Patron. Is there any discussion? Sisters and Brothers, what we're going to be voting on is whether or not you want to bring this back to be considered.

GRAND SENTINEL: Worthy Grand Matron, I respectfully ask what is it about before we vote on it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do you mean you've forgotten since last year?

GRAND SENTINEL: I haven't slept much, but just enough to forget.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. I tell you what. Let's have Brother Harry read it to you and then you can decide if you want to bring it from the table.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Sisters and Brothers, this concerns the Generosity Pin in resolution number 1 last year. They wanted to do more study on the expense -- of what the cost would be on it, before it was brought before this Grand Chapter. At that time it was tabled. Now it has come back, and he has come back with some figures for us. He's the proponent of this resolution. So that's what it's about, a Generosity Pin for a member of your Chapter. Any questions?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. You've heard it read and you have heard it moved and seconded that this item be taken from the table for the consideration of this body. Are we ready for the question, Brother Harry, or is there something else?

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Let me read one paragraph here, if you would, Brothers and Sisters. It says that the initial pin, mold setup and design, fees have been paid and 100 pins are ready to be donated to Grand Chapter to start the project, if approved. This was for a member who they wanted to recognize as being an outstanding member. It's similar -- not exactly -- but it's similar to the Golden Trowel Award in the Blue Lodges.

There was a picture last year in your Advanced Report. This is the Proceedings -- Sister Jimmie Lee's Proceedings -- which has the picture in it. It says "OES Cup of Generosity." It looks like a sheriff's badge. They mean business!

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the resolution. You have heard the motion and the second that it be taken from the table for the consideration of this assembly. I want all in favor to please signify by raising those gold cards. Down. Now, those opposed.

I think they're tired. I think they want to get this over with. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. That was defeated.

I now recognize Brother Henry Martin to bring us the report of the Cardinals.

MR. HENRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I have filed a copy of the Texas Cardinals report with our Grand Secretary to be published in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter. Unless this body wishes that I make that report here today, I will let that stand. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do you move the adoption --

MR. HENRY MARTIN: I move the adoption of that.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion by Brother Henry to adopt this report, and the Worthy Grand Patron seconded that motion. All in favor, vote with those yellow cards. Down. Any opposed. Thank you, Brother Henry, for that report.
**Texas Cardinals, Inc.**  
**P. O. Box 96503**  
**Houston, Texas 77213-6503**  
**Financial Report**  
November 1, 2002 thru August 18, 2003

**San Antonio Federal Credit Union**

Beginning Balance, November 1, 2002  
$16,068.43

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**Sub-Total**  
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**Total Disbursements**  
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**Balance as of August 18, 2003, SACU**  
WASHINGTON MUTUAL Interest to Date  
CD - 7 year- Yield 6%, M.10-23-08  
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$55,104.21

**Woodforest National Bank**

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**Combined Total**  
$154,107.96
Could the Grand Choir bring us a number while we're checking to see if there's anything else we can take care of in the interim. We do not have an election report ready for you. [singing by Grand Choir]

I now recognize Jerre Lucas.

**MRS. JERRE LUCAS:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am Jerre Lucas, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I want this membership to know how deeply we appreciate your consideration. We are certainly trying. And, Sisters and Brothers, you know you get what you pay for. And we've got to use common sense. We are upgrading our office equipment. We're trying to get good employees, and we have good employees, those who can cut some of this exorbitant printing cost. We're doing many, many things in-house, and I'm so proud that those of us on the Board of Directors have had a part in that. But I just want this membership to know how grateful we are for the consideration of us having a balanced budget. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I'm sure the membership appreciates those flowers!

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you present the following in the West for introduction: Brother Ray Lewis, Sister Beulah Warner, Sister Zena Wilson, Sister Jerre Miller and Sister Donna Reed.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have the pleasure to present Brother Ray Lewis and Sisters Beulah Warner, Donna Reed and Jerre Miller.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** My Sisters and Brother, it is, as you know, a very sweet privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron to extend to those who she feels are deserving Commissions as Grand Representatives. Brother Ray, I have appreciated so much all of your endeavors to make this Grand Chapter session as comfortable and expedient as we could and also as beautiful. You have worked hard, and you have worked long. I am greatly appreciative of all that you have done.

Sister Beulah, I know that you surely must know how much I love you and Brother Ed. Since we Past Grands can't be Grand Representatives, I wanted you to be able to enjoy one, because I know that you and Brother Ed enjoy everything together, and that the two of you might enjoy a Grand Representative.

Sister Donna, you are a professional who gives your services to this organization free of charge. And sometimes we have no idea of the value of that. I thank you for that, and it is my privilege to do this.

And I see we now have Sister Zena Wilson who has joined us.

I'm going to read the "Whereas's" one time. Okay. "The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Whereas, Louisiana and the Grand Chapter of Texas, seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdictions and believing that the ties of affection may be strengthened, the
prosperity of the Order promoted, its unity, integrity and strength be
protected and its utility and honor confirmed by the appointment and recep-
tion of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to
the other, therefore, be it known that as evidence of our trust and confidence
we, by these presents, do constitute and appoint Ray Lewis, Grand
Representative of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana in the Grand Chapter of
Texas."

Sister Beulah, I have a like commission from the Grand Chapter of
Kentucky.

Sister Donna Reed, I have a like commission to the Grand Chapter of
New York.

Sister Jerre Miller, I have a like commission for you to the Grand Chapter
of Georgia.

To Sister Zena Wilson, I have a like commission from the Grand Chapter
of Maryland.

Sisters and Brother, know that I love and appreciate each one of you and
I know that you will enjoy having the opportunity to visit your Grand
Jurisdictions and to enjoy these Grand Representative appointments. You
will not have to walk there, Brother Ray; you’ll get to ride or fly or whatever
you want to do. I know he has walked his feet off in the Arrangements.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will
present them in the East. [applause as they come to the East] I’m going to
give them their pins. My Secretary, Jerre Miller, said, "I put those on ribbons
last night, but there was not one for me." I said, "No, guess what? Yours is
not on a ribbon." Sisters and Brothers, it is my pleasure to present these
Grand Representatives to you. I want to say how proud and privileged I am
to present these their Commissions. Sisters and Brothers, will you join me
in congratulating them? [applause] I have extended their Commission or
given their Commission to them, but some of them have got to go back to
work. They don’t go off duty until after this session has ended.

Sister Jerre Miller, no one can know what a secretary like Jerre Miller
can mean to a Worthy Grand Matron unless you’ve been here. She is a
person who is totally trustworthy. You can pour out your heart and know that
she is going to understand. She is one who is always there for you. She is
always not only willing, but usually does everything before you ask her to.
And if ever anyone deserved and was a person of the quality that you would
love to have represent you, that would be Sister Jerre Miller, my secretary.
I’m so delighted to have this opportunity to provide this precious courtesy to
her. Thank you, Jerre. [applause]

I’ll give you about a minute each to say thanks.

MISS JERRE MILLER: I really wish I deserved those kind words, but
I’m very grateful and I thank you very much. [applause]

MR. RAY LEWIS: Thank you very much. The Worthy Grand Matron
has surprised me quite highly. I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron
and Worthy Grand Patron and all of you, especially Arrangements. [applause]

MRS. BEULAH WARNER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. DONNA REED: Worthy Grand Matron, it has been a pleasure working with you. You have been so easy to get along with. Sisters and Brothers, you would never be able to tell if anything is bothering her by the looks on her face. She has a very cheerful countenance. I have enjoyed this year of service with you, and I thank you so much for this Grand Representative Commission.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you for the things you do for this Order. [applause]

MRS. ZENA WILSON: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for this nice Commission. I say, Maryland, watch out. Here comes Texas! [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, behold these Grand Representatives and salute them with Grand Honors. [applause]

Now, Jerre, go on back there and straighten that book out!

The Associate Grand Matron has requested that her Arrangements Committee report to the West quickly, please. [singing by Grand Choir]

The Worthy Grand Patron has handed me a note. He said I didn't have to read it, but it says that District 1, Section 8 -- that just happens to be his Home Section -- has 66 members in attendance at this Grand Chapter session. And you know every old crow thinks theirs is the blackest. So would you help him to thank them and congratulate them? [applause]

[The Invitation to attend the Grand Chapter session in Corpus Christi in November of 2003 was given by the Arrangements Committee for the 2003-2004 Grand Chapter year. They entered the arena dressed in swimsuits from the Roaring '20s, beachwear of all varieties, palm trees swaying, with beach balls being tossed to everyone in the audience. When the music started and "California Girls" and "Rocking Robin" was played, everyone in the entire arena stood up and danced and sang. It made for a very memorable invitation, making everyone desirous of being on the beach and swaying with the palms.]

MRS. BRENDA SMITH: On behalf of Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Brother Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, and the 2003-2004 Executive and Arrangements Committee, I am Brenda Smith, Executive Chairman for the 122nd Grand Chapter session. We cordially invite you to attend the 122nd Grand Chapter session, to be held November 11, 12 and 13, 2004, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Do you think you might want to come?

VOICES: Yes.

MRS. BRENDA SMITH: Come early and stay late so you can enjoy the area attractions. On land, in the sea, or from the air, Corpus Christi can
quench your thirst for adventure. Whether you want to bird watch, play golf, tour the museums, walk on the beach or shop for sea treasures, Corpus Christi will make your trip memorable. We hope all of you will join us in Corpus Christi, Texas, November 11, 12 and 13, 2004, for our Grand Chapter session. I would like to introduce to you now the Executive Committee: Sister M. J. Reynolds, Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee; Sister Gay Carnes, Secretary; Sister Katherine Acey, Treasurer; Sister Karen Graham, Auditor; and Sister Patsy Cate, Assistant to the Executive Committee.

And now I invite Sister Rennie to say a few words.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: We're alive in District 5, and we want you to come and join us. Y'all come now, hear? [applause]

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: It sounds like it's going to be a fantastic Grand Chapter in Corpus Christi. We truly look forward to inviting you to District 5 for a wonderful Grand Chapter. We love you all. [applause]

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we look forward to you coming to Corpus Christi in November of next year. You can blame all of this rowdiness on Sister Marcella Curry and Wanda Fairchild. They passed the dancing bit, she said. So just give her credit for this, all right? [applause] But to each one of you, we do extend a very cordial and warm invitation. Brother Jack, come here, please.

No, we won't have -- unless she approves it before I get there -- gambling machines! But, anyway, we are going to have an exchange visit with Texas and Louisiana, and it will be on Texas' side Friday night. That gives you all day Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday, Sister Wanda. You have a good time, but come and join us. We have to pick on her sometime, too.

But Brother Jack and I want to extend a special invitation to each one of you to come and join us at the Grand Chapter session, the 122nd session, in Corpus Christi this next year. I want to commend the staff and all the group of this Worthy Grand Matron and this Worthy Grand Patron, to the Arrangements Committee, Decorations, everyone, thank you so much for every courtesy that you have extended to all your guests who came to Fort Worth to be with you at this Grand Chapter session. You are to be commended for your patience and your understanding and taking seriously the actions of Grand Chapter. Know that we love and appreciate each one of you.

And, Sister Sharon and Brother Ed, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we commend you on your presentation here in the Grand East this week at our Grand Chapter session. May God bless each one of you. Have a good retirement. She usually tells me how long it is, and right now how far down the line is it?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Did you tell me 5:30?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Yes, ma'am, we hope to.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Ever how long it takes us to get to Worthy Grand Matron.
ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: As soon as we can get everybody in here. Anyway, it won't take us long, we hope. So each one of you, stay for the rest of this session so this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron can finish this business of Grand Chapter. Thank you so much for every courtesy and for the fun you've just had. We expect to have much more as we travel. Thank you so much. [exited to "Rocking Robin"]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Grand Marshal asked me to express to the Worthy Grand Patron that I believe that District 3, Section 1 had probably more than 66 here. I won't embarrass you by asking them to stand.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I can understand that, Worthy Grand Matron, when they're just around the corner. Mine come a long way.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Don't start that! I rule you're out of order, Worthy Grand Patron.

I would like for my Arrangements and Executive Committee to go stand in the West, if you would. There's more of them still able to stand on their feet than I thought there were. My friends, the hours, the work, what you have given of yourself to make this Grand Chapter session the success that it has been! You have worked many days before this week. I know that you have worked very diligently all week. I am not going to start taking you and individually thanking you because I would never get through. But you have each one done a fantastic job. You have extended to our guests that warm welcome that I promised them. I personally want to thank you for everything, for the beautiful arrangements, for helping us with set-up and tear-down, for paraphernalia on the floor, for housing, for our dinners and parties and the recordkeeping, and everything that you have done to make this such a success. I feel that everything has just been outstanding and I could not have asked for one more thing from you. I love you and I appreciate you. Most of you come from here or very close nearby. Know that I will be in your debt, and you can call on me, and I'll have Cheryl do anything you need. [laughter] Seriously, I shall always be indebted to you. I hope that I can return to you just some of the kindness that you have given to me in helping us to have this successful Grand Chapter session.

Sisters and Brothers, will you help me in showing my appreciation and your appreciation to this hard-working group. [applause]

Oh, I see the exit from the voting tables. Pardon me just a minute. [Worthy Grand Matron confers.]

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Sisters and Brothers, I am Jerre Lucas again. I've had several inquiries in reference to the vehicle that we opened the bids for today. This Board does not want there to be any secrets. We had two bids on the vehicle, and they were $8,700 and $9,320. Now we have $3,865 less a $500 deductible, coming to us in insurance. So we're getting about $2,500 above book value. I just wanted y'all to know because several people have asked about what these figures were. So there you are, you've got it. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: My Election Judge has just explained the
paperwork to me. I hope that I can explain it in return. Sister Alma, you might come and stand at the Worthy Grand Patron's podium. I know you have yours and if you need to correct me on anything here.

