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Proceedings
The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

Extends Fraternal Greetings and
Cordially Invites You to Attend the
122nd Annual Session

“Happiness is Caring”
SESSION

November 10 -14, 2004

Corpus Christi Convention Center
(American Bank Center)
1901 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, Texas

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron

Mrs. Nell Smith
Grand Secretary
Aim

Let us look for the good in everyone. May we have pride in our past accomplishments while looking and planning for the future.

Motto

“Let Us Love One Another”

Emblems

Bluebird of Happiness
Angels

Flowers

Pink Roses
Magnolias
Morning Glories
WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Worthy Grand Matron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Mr. Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron
Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star
SPECIAL GUEST

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

MR. H. LEE STALLINGS
Director of the General Grand Chapter Vision Team

MR. HENRY S. MARTIN
Visioneer For Texas

MRS. ALMA CARTER
Registration Committee

MR. BILLY H. COMBEST
Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, Chairman

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
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons
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

Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Special Appointees of General Grand Chapter

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

Distinguished Civic Leaders and Guests
HONORED GUESTS

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron 2003-2004

Texas’ Own General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members

Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress

Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Director of the General Grand Chapter Vision Team

Mr. Billy H. Combest, Knight’s Templar Eye Foundation

Mr. Henry S. Martin, Visioneer For Texas

Mrs. Alma Carter, Registration Committee

Mrs. Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the MWGM in Mexico

Mr. Raul Garcia, Deputy to the MWGP in Mexico and Central America

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
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Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland
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Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
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Mr. Harry G. Cunningham
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Mr. Graham H. Childress
Mr. Glen Whitaker

Mr. Garland W. Rattan
Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Mr. Charles Morris
Mr. Richard Ochs
Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker
Mr. Harold Trammell
Mr. Ed Warner
INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT AND
SPECIAL ANGEL

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Associate Grand Patron

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Grand Treasurer

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Grand Conductress

MRS. GERALDINE DUSEK
Associate Grand Conductress

MRS. SANDRA PERDUE
Grand Chaplain

MRS. BENITA BASSETT
Grand Marshal

MRS. DELPHIA VON HEEDER
Grand Organist
INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT AND
SPECIAL ANGEL (CONTINUED)

MRS. LANELLE HENDRIX
Grand Adah

MRS. FRANCES REEDY
Grand Ruth

MRS. LINDA L. GUY
Grand Esther

MRS. FREIDA T. DILLON
Grand Martha

MRS. DOROTHY M. WHITE
Grand Electa

MRS. CHRISTOLENE DICKSON
Grand Warder

MR. JERRY TREES
Grand Sentinel

MRS. JUDY GOLDMAN
Fraternal Correspondent

MRS. MAE PEARL ERNST
Special Angel
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Member, District 5
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District 3

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District 4

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District 5

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General Co-Chairman
Systems Division

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Decorations

Mrs. Janette Alloway
Co-Chairman
Decorations
ARRANGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Mrs. Willie Mae Shaw
Chairman
Stage Pages

Mrs. Charlotte Dana
Chairman
Labyrinth

Mrs. Nancy Storey
Chairman
Paraphernalia

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Chairman
Sound

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Chairman

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Chairman

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Chairman
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Chairman
Information
ARRANGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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Special Needs

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Chairman
First Aid

MRS. DEE FAHRIG
Chairman
Special Bags

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General Chairman
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MR. CECIL ROBISON
General Co-Chairman
Security Division

MRS. ANNA HUCKABEE
General Chairman
Exhibits Divisions

MRS. KATHY TEELE
Ticket Chairman
Thursday, Afternoon Session  
November 11, 2004

“Angels Among Us” Session

11:30 a.m. Musical Prelude  
Mrs. Mary Alberts  
Arrangements, Special Needs

Master of Ceremonies  
Mrs. Elsie Paladino  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal  
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Honorary Assisting Grand Marshal  
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Special Music  
“Angels Among Us”  
Mrs. Diane R. Beckley  
Grand Soloist, District 5

Procesional of Distinguished Members and Guests

Assisting Grand Organist  
Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

12:30 p.m. 
Presentation of Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, 
Fraternal Correspondent, and Special Angel

Special Angel  
Mrs. Mae Pearl Ernst  
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 Martin, District 5  
Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner At-Large

Board of Directors  
Mr. Nelson Campbell, Chairman  
Mr. Raul Garcia, Co-Chairman  
Deputy to the MWGP in Mexico & Central America  
Mr. Gary Steele, Secretary  
Mr. Jack Beall, 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  
Mrs. Jerre S. Lucas, District 5
Mrs. Judith K. Goldman Fraternal Correspondent
Escorted by Mr. Michael T. “Mike” Goldman

Mr. Jerry Trees Grand Sentinel
Escorted by Mrs. Janell Trees

Mrs. Christolene Dickson Grand Warder
Escorted by Mr. Curtis Bushnell

Mrs. Dorothy M. White Grand Electa
Escorted by Mr. Carl White

Mrs. Freida T. Dillon Grand Martha
Escorted by Mr. Carl E. “Gene” Starkey

Mrs. Linda L. Guy Grand Esther
Escorted by Mr. Jimmy Hevron

Mrs. Frances Reedy Grand Ruth
Escorted by Mr. Wes Campbell

Mrs. LaNelle Hendrix Grand Adah
Escorted by Mr. Marvin Spivey

Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder Grand Organist
Escorted by Mr. Dwight Von Heeder

Mrs. Benita Bassett Grand Marshal
Escorted by Mr. Robert Coursey

Mrs. Sandra Perdue Grand Chaplain
Escorted by Mr. Eddie Perdue

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek Associate Grand Conductress
Escorted by Mr. Hubert Dusek

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

Mrs. Betty Prater Grand Treasurer
Escorted by Mr. Henry S. Martin

Mrs. Nell Smith Grand Secretary
Escorted by Mr. Paul Kirk
Mr. Jerry Martin
Associate Grand Patron
Escorted by Mrs. Betty Martin

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Associate Grand Matron
Escorted by Mr. Edwin T. “Tom” Morgenthaler

Mr. Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron
Escorted by Mrs. Tonya Foster

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

Presentations

THE HOLY BIBLE
Mrs. Jean Thomas
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

THE BIBLE MARKER
Mrs. Doris Moore
Reading Is Fun Committee

SQUARE & COMPASSES
Mr. Michael T. “Mike” Goldman
Arrangements, Exhibits Co-Chairman

FLAG PRESENTATION

United States
Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Canada
Mr. Frederick W. Clarke
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Texas
Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Director of the General Grand Chapter Vision Team
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Christian
Mr. Billy H. Combest
Knights Templar Eye Foundation
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Eastern Star
Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker
Past Grand Patron of Texas
1:00 p.m. Call to Order

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Right Worthy Grand Conductress
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Harry G. Cunningham
Past Grand Patron of Texas
Past Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Invocation

Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Rocking Bluebird” Drill

Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Welcome to City of Corpus Christi

Ms. Brenda A. Smith
Executive Chairman, Executive Committee

Greetings

Mayor Lloyd Neal
City of Corpus Christi

Greetings

Mr. Thomas Galyan
President of Corpus Christi Convention
and Visitors Bureau, Chief Executive Officer

Greetings

Ronald McDonald

Greetings

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

Greetings

Miss Kailee Ribbans
Grand Worthy Advisor
Grand Assembly of Texas
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Greetings

Mrs. Linda Hubbell Henderson
Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas
Job’s Daughters International

Greetings

Miss Jennifer N. Crocker, PHQ
Miss Texas Job’s Daughters
Job’s Daughter International
Greetings Hon. J. Weldon Clampitte, Jr.
State Executive Officer
International Order of DeMolay

Greetings Mr. Chris Kircher
State Master Counselor
International Order of DeMolay

Greetings Mr. William R. Sandel
Potentate, Al Amin Shrine

Greetings Hon. Reese Harrison
Most Worshipful Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

Response to Welcome & Greetings Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Worthy Grand Matron

     Mr. Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron

Partial Report of the Credentials Committee Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond
Credentials Chairman

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

RITUALISTIC CEREMONIAL OPENING Installed Grand Officers

Opening Ode “He Keeps Me Singing” Grand Choir and Assembly
Directed by Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander
Grand Choir Director

Flag Presentation Mrs. Benita Bassett
Grand Marshal

Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron

The National Anthem Grand Choir and Assembly

“O Canada” Grand Choir and Assembly

Filling Vacancies on Committees
FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS

Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Most Worthy Grand Patrons
Elective and Appointive Floor Officers of General Grand Chapter
General Grand Chapter 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 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.
Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Ambassadors for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron
Special Appointees to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and 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 and Appointments of Other Grand Jurisdictions
Presiding Officers and Distinguished Members of All Appendant Bodies

Welcome and Greetings
Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Response to Welcome
Mr. Fred W. Clarke
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Greetings – Other Grand Jurisdictions
Mrs. Audrey Barker
Worthy Grand Matron, Louisiana

Benediction
Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
“KALEIDOSCOPE OF STARS” BANQUET
HONORING THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS
Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, GGC
And Texas’ Own General Grand Chapter Appointed Family
Convention Center Grand Ballroom
Thursday Evening Session
November 11, 2004

“Garden of Love and Roses” Session

6:30 p.m. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Darla Dunaway
General Chairman
Labels and Worksheets

7:30 p.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Garland Rattan
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Rocking Bluebird” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Special Music
Mrs. Melissa Simonton
Grand Soloist, District 1