This is the report on the ballots. We had total votes cast of 2,210. Of that group 20 had to be hand counted; they were rejected by the machine. We have total votes of both counts of 2,230 votes. In the race for the Grand Secretary -- I'm just taking them the way they're handed to me, Sisters and Brothers -- total votes cast for the position, 2,212. Needed to elect: 1,107. Sister Charlene Littlewood - 907; Sister Nell Smith - 1,305. I declare Sister Nell Smith elected Grand Secretary of this Grand Jurisdiction for the ensuing year. Sister Nell Smith, will you come forward and accept? [applause]

MRS. NELL SMITH: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you, sweet members. I just want to say I can't thank those enough who have helped me accomplish this. But the main thing I want to say is we will continue to have open doors at the Grand Secretary's office. We will continue to do everything we can do to help you. I thank you and I love you, and I'll see you in Arlington. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. The next is the ballots for the Associate Grand Conductress. There were a total cast for this position of 2,216 votes. It required 1,109 to be elected. Sister Gerry Dusek - 1,153; Joyce Gilbert - 1,063. I declare Gerry Dusek elected as Associate Grand Conductress. [applause] Sister Gerry, will you come forward. Will you accept?

MRS. GERRY DUSEK: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. With a great deal of gratitude and much humbleness, I thank this membership for their trust in me and I do accept. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Your new Associate Grand Conductress-Elect.

In the race for the Board of Directors for District 1, there were 2,206 votes total cast for this position. Needed to elect was 1,104. Gary Steele - 1,352; Sue Briwa - 852. I declare Gary Steele elected to the Board of Directors for District 1. Brother Gary, would you like to accept.

MR. GARY STEELE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. My Sisters and my Brothers, I'm deeply honored; and I appreciate this opportunity to serve you. I accept. Thank you very much. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: In the race for the Board of Directors, District 2, there were a total of 2,197 total votes for this position. It takes 1,099 needed to elect. Brother A. L. Casparis - 1,112; Sister Marjorie Errington-Haynes - 1,085. I declare A. L. Casparis elected to the Board of Directors, District 2. Brother A. L. [applause]

MR. A. L. CASPARIS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. And thank you, Grand Chapter. I appreciate your confidence in me, and I promise to serve you as best I can and will do the best job I can. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, of course I also have
the results of the ballot D, which was resolution number 1, amended. The total number of ballots cast for this business: 1,859. There were 20 invalid. There were 1,839 valid ballots. Needed to pass on a two-thirds majority vote: 1,226. For - 1,483. Against - 356. Resolution number 1, as amended, passed. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, Sister Alma Bane would like to introduce her Committee -- or I will introduce them. They have worked long and hard today. There were difficulties with the machine wanting to throw out ballots that you wanted counted, so we have taken care of seeing to it that this was totally okay. We have emergency legislation now that will relate to this, and Jurisprudence will bring that immediately after we recognize these. Those that were appointed are: Sister Alma Lynn Bane as my Election Judge, Sister Pat Neinast, Brother Garland Rattan, Brother Kenneth Gregory, Sister Effie Mae Davis, Brother Harold Trammell, Brother Paul Garner and Brother Mark Dieckmann. All worked all afternoon on this count for us, and we thank you so very, very, very much. [applause] Thank you.

Okay. We have emergency legislation to come behind this, Sisters and Brothers. You may want to hear what this is before you exit because we have to have a quorum.

Okay. I've just been told that the proponents have withdrawn the emergency legislation. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to bring your farewell greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. First of all, I want to apologize to y'all for her having to call me twice a lot of times. Sitting up here on this stage we've got a bad echo. I wear hearing aids. I turned them up, I turned them down, I turned them off, I took them out and I still couldn't hear. I had to get back here and ask my co-partners sometimes what was said.

But as we come to the close of this year, again I want to thank Sister Sharon for choosing me as Mr. X and for you, the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star, allowing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron. If someone had told me I was going to be Worthy Grand Patron three or four years ago, I would have laughed and said, "No way." But I feel God has a hand in everything we do and all that we do in our lives. It has certainly been an honor and a privilege to serve with a most capable and dedicated Worthy Grand Matron.

I had the privilege of attending all the schools of instruction, the fraternal visits and other events in the Worthy Grand Matron's schedule. What an honor it has been to meet the membership of Texas. Wherever we were and wherever we went, we were treated with honor and felt like royalty. I've often said --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: One moment. Sisters and Brothers, we have one more motion that has to be approved, and we have to have a quorum in the room. Can you hold on just one moment and let me get this final report of Jurisprudence because it has to be approved.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I've often said that Eastern Star members are like fishermen. Fishermen hold nothing back when it comes to fishing. So it is with the membership of Texas. We have many benevolent projects and beautiful and meaningful ritualistic work, but you, the people of the Order of the Eastern Star, make it all happen. I want to thank each of you and everyone for the privilege you gave me to serve in this 2002-2003 year as your Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

I now recognize Beulah Speer, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, to make that final report.

FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, All Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers.

The dedicated members of the Jurisprudence Committee who have labored long and hard for the interest of this Grand Chapter are standing here beside me as we give the Final Report of the committee.

Sister Mildred, Sharpe, Past Grand Matron
Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron
Sister Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron
Brother Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron
I am Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron

The honor and privilege of serving on this Committee and the added joy of working together as a team will be a cherished memory. Our duties were also made easier and more enjoyable as we worked with our loving and knowledgeable Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

We appreciate the Membership participating and their concerned interest about the business affairs of this Grand Chapter and the future of our Order.

The time has come to say that we have completed all the duties assigned to us by Law. We have reviewed all Reports and all matters referred to us. We have carefully reviewed the decisions, ruling, and handling of irregularities as reported by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. All have been within the powers designated by our constitution and Code of Laws and were handled properly and efficiently. We approve of all of these and also the Supplemental Report of the Worthy Grand Matron and we highly commend our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the fair and efficient way that they administered all the business for this entire Grand Chapter year.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in the days ahead may you find strength in the words of one of your favorite Scriptures:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."
Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I second the motion, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the motion to adopt the Final Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, and it has been seconded. All in favor, will you raise those yellow cards. The report is adopted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I now will bring my greetings. I’m going to shorten them. They’ll be printed in their entirety in the Proceedings.

My Precious Sisters and Brothers, there are no words that could truly and adequately thank you for the many beautiful memories and moments that you have given to me over the past four years. As I walked this path of service, you have always been there with me. When I passed through the valleys, you lifted me up in word and in prayer and laughed with me on the mountaintops. I have said many times during the year when I have been overwhelmed by your caring and generous spirit that there is no way I can return or repay the myriad of kindnesses. I continue to pray that our Heavenly Father will bless you in my behalf for your goodness. I have done my best. That is not to say that I feel I have not made any mistakes or that there has never been a time that I now feel I might have been able to be a little more patient or gracious. However, I realize that I am only human, and it is only through the gift of my Father that I have been privileged to serve in this place. He truly opened the doors and windows and cleared the way to make it possible. I continue to believe that all things are possible through Him.

If I’ve accomplished any good this year, to God be the glory. He is always faithful, and I know it is well with my soul.

Sisters and Brothers, I’m going to leave the rest of it for the Proceedings. I’m going to read this one poem. "My Thanks."

It has been such a stabilizing force for me to have Brother Ed Warner and Beulah to walk these past two years by my side. No one could have been more encouraging or supportive than they have been and I am as proud today and even more so than ever to call Ed my Worthy Grand Patron. His love for the membership and their love for him has been a joy for me. I wanted a fine Christian man with a love for our membership and He certainly has demonstrated those characteristics this year. Thank you.

To our Grand Family and so many of you, Our Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent, our District Deputies and Deputies, each one so special, those whom I was pleased to chose as Grand Representatives and all of the hard working Committee Members that make everything come together. To our Elected Board Members that have strived to work together for the good of our Order and to every Heartbeat and Royal Heartbeats, our own “Boys and Girls” we will never forget you and all you have done to make
your subordinate Chapters strong and for us.

    My family has been a bulwark of strength and support for me and with
my business interests, without their taking up the slack there, I could not
have served. However kids, I still don't believe that story that Grandparents
are responsible for the college expenses of their grandchildren. Thank you my
dear ones for all the sacrifices and all the things you have done for me. I'll try
to do a little better on my "kid setting" chores in the future.

    To my Chapter, where everything began and where I still enjoy serving as
Secretary, I will try to be more regular in attending the meetings and helping
in the work days of the Chapter. I deeply appreciate your confidence in me
and your steadfast way of believing in me from the time I first began serving.

    I am grateful to my parents, J.G. and Anne Harcrow, who gave me a
wonderful Christian home in which to grow and introduced me to the world of
Masonry and Eastern Star. I know they are smiling down on me today.

    Helen Steiner Rice always has a better way of saying things than I and I
will end with her poem:

    People everywhere in life, from every walk and station,
    from every town and city and every state and nation,
    have given me so many things intangible and dear.
    I couldn't begin to count them all or even make them clear.
    I only know I owe so much to people everywhere,
    and when I put my thoughts in verse it's just a way to share,
    the musings of a thankful heart, a heart much like your own,
    for nothing that I think or write is mine and mine alone.
    So if you've found some beauty in any word or line,
    it's just your heart's reflection in proximity to mine.

[applause as "Thanks for the Memories" is played on the piano]

    Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are
about to engage in the ceremony of calling this "Angellic Heartbeats
Ascending" session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruption
while we're thus engaged.

    GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to close this
Grand Chapter session. You will inform the Sentinels and Warders that
helped us so much to keep the doors closed once more.

    GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand
Sentinels, you will secure the outer doors of this Grand Chapter. Sister
Grand Warder, your order has been obeyed.

    GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

    WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now ask for the benediction by Sister
Beulah Speer.
MRS. BEULAH SPEER: Please bow your heads and let us pray. Our most gracious Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with praise and gratitude for all Thy manifold mercies, Thy constant care and for the richness of Thy unfailing love, for our wonderful families and all the many joys we're privileged to enjoy. We're thankful for this great country we're privileged to live in and the many freedoms we enjoy. We pray, O God, that You will look with favor upon our country, our leaders, our people, and lay a protective hand on each soldier as they daily risk their life to preserve and protect our wonderful country. We pray that peace will soon reign so they can return to their families. Dear God, we're thankful for our beautiful Order, the ideals and principles which have been our unchanging guide for more than a century. Now as we come to the closing of this 121st Grand Chapter session, our hearts are overflowing. We're thankful for God's guiding and protecting hand on our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their corps of officers as they've traversed our state this year. Their wisdom of our laws, dedication to their Obligation they assumed at our Holy Altar, their sincere love for our membership and the future of our Order has reaped manifold blessings of accomplishments this year. We ask Thy blessings on those who will soon assume the responsibility of leadership of our Order. Give them strength, wisdom and grace in all of their deliberations. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.] I now call this "Angellic Heartbeats Ascending" session from labor to rest until 5:30 p.m. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this session has been closed until 5:30 p.m.

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[Written reports of Committees follow.]

REPORT OF THE LABELS COMMITTEE

In the Grand Secretary's office, there were $1,020 in labels sold.

2002-2003 MEMBERSHIP ROB MORRIS JEWEL COMMITTEE

According to the General Grand Chapter Committee Member report to me, Texas came out on top.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Bailleaux
General Chairman
Rob Morris Jewel Committee
REPORT OF THE BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The members of the Bulletin Committee appreciate the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter this year.

It has been an honor for me as General Chairman to work with these District Chairmen:

District One - Sue Sangster
District Two - Glenna Myatt
District Three - Helen Dupree
District Four - Susie Cohen
District Five - Lilian Arrington

The Grand Secretary's office reproved that we had 1863 renewals and 596 new subscriptions.

Total money for 2002 - 2003 new and renewal sales was $36,885.00. We appreciate the support the membership has given to the Official Bulletin Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Carlton, General Chairman
District 1 - Sue Sangster
District 2 - Glenna Myatt
District 3 - Helen Dupree
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LOVING HEARTS COMMITTEE REPORT
OCTOBER 25, 2003

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand patron, my Sisters and Brothers

The Loving Hearts committee was responsible for selling heart sun catchers for $5.00 and for collecting information on the “Good Works” of the Subordinate Chapters.

Total Revenue = $4,180.00
Net Revenue = $1,329.01

The breakdown by District is:

District 1 - The District Chairman resigned immediately following Grand Chapter last year. A new Chairman was not appointed. Total sales were $1,665.00

District 2 - Chairman Shirley Scholl
Total sales reported were $410.00

District 3 - Chairman, Lorea Keys
Total sales reported were $1,020.00

District 4 - Chairman, Anita Westerman
No Report was received from the Chairman.

Individual members of District 3 turned in $165.00

District 5 - Chairman, Helen Hare

Total sales reported were $420.00

Sales reported by the Grand Chapter office were $500.00

Funds from this project have not been designated.

Good works reported by the Chapter were broken down into the following categories: service to their Chapter, Lodge, Grand Chapter, Youth & Community Service or donations to National Charities. Hours, dollars and miles spent on any or all of the categories could be recorded. There is a spreadsheet attached to this report which goes into detail by chapter. Total hours reported were 19,405. Total dollars donated or spent were $43,448. Miles driven in support of projects were 56,041.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for this opportunity to serve Grand Chapter. I learned much and became acquainted with some sweet, hard working members of our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rae Mason, General Chairman

WRITTEN REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Installed General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Chair and Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Matrons, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of traveling with you over this great state. You have often said that you knew every back trail in Texas, and I will attest to that fact. We have been places I didn’t even know were places.

We began our travels on December 10 as we traveled to Wichita Falls for the first of the 49 Schools of Instruction. Everywhere we went we were welcomed heartily, fed until we could eat no more, and extended gracious hospitality.

In each District two new ladies joined our journey. The District Deputies and the Grand Examiners were wonderful traveling companions, and I now have 10 new “Best Friends.” Each District Deputy taught her Schools beautifully and the Grand Examiners performed their duties efficiently. I also had the privilege of meeting the wonderful Deputy Grand Matrons. They saw to our every need and worked with their members to see that each School was instructive as well as beautiful. I know I have never seen hearts used in so many ways or in such creative styles.
My usual duties included sending letters to each chapter at the conclusion of the School in each district thanking them for their participation and for the honorary memberships extended to the School Officers and for the certificates of appreciation to me, to send thank you notes from the Worthy Grand Matron for the many courtesies extended to her, and to conduct other correspondence of the Worthy Grand Matron.

The members have shown great love and support to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Installed Grand Officers, and the School Officers as we traveled around the state. I feel privileged that I have had the opportunity to witness these acts.

On stage with me is Margaret Brown, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron; Nell Smith Secretary to the Associate Grand Matron; Mrs. Sue Shoemaker, Secretary to the Associate Grand Patron; Mrs. Vicki Hertenberger, Secretary to the Grand Conductress; Mrs. Lou Lewis, Secretary to the Associate Grand Conductress; and Mrs. Linda Carney, Secretary to the Board of Directors.

I commend each of you for the labors of love you have performed for your respective Grand Officer. I hope each of you has realized the importance of your hard work to this Grand Chapter. Thank each of you for a job well done.

Worthy Grand Matron, I have enjoyed our year together. We have laughed a lot and you have helped me through some dark day. I am glad that I was available when you called and offered me this opportunity. Thank you for this special honor.

From an appreciative heart,

Jerre Miller
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron
Angels Among Us

The 122nd Installation of Officers of the Grand Chapter of Texas Order of the Eastern Star

October 25, 2003
Fort Worth, Texas
The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

Presents

The One Hundred Twenty-Second
Installation of Grand Officers
2003-2004

"ANGELS AMONG US"

Fort Worth Convention Center
Fort Worth, Texas
October 25, 2003
5:30 PM

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester Mr. Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Matron Worthy Grand Patron
Honored Guests

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
2002-2003

Mrs. Pat Rasmusson
Acting Most Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Harles I. Creech
Most Worthy Grand Patron

Texas’ Own General Grand Chapter Officer
And Committee Members

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress

Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Chairman, Membership Committee

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Shrine Hospital Committee

Mr. Kenneth Gregory
Registration Chairman

Mr. Harry G. Cunningham
Masonic Relations

Mr. Richard Ochs
Heart Committee
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus
Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe
Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen
Mrs. Katherine Harbour
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinest
Mrs. Joyce Roberts
Mrs. Mary Brown
Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Mrs. Lena Maye Cook
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Mrs. Beulah Speer
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Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham
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Mr. Murray Watson
Mr. Wayne Jones
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Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Mr. Garland W. Rattan
Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Mr. Charles Morris
Mr. Billy H. Combest
Mr. Richard Ochs
Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Mr. Henry S. Martin
Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker
Mr. Harold Trammell
Mr. Ed Warner

Note to all Distinguished Guest and also our own

Distinguished Members of Texas:

Please be in the West at 5:30 p.m. You will be presented in the Processional through the Labyrinth to your place of Honor.
Distinguished Guests

Acting Most Worthy Grand Matron
Most Worthy Grand Patron
General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Present and Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons
Of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Visiting Grand Officers

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Supreme Deputy in Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Mrs. Peggy Songer
Texas Jurisdictional Guardian
International Order of Job’s Daughters

Mr. Weldon Clampitte
Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas
Texas DeMolay

Special Guest

Worthy Grand Matron’s Family

Worthy Grand Patron’s Family

Violet Chapter No. 158

Beeville Chapter No. 422

Jacksonville Chapter No. 377
# Installation Program

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Presentation of Grand Officers of 2003-2004

Mrs. Mae Pearl Ernst
Past Matron
Silsbee Chapter #298

Special Angel
Escorted by
Mr. Johnny L. Hester, Sr.

Board of Grand Examiners

Mrs. Betty M. Scott, District 1
Mrs. Bess Caldwell, District 2
Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, District 3
Mrs. Vi Griffin, District 4
Mrs. Betty Capps Martin, District 5
Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner at Large

Board of Directors

Mr. Jack C. Beall, District 1
Mr. Gary Steele, District 1
Mr. Dwayne Maserang, District 2
Mr. A. L. Casparas, District 2
Mrs. Jo Ann Snow, District 3
Mrs. Jayne Yenger, District 3
Mr. T. H. “Tom” Everitt, District 4
Mr. Nelson R. Campbell, District 4
Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, District 5
Mr. Raul Garcia, District 5

Mrs. Judy Goldman

Fraterna! Correspondent
Escorted by Mr. M. E. “Mike” Goldman

Mr. Jerry Trees

Grand Sentinel
Escorted by Mrs. Janell Trees

Mrs. Christolene Dickson

Grand Warder
Escorted by Mr. George E. Shaffer

Mrs. Dorothy White

Grand Electa
Escorted by Mr. Carl F. White
Mrs. Freida T. Dillon  Grand Martha
                Escort by Mr. Carl E. “Gene” Starky
Mrs. Linda Guy   Grand Esther
                Escort by Mr. Terry Guy
Mrs. Frances Reedy  Grand Ruth
                Escort by Mr. Wes Campbell
Mrs. LaNelle Hendrix  Grand Adah
                Escort by Mr. Marvin R. Spivey
Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder  Grand Organist
                Escort by Mr. Dwight Von Heeder
Mrs. Benita Bassett  Grand Marshal
                Escort by Mr. Robert Coursey
Mrs. Sandra Perdue  Grand Chaplain
                Escort by Mr. Eddie Perdue
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek  Associate Grand Conductress
                Escort by Mr. Huberth Dusek
Mrs. Nancy Brown  Grand Conductress
                Escort by Mr. Gayle Brown
Mrs. Betty Prater  Grand Treasurer
                Escort by Mr. Don Prater
Mrs. Nell Smith  Grand Secretary
                Escort by Mr. Wallace Moore
Mr. Jerry Martin  Associate Grand Patron
                Escort by Mrs. Betty Capps Martin
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  Associate Grand Matron
                Escort by Mr. Edwin T. “Tom” Morgenthaler
Mr. Jack Guy  Worthy Grand Patron
                Escort by Mrs. Cindy McIntyre
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester  Worthy Grand Matron
                Escort by Mr. Johnny L. Hester, Sr.
## Star Point Presentation

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United States
Mr. Henry S. Martin
Past Grand Patron

Canadian
Mr. Frederick W. Clarke
Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Texas
Mr. John Creel
Past Patron
Plano Chapter No. 703

Christian
Mr. Garland Rattan
Past Grand Patron

Eastern Star
Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Past Grand Patron

Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Past Grand Patron

The National Anthem
Assembly

Opening of the Bible
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Registration Committee
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas
Presentation
Of
Installing General Grand Chapter Officers

Installing General Grand Chapter Officer

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting General Grand Chapter Officers

Mr. Harry G. Cunningham
Fraternal Relations Committee
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas and
Past Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Mr. Billy Combest
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Installing Worthy Grand Chaplain

Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Installing Worthy Grand Marshal

Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Shrine Hospital Committee and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Installing Worthy Grand Organist

Mrs. Rosemary Swetland
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Installing Worthy Grand Secretary

Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Past Grand Matron of Texas
Installation Of Officers

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Greetings

Mr. Frederick Clarke
Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Greetings

Mr. Bart Henderson
Deputy Member of the Supreme
Council of Demolay International
Texas Demolay

Presentation of Flower Talk

Mr. Josh Collins
Master Councilor
Farmers Branch Chapter
Texas Demolay

Greetings

Mrs. Peggy Songer
Jurisdictional Guardian
International Order of Job's Daughters

Job's Daughters Drill and Presentation

Miss Alexis Work
Miss Texas Job's Daughter

Greetings

Mrs. Marlene Dibrell
Supreme Deputy in Texas
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Rainbow Drill and Presentation

Miss Kathryn "Katie" Hampton
Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls and
Area Rainbow Assemblies
Presentations

Worthy Grand Matron’s Jewel
Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Immediate Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron’s Jewel
Mr. Ed Warner
Immediate Past Grand Patron

Past Grand Matron’s Jewel
Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht, Daughter
Mr. Jim Fentress, Son

Past Grand Patron’s Jewel
Mrs. Beulah Warner

Message and Dedication of the
Worthy Grand Matron
Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Past Grand Matron
of Texas

Message and Dedication of the
Worthy Grand Patron
Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Past Grand Patron
of Texas

Presentation of Worthy Grand Matron’s Year

Motto and Theme
Mrs. Edna Gottee
Resolutions Committee

Emblems
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green
Past Grand Matron
of Texas

Aim, Colors, and Flowers
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
Past Grand Matron
of Texas

Scriptures
Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith
Past Grand Matron
of Texas

Dedication of “Bluebirds On Parade”
Mrs. Pat Neinest
Past Grand Matron
of Texas

Composed by
Mrs. Gladys Bruce Cox
Past Matron of Spring Branch No. 984
Presentation of Humanitarian Program

Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield
Past Grand Matron
of Texas

Address

Mr. Jack Guy
Worthy Grand Patron
of Texas

Address

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Worthy Grand Matron
of Texas

Presentation of Formation under the Direction of
Mrs. Benita Bassett
Grand Marshal

Benediction

Mr. David B. Dibrell
Past Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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Call from Rest to Labor

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Worthy Grand Matron

Proving of the Grand Chapter

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Associate Grand Matron

Opening of the Bible

Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

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Closing Ode: “One Day At A Time”

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A special thank you to the Assistant Grand Warders, Assistant Grand Sentinels,
And Grand Pages for your service throughout the hours of this
Grand Chapter Session
Announcements

The breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel in the Times Square West Room, Sunday, October 26, 2003.

The School for the Deputies will begin at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, October 26, 2003 at the Ramada Hotel. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and elected Boards are invited to attend.

Invitations

Beeville Chapter No. 422
Cordially invites you to attend the

“Come Fly With Us” Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, Saturday, November 15, 2003. The Banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the Fraternal Visit at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 600 N. St. Mary’s, Beeville, Texas.

Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Ellen Walden, P.O. Box 953, Beeville, Texas 78104-0953. Phone No. 361-358-1057. Tickets $20.00: Cut off date: November 10, 2003. Please send a SASE with name and title.

Best Western Texas Inn, 2001 Hwy 59, Beeville, TX Phone No. 361-358-9999 Cut off date November 12, 2003. (Make reservations early due to hunting season)

Jacksonville Chapter No. 377
Cordially Invites you to attend the

“The Knights’ Trail Starts Now” Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and Honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, Saturday, November 22, 2003. The Banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, 5701 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas. Phone No. 903-561-5800. The Fraternal Visit will begin immediately following the banquet.

Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Billie Ready, Rt. 3 Box 36, Rusk, Texas 75785 Phone No. 903-683-2837. Tickets are $25.00. Please send SASE with name and title.

Installation pictures may be ordered from the Photographer:
Mr. Cleo Ellison
4025 Field Street
Fort Worth, TX 76117
**Worthy Grand Matron's Schedule**

**October 30 thru November 8** General Grand Chapter, Portland Oregon

**November 9** San Saba No. 191 - 100th Birthday

**November 15** Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, First Baptist Church, 600 N. St. Mary's, Beeville, Texas

**November 16** Robert Lee No. 187 - 100th Birthday

**November 19** Joint Fraternal Visit at Aransas Pass No. 162 with Mathis No. 874 and Portland No. 1108

**November 22** Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron, Holiday Inn Select, 6701 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX

**November 24-25** School in Lufkin - District 4, Section 1

**December 1-2** School in Livingston—District 4, Section 3

**December 3** Arkansas Grand Chapter

**December 4,5, & 6** Grand Lodge of Texas

**December 6** Velasco #220 100th Birthday 7:00 PM

**December 8-9** School in Beaumont - District 4, Section 2

**December 10-11** School in Willis - District 4, Section 7

**December 12-13** School in Alvin - District 4, Section 10

**December 14** TMRC Christmas Party

**December 15-16** School in El Campo - District 4, Section 9

**December 17-18** School in Bastrop - District 4, Section 8

**December 19-20** School in Houston - District 4, Section 5

**December 29-30** School in Bryan - District 4, Section 6

**January 2-3** School in Humble - District 4, Section 4
"Angels Among Us" proclaimed the banner across the Fort Worth Convention Center as members of the Order of the Eastern Star gathered for the 122nd Installation of Officers. Bluebirds now sat in the glitter at the feet of the wooden cutout angels in front of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron podiums. Blue ribbon replaced the red tinsel in the archways, and the angels in front of the podiums now held nosegays of blue ribbon and pink roses. Back of the Star Point chairs were tropical greenery. Pink roses had replaced the orchids. Between the two center columns at back stage was latticework interspersed with climbing roses and candles.

Lady Officers' dresses were royal blue with a full chiffon skirt and a long-sleeved overblouse with silver sparkles. Gentlemen Officers wore black tuxedos.