Grand Representative Program
Mrs. Judy Goldman
Fraternal Correspondent

“He’s Got The World In His Hands” Drill
Grand Representatives of Texas
and Visiting Jurisdictions
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

Reports:

Chapters Under Dispensation
Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland, Chairman

Credentials Committee
Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond, Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester

Worthy Grand Patron
Mr. Jack W. Guy

Grand Secretary
Mrs. Nell Smith

Grand Treasurer
Mrs. Betty Prater
“Happiness in Sharing” Humanitarian Program
Mrs. Lesa G. Smith
Humanitarian General Chairman

Presentation of Chapters 100% Humanitarian
Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Jr. Past Matrons and Jr. Past Patrons
“Expanding Our Stars” Humanitarian Drill
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

Humanitarian Chairmen
District I Mrs. Peggy A. Daniels
District II Mrs. Evelyn J. Berry
District III Mrs. Acey Guile
District IV Mrs. Rhonda Beamesderfer
District V Mrs. Gloria Bennett

New Business, Amendments and Special Committees

Resolutions Mrs. Edna Goette
Resolutions Committee

Benediction Mr. Billy H. Combest
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Closing of the Bible Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Session Called from Labor to Rest
Until 8:00 a.m. Friday Morning

“The guardian Angels of life
sometimes fly so high as to be
beyond our sight, but they are
always looking down on us.”
Friday Morning Session
November 12, 2004

“Love and Friendship” Session

7:30 a.m. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Sara Rozean
Joyful Sounds Committee

8:00 a.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Henry S. Martin
Vision for Texas, General Grand Chapter
and Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Rocking Bluebird” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Mr. Billy Combest
Knight’s Templar Eye Foundation Chairman
General Grand Chapter
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Special Music
Mrs. Jacque Cates
Grand Soloist, District 3

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
Mr. Nelson Campbell, Chairman
Report of Jurisprudence Committee on
Unfinished Business and
Distribution of Grand Officers’ Reports
Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Chairman
Grievances and Appeals
Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory, Chairman
By-Laws
Mrs. June Bell, Chairman
Benediction

Mr. Richard Ochs
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

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

Please join us for
Our Grand Line Officers Luncheons

May Angels Keep You
And guide you through the night,
May they comfort all your sorrows,
May they keep watch over your soul.
And show you better ways,
May they calm your every fear,
And hear you when you shout.
May they show you bright new hopes,
And still your every doubt.

“When Hearts Listen, Angels Sing”

-Unknown
Friday Afternoon Session  
November 12, 2004  
T.E.A.M.  
“Together Everyone Accomplishes More” Session

1:00 p.m. Musical Prelude  
Mrs. Boots Draper  
Joyful Sounds Committee

1:30 p.m. Call to Order  
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory  
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Rocking Bluebird” Drill  
Installed Grand Officers and Pages  
Directed by Mrs. Benita Basset, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible  
Mrs. Nancy Brown  
Grand Conductress

Invocation  
Mrs. Alma Carter  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Special Music  
Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander  
Grand Choir Director

Session Called From Rest to Labor

Recognition and Presentation of Fifty-Year Members

Reports Continued:  
New Business, Amendments, and Special Committees  
Mrs. Joann Drescher, Chairman

Resolutions  
Mrs. Lesa G. Smith, Chairman

District Deputies and Deputies  
Mrs. Janice G. Langford, Chairman

Grand Examiners  
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman

Registration  
Mrs. Joyce Fields, General Chairman

Humanitarian  
Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander

Educational Fund  
Grand Choir Director

Purpose and Policies  
Mrs. Jane Robison, Chairman

Home Endowment  
Ms. Brenda A. Smith, Executive Chairman

Grand Choir Director  
Mr. Drew K. Terry, General Chairman

International Temple  
Miss Diane Davidson, Chairman

Executive  
Mr. Ronald D. Zipp, Chairman

Arrangements  
Honorable Judge Robert P. Walker

Museum  
Mrs. Lola “Peaches” Wallace, Chairman

Title, Deeds and Properties  
Dr. Charles “Bill” Bane, Chairman

Parliamentarian  
Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory, Past Grand Patron

Development and Marketing  
Texas Cardinals, Inc.
Benediction

Mr. Ed Warner
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

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

Please join us for the District Banquets
Convention Center

Followed by the ESTARL and Memorial Program

The Gift of an Angel

May you always have an Angel by your side.
Watching out for you in all the things you do.
Reminding you to keep believing in brighter days.
Finding ways for your wishes and dreams to come true.
Giving you hope that is as certain as the sun.
Giving you the strength of serenity as your guide.
May you always have an Angel by your side.
Someone there to catch you, if you fall.
Encouraging your dreams,
Inspiring your happiness,
Holding your hand and helping you through it all.
In all of our days, our lives are always changing.
Tears come along as well as smiles.
Along the roads you travel,
May the miles be a thousand times more lovely than lonely.
May they give you gifts that never, ever end.
Someone wonderful to love and a dear friend in whom you can confide.
May you have hopes to keep you safe and warm.
And may you always have an Angel by your side.
Friday Evening Session
November 12, 2004

“The Joy of Giving” Session

7:30 p.m. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Glenda Storey
Joyful Sounds Committee

8:00 p.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Joe E. Jeffers
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Rocking Bluebird” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Special Music
Mrs. Doris Jones
Grand Soloist, District 4

“Working Together in God’s Services”
ESTARL Service Award Ceremony

“Through Heaven’s Gate”
Memorial Program

“Thru Heavenly Gates of Home” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

Closing of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Benediction
Mrs. Jane Gregory
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Following the ESTARL and Memorial Program
All Participants are requested to remain for the rehearsal of
2004-2005 Installation of Grand Officers
Working Together in God’s Service
ESTARL Service and Awards

“Feed My Flock”

Mrs. Doris Hester  Worthy Grand Matron
Mr. Jack Guy     Worthy Grand Patron

November 12, 2004
7:30 P.M.

Mrs. Sylvia Garcia
General Chairman
ESTARL PROGRAM
“Working Together In God's Service”

Welcome .................................................. Mrs. Sylvia Garcia
General Chairman

ESTARL Committee .................................. Mrs. Diana Fulks, D1
Mrs. Cindy Echols, D2
Mrs. Sue Lockhart, D3
Mrs. Gay Sauer, D4
Mrs. Georgia Orr, D5

Invocation .................................................. Mr. Jack Womack
Recipient

Harmony of Love ......................................... Mr. Ronald Bentley and Mr. Paul Evans
Recipients

Wisdom From His Word .............................. Mr. Steven Rindahl
Recipient

Melody of Happiness ............................... Mr. Paul Evans
Recipient

Message .................................................. Mr. Stephen Cottingham
Recipient

Offertory Prayer ......................................... Mr. Doug Wintermute
Recipient

ESTARL LOVE OFFERING

Musical Selection .................................. Mr. Doug Wintermute
Recipient

Presentation of Awards .............................. Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Worthy Grand Matron

Mr. Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron

Assisted by ESTARL Committee

Response from Recipients .......................... Mr. Jodee Helwig
Recipient

Benediction .................................................. Mr. Sam Brannon
Recipient
Through Heaven's Gates

Memorial

Doris Hester  
WGM

Sandra Perdue  
Grand Chaplain

Jack Guy  
WGP

Friday, November 12, 2004
‘Through Heaven’s Gates’
Memorial

Friday, November 12, 2004

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, WGM
Mr. Jack W. Guy, WGP
Mrs. Sandra Perdue, Grand Chaplain

Musical Prelude
Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder
Grand Organist

Invocation
Mr. Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron of Texas

Dedication and Scripture
Grand Chaplain

Solo “Wind Beneath My Wings”
Mrs. Kay Drescher
Registration Committee

Draping of Altar
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek
Associate Grand Conductress

Mrs. Sandra Perdue
Grand Chaplain

Solo “Be Still My Soul”
Mr. Keith Buice
Past Patron
Handley Chapter No. 617

Report
Grand Chaplain

Tribute to Deceased of General Grand Chapter
Grand Chaplain

Presentation of Floral Bouquet
Mrs. Rennie Ofton, RWGC
Past Grand Matron of Texas
Accompanied by
Mr. Raul Garcia
Board of Directors, Vice Chairman
Deputy to the MWGP in Mexico and Central America

Tributes to Deceased of Grand Chapter
Grand Chaplain

Presentation of Floral Bouquet
Mrs. Elsie Paladino, PGM
Accompanied by
Mr. Lee Stallings, Director
Vision GGC & PGP of Texas
Presentation of Floral Bouquet
Mrs. Elise Hammack, PGM
Accompanied by
Mr. Joe E. Jeffers, PGP

Tribute to Deceased Members of
Subordinate Chapters
Grand Chaplain

Presentation of Floral Bouquet
Mrs. Shirley Rattan, Grand Escort
Accompanied by
Mr. Garland Rattan, PGP

“Through the Heavenly Gates of Home”
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal
Memorial Drill

Solo “Angels Among Us”, Mrs. Kay Drescher
Signing by Mrs. Phyllis Macon
Ms. Rose Ann Lowry,
Mrs. Virginia Strong

Angel portrayed by Ms. Lori Goldman, DDGM
District Five

Flag Presentation
SoJourners

Solo: “America the Beautiful:
Mr. Keith Buice and Mr. Bill Crews

Tribute to Military Deceased
Grand Chaplain

Benediction
Grand Chaplain

Taps
Saturday Morning Session
November 13, 2004

“Peace and Harmony” Session

7:30 a.m. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Marilyn M. Lee
General Co-Chairman
Time & Talent Committee