*MRS. ELISE HAMMACK:* Good evening, Sisters and Brothers and Friends All. Welcome to this "Angels Among Us" 122nd Installation of the Grand Officers of Texas for 2003-2004. You have been enjoying the piano selections by Mrs. Mary Alberts, Past Matron of Killeen Chapter #490. Will you join me in thanking her for playing her heart out? [applause]

To the angels among us, we know in actuality you are just angels disguised as friends. Other angels are not just out there, but are just a dimension away, always interacting with us and infusing us with love and protection. Will you, my precious Sisters and Brothers, just for a moment close your eyes and sense the warm, soothing flow of love being sent by the angels among us. And now may we be admonished to make no judgments of those about us. May we also allow a tingling or a mellow sense of well-being to permeate our souls. Let us begin to study and investigate our deep desire to know more about the higher dimensions.

We are entering a new year in our Texas Grand Chapter, and may we be aware that any adjustments we are making, the physical discomforts we might feel are preparing us for the reemergence of our spiritual selves. Hopefully, we may allow emotions and sadness to flow through and out of us freely that we release bad memories and negativity to no longer serve us. May we listen to the angels among us and remain gentle to our Sisters and Brothers by supporting them in their times of vulnerability. We are all in this together, my friends, and hopefully we and all creation can move into a new level of awareness in unison.

Grand Marshal, Mrs. Elsie Paladino, I invite you to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Sharon Fentress, escorted by her son, Jim Fentress, and Mr. Edward Warner, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by his wife, Beulah, to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, please join me in saluting these, our dedicated and loving leaders, with Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Matron, I gladly present you the gavel that you may call this installation service to order.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is indeed my sweet privilege to call this 122nd "Angels Among Us" Installation to order.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Our Grand Marshal will present the General Grand Chapter Officers, the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Texas, and all Committee Members to the East, followed by the Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. [applause as they come to the East]

Grand Marshal, you will present at this time Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Sisters and Brothers, these are truly angels among us for they continue year after year giving freely of themselves to our Order. [applause as they come to the East]

At this time we will be favored by a song, "Angels Among Us," by Mrs. Diane Beckley, who is the Grand Soloist for District 5. [applause followed song] Thank you.

Tonight we're honored with the presence of Mr. David Dibrell, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. Grand Marshal, you will escort Mr. Dibrell and any other Masonic dignitaries to the East. And if there are Past Grands or other Visiting Past Grands or Worthy Grands, they also many come to the East if we've missed them. Also, I will ask you to bring another Distinguished Leader, Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. In addition to this fine couple, we have the Grand Worthy Advisor, Katie Hopkins. You will escort those that need to be escorted to the East, Grand Marshal. [applause as they come to the East]

Our guests are formally introduced during our opening session of Grand Chapter. This was done. I shall recognize the program participants as their names appear on the program.

Grand Marshal, at this time will you present our very own Texas Masonic Retirement Center residents to their honored place.

Will you join me in thanking our lovely Grand Marshal and those who have assisted her this evening. [applause]

And now from the East it is my joy to introduce the Special Angel for the 2003-2004 year. We thank God for the ministry of blessed angels like this special lady: Mrs. Mae Pearl Ernst, a Past Matron of Silsbee Chapter #298. She is being escorted this evening by Mr. Johnny L. Hester, Sr. [applause]

And now will you escort the Worthy Grand Matron's family, the Worthy Grand Patron's family, members of Violet Chapter #158, Beeville Chapter #422 and Jacksonville Chapter #377 to their honored places. These honored family members and Chapter members will be escorted to section 102. We thank you. [applause]

I would now like to introduce to you the Board of Grand Examiners: Mrs. Betty M. Scott, District 1; Mrs. Bess Caldwell, District 2; Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, District 3; Mrs. Vi Griffin, District 4; Mrs. Betty Martin, District 5; and Mrs.
Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner-at-Large. [applause]

I now give you our Board Members: Mr. Jack C. Beall, District 1; Mr. Gary Steele, District 1; Mr. Dwayne Maserang, District 2; Mr. A. L. Casparis, District 2; Mrs. Jo Ann Snow, District 3; Mrs. Jayne Yenger, District 3; Mr. T. H. "Tom" Everitt, District 4; Mr. Nelson R. Campbell, District 4; Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, District 5; Mr. Raul Garcia, District 5. Thank you very much. [applause]

Mrs. Judy Goldman, Fraternal Correspondent, escorted by her husband, Mr. M. E. "Mike" Goldman; Mr. Jerry Trees, Grand Sentinel, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Janell Trees; Mrs. Christolene Dickson, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. George E. Shaffer; Mrs. Dorothy White, Grand Electa, escorted by her husband, Mr. Carl F. White; Mrs. Freida T. Dillon, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. Carl E. "Gene" Starky; Mrs. Linda Guy, Grand Esther, escorted by her son, Mr. Terry Guy; Mrs. Frances Reedy, Grand Ruth, escorted by Mr. Wes Campbell; Mrs. LaNelle Hendrix, Grand Adah, escorted by Mr. Marvin R. Spivey; Mrs. Delphina Von Heeder, Grand Organist, escorted by her husband, Mr. Dwight Von Heeder; Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal, escorted by Mr. Robert Coursey; Mrs. Sandra Perdue, Grand Chaplain, escorted by her husband, Mr. Eddie Perdue; Mrs. Geraldine "Gerry" Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by her husband, Mr. Hubert Dusek; Mrs. Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress, escorted by her husband, Mr. Gayle Brown; Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, escorted by her husband, Mr. Don Prater; Mrs. Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, escorted by Mr. Willace Moore; Mr. Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, escorted by his wife, Mrs. Betty Martin; Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron, escorted by her husband, Mr. Edwin T. "Tom" Morgenthaler; Mr. Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by his daughter, Mrs. Cindy McIntyre; Sisters and Brothers, your Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, escorted by her husband, Mr. Johnny L. Hester, Sr.

It is now my very special pleasure to give you Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matron, who is in charge of our Emblem Presentation program.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Just as the compass gives the traveler direction, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star receive direction from the coordinates of the compass — the North, the South, the West and the East. Central to these points in our Grand Chapter room is an Altar. For the next few moments, please direct your attention to the center of our Grand Chapter room. The intersection of the North/South line with the East/West line and the Altar placed there represents the location where we became Sisters and Brothers sharing a belief in a Supreme Being and we committed our lives to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, has invited representatives of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas to present the emblems and colors of our Central Star to the Grand Chapter room.

The light that shines from our Eastern Star is divided into five colors, each one representing one of the heroines of our Order. These heroines and their emblems hold a special beauty and significance for our members. They assist us in a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Order of the Eastern Star.
The Light reflected from the First Ray teaches us the lesson of FIDELITY. The blue ray of fidelity shines from the Book of Judges, telling the beautiful story of a daughter who willingly sacrificed her life to save her father's honor, and in doing so won immortality. Sister Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Richard Ochs, Heart Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas, presents the Sword and Veil of Adah. The Sword and Veil represent the right course of action, which may be followed when the Word of God is revealed to us.

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

The Light reflected from the Second Ray teaches us the lesson of CONSTANCY. The golden ray of the sun shines from the pages of the Book of Ruth and tells a touching story of constancy as portrayed by the widowed Ruth, who deemed it her duty to leave home and kindred for Naomi. Sister Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Brooks Speer, presents the Sheaf of Wheat. The Sheaf reminds us that through patient industry a substantial reward may be achieved.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

The Light reflected from the Third Ray teaches us the lesson of LOYALTY. The ray of pure white shines from the Book of Esther, wherein is found the thrilling story of the courage and loyalty by which the noble queen saved her nation in its hour of peril, risking her own life and crown. Sister Wanda Fairchild, Chairman of Membership Committee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron of Texas, presents the Crown and Scepter. The Crown and Scepter represent the force of power and authority with which to obtain justice for all.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

The Light reflected from the Fourth Ray teaches us the lesson of FAITH. The soft ray of Nature's green shines from the Gospel of Saint John, which tells the uplifting story of a loving sister's faith in her Lord and our hope of life eternal, which is promised to all who believe. Sister Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Glenn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron of Texas, presents the Broken Column. The Broken Column reminds us of the sustaining power of faith in eternal life.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

The Light reflected from the fifth ray teaches us the lesson of LOVE. The bright ray of red shines from the pages of the Second Epistle of John, which relates the story of a mother's charity and submission to persecution and points the way of service through love and happiness. The Cup is presented by Sister Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Brother Raul Garcia, Special Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America and a member of the Board of Directors, Grand Chapter of Texas. The Cup represents one's allotted portion of life's sorrows and joys.
Blessed are they, which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

The Altar in the center of our Star is an unadorned item of furniture. As we prepare our Altar, please stand in silence and reverence. The Word of God gives us guidance, inspiration and lessons for our daily lives. The Lessons of our Order are Scriptural, our teachings are moral and our purposes are beneficent. The stories of our five heroines of the Order of the Eastern Star are found within the pages of the Holy Bible.

Miss Brooke Hester, granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, has placed the Holy Bible on our Grand Chapter Altar at the center of our room symbolizing that our lives should be centered on the Word of God.

Our membership in the Order of the Eastern Star is based on relationship to the Masonic Fraternity. We are like Adah, the Daughter; Naomi, the Widow; Esther, the Wife; Martha, the Sister; or Electa, the Mother. We are the Rainbow Girls or Job's Daughters who learned of love and service to all mankind. The Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, allows the Grand Chapter of Texas to place the Square and Compasses of Freemasonry not only on our Altar, but also on the pages of our Holy Bible.

Mr. John L. Hester, Jr., son of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, has placed these emblems of Freemasonry on our Altar.

Miss Amy Hester, granddaughter of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, also placed a Bible Marker on our Altar.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for your observance of the preparation of our Labyrinth. You may be seated.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: The United States Flag is presented by Mr. Henry S. Martin, Past Grand Patron of Texas; the Canadian Flag is presented by our close friend, Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; the Texas Flag is carried by Mr. John Creel, Past Patron of Plano Chapter #703; the Christian Flag is presented by Mr. Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron of Texas; and the Eastern Star Flag by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron.

Mr. Leland G. Benefield, Past Grand Patron of Texas, will lead our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, after which we will sing The National Anthem. [Pledge of Allegiance said in unison followed by singing of The National Anthem.]

Sister Grand Conductress, you will now open the Holy Bible after which Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory, Registration Committee of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas, will lead us in our invocation. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Our Father in Heaven, Dr. Rob Morris taught us that our wanderings may be devious and our footsteps uncertain, but so long as we keep close to God and His teachings and return frequently to that Great Light for instruction, we may confidently believe that we will
come safely to the end of our journey. Father, we thank You that for us You are a place of new beginnings, that when we stray from You, You are a loving, Heavenly Father and You are always there to receive us with open arms, to return unto You, that You forgive us, that You restore us and that You give us encouragement.

Father, tonight we are at a place of new beginnings in our Grand Chapter, when our newly elected Officers will be installed. We pray that for them You will give them strength, health and wisdom in the execution of their duties. Father, may they learn well the lesson of what you expect from them: to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with You. Amen.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: And now we have come to the time of the evening that we celebrate most. We all look forward to seeing a new year begin and a new page opened, and we come to see our Grand Officers installed. Tonight it is my happy privilege to introduce the Installing General Grand Chapter Officer this evening. She is Mrs. Rennie Ofton, our very own Past Grand Matron; and she is the Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter, the brightest star in the Texas constellation. [applause]

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Sister Elise. It is my pleasure to introduce those who will be assisting this evening: Assisting General Grand Chapter Officers Mr. Harry G. Cunningham, Fraternal Relations Committee, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, AF&AM and Mr. Billy Combest, Past Grand Patron of Texas; Installing Worthy Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Betty Y. Friend, Past Grand Matron of Texas; Installing Worthy Grand Marshal, Mrs. Elsie Paladino, Shrine Hospital Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Installing Worthy Grand Organist, Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron of Texas; Installing Worthy Grand Secretary, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

It is my pleasure to be working with these, and I hope that as we perform this Installation this evening that you will receive a renewal of the depths of meaning in our beautiful Order. We are very pleased that so many are here this evening. At this time it will be necessary to have just a short recess so we may prepare for the ceremony of Installation.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris, my very special friend, it's a great honor for me to have been your Installing Officer tonight. It's an honor that I shall cherish. And as I hand you this gavel, I know that you will use it with love in your heart; you will use it with care for our beautiful Order; and, most of all, you will use it as our Heavenly Father would have you do so. I give it to you with my love and with best wishes for you and Brother Jack as you travel this next year's road. I love you very much. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Mrs. Virginia Strong, Past Matron of
Castleberry Chapter #1028, will now offer her rendition of "Under His Wings" in sign. [applause following presentation]

Tonight we want greetings from Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. He likes us in Texas, and we love him, too.

MR. FREDERICK CLARKE: Worthy Grand Matron; Worthy Grand Patron; General Grand Chapter Officer, Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress; General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Distinguished East; Sisters and Brothers: I bring you the greetings of the Acting Most Worthy Grand Matron, Patricia Rasmussen, and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Harles Creech. They are going to assemble General Grand Chapter in a very few days. Would you like to have Pat's job to take over in this situation after we lost our Most Worthy Grand Matron? Just think of the responsibility she has, but she will do it.

Sister Rennie and I have worked together for many years. We worked six years on the Trustees. She got a reprieve and got three years off, and I had to serve the whole nine years. It's just like a jail sentence!

Sisters and Brothers, would you look around and just visualize that up here in those bleachers there's nobody there. Look at your own bleachers, there's nobody there. Nobody is here but us up here in the East with all these titles. Now what good are we if you're not there? Sisters and Brothers, you are the key to Eastern Star. You are what Eastern Star is all about, and we need you in everything we do. Sister Rennie and I are going to stress membership and what you can do for us, not what we can do for you.

Now, in the Eastern Star Order, we've got to start helping ourselves because God said, "If you don't help yourself, nobody will help you." I'll tell you a little story about that. This man in town was down on his luck and just got laid off because of downsizing and all this stuff and was having a hard time just feeding his family. So he went to his minister and said to him, "I need help." The minister said, "We have a very small church, we can only help you a little bit. But everything comes by prayer. So if you'll go home and pray, things will turn around for you." So on the way home, he says, "I wonder what I'll pray for." He saw up on a big sign $15 million Lotto. So he said, "I'll go home and pray for that." So every day he got down on his knees and he'd pray. He prayed three times a day, four times a day. And after a while he got tired of this. So he blessed Him a little bit. The sky opened up, a thunderclap and everything went black. This voice said, "Son, I've heard your prayers. I've listened repeatedly to what you've said, but you've got to help yourself. Go buy a Lotto ticket." [laughter]

Now, you have a couple of Past Grand Patrons that I've checked over their credentials thoroughly: Lee Stallings and Henry Martin. They're very proficient in their duties in the business world. And, Sisters and Brothers, listen to what they have to tell you, because they have that expertise in their daily life. So if you have financial problems, check with them and they'll help you out.

I had an honor -- ten years ago I came to the Grand Chapter of Texas, and
there was a little girl picked me up at the airport, a pretty little thing. And ten years later she picked me up at the airport again and has looked after Margaret and I for everything we did, getting back and forth, getting to banquets. That's Janice Herridge. She looked after us. You have her trained well as a Page. I think I'll take her home with us.

Now, we have your General Grand Chapter Committee Member Wanda Fairchild. The General Grand Chapter finances those membership things, Rob Morris Jewels, and they cost us a fair amount of money. She has almost bankrupt us by getting so many membership pins out. Congratulations, Sister Wanda, you've done an exceptional job. [applause]

Now, I've had quite a relationship with the Masonic Order through a Past Grand Master, Brother Harry Cunningham. We've known each other for years, and both being Past Grand Masters have the same values. I was checking out a website one night, and I went to the [unintelligible] website. I looked and there was Harry Cunningham getting installed in office. We've both worked in the York Rite for years, and Brother Harry has been a great friend of us for years too.

It's nice to be here with you in Texas. I'll bring you also greetings of our Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, who are going to work with Texas to make in 2012 the best General Grand Chapter the world has ever seen right here in Fort Worth. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it's so nice to be with you, and your hospitality has been the best. Sister Margaret and I enjoy coming here. We have to leave at 6 a.m. tomorrow morning, so if you see us ducking out, you know we're going to try to get some sleep before we leave. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: I now call on Mr. Bart Henderson. He is the Deputy Member of the Supreme Council of DeMolay International.

MR. BART HENDERSON: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. Dad Weldon Clampitte this afternoon came down with a terrible case of the flu and he's very disappointed that he can't be here in this capacity, but I'm honored to be here to stand in for him.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy General Grand Chapter Officers, my Distinguished Sisters and Brothers: This morning I addressed this Grand Chapter regarding our Hope for Tomorrow. I talked to you about our Masonic youth/adult leadership, Mom Songer, Mrs. Dibrell and Dad Clampitte and their desire to lead by good example and with integrity, their diligent care in molding the legacy that will follow us in this great Order. Tonight you will hear from the most important people we know, our kids. Youth leaders of today, adult leaders of tomorrow. On behalf of our Executive Officer of DeMolay, Dad J. Weldon Clampitte, it gives me great honor and pleasure to introduce to you the 58th State Master Councilor, Brother Randall Lewis Dupree. [applause]

MR. RANDALL DUPREE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Dignitaries and Friends: I thank you most heartily for allowing Texas DeMolay to participate in Grand Chapter this weekend. Tonight we have a very special presentation for you. Brother Joshua Collin will be presenting
the Flower Talk tonight. Brother Josh Collin is the current Master Councilor for Farmers Branch Chapter, as well as the current State Champion for Flower Talk in Texas. Assisting him is Brother Mike Taylor, the current Junior Councilor for Farmers Branch Chapter. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, will you allow me the honor of escorting you to the Altar.

MR. JOSHUA COLLIN: My Brothers, you have just been permitted to take upon yourselves the name of one of the world's most heroic knightly figures. Now you can say, "I am a DeMolay." To be deemed worthy of the privilege of entering into the comradeship of that great army of youth, both here and abroad, who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Jacques DeMolay demonstrates our confidence that the finest of your purposes will guide your development into the highest type of manhood. To be accepted as a DeMolay is therefore an honor of which any young man may be justly proud. In being received into our ranks, you have been instructed in the seven cardinal virtues of this great Order.

We hope you have been deeply impressed with the lessons they teach. There is no better foundation on which to build your character and future life than the practice of these virtues. The Order of DeMolay teaches many beautiful lessons, but none is more important than honor and true respect for womanhood, and more especially for motherhood. It is fitting therefore that you have been called upon to stand again before this Altar in a few moments of special emphasis upon the virtue which has been given first place among the jewels adorning the crown of youth: filial love. For my purpose now, this Altar is dedicated to our mothers whose love never fails. You may rise to positions of great influence in commercial, political or professional life. But you can never reach the heights of your mother's secret hopes for you. You may sink to the lowest depths of infamy and degradation, but never below the reach of her love. The memory of it will always stir your heart. There is no man so entirely base, so completely vile, so utterly low that he does not hold in his heart a shrine sacred and apart for the memory of his mother's love.

Were I to draw you a picture of love divine, it would not be that of a stately angel with a form that is full of grace, but of a tired and toil-worn mother with a grave and tender face. It was your mother who loved you before you were born, who carried you for long months close to her heart, and in the fullness of time took God's hand in hers and passed through the valley of shadows to give you life. It was she who cared for you during the helpless years of infancy and the scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As you have grown less dependent, she has done the countless thoughtful, trouble-healing, helpful and encouraging things which somehow all mothers seem to know how to do.

You may have accepted these attentions as perhaps matters of course, perhaps without conscious gratitude or any expression of your appreciation. You are rapidly approaching the time in life when you will be entirely independent from your mother, the ties with which dependency has bound you to her may be severed as you grow older. But the tie of mother love can never be broken.
Thinking back upon the years of your life when you have reached the threshold of manhood, your mother might well say in the words of a poet, "My body fed your body, son, but birth's a swift thing, compared to one and twenty years of feeding you with spirit's tears. I could not make your mind and soul, but my glad hands have kept you whole. Your groping hands bound me to life with ruthless bands, and all my living became a prayer while all my days built up a stair for your young feet that trod behind, that you an aspiring way should find. Think you that life can give you pain, which has not stabbed in me again? Think you that life can give you shame, which has not made my pride go lame? And you can do no evil thing which sears not me with poison sting. Because of all that I have done, remember me in life, o son. Keep that proud body fine and fair. My life is monumented there. For my life, make no woman weep. For my life, hold no woman cheap. And see you give no woman scorn for that dark night when you were born."

These flowers which you see on our Altar are symbols of that mother love. The white, the love of a mother who has gone, and the red, the mother who still lives to bless our life. Far in the dim recesses of her heart, where all is hushed and still, she keeps a shrine. 'Tis here she kneels in prayer while from above long shafts of light upon her shine. Your mother is flower-fragrant as she prays. Aquiver like a candle flame, each prayer takes wing to bless the world she walks among, to leave the radiance of a candle there.

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

Some day you will find that flower, I know not where, perhaps in her Bible or Prayer Book or some other sacred place, a silent witness to what this night has meant to the one whose love for you, her son, is beyond the comprehension of any son.

My Brothers, each of you will please take a red or white flower from the Altar. DeMolay can ask no more of you than that you shall endeavor so to live as to be worthy of your mother's love. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: We invite Mrs. Peggy Songer, Jurisdictional Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters, to bring remarks.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To this DeMolay Boy and to Brother Bart Henderson, thank you so very much for that most impressive ceremony. It was tremendous. I know that each one of you enjoyed it. Let's show them again how much we appreciate these young men. [applause]

MRS. PEGGY SONGER: Thank you, Past Grand Matron. Worthy
Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Members and Guests: On behalf of the Jurisdiction of Texas, Job's Daughters International, I bring greetings and best wishes. May you enjoy a most successful and harmonious year. Before I introduce Miss Texas Job's Daughters, I would like to present to you some wishes of my own. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I wish you days of ordinary miracles, safe travels along your way, an unexpected phone call from a friend, a fresh pot of coffee or tea you did not make yourself, all green lights on your way to the many Chapters you will visit, a sing-along on the radio during your travels. I wish you a day of happiness and perfection with little pieces of perfections that will give you the feeling that the Lord is smiling upon you, holding you gently because you are someone special. Finally, I wish you a year filled with love, friendship and beautiful memories.

Now it is with much pride that I present to you Miss Texas Job's Daughters and Past Honor Queen of Bethel #1 of San Antonio, Miss Alexis Work. [applause]

MISS ALEXIS WORK: Hello. Thank you so much for having me here to represent Job's Daughters throughout Texas. It is truly my pleasure to be here with so many wonderful people. During my term as Miss Texas Job's Daughters, there is one thing that stands out in my mind, and that is how strong and important our Masonic community is. Our organizations draw off of each other. If we support each other, then we can only ensure that we will grow stronger. Job's Daughters always enjoys being in the presence of Eastern Star members at a state level and a local level. I would like to wish you the best of luck in your upcoming year. Job's Daughters is here for you.

We would also like to extend an invitation to you to be present at our annual State Rally which will be held at Green Family Camp south of Waco on November 21st through the 23rd. Hopefully, you will have time in your busy schedule to attend a meeting, a ritual competition or even a pageant. We would really love to see you there.

Thank you for the invitation to be here with you and to take part in this beautiful evening. Right now I would like to have the Texas Job's Daughters come and present you with a ceremony. It's not just any ceremony, it's one of the most beautiful ceremonies that I've ever seen, and I think you will also agree with me. So right now we're going to have Job's Daughters throughout Texas come onto the floor. If you are a Job's Daughter, past or present, or a Council Member, past or present, will you please also stand.

[Presentation by Job's Daughters. Applause.]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: It is now my honor to call on Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy in Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. She will bring greetings and introduce the girls for their presentation.

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: It is certainly an honor and a privilege to bring greetings from the Grand Assembly of Texas, our 61 assemblies and over 1,000 Rainbow Girls and to bring greetings from Supreme Assembly of the
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. We thank each of you individually and as our sponsoring bodies for supporting our Girls with your dedication, commitment and extraordinary service to Rainbow. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the support that you have pledged to Texas Rainbow this Grand Chapter year.

We look to the Masonic and Eastern Star teachings of right living, charity, service, honor and your personal examples as the guideposts for the Rainbow teachings that are helping our Girls become the very best persons they can be. In Rainbow we enjoy the benefits of working as a team in Texas. We know that together everyone achieves more, and we look forward to being a part of the Eastern Star team effort and the many accomplishments in 2003-2004.

It is now with a great deal of Rainbow pride that I invite the Grand Worthy Advisor, Miss Katie Hampton, and our team of Rainbow Girls to enter this Grand Chapter room.

MISS KATIE HAMPTON: Many pleasant duties have fallen upon me during my association with this Order, but none so pleasant as this I am about to perform. There comes a time in the affairs of everyone where it seems no one can be depended on and we are left to our own resources. But that all-wise and Supreme Being has furnished us a way to our own consolation. Upon reflection you will doubtless remember that one of the first things brought to your attention in this Order was a copy of this old Book which you placed near your heart and have been taught that it's the rule and guide to your faith and practice. At each succeeding step in your advancement, you have been reminded that it will guide you on your path to all truth, direct you in your path to the Temple of Happiness, and point out to you your whole duty to mankind. And now at this most auspicious hour, surrounded by those who take you as a Sister and in whose heart you have the utmost confidence in their sincere wish for your future happiness, let me impress upon you in the most lasting and substantial manner possible that this book contains the mind of God, the state of mankind, the way to salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts binding, its histories true and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, strength to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the Rainbow Girl's light and the Christian's character.

Through it heaven is opened, paradise is restored and the gates of hell are disclosed, the Messiah its grand subject, your good its design and the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully, for if you abide by its precepts, it will be to you a river of pleasure, a mine of wealth and a paradise of glory.

And now on behalf of this Grand Assembly, I have the distinct honor, as well as the supreme pleasure, of presenting you with this beautiful white Bible. May it be a beacon light to direct you through your life to that assembly above where all is love, and religion, and nature, and immortality, and fidelity, and patriotism and service.
MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Will you please join us in singing "My Rainbow." [applause] Thank you, Girls. You are just beautiful. Thank you for honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and all of Eastern Star by your presence. And thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege you extended by your invitation to participate in this beautiful installation. Texas Rainbow wishes for you a very successful Grand Chapter year. We have been honored to be part of this celebration.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Marlene, and these lovely ladies. You are truly a beautiful sight for us tonight. I thank you for accepting the invitation to be a part of this beautiful installation, a special night for the Worthy Grand Patron and myself. I wish you the very best. Plan your dreams and hold onto them. Good luck and God bless you always. Thank you so much, too, for this beautiful Bible, a lovely memento and memory from this evening. Thank you, Girls. [applause]

MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL: Sister Marlene, on behalf of Grand Chapter, we would like to present you and our Rainbow Girls this love gift, a memento of a special project that we have this year, Online Youth. We wish you the very best in working with the girls. Thank you so much for being here.

Rainbow Girls, you will please retire from the Grand Chapter room. [Rainbow Girls' Drill performed to much applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Our ceremony includes the immediate Past Grand Matron presenting to the new Worthy Grand Matron her badge of office. Immediate Past Grand Patron, Mr. Ed Warner, you are next.