8:00 a.m. Call to Order
Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Director of the GGC Vision Team
Past Grand Patron of Texas

“Rocking Bluebird” Drill
Installed Grand Officers and Pages
Directed by Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

Entrance of Installed Grand Floor Officers

Opening of the Holy Bible
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Mr. Joe E. Jeffers
Past Grand Patron of Texas

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 Credentials Report
Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond, Chairman

Adoption of Memorial and Grand Chaplain Report
Mrs. Sandra Perdue
Grand Chaplain

Appointment of Election Judge

“Under His Wings”
Mrs. Virginia Strong
Grand Page to Grand Conductress

(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. Beverly Sinclair, General Chairman
- Calendars for TEAM: Mrs. Cindy Newbury, General Chairman
- Cancer Research: Mrs. Linda J. Oehlke, General Chairman
- Endowed Membership Stamps: Mrs. Susan Bigham, General Chairman
- Founder’s Day: Mr. Forrest Smith, General Chairman
- Grand Historian: Miss Leslie Lowry, General Chairman
- Happy Times Credit Card: Mrs. Vicki Smith, General Chairman
- Helping Others: Mrs. Charlotte Soape, General Chairman
- Huntington’s Disease: Mrs. Phyllis Macon, General Chairman
- Joyful Sounds Music: Mrs. Lilian Cozby, General Chairman
- Karing for Kids: Mrs. Carolyn Shannon, General Chairman
- Kritters for Kids: Mrs. Gail Smith, General Chairman
- Labels and Worksheets: Mrs. Darla Dunaway, General Chairman
- Membership: Mrs. Edna Jeffries, Acting General Chairman
- Online Youth: Mrs. Linda Hubbell Henderson, General Chairman
- Proficiency: Mrs. Marjorie Errington-Haynes, General Chairman
- Reading is Fun: Mrs. Margie Daniel Curry, General Chairman
- Secretarial: Mrs. Jean Thomas, Chairman
- Texas/Louisiana Exchange: Mrs. Betty J. Warlick, Chairman
- Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma Tri-State: Mrs. Reba Fox, Chairman
- Time and Talent: Mrs. Kathy Creel, Chairman
- Volunteers of Service: Mrs. Ettie Marie Hubbard, General Chairman

Invitation to the 2004-2005 Grand Chapter Session

Recognition and Presentations

Election Results

Benediction: Mrs. Rosemary T. Swetland  
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Closing of the Holy Bible: Mrs. Nancy Brown  
Grand Conductress

Session Called From Labor to Rest  
Until 6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening

Please join us for the 2004-2005  
Installation of Officers

Processional of Distinguished Guests will begin at 6:30 p.m.
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Mrs. Lynda K. Wilkins

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Mrs. Lavern Bartlett
Mrs. Myra A. Patton

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Mrs. Jean Bushnell
Mrs. Flora Maserang
Mrs. Jovell Shaffer
Mrs. Jackie Stogner

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Mr. Brian McKibbin

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Mrs. Patricia Cooper
Mrs. Martha Gardner
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Mrs. Phyllis Jameson
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Mrs. M.J. Reynolds
Executive Co-Chairman
Mrs. Gay M. Carnes
Secretary-Treasurer
Ms. Karen C. Graham
Auditor
Ms. Patsy Cates
Assistant

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Co-Chairman, Social Division
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Chairman, Public Relations
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Co-Chairman, Ushers
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Chairman, Stage Pages
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Acting Co-Chairman, Paraphernalia
Mrs. Ann Teague
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Mrs. Linda Oehlke
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Co-Chairman, Transportation
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Co-Chairman, Information
Miss Sandy Corbin
Chairman, First Aid
Mrs. Junell Nichols Co-Chairman, First Aid
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Mrs. Dorothy Coons Chairman, OES Residents of TMRC
Mrs. Bernice Trangmar Acting Chairman, Lost and Found
Mrs. Jean Payton Co-Chairman, Lost and Found
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Mrs. Deborah McGinnis Chairman, Stenographers
Mr. Gene Carnes General Chairman, Security Division
Mr. Cecil Robison Co-Chairman, Security Division
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Mr. Michael T. Goldman Co-Chairman, Exhibits Division

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Mr. Gary L. Drescher
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Mr. Larry Bigham
Mrs. Susan Dormady
Mr. Ronny C. Perry, Sr.
Mr. Jimmy Williams
Mr. C.B. Mayben

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
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Mr. Joe L. White
Mrs. Jeannine Atkisson
Mrs. Dottie Hooock
Mrs. Patsy Hewlett
Ms. Jerre Miller
Mrs. Susan L. Cohen
Mrs. Jacqueline A. Pierce
Mrs. Saundra Zipp
GENERAL INFORMATION

Headquarters Hotel
Omni Bayfront

Co-Headquarters Hotel
Omni Marina

Grand Chapter Session
Corpus Christi Convention Center
(America Bank Center)

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. General Banquet
Convention Center Grand Ballroom

After Banquet Candidates Reception
Convention Center

Thursday 11:30 a.m. Informal Opening
Convention Center Exhibit Hall
1:00 p.m. Ceremonial Opening
Convention Center Exhibit Hall
5:30 p.m. GGC Banquet
Convention Center Grand Ballroom
7:30 p.m. Evening Session
Convention Center Exhibit Hall

Grand Representatives Program and Drill
Humanitarian Program and Drill
Reports

Friday 8:00 a.m. Morning Session
Convention Center Exhibit Hall
12:00 Noon Line Officers Luncheons
Convention Center 2nd Floor
1:30 p.m. Afternoon Session
Convention Center Exhibit Hall
6:00 p.m. District Banquets
Convention Center 2nd Floor
7:30 p.m. Evening Session
Convention Center Exhibit Hall

ESTARL Program
Memorial Program

After Session Practice for Installation of Grand Officers 2004-2005

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting
Convention Center 2nd Floor

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NOTE: Registration of Voting Delegates for the Credentials closes promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2004. 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 Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons are invited to sit in sections designated for Distinguished Guests during all sessions of Grand Chapter.
Social Information
- Distinguished Guests Hospitality  
  Omni Bayfront
- Grand Representatives Hospitality  
  Omni Bayfront

Grand Pages, Deputy Grand Matrons, 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.

Grand Choir
Grand Choir will be on duty 30 minutes before each session.

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. After the report is read, pictures will be taken of the General Chairman, Co-Chairman, and District Chairmen with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

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

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

Floor Officers and Pages  
Daytime Attire
Immediately after the Friday Afternoon Session

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

Drills and Formations
All Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Junior Past Matrons, and Junior Past Patrons of 100% Chapters in the Humanitarian Program for 2003-04 are invited to participate in the Humanitarian Drill on Thursday evening. Please participate and represent your Chapter wearing any long dress and/or tuxedo or dark suit.

First Aid
First Aid Room will be available in the 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 Exhibitors are set up in the Convention Center Banquet Hall (2nd Floor), Wednesday through 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Various items are on display and for sale including formals, badges, jewelry, Eastern Star supplies, cosmetics, Masonic jewelry and other miscellaneous items.

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

2003-2004 Project Items

The Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Project items are available in the Convention Center Lobby.

Cardinals & Youth Organizations

The Cardinals and youth organizations are located in the Convention Center.

2004-2005 Project Items

The 2004-2005 Special Project items are located in the Exhibits - Banquet Hall. (2nd Floor)

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. *(See list in Advance Annual Report)*
PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GRAND CHAPTER

In accordance with Code of Laws – Article 157. Pages 117 - 119 and the following:

1. Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

2. 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. The Credentials Committee shall make a final report at the Saturday morning session, immediately prior to holding the election, of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.

3. All delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee at all business sessions. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room, members must show a current dues card. On Saturday morning, delegates also must have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.

4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and Chapter name and number of the maker of the motion as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:
   - One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron
   - One copy to the Grand Secretary
   - One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction (or members holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron) are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.

6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
   A. Proceed to the nearest microphone
   B. Address the Presiding Officer
   C. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking
   D. State name, title, Chapter name and number, then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.

7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.

8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment, then the original motion as amended.

9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three-minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.

10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting Delegates will hold up the blue card – Chapter Representatives will hold the pink card.

11. After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.

12. The following motions are not debatable:
   1. Reconsider
   2. Refer to a committee
   3. Call for the orders of the day
   4. Division of the question
   5. Previous question *
   6. Lay on the table
   7. To call off
   8. To proceed to close
If a member wishes to close debate, proceed to a microphone, address the Presiding Officer, after being recognized, state your name, title, Chapter name and number and then make the following motion, “I move the previous question.” Calling out the word “question” from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer.

13. Emergency legislation may be presented at Grand Chapter if it is approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. There shall be three (3) copies in writing of all emergency legislation proposals with distribution as follows:
   One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron
   One copy to the Grand Secretary
   One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

14. The motion to reconsider must be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing (winning) side either on the same day the vote was taken on the original motion, or the next succeeding day.

15. The maker of the motion shall be entitled to be the first speaker on that motion.

16. The affirmative and the negative vote will be taken on all questions and resolutions and the result announced by the Presiding Officer.

17. The Worthy Grand Matron shall make all rulings and decisions. It will take a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting to overrule a decision of the Chair.

18. Nominating speeches are not permitted. Nominations shall be made on election day as follows by the member making the nomination:
   1. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer.
   2. Wait for recognition.
   3. State your name, title, Chapter name and number.
   4. Give the name and Chapter of the member being nominated and the office for which this nomination is made.

19. Nominations do not require a second.

20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.

21. No tape recorders (except official recordings) are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

22. No food or drinks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.
122nd “HAPPINESS IS CARING”
Grand Chapter of Texas Session
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
Corpus Christi Convention Center
(American Bank Center)
Corpus Christi, Texas
November 10th - 14th, 2004

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2004
Bus Service (8 A.M. - 12 MIDNIGHT)

9:00 A.M. EXHIBITS OPEN. (CC-Banquet hall, 2nd Floor).

9:00 A.M. ARRANGEMENTS SETUP. All Arrangements Committee members setup for Grand Chapter session. Other volunteers welcome. (CC-Exhibit Hall, 1st Floor).

9:00 A.M. “Tides of Change” RECEPTION. Honoring Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron and 2004-2005 Installed Grand Officers. Hosted by Mr. Jerry L. Martin, Associate Grand Patron, 874 North View Drive, New Braunfels, TX 78130. 830-626-8535. Location: Convention Center (By Invitation Only.)

10:30 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING. Past Grand Matron’s and Patron’s Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Betty Benham, #6 Manchester Road, Amarillo, TX 79124. 806-352-6602. Location: Convention Center (This group only.)


 Noon HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. Hosted by Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Judith Goldman, 513 W. Clayton, Cuero, TX 77954, 361-275-2936, email: lmg7777@dewittec.net. Location: Omni Bayfront Jr. Suite. (Open to Present and Former Grand Representatives, Spouses and Traveling Companions.)

1:00 P.M. **DRILL PRACTICE.** Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal, 4346 FM 531, Yoakum, TX 77995, 361-741-2904, email: bumblebee@awesomenet.net. Grand Floor Officers and their Grand Pages. Location: Convention Center Exhibit Hall

1:00 P.M. **GRAND CHOIR.** Grand Choir will practice with the Grand Floor Officers and Pages during their Drill Practice. Mr. Jerry Neuenschwander, Grand Choir Director, 830-796-3577

4:00-5:00 P.M. **The Bluebird’s Welcome RECEPTION.** For Distinguished Members. General

5:00 P.M. **General Banquet.** Honoring Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Executive and Arrangements Committees. Chairman: Mrs. Christolene Dickson, P.O. Box 1096, Burkburnett, TX 76354, 940-569-2708. Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Cleta Todd, P.O. Box 311493, New Braunfels, TX 78131, 930-606-1683. Mrs. Linda Carter, 2321 Kirby, Aransas Pass, TX 78336, 361-758-8942. Location: Convention Center Grand Ballroom. (Open to Membership.)

Following the General Banquet

**CANDIDATES RECEPTION.**
Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2004**

8:00 A.M. **Surfers In Charge BREAKFAST.** Honoring Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, Grand Pages, Personal Pages and Grand Choir. Chairman: Mrs. Christolene Dickson, P.O. Box 1096, Burkburnett, TX 76354, 940-569-2708. Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Cleta Todd, P.O. Box 311493, New Braunfels, TX 78131, 930-606-1683. Mrs. Linda Carter, 2321 Kirby, Aransas Pass, TX 78336, 361-758-8942. Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

7:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. **HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.** Hosted by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Bobbe Chamberlin, 5315 Timber Trail, San Antonio, TX 78228, 210-684-3108. Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Cleta Todd, P.O. Box 311493, New Braunfels, TX 78131, 930-606-1683. Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. **REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS.** Registration Chairman: Mrs. Joann Drescher, 414 Donaldson Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78201, 210-734-4376, email: bodiddle@airmail.net. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond, 13515 Ascend Terrace, San Antonio, TX 78249, 210-691-3090, email: mjrosamond@sbcglobal.net. Convention Center Lobby

9:00 A.M. **Reaching Around The World BREAKFAST.** Honoring Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Judy Goldman, 513 W. Clayton, Cuero, TX 77955, 210-725-2936, email: img7777@deiwitec.net. Co-Chairman: Mr. David Ouellett, 204 Viewpoint, Canyon Lake, TX 78133, 830-899-7526, email: onestar@gvtc.com. Location: Convention Center. (Open to Present and Past Grand Representatives, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Fraternal Correspondent, and their spouses or traveling companions.)

10:00 A.M. **Memories From The Heart** **BRUNCH.** Honoring Mrs. Sharon Fentress, Junior Past Grand Matron and Mr. Ed Warner, Junior Past Grand Patron. Hosted by District Deputy Grand Matrons
123RD SESSION GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
and Deputy Grand Matrons 2002-2003. Chairman: Mrs. Patsy Hewlett, P.O. Box 369, Granbury, TX 76048, 254-897-2315, email: patsyray12@hotmail.com. Co-Chairman: Mrs. Rita Lytle, 17407 Ponderosa Pine Dr., Houston, TX 77090-2059, 281-440-7185. Location: Convention Center. (Open to 2002-2003 Grand Family and their spouses or traveling companions.)

122nd SESSION OF GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
(Corpus Christi Bayfront Convention Center Exhibit Hall)
11:30 A.M. INFORMAL OPENING CEREMONIES (Formal Wear)
1:00 P.M. FORMAL OPENING

Call to Order
Welcomes and Greetings
Ritualistic Opening
Introductions of Distinguished Guests
Greetings

5:30 P.M. “Kaleidoscope of Stars” BANQUET. Honoring Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, and Texas’ Own General Grand Chapter Committee Family. Chairman: Mrs. Betty Friend, 892 Oak Lane, New Braunfels, TX 78130, 830-609-3148, email: txgazebo@nbtx.com. Co-Chairman: Dr. Effie Mae Davis, 20018 Horizon Way, San Antonio, TX 78258-3154, 210-497-2032, email: emdtx@hotmail.com. Location: Grand Ballroom - Convention Center Ballroom (Formal Wear) (Open to Membership)

7:00 P.M. Evening Session (Formal Wear) (OPEN SESSION)
7:30 P.M. Call to Order
Grand Representative Program and Drill
Humanitarian Program

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2004
Bus Service (7 A.M. - 12 MIDNIGHT)


6:30 A.M. “Early Bird Special” BREAKFAST. Honoring Mrs. Nell Smith, Grand Secretary. Hosted by Secretary’s Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Cheryl McGee, 122 Prairie View Lane, Red Oak, TX 75154, 972-576-5585, email: jmcgee@ectisp.net. Location: Omni Bayfront, Bayview Room. (Open to Past and Present Secretaries, Treasurers, and their spouses or traveling companions.)


7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. HOSPITALITY ROOM FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVES. Hosted by Grand Representatives Association of Texas. Chairman: Mrs. Judith Goldman, 513 W. Clayton, Cuero, TX 77954, 361-275-2936, email: lmg7777@dewittec.net. Location: Omni Bayfront Jr. Suite. (Open
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**Friday Morning Session (Daytime Wear)**

- **7:30 A.M. Musical Prelude**
- **8:00 A.M. Call to Order**
- **Reports Continued**

Noon  
“Bluebirds of Happiness” LUNCHEON. Honoring Mrs. Doris J. Hester, Worthy Grand Matron and Mr. Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron. Hosted by the “Bluebirds” of District 5, Section 8. Chairman: Mrs. Evelyn Tolbert, 390 CR 345, Gonzales, TX 78629-2778, 830-540-4770, email: e.tolbert@gvec.net. Co-Chairman: Mrs. Barbara Gilley, 605 CR 184, Karnes City, TX 78118, 830-780-3489, email: mimi1945@karnesec.net. Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

Noon  
“Sea Treasures” LUNCHEON. Honoring Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron and Mr. Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, Hosted by the “Sea Treasures” of District 5, Section 8. Chairman: Mrs. Patricia Spivey, 107 King Arthur, Victoria, TX 77904, 361-575-7579, email: spiveyhmnr@aol.com. Co-Chairman: Mrs. Sudie Pool, P.O. Box 94, Harwood, TX 78632, 830-540-3558. Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

Noon  

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“Learned Ladies” LUNCHEON. Honoring Mrs. Gerry Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by “Learned Ladies” of District 5, Section 8. Chairman: Mrs. Nancy Peikert, 6201 Old Highway Road, Inez, TX 77968, 361-782-7488. Co-Chairman: Mrs. Peggy Blackmon, P.O. Box 367, Waelder, TX 78959, 830-788-7550, 830-857-0640 (Cellular). Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

**Friday Afternoon Session (Daytime Wear)**

- **1:00 P.M. Musical Prelude**
- **1:30 P.M. Call to Order**
- **Reports Continued**

6:00 P.M.  