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: Sister Doris, it is with pleasure that I place upon you the jewel that travels from Worthy Grand Matron to Worthy Grand Matron for the Grand Chapter of Texas. I should have put it on a ribbon probably, but I don't trust ribbons with something of this value. It's not just the monetary value, but it is the historical and the sentimental value. It looks beautiful upon you, and I know that you will serve this Grand Jurisdiction in a beautiful manner and that we will all be so pleased and proud, and you will enjoy every mile and every moment as you serve, just as I did. There is a tremendous history in this Grand Chapter of Texas, and I know that you will enjoy joining those who have been so honored as to be selected as the Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Jurisdiction of Texas. I am so delighted to see you in that place. Thank you. [applause]

MR. ED WARNER: Brother Jack, it gives me great pleasure to pin this pin on you. I believe this will be the 122nd year that it will be worn by our Worthy Grand Patron. I hope you will wear it with a lot of pleasure to yourself and with honor to the Order of the Eastern Star, which I know you will. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht and Mr. Jim Fentress, well known and well loved by all of us in Fort Worth, daughter and son of our immediate Past Grand Matron, will present to their mother the Past Grand
Matron's jewel. Mrs. Beulah Warner, you will be next.

**MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT:** Past Grand Matron, that means she's back in my office to bother me. And did you say something about learning how to use that computer?

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Possibly.

**MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT:** David, you're going to have to stay home for a while, son. Seriously, it is our pleasure to present you with your Past Grand Matron's jewel. This is a very special Past Grand Matron's jewel. It was originally made for Amy Goebel and worn by her for many years with a lot of pride and honor. It was then given to Sister Doris Efird, who wore it for many years. And now it will be your pleasure to follow that tradition of the Past Grand Matrons of District 3 with this beautiful, beautiful Past Grand Matron's jewel. We want you to wear it with pride. We don't want you to sleep in it, but we do want you to wear it with pride and with honor and with fond memories of this year of service. Through everything that has happened this year, you have always remained strong. You've always remained positive, and you've always served with grace and with strength. I can't tell you that I'm proud of you because that would ruin my image, but Jim's proud of you!

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** This jewel has another sentimental value. It was made by an artist who was a manufacturer jeweler for Sister Amy Goebel named Paul Dorris. Paul Dorris was my mother's Worthy Patron when she was Worthy Matron. He had his place of business in Fort Worth; our families were very, very close. In fact, I was partially named for his wife, so there is a very, very sacred tie to me, in addition to the two fine ladies that wore this jewel previously. I will try to wear it in the same manner that they did, and I'm sure with the same joy and happiness. Thank you for coming and presenting this jewel tonight. My family has, as all families do of those who serve, sacrificed much and worked hard. I appreciate them, and I appreciate them being here tonight to do this for me, always being there for me, loving me and uplifting me. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. Thank you, my beautiful children. [applause]

I also am pleased to say that I have my son-in-law -- Cheryl's husband, Darrell Albrecht -- and their three sons. The eldest came in from UTD to get to see me do this pinning. He only comes in on very special occasions. Thank you, Boys.

**MRS. CHERYL ALBRECHT:** And he needs money while he's here.

**MRS. SHARON FENTRESS:** Oh, he needs money! Well, Granny's ready. [applause]

**MRS. BEULAH WARNER:** It gives me great pleasure to pin your Past Grand Patron's jewel on. We hope you will wear it with pride and have lots of fond memories of your two years of service. [applause]

**MRS. ELISE HAMMACK:** Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron, will give the message and dedication of our Worthy Grand Matron; and Mr. Glenn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron, will give the message and dedication of our
Worthy Grand Patron.

**DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS:** The Worthy Grand Matron's Message. It is with pride and deep humility I greet you as Worthy Grand Matron. I look forward to the coming year as an opportunity of service to the great membership of Texas. Let us serve with joy and happiness, service to God, to our families, to our Eastern Star sisters and to our communities. If we are willing to do this, our Order will be recognized as a strong, benevolent organization that you and I can be proud of as members. As we enter into this year of service, I pray that I will always merit the confidence you placed in me by electing me to serve as Worthy Grand Matron. I have faith in the membership that we can go forward and preserve this Order for those who follow us. Let us work as a T-E-A-M, TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE.

The Worthy Grand Matron's Dedication. This year of service is lovingly dedicated to so many wonderful people that have helped to promote Eastern Star and Masonry. They have had a great influence on my life.

To the Masons of Beeville Lodge #261 for accepting my husband, Johnny, as a member of the great Fraternity which opened the door for us to become members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Special thanks to Allen Chapter #21 of Franklin, Louisiana, for allowing us to become members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Special appreciation to Kountze Chapter #724 and the members of District 4, Section 2, for opening your hearts to us in our move back to Texas.

To the members of Violet Chapter #158 in Victoria, my Parent Chapter, and Beeville Chapter #422, my Dual Chapter, and the members of District 5, Section 8, you are super special.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas for your words of encouragement and the example you set for us to follow. You are always there for us.

To the awesome membership of Texas, thank you for all you have given of your time and talents. I ask for your continued prayers and support as we serve this year.

To my family for their patience and understanding when our time together has been limited, I say thank you.

To my best friend, traveling companion and husband, Johnny L. Hester, Sr. -- honey, what can I say for fifty wonderful years of you being by my side? I treasure the many miles across Texas and surrounding areas we have shared. There will be many more and the special fishing trips again after November 13, 2004. You are a keeper!

I ask God to bless each of you who had a part in allowing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron for 2003-2004. [applause]

**MR. GLENN WHITAKER:** Thank you, Sister Elise, Past Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, beautiful and loving Sisters
and Brothers, it is an honor for me to do the special dedication of our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy, to his family.

The Bible tells us in Joshua 24:15 that Joshua said, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." As we all know, actions speak louder than words. We know that Brother Jack has demonstrated this in serving the Lord.

To Linda, his loving wife of forty-eight years, he dedicates this year of service. She has been his helper, encourager and also his best friend through these years. He thanks the Conroe Masonic Lodge #748 in raising him to a Master Mason and to Brother Bud McDonald who taught Brother Jack his work.

Brother Jack also wishes to thank Jacksonville Lodge #108 for accepting him as a member and Jacksonville Chapter #377, Order of the Eastern Star, for initiating and accepting him into this great Fraternal Order.

To Brother Jack's son Terry L. Guy; daughter Cindy L. McIntyre; grandchildren Cody J. Guy, Salena Guy McKean, Brandon Gary, Heather Gary; great-grandchildren Cole Reilly McKean and Brooke McKean, being his special loved ones, may only the best come your way is his hope and prayer for you, but if this is not to be, then take your problems to the Lord for He will make them small and bearable.

Now that Brother Jack Guy is Worthy Grand Patron of this beautiful Order of the Eastern Star of Texas, we as members are one big family, and he has this special love for all of us.

Worthy Grand Patron, may the Lord lead and guide you as you serve this beautiful Order in the East. May God bless and be with you.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Brother Glenn. That was very good. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: The Motto and Theme, Emblems, Aim, Colors and Flowers and the Scriptures and the Music will be given by Mrs. Edna Goette, Past Matron and the widow of our distinguished and beloved late Past Grand Patron, Dr. James H. Goette; Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron; Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron; Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith, Past Grand Matron; and Mrs. Patricia Major Neinast, Past Grand Matron, in that order.

MRS. EDNA GOETTE: I proudly present the Motto and Theme of the Worthy Grand Matron. The Worthy Grand Matron's Motto: Let us love one another. Her Theme is happiness. We respect each of them as basic principles of our beloved Order of the Eastern Star. We only have to look for the good in each other to realize the meaning of love. Always we must remember the Golden Rule in our relations one with the other. We can take pride in the 121 years of love and dedicated service by so many in the Grand Chapter of Texas. The labors of the past have been built well. Each of us has a responsibility to share the good things in life, to rejoice in achievements of our Sisters and Brothers, and to find ways to bring happiness in the lives of others. With all this in mind, we look to the future of our 122nd
year together, ready to serve by promulgating love and happiness. [applause]

MRS. VIRGINIA LYNN GREEN: The emblems Sister Doris has chosen are the Bluebird of Happiness and the Holy Angels.

The bluebird of happiness will be emphasized -- that much is clear.
May it bring you much joy and pleasure as we go throughout the year.

Have you ever felt an angel’s presence?
I have with so much awe.
When the way was dark and dreary, on their strength I could always call.

Angels are God’s signal of mercy for they have charge over us.
We can be guided daily by their hands if we just totally trust.

May the angel of happiness cover you as you go along your way.
May your faith be ever greater as you go from day to day.

May the pathway you follow be filled with hope and care.
And may God’s tender mercies be seen in angels unaware.

Thank you. [applause]

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Our Worthy Grand Matron’s aim is to live our Obligation. Let us look for the good in everyone. May we have pride in our past accomplishments while looking and planning for the future.

Her colors. Royal blue, cotillion blue, ruby, fuchsia, purple, teal, pink and silver are the colors selected for 2003-2004.

God has given us so many beautiful flowers to enjoy: the blue morning glories to welcome a new day. They bring to mind many wonderful memories of enjoying the beauty of her Granny Perkins’ flower garden as a child. The lovely pink rose is the emblem for Mary Kay Cosmetics for which Sister Doris has been a consultant for many years. The magnificent magnolia tree with gorgeous white blossoms is the state tree of Louisiana where our Brother Johnny and Sister Doris, our Worthy Grand Matron, were initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star. [applause]

MRS. MARY KATHARINE SMITH: My beloved Sisters and Brothers, what a wonderful thing it is to have in our Order, our newly installed Worthy Grand Matron. In talking and writing to her, I have learned of how she enjoys the Scriptures and of her love for them. Her favorite ones I’m going to give to you, so listen carefully to them.
John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And then she loves Proverbs 3:13, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding." And then her Hebrews 13:6, "Don't neglect to do good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifice." And then her Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." And then her beloved 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love." And why is love the greatest? Because God is love. And then Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good for them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." And so let us try and dedicate ourselves to answering the call according to His purpose, as we bless our newly installed Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and their Grand Officers. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. PATRICIA MAJOR NEINAST: The Worthy Grand Matron's March, "Bluebirds on Parade." When Sister Gladys Bruce Cox composed this march, it was a labor of love as she brought forth this beautiful melody. You will hear the strong portrayal of the ties of pride, compassion, hope and happiness. Listening to the music, you will feel excitement for the year ahead. Now Sister Gladys will play the stirring "Bluebirds on Parade" march for us. [applause following march]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: I know you enjoyed the music for our Worthy Grand Matron played by Mrs. Gladys Bruce Cox. We'll hear a little more of that this next year.

I now give you Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron, who will give us the Humanitarian Program for the new year.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Dedication of the Humanitarian Program for 2003. Our Worthy Grand Matron recognizes our goals of bringing a better state of well-being and contentment for our Sisters and Brothers. This may be accomplished by sharing of our time and resources.

Her first program is the Ladies TMRC Fund. This is the care of our Sisters residing at TMRC.

Number two, Benevolent Aid Fund. Allows those in a time of need to remain in or near their homes and to maintain a better standard of living. Increased cost of medicine and daily needs make this an area of utmost importance to many. Emergency, as well as short-term, aid will be made available.

Number three, Educational Fund. This fund is established to benefit our OES family members who have graduated from Texas high schools. Only interest from these funds are spent.

Number four, General Fund. This fund covers daily operational funds for our Grand Chapter, not -- and I repeat -- not only the session.

Number five, ESTARL. Religious education scholarships which assist those who wish to continue serving the Lord by sharing His message.
To be 100% your Chapter must donate $1 per member that is included in the Directory of Chapters for 2003. Awards will be given for 200%, 300%, 400%, 500% and each succeeding 100%. You may designate to any fund within the program, and if the Chapter wishes, you may divide these funds. Those contributions may be given at any time during the year and shall be contained in your total contribution and percentage.

Our Worthy Grand Matron has given me permission to mention another committee she has organized. It is the Huntington's Disease. Our Past Grand Matron and faithful friend, Sister Virginia Green, was diagnosed with this disease some years back. And with the purchase of pins, our donations will go to help in the research and awareness of this disease.

In closing, I would like to remind you that our Worthy Grand Matron has asked that we strengthen our endeavors to brighten and to give assistance to others by working as a TEAM. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Now, a highlight for all of us will be the greetings from Mr. Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Elise Hammack, Master of Ceremonies and my good friend, who, incidentally, hails from Cherokee and Rusk County which is in East Texas, my part of the country.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester; Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Rennie Ofton; General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Past Grand Matrons; Past Grand Patrons; Floor Officers; Elected Boards and Distinguished Guests; my Sisters and Brothers one and all; and, last, but certainly not least, my children and family: How great it is to be here at the 122nd Grand Installation of the Order of the Eastern Star. I had hoped that I would get up here before our DeMolay and Job's Daughters and Rainbow left, but I know we're running late. I do need to mention how great they did and what a beautiful group each of them were. Their presentations were great.

Thank every one of you for being here on this occasion. And please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your love and support. Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, please know how much I appreciate your selection of me to assist you this year. The membership I also wish to thank for your concurrence in Sister Doris' selection. I would be remiss if I failed to thank the Installing Team for a beautiful Grand Installation. My daughter and her husband, Cindy and Steve McIntyre, my son and his wife, Terry and Jeannie Guy, and my wife Linda who is serving, of course, as Grand Esther this year, thank you for being here at this special time. Would you please help me welcome them here tonight. [applause] Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

I want to say a special thank you to my recently discovered relative who's in attendance, Mrs. Emma Stewart, who's from Magnolia, Mississippi. Her daughter, incidentally, is Jane Trotter, the Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana. That is how I came to get back in contact with my relatives, Sister and Cousin Emma. We're glad to have you here. [applause] Jane, of course, would be here tonight but her duties in her office...
with the Louisiana Grand Chapter dictated that she be there during our Grand Chapter, so she was unable to make it.