6:00 P.M.  
“Elegance of the Past” BANQUET, DISTRICT II. Honoring Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Special Guests: Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of District
II. Hosted by the 2003-2004 District II Deputies. Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Jerri Young, 3306 Mariana Avenue, Midland, TX 79703, 432-262-5959, email: jyoung1230@grandecom.net. Mrs. Cindy G. Echols, 6108 Ninth Drive, Lubbock, TX 79416, 806-791-4190, email: tcechols@sbcglobal.net. Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

6:00 P.M. “Yellow Brick Road” BANQUET, DISTRICT III. Honoring Mrs. Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress. Special Guests: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of District III. Hosted by the 2003-2004 District III Deputies. Chairman: Mrs. Annette Curry, 2912 Field Street, Ft. Worth, TX 76117, 817-834-4207, email: acurry@aol.com. Co-Chairman: Mrs. Jean Krempkin, 2107 E. SH22, Hamilton, TX, 254-386-5169, email: j.krempkin@hamilton.k12.tx.us. Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)

6:00 P.M. “Harbor Lights” BANQUET, DISTRICT IV. Honoring Mr. Lee Stallings, Director of the General Grand Chapter Vision Team and Past Grand Patron of Texas, Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron. Special Guests: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Board Members of District IV. Hosted by the 2003-2004 District IV Deputies. Chairman: Mrs. Rita Lynn Dickman, P.O. Box 1337, Bastrop, TX 78602-1337, 212-303-1712, email: rita2853@msn.com. Location: Convention Center. (Open to Membership.)


Friday Evening Session (OPEN SESSION) (Formal Wear)
7:30 P.M. Musical Prelude
8:00 P.M. Call to Order
ESTARL Service and Awards Ceremony
Memorial Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2004

Bus Service (6 A.M. - 12 MIDNIGHT)


7:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS. Registration Chairman: Mrs. Joann Drescher, 414 Donaldson Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78201, 210-734-4376, email: bodiddle@airmail.net. Credentials Chairman: Mrs. Mary Jo Rosamond, 13515 Ascend Terrace, San Antonio, TX 78249, 210-691-3090, email: mjrrosamond@sbcglobal.net. Convention Center Lobby

Saturday Morning Session (Daytime Wear)
7:30 A.M. Musical Prelude
8:00 A.M. Call to Order
Reports Continued
10:00 A.M. Election of Officers
Recognition and Presentations
SATURDAY EVENING

6:30 P.M. OPEN INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS. (New Formal Wear.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2004
(New Daytime Wear)

8:30 A.M. BREAKFAST. Honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress. Hosted by the Associate Conductress Club of District 5, Section 9. Chairman: Mrs. Sandy Johnson, P.O. Box 865, Rockport, TX 78382, 361-727-1884, email: johnsons@thei.net. Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Kerry Woods, 1857 Daly, Corpus Christi, TX 78412, 361-992-9717. Mrs. Judie Terry, 1010 Cunningham, Corpus Christi, TX 78411, 360-853-1873. Location: Omni Bayfront, Corpus Ballroom. (Open to Membership.)

10:00 A.M. - DEPUTIES MEETING. Location: Omni Marina
12 P.M.
GRAND CHOIR SONG SHEET

Opening Ode

HE KEEPS ME SINGING

There’s within my heart a melody,
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
“Fear not, I am with thee,
Peace be still,”
In all of life’s ebb and flow.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
Sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

Soon He’s coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to
Worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high.

O CANADA

O Canada!
Our home and native land
True patriot love in all thy sons command

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true North, strong and free!

From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY

I have a song that Jesus gave me,
It was sent from heaven above,
There never was a sweeter melody,
Tis a melody of love.

In my heart there rings a melody with
Heaven’s harmony,
In my heart there rings a melody,
There rings a melody of love.
BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just
Because He lives.

I'LL FLY AWAY

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away;

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah by and by,
I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God. When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power thru-out the universe displayed!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou Art.
SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There’s a sweet, sweet spirit
In this place,
And I know it is the spirit
Of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions
On each face,
And I know it is the
Presence of the Lord.

Sweet, Holy Spirit
Sweet Heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us,
Filling us with your love.
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know,
That we have been revived
When we all shall leave this place.

WELCOME TO MY WORLD

Welcome to my world, won’t you come on in.
Miracles I guess, still happen now and then
Step into my heart. Leave your cares behind
Welcome to my world, built with you in mind.

Knock and the door will open, Seek
and you will find, Ask and you’ll be
Given, the key to this world of mine.

I’ll be waiting here, with my arms unfurled.
Waiting just for you, Welcome to my world.

IT’S A SMALL WORLD

It's a world of laughter, a world of tears
It’s a world of hopes and a world of fears
There’s so much that we share
That it’s time we’re aware
It’s a small world after all.

It’s a small world after all
It’s a small world after all
It’s a small world after all
It’s a small, small world.
YOU’RE A GRAND OLD FLAG

You’re a grand old flag,
You’re a high-flying flag,
And forever, in peace may you wave.
You’re the emblem of the land I love.
The home of the free and the brave.
Every heart beats true for the red, white and blue,
Where there’s never a boast or brag.
But, should auld acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

I’D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SING

I’d like to build the world a home,
And furnish it with love.
Grow apple trees and honey bees
And snow white turtle doves.
I’d like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony.
I’d like to hold it in my arms
And keep it company.
I’d like to see the world for once
All standing hand in hand.
And hear them echo through the hills
For peace throughout the land.

ANGELS AMONG US

Oh – I believe there are angels among us
Sent down to us from somewhere up above.
They come to you and me in our darkest hour,
To show us how to live, to teach us how to give,
To guide us with a light of love.

LOVE LIFTED ME

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore.
Very deeply, stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Love lifted me, Love lifted me.
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.
Love lifted me, Love lifted me.
When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me.
MAMMA BLUEBIRD

(Sung to Rockin’ Robin)

She rocks in the treetop, all day long
Walkin and Talkin and Singin her song
All the little Bluebirds on Happiness Street
Love to hear the Bluebird go Tweet, Tweet, Tweet.

Mama Bluebird, Tweet, Tweet, Tweet
Mama Bluebird, Tweet, Tweet, Tweet
Go Mama Bluebird, cause we’re really gonna rock your year.

Ev’ry little Sister, Ev’ry Brother too
Ev’ry little Bluebird knows just what to do
The Wise Mama Bluebird with her Bluebirds in a row
Flappin their wings saying “Go Mama Go”

Mama Bluebird, Tweet, Tweet, Tweet
Mama Bluebird, Tweet, Tweet, Tweet
Go Mama Bluebird, cause we’re really gonna rock your year.
ROCKIN’ LADY BLUEBIRD
(Sung to Rockin’ Robin)

She rocked in the treetop all day long.
Walkin’ and a-talkin’, and a-singin’ her song.
All the little Stars on Happiness Street
Loved to hear the Bluebird go Tweet, Tweet, Tweet.
Lady Bluebird, (tweet, tweet, tweet)
Lady Bluebird, (tweet, twidly, deet)
Yes Lady Bluebird, you’re why we’ve rocked this year.

Ev’ry little friend at the Bluebird Stand
Talkin’ bout that Gallant Knight, Isn’t he Grand!
They really worked together and bless my soul
A great TEAM developed as we all know.
Lady Bluebird, (tweet, tweet, tweet)
Lady Bluebird, (tweet, twidly, deet)
Yes Lady Bluebird, you’re why we’ve rocked this year.

Ev’ry little Sister, Ev’ry Brother too
Joined the TEAM and knew just what to do.
The Wise Lady Bluebird with her STARS in a row
Serving our Order, “GO TEAM GO”.

She rocked in the treetop all day long.
Walkin’ and a-talkin’, and a-singin’ her song.
All the little STARS on Happiness Street
Loved to hear the Bluebird go Tweet, Tweet, Tweet.
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Tweet, Tweet -- (Whistle)

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Entertainment presented by Mrs. Venus Mills,
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Annette Gardner
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Greetings

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Rockin Mama Bluebird

Written by: Sylvia Chafin, Archives Chapter

She rocks in the treetop all day long. Walkin' and a-talkin', and a-singin' her song
All the little birds on Happiness Street Love to hear the Bluebird go tweet, tweet, tweet
"Momma Bluebird" (tweet, tweet, tweet) "Momma Bluebird" (tweet, twiddly-deet)

Go Momma Bluebird 'cause we're really gonna rock our year. Ev'ry little friend at the Bluebird Stand.
Talkin' bout Mr. X - isn't it Grand! They started goin' crazy and bless my soul
Out popped the cards and the dominoes "Momma Bluebird" (tweet, tweet, tweet)
"Momma Bluebird" (tweet, twiddly-deet) Go Momma Bluebird 'cause we're really gonna rock our year.
Ev'ry little sister, ev'ry brother too Ev'ry little bluebird knows just what to do.
The wise Momma Bluebird with her birds in a row Flappin' their wings say "GO MOMMA GO!"
She rocks in the treetop all day long. Walkin' and a-talkin', and a-singin' her song
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Go Momma Bluebird 'cause we're really gonna rock our year.
Twiddly, diddly, deet... Twiddly, deet, deet... Twiddly, diddly, deet, deet
Twiddly, diddly, deet... Twiddly, deet, deet Tweet, tweet -- (Whistle)
MASTER OF CEREMONY: We’re fixing to kick off the biggest beach party this side of Mexico. We’re going to start the procession in just a few minutes. If the Deputies and Grand Representatives of Texas would go outside and get behind the Arrangements and Executive Committee. Ladies and gentlemen, if you’ll please take your seats, we’re about to begin our program.

Okay. Here we go. This is setting the attitude for tonight for Grand Chapter of Texas. Entering our Grand Chapter ballroom is the Arrangements and Executive Committee giving you a big welcome to the 122nd Grand Chapter of Texas. The next people are the wonderful Deputies. Come on in, Deputies. They’ve been working hard all year. And here are the Grand Representatives. Give them a big hand too. Following is the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards. Here comes the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons. Here comes the general Grand Chapter family that’s being led by Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress. Here comes Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by his wife, Linda, Grand Esther. And here’s Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by her husband, Johnny Hester.

I hope everybody has found a seat. Thank everybody for coming. We’re going to have the welcome from Mr. Drew Terry, Arrangements General Chairman.

MR. DREW TERRY: Thank you, Pam. Are we having fun yet? If you’re not, I’m sure you will be shortly. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards, my Sisters and Brothers, after that we surely ought to be having fun. Well, we made it. We’re here in Corpus Christi. It was a long time coming, a lot of work, but a lot of people put their backs into it, and I think you’re going to have a good time. It has been a wild ride, and I hope you enjoy yourself while you’re here in Corpus Christi.

I couldn’t think of a suitable joke to start off with to kind of break the ice. I was afraid if I tell one, I’d take it away from our Worthy Grand Patron, and I didn’t want to do that. So I thought I’d refer back to my childhood when I was about nine years old. They got me up to speak at a PTA function, and I’ve always remembered the little speech I gave. And whether you like it or not, I’m going to share it with you. I came out on the stage and bowed and said, "I’m the first one on the program with the most important part. You couldn’t have a program if you didn’t have a start." [applause] Thank you. We’re proud to have you here in our town. It has been a long time coming. We’re very proud of Corpus Christi where the oil flows, the cotton grows, the wind blows and it never snows. We hope you’ll enjoy your stay in Corpus Christi, the sparkling city by the sea. Welcome to "A Fun Night at the Beach Party," kicking off the 122nd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: We’ll have the response from Mrs. Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter.

MRS. BARBARA BENTON: Yee ha! Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: Now Harry understands what chick chick a ma is, and I hope all of you do by now because chick chick a ma is Choctaw talk and it means "good evening." Now, I want to tell you, Drew, you’re
my kind of fellow. I tell you, that welcome you extended to all of us, I like the way you 
grew up and what you did as a little boy and all that stuff.

But, anyway, it’s a pleasure to be with each of you, my Texas Sisters and Brothers. We thank you for all the courtesy that is being extended to us. Now some of you may not know this, but the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and all of her Grand Officers stood in a hot hall this afternoon in the hotel in order to receive some of her Distinguished Guests. And in going through that line and hearing the Grand Officers talk, I want to tell you some of the things I heard. Do you want to hear? [applause]

Well, I understand that your Grand Family, the Eastern Star Grand Officers went deer hunting, and the husbands and the wives paired off in twos for the day. And that night, Johnny returned alone staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck. But of course everybody was, "Well, where’s Doris? Where’s Doris, Johnny?" Johnny said, "Doris had some kind of stroke. She’s a couple of miles back up the trail." "You mean you left Doris laying out there and carried the deer back?" Well, Johnny said, "It was a tough call, but I figured no one is going to steal Doris." [applause]

And then there’s your Worthy Grand Patron. A State of Texas trooper pulled him over in his pickup on I-30. I think that’s near Texarkana. And the trooper asked, "You got any ID?" And you know what he said? "About what?" [applause]

Sisters and Brothers of Texas, it truly is a very special treat to all of us from other Grand Jurisdictions to be with you. We thank you, and we love you. And ei honey es jay. That means "until we meet again." Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: We’ll have the invocation by Mr. Henry Knepp, Arrangements General Co-Chairman.

MR. HENRY KNEPP: Would you all join hands, please. Let’s give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all the benefit that we derive. We thank you, Father God, for the privi-
lege that we have to be in an organization like this, that I know you are proud to see. We thank you for the privilege that we have had to have fun and gaiety before our meal. We know, Father God, that this is only possible because of you, because you give each of us a sense of humor and because you give each of us a different one which makes it so wonderful. You are an awesome God. We thank you for all the privileges that we enjoy. We ask you, Father God, that you would bless this Grand Chapter and bless every one of our officers. Bless our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they perform their functions. And may everything we do - everything we do - be acceptable in thy sight. We ask you to bless this food to its good and intended use. Go with us while life shall last, and in death own us and save us one and all through Christ. Amen.

MASTER OF CEREMONY: Before we have dinner, we’re going to have someone come up here and explain a little bit about how we’re going to handle this banquet, the executive chef, Mr. Bennett. [applause]

MR. BENNETT: Thank you. Welcome. We have a wonderful meal prepared for you. We’ll be having it designated in six different stations. Over here in this station, over to the left, we have fresh fruit. In the back we have a beverage station that consists of coffees, and we have tropical iced tea as well down there. The next station to that you will have
beef kabobs, shrimp kabobs and chicken kabobs. You have some tortillas and a little bit of chunky salsa back there. Then we have fresh paella, which will consist of saffron rice, shrimp, mussels, clams, chicken meat, in a nice chicken broth. It’s very hearty and delicious, and I encourage everybody to try it. Then we have a carving station next to that, and that has a nice pork roast with rolls, some condiments to go along with that. We have poached salmon and we have smoked salmon displays. Then we’re going to bring out and you’ll have tropical raspberry and mango sorbet. We’ll have nice cups over there, and we’ll scoop that for you. So I hope everybody enjoys their meal, and we’re grateful to have you here at the American Bank Center. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: We’re going to start with the head table, and then go this way. We are going to have entertainment tonight. In back, in the very far corner to the left is the A.C. Blunt Middle School. They’re having a live beach scene as a fundraiser. They will take your photo. You may do that during the evening, if you want to do that while you’re waiting to get in line to get your plate. At this time would the head table like to start.

[Dinner was served.]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: Ladies and gentlemen, while everybody is standing in line waiting to get their food, we’re going to go ahead and start a little bit of the entertainment. Sister Venus Mills over there - she belongs to Aransas Pass Chapter #162 - she’s in charge of the entertainment for tonight.

[Entertainment presented.]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: We are now going to continue the program so we can get this evening over with, so you guys - I’m sorry, I shouldn’t have said it that way - so we can finish our beach party so y’all can mellow out, go outside and meet the candidates and enjoy the rest of your evening. At this time we’re going to have presentations by Ms. Brenda A. Smith, please.

MS. BRENDA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, would you please join me. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, we’re so proud of all that you have accomplished this year. And on behalf of this membership, some of the proceeds from this banquet, we would like to offer you this love offering from all of us to you and Brother Jack. Thank you very much. We love you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: At this time we’ll have introductions by Mrs. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand Matron.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: I hope you’re having fun. We’re having fun up here just watching you having fun. It’s such an honor to introduce two of the happiest people that we know in Texas: Sister Doris Hester, our Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband, Johnny Hester, Grand Escort. [applause] Now two more happy people: Mr. Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, and Mrs. Linda Guy, who is his Grand Escort and also Grand Esther of Grand Chapter. Please welcome them. [applause]

We are honored - so honored - tonight to have Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma. She’s escorted by Mr. Tom Benton, who is on the General Grand Chapter Registration Committee, and he’s a
Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma. [applause] Sister Rennie Ofton, who is Right Worthy Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter, and our Past Grand Matron of Texas. [applause] Mr. Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. He’s escorted by Margaret Clarke, who is a Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. [applause] And then the Chairman of Grand Trustees of General Grand Chapter, Ms. Helen Westmoreland, who is a wonderful, wonderful lady from Florida, a Past Grand Matron of Florida. [applause]

I’m going to introduce the rest of the people - the remainder here at the head table, and then I’ll go on. We have Karen Morgenthaler, who is our Associate Grand Matron. We have Jerry Martin, who is the Associate Grand Patron, and he’s escorted by his wife, Betty, who is Grand Examiner of District 5. And Drew Terry I think you met earlier. Now to my right, we have Henry Knepp, who is Co-Chairman of this wonderful, wonderful organization down here; and Betty Benham, who is a Past Grand Matron, and Karen Graham sitting down on the end. [applause]

Now then, we have some General Grand Chapter Committee Members. I’m going to begin over here with Roberta Fox, who is General Grand Chapter Visioneer Committee and a Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Virginia George who is the Eastern Star Journal Committee, a Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Alma Carter who is our Registration Chairman and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Virginia Vandervest who is the Visioneer for Minnesota and a Past Grand Matron, all the way from Minnesota; Sylvia Garcia who is Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and she’s also ESTARL Chairman for Texas; Raul Garcia who is Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Pat Stallings, she’s the escort for Mr. Lee Stallings who is Director of the Visions Team and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Billy Combest who’s a Past Grand Patron of Texas and a member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation of General Grand Chapter, and his wife Freeda. And then we have Dorothy Pickford who is a member of the Payroll Committee and a Past Grand Matron of New Mexico and her husband. Thank you very much. [applause]

We have some Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Barbara Gadberry from Arkansas, Worthy Grand Matron; Audrey Barker from Louisiana; and then Brother J.R. Denney from Louisiana - he's not here. All right. Thank you. Let’s welcome them. [applause]

We have Past Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions. These are Past now. Ms. Tommie Clotham of Florida, Ms. Sara Summerall of Mississippi I don’t see her; Margaret Clarke we’ve met from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and Elizabeth Bordeaux from Vermont. [applause]

We have some Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Earl Hodges from Arkansas; Archie Klein from Louisiana; and Clarence Tipton from Mississippi. [applause]

Now we’re going to get to salute our own Past Grand Matrons and Patrons from Texas: Ms. Molly Goodpasture, Ms. Pat Neinast, Ms. Mary Brown, Ms. Elsie Paladino, Ms. Elise Hammack, Ms. Betty Benham, Ms. Jane Gregory, Ms. Rosemary Swetland, Ms. Alma Lynn Bane accompanied by Dr. Bill Bane who is the Webmaster of Grand Chapter, Ms. Betty Friend accompanied by Mr. Jack Friend, Ms. Wanda Fairchild, Ms. Sharon
Fentress. Have I missed anybody? All right. Let’s clap for them. [applause]

And here’s somebody really important, Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Mr. Garland Rattan and he’s accompanied by Ms. Shirley Rattan, Leland Benfield and Mr. Ed Warner and he’s accompanied by beautiful Beulah. Let’s welcome them. [applause] I have missed my best friend, Harry Cunningham. I’m going to hear about it as soon as I get home to San Antonio. He’s also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and he’s accompanied by his beautiful wife, Barbara, who had a birthday today. [applause]

Then we have some very beloved people: Ms. Edna Goette who is the widow of the Past Grand Patron, Dr. Jim Goette; Ms. Cleta Todd who is the widow of Brother Harold Todd; and Ms. Bobbe Chamberlain who is the widow of our own Oliver Chamberlain.