Would the members of Jacksonville Chapter #377 please stand. This is my home Chapter. Now would the members of District 1, Section 7 stand with my home Chapter. Thank all of you so much for all the hard work, support and love that you've given me, which I know will continue. Please help me thank them. [applause]

These praises are also for all my Sisters and Brothers regardless of their district or section, for I have experienced love and friendship throughout the state this year. I have not been able to travel as much as I had hoped to, due to some health problems which I hope are under control now.

I also want to thank Brother Hank Knepp for the gavel that he presented me with, which was made out of wood from the old Nueces Hotel in Corpus Christi. It's a real beauty, and I'm sure I'll get to use it in a while, at Sister Doris' beck of course.

I look forward to a good year, not only for Sister Doris and I, but also more importantly for our membership. As have been stated several times here tonight, the membership is the Eastern Star. And we hope that our actions always show that to you, that we consider you to be our organization. There's much work to be done and many changes in store for our Order, but with the love and support of the membership, and by the grace of God, we will be successful in our efforts to promote and perpetuate our fraternity. Let us all move forward with the work at hand and enjoy ourselves in this labor of love.

I will close with a prayer for happiness which is that

I would be friendly, for friendship satisfies,
that I would be helpful and never criticize;
that I would be hopeful, we'll reach the goal that way;
that I would be loving, show kindness every day;
that I would be peaceful with harmony my creed.
Then I would be happy for these are all that I need.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Now for what you came for, the very best part. We hear from Mrs. Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron. It is your time and this is your hour, and you are our angel in charge. We await your greetings. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron and our Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, to our Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, Distinguished Members, Family and Friends: It is a joy to greet each of you tonight. You are an awesome sight! Thank each of you for allowing me to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. I promise to do my very best to serve you, the membership, as we strive to continue our benevolent work among our members and to reach out to those who need our assistance in our communities.
There is much we can do as Sisters and Brothers in Eastern Star. Your Worthy Grand Patron and I ask for your help, your prayers and your assistance this coming year. I want to thank each one who has had a part in this beautiful installation: Sister Elise Hammack, Rennie, Rosemary, Betty, Effie Mae, and Sister Lena Maye couldn't make it tonight, she isn't feeling well, and Sister Betty Benham had to go back to Amarillo for her mother; Brother Harry, Billy, Glenn, Alma -- to each one of you, all those in the Star Point Presentation, to my husband, Johnny -- honey, I love you; the night's still young; to my family, Johnny, Chris, Amy and Brooke, to my sister Cynthia -- you don't want to stand? I'm sure you need to stretch. To my sister Cynthia and her husband Roland, know how much I love and appreciate each one of you. You mean much to me and our time has been kind of scarce lately. Even haven't had time to go fishing in a couple of weeks -- but to each one of you. To our son and his family for driving in from Louisiana last night; our granddaughter took an SAT test here in Fort Worth this morning, to those, know how much I love and appreciate each one of you.

To Beeville Chapter #422 and to Violet Chapter #158, to all of those in District 5, Section 8, know how much I appreciate all the support that you have given to me in the years past and the encouragement. To my Special Angel, Sister Mae Pearl Ernst, who has been a special friend and a good mom -- second mom -- to me; Sister Mae Pearl, thank you so much for your love and encouragement through the years, and know that I love you and I remember Brother Rudy. Thank you.

To our TMRC residents and Kirby Rudisell, know how much we appreciate you coming out this evening to be with us. Mr. Rudisell, thank you so much for bringing these residents to be with us this evening. Sisters and Brothers, let's give this fellow a hearty welcome and let him know how much we appreciate him and these ladies that he brought with him tonight. [applause] Thank you so much for the special care that our ladies are receiving at TMRC and for the other residents. Know I enjoy each one of my visits and the good meal that you serve these ladies. Thank you so much for being here and taking your time to bring them here. We'll have to take another bus trip to Waco one of these days soon.

To Mr. Bill -- William R. -- Curry -- where are you, Brother Bill? You're special to me. As I traveled many times when we first retired -- Johnny and I were going to go on trips, but it seems we haven't made that just yet because we got busy with Sister Marcella and riding the roads with her. Know how much encouragement that you two have given to me. And if you'll look in one of my deputies' books, you'll see a special poem in there written by you. Thank you, Brother Bill. We love you. [applause]

The Bible that's sitting on the Altar was presented to me by the Chapters in our Section 8. I want to thank Sister Wanda for allowing us to use her Altar cloth. That's beautiful, and that has been used during this Grand Chapter session and again tonight.

And to Crescent Chapter -- Sister Sharon's and Sister Wanda's Chapter -- for the use of all the paraphernalia that we have in our Grand Chapter room this evening. And to Sister Mary Horton Beech for the beautiful dresses
you see these ladies are wearing this evening. Let's have patience. They're all going to get here one of these days soon, so the rest of you will look just as pretty as these Officers tonight.

To Sister Gladys for the beautiful music, the march; to Diane and Virginia for the beautiful sign that she did; to Sister Mary Alberts for the beautiful music she has prepared for us during the evening. To my Executive Committee and the Arrangements Committee, thank you for the beautiful work you did this evening, for the decorations to change this Grand Chapter room. Know how much we appreciate it. And for those on the Arrangements Committee for Sister Sharon and Brother Ed this past year, know how much we appreciate your cooperation with our crew also.

To Trey and Lisa, to Janice and Willie Mae, know how much I appreciate your assistance also in the back. To our DeMolay Boys and Brother Bart, to our Job's Daughters and to Alexis Work, our Queen, to the Rainbow Girls, know how much I appreciate you having a part in this installation. I became acquainted with Job's Daughters when Marcella was a candidate and was elected to the line, at her installation was the first time Job's Daughters had been asked to be a part of the installation, and you have meant much to me. Thank you so much. And to the Rainbow Girls for the beautiful Bible. Know how much each one of you have meant to me in this installation tonight.

I could go on and say so many thanks, but I'm sure I've left out some. But these special friends here, these five Star Point ladies, the ones that I was able to select and the others who are serving -- the Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, the Warder and the Sentinel, these that I was able to select and these that were elected -- starting up now with us, Gary, we welcome you aboard. So each of you remember what we have said. We want to have wonderful team work this year. Together we can do much. We can accomplish so much more if we work as a team in our benevolent work and our aid to our Sisters and Brothers in our Eastern Star and our communities.

So again to each one of these Installing Officers, each one who had a special part -- any part at all in this installation tonight, know how much I appreciate it and I love each one of you. Thank you so much and may God bless you always. [applause]

To Brother Hank Knepp for my gavel, too. Thank you, Hank. I'm sorry I missed it. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Mrs. Melissa Simonton, Grand Soloist from District 1, will give her rendition of "Find Us Faithful." [applause following song]

Now for the drill we all enjoy when we can see the new Grand Officers as Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal, directs their formation for our enjoyment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, our Grand Marshal has asked that we dispense with our drill tonight since it is getting late. Sister Benita, we'll do it at Grand Chapter in Corpus Christi. Thank you so much.
MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you, Grand Marshal, I know you were willing, but the time constraints are hard.

Our benediction will be given by Mr. David Dibrell, Past Grand Master.

MR. DAVID DIBRELL: Most gracious Heavenly Father, author of light and life, as we close this "Angels Among Us" session, we ask for Your continued blessings upon our Order. We also ask for strength and wisdom for these new Officers who lead us. Give them traveling grace, and look after them and hold them in the palm of your hand. And as each one of us departs this place, help each one of us search for the angels within us that we may demonstrate to the world the teachings of the Order of the Eastern Star. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank each one for being here. We will now have a brief recess before the closing of our Grand Chapter.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to close this 121st session and direct him to permit no interruption while we're thus engaged.

Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are members of this Grand Chapter.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order. [The Grand Chapter was proved.] Worthy Grand Matron, all present are members of the Order.

Sister Grand Conductress, would you attend at our Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

I now declare this session open. Is there any business to come before us?

MRS. JERRE LUCAS: Worthy Grand Matron -- and how wonderful that sounds -- on behalf of the Board of Directors and by instruction of the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Nelson Campbell, and the Vice Chairman of the Board, Mr. Raul Garcia, I am so very pleased on behalf of all of the Board to present the keys to the new Grand Chapter van. And I know you've already said how pleased you were and how pleased we are to present you with the keys. I know you will have a good time. I would like to have a recorder in there so I could keep up with what goes on. We wish you Godspeed in your travels.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: To the Board, thank you so very much. I'm sure we will enjoy it. It's a beautiful silver van, and I know that the girls and I in our travels on the school schedule will enjoy this beautiful van. Thank you so much, Board of Directors and the Grand Chapter of Texas, for providing us with this vehicle.

Sister Associate Grand Matron, is there any other business to come before
this Grand Chapter session?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: There is none to my knowledge.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the Flag of our country. [The Flag was retired.] We will now have the Closing Ode, "One Day at a Time." [singing in unison] Let us unite in prayer. [Prayer by Grand Chaplain not on public address system.] Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

I now declare this 121st Grand Chapter session closed.

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RECAP ON ELECTIONS

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

Worthy Grand Matron ................................ Doris J. Hester
Worthy Grand Patron ................................ Jack W. Guy
Associate Grand Matron .......................... Karen Morgenthaler
Associate Grand Patron ........................... Jerry Martin
Grand Treasurer .................................... Betty Prater
Grand Conductress ................................. Nancy Brown
Board of Directors District I ..................... Jack Beall
Board of Directors District II .................... Dwayne Maserang
Board of Directors District III .................. JoAnn Snow
Board of Directors District III .................. Jayne Yenger
Board of Directors District IV ................... Tom Everett
Board of Directors District IV ................... Nelson Campbell
Board of Directors District V .................... Jerre S. Lucas
Board of Directors District V .................... Raul Garcia
Board of Grand Examiners District I ............ Betty M. Scott
Board of Grand Examiners District II .......... Bess Caldwell
Board of Grand Examiners District III ........ Joyce Nicklas
Board of Grand Examiners District IV .......... Vi Griffin
Board of Grand Examiners District V .......... Betty Martin
Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large ........... Mary Ruth White

BALLOT

Grand Secretary
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Charlene Littlewood ............................... 907

Associate Grand Conductress
Geraldine (Gerry) Dusek ........................ 1153
Joyce Gilbert ..................................... 1063

Board of Directors District I
Gary Steele ....................................... 1352
Sue Briwa ......................................... 852

Board of Directors District II
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*Demitted  †Deceased  ‡Suspended*
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors,
Grand Chapter of Texas,
Order of the Eastern Star

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star (the "Grand Chapter") (a nonprofit organization) and the Eastern Star Home of Texas (the Eastern Star Home) (a nonprofit organization) as of October 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of activities and statements of cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Grand Chapter and the Eastern Star Home's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and the schedules referred to below on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

It was not practical for the Grand Chapter to establish controls over special fund-raising activities prior to their initial entry in the accounting records, nor was it practical for us to perform other auditing procedures to satisfy ourselves that all special fund-raising contributions were received and recorded. Accordingly, our examination relating to special fund-raising contributions was limited to the amounts recorded in the accounts.

In our opinion, except for the effect of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had we been able to verify whether all special fund-raising contributions were received and recorded in the accounts, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star and the Eastern Star Home of Texas as of October 31, 2003 and 2002, and the changes in their net assets and its changes in cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Exhibits 1 through 6 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.
financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effect, if any, of the matter discussed in the third preceding paragraph, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

George, Morgan & Sneed, P.C.
Weatherford, Texas
December 18, 2003
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND
EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
October 31, 2003 and 2002

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| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| Accounts payable | 10,700 | 29,918 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 2,712 | 3,981 |
| Deferred revenue | 147,068 | 117,561 |
| Funds held for others | 1,703,986 | 1,616,908 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES** | 1,864,486 | 1,688,368 |

| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted | 1,615,493 | 1,622,024 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 471,829 | 471,563 |
| Permanently Restricted | 9,027,456 | 8,688,837 |
| **TOTAL NET ASSETS** | 11,114,778 | 10,782,424 |

| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| **$12,979,244** | **$12,450,792** |

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.
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### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND
### EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS
### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
### Year Ended October 31, 2003

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# Statement of Activities

Year Ended October 31, 2002

## Revenues, Gains and Other Support

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<td>Clinic and TMRC housing</td>
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<td>Supplies</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,865,872</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,041</strong></td>
<td><strong>48,161</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,916,074</strong></td>
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| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS                  |               |                        |                        |          |
|**167,144**                             |               |                        |                        |          |

| NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR         |               |                        |                        |          |
|**1,454,880**                           |               |                        |                        |**10,732,057** |

| NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR               |               |                        |                        |          |
|$**1,622,024**                          | $471,563      | $8,688,837             | $10,792,424          |

See accompanying notes and accountant’s report.
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>2003</th>
<th>2002</th>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in net assets</td>
<td>$332,354</td>
<td>$20,337</td>
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<td>Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>25,026</td>
<td>33,566</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unrealized (gain) loss on investments</td>
<td>(188,593)</td>
<td>239,785</td>
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<td>(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses</td>
<td>(12,715)</td>
<td>14,260</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable</td>
<td>3,870</td>
<td>18,732</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Increase) decrease in other assets</td>
<td>585</td>
<td>111,331</td>
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<td>(Increase) decrease in inventory</td>
<td>1,973</td>
<td>(25,737)</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in accounts payable</td>
<td>(19,218)</td>
<td>12,470</td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in other accrued liabilities</td>
<td>(1,269)</td>
<td>3,594</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase (decrease) in other deferred revenue</td>
<td>29,507</td>
<td>1,301</td>
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<td><strong>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
<td>171,520</td>
<td>429,639</td>
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

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<td>Purchases of certificates of deposit and investment securities held in trust</td>
<td>(5,055,794)</td>
<td>(11,167,678)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from sale/maturity of certificates of deposit and investment securities held in trust</td>
<td>4,721,969</td>
<td>10,757,124</td>
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<tr>
<td>Principal paydowns and charge offs on real estate notes receivable</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unrealized (gain) loss on investments held for others</td>
<td>(89,138)</td>
<td>55,630</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase in funds held for others</td>
<td>187,078</td>
<td>72,680</td>
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<td>Purchase of fixed assets, net</td>
<td>(14,767)</td>
<td>(10,739)</td>
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<td><strong>NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
<td>(260,652)</td>
<td>(282,683)</td>
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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<td>(89,132)</td>
<td>136,956</td>
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BEGINNING CASH AND EQUIVALENTS

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<td>715,575</td>
<td>578,619</td>
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ENDING CASH AND EQUIVALENTS

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<td>$626,443</td>
<td>$715,575</td>
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NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS HELD IN TRUST

The Grand Chapter and Eastern Star Home investments (not including certificates of deposits which are stated at fair value with cost equaling fair value) are stated at fair value. The following is a summary of investments held in trust as of October 31, 2003 and 2002:

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<th>October 31, 2003</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Fair Value</td>
<td>Unrealized Appreciation</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$873,050</td>
<td>$873,050</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total unrestricted</td>
<td>$873,050</td>
<td>$873,050</td>
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<tr>
<td>Restricted:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$781,051</td>
<td>$781,051</td>
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<tr>
<td>Marketable equity securities</td>
<td>$2,232,807</td>
<td>$2,566,848</td>
<td>243,041</td>
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<tr>
<td>Marketable debt securities</td>
<td>$3,158,796</td>
<td>$3,249,346</td>
<td>92,550</td>
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<td>U.S. Government obligations</td>
<td>$1,403,352</td>
<td>$1,496,340</td>
<td>92,988</td>
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<td>U.S. Government agencies</td>
<td>$2,152,358</td>
<td>$2,201,916</td>
<td>49,558</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mutual funds</td>
<td>$716,007</td>
<td>$676,656</td>
<td>(39,341)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total restricted</td>
<td>$10,315,371</td>
<td>$10,972,167</td>
<td>$456,796</td>
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NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED ASSETS

In addition to the restricted investments held in trust in Note 2, certain cash and certificates of deposit are considered restricted also. The endowment fund's principal must be invested in perpetuity, and the income from endowment investments may be spent for the benefit of the retirement home as authorized and approved by the Grand Chapter. The endowed membership fund is a custodial fund which is not included in the statement of activities because of its agency capacity. The Fannie V. Ward fund is restricted for funding scholarships. The Educational fund is restricted for funding educational loans and certain scholarships. The Home Renovation fund is restricted for the repair and renovation of the Home. In the year these repairs and renovations are completed, the restricted revenue is released in the amount of expenses for the fiscal year. A summary of the components of restricted cash follows:
### NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED ASSETS (continued)

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<th>Year 2003</th>
<th>Year 2002</th>
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<td><strong>Restricted Cash</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Education fund</td>
<td>$79,340</td>
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<td>Special Projects Funds</td>
<td>95,324</td>
<td>83,219</td>
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<td>Endowment Membership fund</td>
<td>(13)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Restricted Cash</strong></td>
<td>174,651</td>
<td>158,210</td>
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<td><strong>Restricted Certificates of Deposit</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Education fund</td>
<td>24,053</td>
<td>23,702</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fannie V. Ward fund</td>
<td>36,155</td>
<td>35,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Restricted Certificates of Deposit</strong></td>
<td>60,208</td>
<td>58,702</td>
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<td><strong>Restricted Investments Held in Trust</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Endowment fund</td>
<td>8,348,629</td>
<td>8,056,327</td>
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<td>Education fund</td>
<td>464,082</td>
<td>420,013</td>
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<td>Endowed Membership fund</td>
<td>1,687,796</td>
<td>1,499,948</td>
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<td>Home Renovation fund</td>
<td>471,660</td>
<td>471,120</td>
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<td><strong>Total Restricted Investments Held in Trust</strong></td>
<td>10,972,167</td>
<td>10,447,408</td>
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<td><strong>Restricted Receivables and Other Assets</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Endowment fund</td>
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<td>Accrued interest receivable</td>
<td>75,071</td>
<td>78,219</td>
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<td>Other Assets</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education fund</td>
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<td>Other Assets</td>
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<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Endowed Membership fund</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued interest receivable</td>
<td>16,209</td>
<td>16,096</td>
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<tr>
<td>Home Renovation fund</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued interest receivable</td>
<td>169</td>
<td>443</td>
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<td><strong>Total Restricted Receivables and Other Assets</strong></td>
<td>91,449</td>
<td>95,343</td>
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<td><strong>Total Restricted Assets</strong></td>
<td>$11,298,475</td>
<td>$10,759,663</td>
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NOTE 4 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

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<td>$146,496</td>
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<td>Office equipment and records</td>
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<td>105,995</td>
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<td>Automobiles</td>
<td>24,799</td>
<td>113,343</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land</td>
<td>10,250</td>
<td>10,250</td>
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<td>Home building and equipment</td>
<td>1,940,746</td>
<td>1,940,746</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>20,726</td>
<td>20,309</td>
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<td><strong>2,252,634</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,237,139</strong></td>
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<td>Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>(2,148,746)</td>
<td>(2,223,011)</td>
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<td><strong>103,886</strong></td>
<td><strong>114,128</strong></td>
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NOTE 5 - FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS

Funds Held For Others consists of the net assets of the endowed membership fund and the resident accounts. The endowed membership funds are held for the benefit of a member’s local chapter. Interest earned on the principal is remitted pro rata to each endowed member’s chapter. The Grand Chapter receives the interest in the event of the chapter’s demise. Members may also obtain endowed membership by purchasing stamps for $10. Once 50 stamps are accumulated they may be turned in as payment for an endowed membership. The stamps may be transferred to other members but are nonrefundable once purchased. Resident accounts are held for residents of the Eastern Star Home and consist of unspent monthly allowances. In the event of the resident’s death, these accounts revert to the Eastern Star Home. During the 2002 fiscal year the custody of these accounts were transferred to the Masonic Center. Transactions for the year are as follows:

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<th>Endowed Memberships</th>
<th>Resident Accounts</th>
<th>Stamp Program</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Principal</td>
<td>Income</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance at October 31, 2002</td>
<td>$1,533,500</td>
<td>$ (17,455)</td>
<td>$ 864</td>
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<tr>
<td>Stamp sales</td>
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<td>Endowed memberships</td>
<td>124,000</td>
<td></td>
<td>124,000</td>
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<td>Interest and dividend income</td>
<td>61,499</td>
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<td>61,499</td>
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<td>Realized and unrealized gain(loss) on investments</td>
<td>89,159</td>
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<td>89,159</td>
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<td>Distributions to local chapters</td>
<td>(63,325)</td>
<td>(63,325)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfer to Masonic Center</td>
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<tr>
<td>Trust and bank fees</td>
<td>(14,481)</td>
<td></td>
<td>(14,481)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Endowed memberships</td>
<td></td>
<td>(40,000)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administration fees and supplies</td>
<td>(8,910)</td>
<td>(864)</td>
<td>(9,774)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net increase in funds held for others</td>
<td>124,000</td>
<td>63,942</td>
<td>864</td>
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<td>Balance at October 31, 2003</td>
<td>$1,657,500</td>
<td>$ 46,486</td>
<td>$</td>
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NOTE 6 - THE EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS

The Eastern Star Home of Texas maintains separate checking and investment accounts. These assets are combined for reporting purposes herein, with assets owned by the Grand Chapter. The following summarizes the separate cash, investment accounts and operations of the Eastern Star Home of Texas as of October 31, 2003 and 2002:

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<th>2003</th>
<th>2002</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>111,996</td>
<td>227,242</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investments held in trust</td>
<td>1,169,714</td>
<td>1,033,832</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>1,281,710</td>
<td>1,261,074</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other Assets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Due from other funds</td>
<td>892</td>
<td>68,296</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>75,451</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>76,343</td>
<td>144,622</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Assets</td>
<td>1,358,053</td>
<td>1,405,696</td>
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</table>

| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                   |            |            |
| Accounts payable                            | 1,232      | 123        |
| Home member's cash fund                     | -          | 864        |
| Net assets                                  | 1,356,821  | 1,404,709  |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets              | 1,358,053  | 1,405,696  |
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NOTE 6 – THE EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS (Continued)

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<td><strong>REVENUE:</strong></td>
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<td>Dues</td>
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<td>Pension receipts</td>
<td>278,932</td>
<td>327,935</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
<td>37,297</td>
<td>158,650</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investment return</td>
<td>19,409</td>
<td>27,005</td>
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<tr>
<td>Home member receipts</td>
<td>24,466</td>
<td>34,226</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>22,679</td>
<td>28,775</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>791,905</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,008,748</strong></td>
</tr>
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</table>

| **EXPENSES:**        |            |            |
| Salaries and taxes   | 38,069     |            |
| Food                 | 3,100      |            |
| Drugs and supplies   | 1,425      |            |
| Professional care    | 791,804    | 789,536    |
| Utilities            | (11)       | 15,291     |
| Insurance            | 466        | 17,929     |
| Home maintenance     |            | 11,598     |
| Other                | 60,981     | 56,069     |
| **Total Expenses**   | **853,240**| **933,017**|

Excess of expenses over revenue
(61,335) 75,731

Beginning net assets
1,404,709 1,274,716

Transfers
13,447 54,262

Ending net assets
$1,356,821 $1,404,709
NOTE 7 - GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

Once a year, the membership meets in what is called a Grand Chapter Session. This year’s session was not held until November 7, 8 and 9, 2002, in Dallas, Texas. The following is a synopsis of revenues and expenses from this session:

Revenue:

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<td>Bus and parking passes</td>
<td>8,586</td>
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<td>Social events and registration</td>
<td>57,425</td>
<td>82,134</td>
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<tr>
<td>Donations</td>
<td>637</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest and miscellaneous</td>
<td>750</td>
<td>2,170</td>
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<tr>
<td>Registration fees collect by Grand Chapter</td>
<td>40,020</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total revenue</td>
<td>124,603</td>
<td>139,032</td>
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Expenses:

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Excess of receipts over disbursements: (32,292) 20,725

Beginning Cash: 58,929

Net expenses paid by Grand Chapter: 4,628 8,726

Session bank balance at October 31: 31,265 58,929

The following is a synopsis of the net expenses paid by Grand Chapter:

Expenses

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Net expenses paid by Grand Chapter: 4,628 8,726
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| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS |                |                                |                 |                |
| Accounts payable         | $8,468        | $1,232                         |                 |                |
| Other accrued liabilities | $2,712        |                                |                 |                |
| Due to other funds       | $38,491       |                                |                 |                |
| Deferred revenue         |                |                                |                 | $2,545         |
| Funds held for others    | -             |                                |                 |                |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES        | $49,071       | $1,232                         |                 | $2,545         |

<p>| NET ASSETS              |                |                                |                 |                |
| Unrestricted            | $431,594       | $1,110,781                     | $46,254         |                |
| Temporarily Restricted  |                |                                |                 |                |
| Permanently Restricted  |                |                                | $8,424,871      | $566,430       |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS        | $431,594       | $1,110,781                     | $8,424,871      | $46,254        |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | $481,265 | $1,112,013 | $8,424,871 | $49,264 | $566,475 |</p>
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| 1,000 | 10,700 | 2,712 | 10,700 | 2,712 |
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| 147,068 | 147,068 | - | 1,703,986 | 1,703,986 |
| 150,420 | 1,703,992 | 1,907,860 | (43,394) | 1,864,466 |
| 23,884 | 1,615,493 | 471,829 | 471,829 | 1,615,493 |
| 36,155 | 9,027,456 | 471,829 | 471,829 | 9,027,456 |
| 36,155 | 23,884 | 471,829 | 11,114,778 | 11,114,778 |
| $36,155 | $174,284 | $1,703,992 | $471,829 | $13,022,638 | $12,979,244 |
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| 47,224         | 1,155               | (929)             | 266                   | 332,354              | 332,354|            | 332,354        |
| 519,206        | 35,000              | 24,763            | 471,563               | 10,782,424           | 10,782,424|            | 10,782,424    |

$ 566,430 | $ 36,185 | $ 23,864 | $ 471,629 | $ 11,114,778 | $ 11,114,778
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|                     |                                     |                             |                     | 8,688,837|             | 8,688,837     |
| 35,000              |                                     |                             |                     | 10,782,424|     | 10,782,424   |

$35,000             | $142,354                           | $1,516,044                  | $471,563            | $12,519,088| (68,296)| $12,450,792   |

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GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND
EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS
Year Ended October 31, 2002

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**Home Renovation Fund-Restricted**                                         |               |                       |               |                  |           |             | $3,873,371     | $3,873,371   |
| Guaranty Federal Loan Account                                              | Various       | Various               |               |                  |           |             | $1,687,709     | $1,687,709   |
| **Total Home Renovation Fund**                                            |               |                       |               |                  |           |             | $4,757,132     | $4,757,132   |
| **Grand Total of Investments**                                            |               |                       |               |                  |           |             | $5,735,033     | $5,735,033   |
### GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND
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#### DETAIL OF HUMANITARIAN / SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

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