Now take a deep breath because here’s some beautiful people. Doris will say and Mr. Guy will say that they’re the most beautiful Grand Officers anyone has ever had. Ms. Nell Smith, Grand Secretary; Ms. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, Ms. Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Gayle Brown; Ms. Gerri Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Hubert Dusek; Ms. Sandra Perdue, Grand Chaplain, escorted by Mr. Eddie Perdue; Ms. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal; Ms. Delphia Von Heeder, Grand Organist, escorted by Mr. Dwight Von Heeder; Ms. LaNelle Hendrix, Grand Adah; Ms. Frances Reedy, Grand Ruth; Ms. Frieda Dillon, Grand Martha; Ms. Dorothy White, Grand Electa; Ms. Christolene Dickson, Grand Warder; Ms. Dorothy White, Grand Electa; Ms. Christolene Dickson, Grand Warder; Ms. Jerry Trees, Grand Sentinel, escorted by Ms. Janell Trees; and Ms. Judith Goldman who is the Fraternal Correspondent, escorted by Mr. Mike Goldman. [applause]

On Board of Directors, Mr. Nelson Campbell, Chairman, representing District 4, escorted by Ms. Georgia Campbell; Mr. Jack Beall representing District 1; Mr. A.L. Casparis, District 2; Ms. Jo Ann Snow, District 3; Ms. Jerre Lucas, District 5; Mr. Raul Garcia you’ve met, but he’s a very important member of this Board of Directors, and he’s escorted by his lovely wife Sylvia. Now who did I leave out? Jo Ann Snow. And Dwayne Masserang - I'm so sorry - escorted by his beautiful wife. Now did I leave anybody else out? Gary Steele from District 1. For goodness sake, let’s clap for them. [applause]

Our Board of Examiners: Ms. Betty Scott, District 1; Ms. Bess Caldwell, District 2, Ms. Joyce Nicklas, District 3; Ms. Vi Griffin, District 4, escorted by Mr. Tommy Griffin; Ms. Betty Martin whom you’ve already met from District 5. Have I left out anybody? Good. [applause]

Now we have the Grand Representatives, and this is where they told me to stop as soon as I get through these Grand Representatives. Mary Calvert, California in Texas; Nell Casparis, District of Columbia in Texas; Warren Huckabee, Pennsylvania in Texas; Helen Higgins, Quebec in Texas; June Vase, Scotland in Texas; Lorna Baker, Texas in California; Dee Kline, Texas in Louisiana; Alberta Mann, Arkansas in Texas; and Kathy Teele – where’s Kathy? Look how cute she looks tonight. Grand Representative of British Columbia and Yukon in Texas. Eleanor White, California in Arizona; Evelyn Tolbert, Colorado in Texas; Maxine Nance, Kansas in Texas; Beulah Warner, Kentucky in Texas; Ray Lewis, Louisiana in Texas; Maurine Way, Maine in Texas; Christine Ledbetter, Minnesota in Texas; Frances Burbank, Missouri in Texas; Phillip Thurman, Montana in Louisiana; Margaret Faircloth, New Brunswick in Texas; Iris Perkins, Rhode Island in
Texas; Dorothy Snyder, Texas in Arizona; Steven Ward, British Columbia and Yukon in Texas; Annie Espinoza, Texas in Florida; Elizabeth Lashley, Texas in Indiana; Harriet Delaney, Texas in Minnesota; Lucille Schwartz, Texas in Missouri; Ina Tipton, Texas in Mississippi; Gwendolyn Milley, Texas in New Jersey; Linda Carney, Wisconsin in Texas; Glenda Klemm, Washington in Texas; Janet Stafford, Texas in Illinois; Ruth Lisk, Texas in North Carolina; Toby Lytle, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Texas. Thank you. Let’s welcome them. [applause]

If you will do one favor. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron would like to see the remainder of the appointees that they have for this year. We love everyone of you and everything that you’ve done for Grand Chapter. Would you please stand up so Doris and Jack can see you, all the rest of you. Special Committees, Grand Chapter Committees. Aren’t they just great? [applause] Thank you for your patience. And if I left anybody out, please see me after the meeting.

MASTER OF CEREMONY: Now we’ll have greetings from Ms. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Master of Ceremony. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, all Distinguished Guests and Texas home folks: It’s great to be here with you this evening. It’s an honor and a pleasure to speak on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas.

Worthy Grand Matron, I am certain that this has been a year of countless blessings for you and our Worthy Grand Patron also. You have inspired our membership—and we wish to thank you for this—to newer and greater accomplishments. Texas loves you, and we appreciate your leadership and may life be good to you and yours.

Sisters and Brothers, the joy is mine to thank all of those who worked hard for a wonderful evening like this evening. You know, things like this don’t just happen. It takes time and it takes working in the background to have such a rewarding experience. There have been countless phone calls, countless e-mails, countless, countless, countless, that this committee and all of those working for Grand Chapter have done to make our enjoyment a pleasure. We do thank you because you’ve had nice weather. And, you know, I’m thrilled to be here because I came from the snowy country of Amarillo south to be a South Texan. We appreciate all of that. And, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you appreciate these hard workers. I used to tell the—I still tell the Amarillo membership that worked so hard for Grand Chapter there, you know, the Indians made the chief look good. They’re making you look good, Worthy Grand Matron. I have looked forward to this, and it is my extreme pleasure and entire satisfaction to say thank you to each member of the Order of the Eastern Star, to each one represented, that has reached out not only from our fraternal Chapters, but we’ve reached out from the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. We say thank you for the accomplishments and for a job well done. The hours and the effort of each individual is a tremendous cost. To our Order, the cost of the work of each one of you in doing what they are doing is of great importance.

You know, we’re different, but yet we’re alike. Some have much money, some of us have very little. Some of us have a lot of time, some have no time. But whatever time we
have that we spend on sharing our Eastern Star blessings with our Sisters and Brothers is not time wasted. It helps to secure our future of the Order of the Eastern Star. Not only the future of our Order but the future of our nation is a concern today. You know, the past two-and-a-half years we’ve been seeing the start of another war. Some thought at the beginning that it was just mere turmoil, a small disturbance. We know now that it has been one of many factions of many struggles which has been going on even before recorded history of the wars and rumors of wars. The struggle of those who seek to tear down the principles which our nation and our Order stand for and what we represent is at stake, and those who would seek to uphold the dignity of man and the principles of our Order are each and everyone of us here. We have thought for some time that many of those struggles were over and that those joys had just been passed on for us to enjoy, which this is great because it is priceless. It has been paid for by the sweat, the toil, the blood and the lives of men and the generosity of brave men and women. But no matter how great the struggle in the past, it is nothing to compare with that which is now, because now it’s very widespread and it’s very important, as I say, to the Eastern Star and to our nation.

We ask what does this mean or have to do with Eastern Star. It has much to do with the Order of the Eastern Star, Sisters and Brothers. Our belief of a Supreme Being, our beliefs on the teachings from the Holy Bible and most of all, that each individual is worthy of our concern and our prayers and which our morals were founded upon. We as members are willing to pay the price, and we have no hesitation in presiding, in serving. And in sincerity I believe that you are making worthy contributions to that interest.

So, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, to each of you my present wish is, "May you always have a bluebird in your window to sing you a song each morning; a star in the sky when shadows appear and a smile of a friend - an Eastern Star friend who is loyal and true." So may these be the joys that each day holds for you, today, tomorrow and hereafter. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: Now we’ll have greetings from Ms. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Master of Ceremony. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Head Table and Distinguished Members all. Would the Texas General Grand Chapter Family Members stand with me at this time. I’m bringing greetings for all of us.

We would echo the thanks expressed so graciously by Sister Betty, and we’d also like to tell you how proud we are to be serving in General Grand Chapter on behalf of Texas. You know, each one of these persons standing here has a job. We have our Visioneers who are working so hard to bring some new thoughts into ways we can keep our Order going and keep us working for the good of the principles that are put in there. Brother Billy Combest is on Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and that’s not just a committee, that is his committee and he stands ready to help anyone who would perhaps need assistance. All you have to do is call him. And there may be a time when you have something that you need, and I know of no one who would be more willing to help you. We’re going to put Sister Alma to work later. But we are proud to be serving with you. We’re glad everybody is here tonight. I’m especially glad that the folks from Nova Scotia decided they would
come down and see what our water down here looks like because they have a lot of water up there and it’s beautiful. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron - poor thing - she’s having to run around the Hawaiian Islands right now. But you know what, I bet she isn’t having near the fun at beach parties that we’ve had tonight. For each one who had anything to do with this, just know that we do appreciate every effort. And Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, all I can say is, you’ve done good. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, and on behalf of the General Grand Chapter Family, we love you. May God bless you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: Before we go into the greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron, I’d like to just take this one minute to make a few announcements. When we were talking about doing this banquet, when I talked to Brenda Smith about it, she said we wanted to have fun, we wanted to make everybody realize when they came to Corpus Christi, that this was going to be a grand time and we were at the beach. So we decided to put this banquet together, and I would not have been able to do that without the people that helped me. My co-chairman is a brand new member of our Chapter; her name is Misty Rogers, and I appreciated her being able to step in and do that for me. And then I have Donna Miller that helped put all the decorations together and your name tags up here, she made them. I appreciate that, Donna. Venus, she did the entertaining. I just said, "It’s you." Look at her, she’s listening to Pam over there. I said, "You take care of the entertainment, and I didn’t have to worry about it after that." I thank you for that; I really do. The live beach scene from the A.C. Blunt Middle School and the high school students, we appreciate that. Everybody have their pictures taken if they want to. But I want to tell everybody about the door prizes, we decided that we wanted everybody to be able to take something home. There are little small tokens on the table. All of you - Deputies, if you’ll notice, y’all got fans. I chose that because I felt like y’all have been putting out fires all year long, so you can cool yourself off. I hope you enjoy the little things. Also, I asked every Worthy Matron of every Chapter of District 5, Section 9 if they would be willing to help us out with these beautiful centerpieces, so all those Chapters each brought three, if not more. So the centerpieces out on the table are made with great love from all the Chapters. The ones left over were made by my mother because she loves me so much. What I would like everybody to know before you leave tonight, someone sitting at every one of those tables is taking home a centerpiece. If you have a little dot on your chair - we put them on the top so you could feel it - then you get the door prize. So whoever has a little dot, please take that prize home with you tonight and enjoy it.

At this time would everybody please give their attention to Brother Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Protocol having been well established--I know this will disappoint you, but we will bypass that. First of all, I would be remiss if I failed to give a great big welcome to all of our out-of-state visitors and of course all of you. We’re so happy that you saw fit to spend the night here with us in Corpus Christi at the 122nd Session of our Grand Chapter, although this is not Grand Chapter. We’re trying to get primed for it. It was so great to hear all the crowd laughing and enjoying one another’s company and the fellowship going on. I know, like Brenda said, some of you had to stand in line for some time, but the food was great. I’m sorry for any inconveniences. I know that they were trying to do their best, and the ones that put this banquet on worked very hard trying to get it together for you.
We certainly look forward to all of you staying here with us for the remainder of this Grand Chapter session and enjoying all the fellowship, and also of course us getting down to our business and getting it taken care of. Thank you for being here with us and thank all of you for all that you do for Eastern Star. Thank you so much. [applause]

**MASTER OF CEREMONY:** At this time we will have greetings from Mrs. Doris Hester, our Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Patron, to our General Grand Chapter Family, to all of our Distinguished Guests from out of state and Sisters and Brothers of Texas: How especially pleased we are this evening to see this tremendous crowd. You know, when you get over 500 people in here and you’re having fun and talking and enjoying it, that’s what Eastern Star is all about, to get together and enjoy the company of each other, and to see this many of you coming to South Texas. Now it has been a long, long time - I don’t think anyone in here would admit that they were at Grand Chapter in 1916, but we’re glad to have you in Corpus Christi in 2004.

I do have a few little commercials I need to make real quickly. Those of you who do not have your bus passes yet, they will be out here at the information desk in the morning. You may ride from the hotel over here one time free. The tickets are $15. But please watch out for the other buses. Our buses have an OES sign in the front window; it’s the Southwest Student Transport buses, and they will be there for your convenience. We’ll have about five buses running tomorrow round the clock, and we’ll be able to get you here promptly. If you happen to get on the wrong bus - but let’s watch it - and you end up at the Coliseum, stay on the bus, you’ll eventually get to the Convention Center. So we want you to be careful and get on the right bus and get to the Convention Center.

The other thing is in the morning at the opening ceremony on Thursday morning, we would be honored if the General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Appointees, all visiting Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons could join our Texas own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in our processional. Formal wear is appropriate, and your escort of choice is welcome also. There’s a reserved seating area in the West, and we’d like for you to be there promptly at 11:45, so we can get you ready and lined up for our processional. We look forward to having you visit with us. We want you to remember also, as I was talking to Sister Barbara Benton, you know, we have a lot of good vendors upstairs and they have fantastic things for ladies to go shopping. Of course, you guys can go along too. We don’t mind taking your money. We want you to visit with our vendors. And shortly after this banquet tonight, we invite you to visit with our candidates who are offering their services to Grand Chapter of Texas. It will be right outside here. They have names there for the candidates. And the candidates, if you would all come forward after I finish and you all go out together, I would appreciate that.

For each one of you who have worked so hard this year in Texas, for the tremendous team you have been, and, yes, your Worthy Grand Patron and I are extremely proud of each one of you because you have accomplished so much this year. It wasn’t your Worthy Grand Patron and your Worthy Grand Matron, it was you the membership who have done so much to promote Eastern Star in Texas, and to show the people in your community the benevolent work that you’re willing to do. One of those outstanding programs has been
our Ronald McDonald House Charities. And you’ll see some of those beautiful blankets
and quilts tomorrow and gallons and gallons of pull-tabs out there that we will present to
Ronald McDonald tomorrow when he comes to be with you in our opening session. For
the other projects, to each one, to all you Grand Officers, the Special Appointees and all
of you who stood up while ago when Dr. Effie Mae Davis asked you to stand, know how
proud we are of the work that you have done, for the fellowship, for all of the benevolent
work you’re doing and for the pleasure that we see on your faces, know how much we
appreciate the sweet spirit that you have shown in working for our Order this year. For the
love gift, we thank you for that, for you’re generous always. For every courtesy that you
extend to each one of us.

I want to know how many of you grew up on a farm. Did it sound like what we heard
while ago? That gal was terrific, wasn’t she? [applause] I think it’s darling, the entertain-
ment that we had from our young people, the Sharp people and our fantastic DeMolay boy
and the gal dancing back there. It was great to see the DeMolays in San Antonio last
Saturday when three of those received the Chevalier award. It was tremendous to see these
young people, and I enjoyed the dancing, to watch you back there. For all the entertain-
ment, for the delicious food that we had this evening. I know when you try something new
sometimes, it takes a little bit to work it out. But to have a fun time.

Would the Executive Committee and Arrangements Committee please stand? All
those who have been working so hard all year and tonight too to present this fantastic
banquet and the session here this week. Know how much I appreciate it. You’re a fantastic
crew. And as Brother Drew said, if anybody asked him to do it again, he’d probably say
no. That’s all right, Brother Drew. You and all your committee and Sister Brenda and
yours, know how much I appreciate it. Let’s show our appreciation to these fantastic
people. [applause]

To the others this year, we have really promoted Eastern Star. I love music and I love
singing, I can’t do much of either one, but I enjoy hearing it. We have a fantastic Grand
Choir Director, and that’s Brother Jerry Neuenschwander. Where are you, Brother Jerry?
We have close to 100 in this choir this year because of this fellow being as excited as he
is. He’s a choir director and music and things at the school. Brother Jerry, we appreciate
you. He has asked that the Choir meet with him in the Grand Chapter room in the morning
at 10:30 for a practice before our session. So let’s join Brother Jerry in the Grand Chapter
room in the morning at 10:30. Thank you, Brother Jerry; we appreciate it. [applause]

And tonight with over 500 in this room, what a joy you have given to each of us to
see the smiles on your faces. And to Texas own Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, how
delighted we are that you’re here. Our heart goes out to those who couldn’t come because
of health, and we’ve had much this last two or three weeks. It’s been amazing what you
can do on a cell phone going down the highway at 11 o’clock at night, when you call and
ask someone else, "Will you fill in for this one who can’t come." And to each one of you
who have done just that, this Grand Chapter session is your effort all year long that you
have put into it. If we look around and someone says, "Harry who," they’ll know who
we’re talking about, Brother Harry. You know at Grand Lodge last year, he forgot who I
was. Can’t help it, Brother Harry! And to Barbara, happy birthday, honey. I know you’re
39, but that’s all right.
To each of you again, what a joy it is for us to have you here, and for these General Grand Chapter Officers - Sister Barbara and Sister Rennie - the time will come real quickly, won’t it, Sister Barbara? We’re so glad that you and Brother Tom came and Sister Rennie, our Redbird. I’m telling you, we’re just so proud of both of you, and we look forward to service in years to come. We’ll be there. We may all be in wheelchairs, but we'll - you know, we’re going to buy stock in that before this is over, I’m sure. But thank you two very much for being here. We’re proud of you. Let’s show our appreciation to these two lovely ladies. Thank you. [applause]

So tonight we say we thank you for coming out and being with us. We look forward to seeing you in the morning at the session. Be sure you’re there early, like no later than 11:45 so we can have you ready for that processional and that we can start with all the beautiful dignitaries that are coming to visit with you tomorrow. Enjoy the breakfasts as you go from one to the other and then to the fantastic banquet tomorrow night. Friday morning is when we begin our legislation. We have important business to conduct, and we don’t want you to miss it. But as I said, we want you to visit those vendors upstairs, too. We wish you the best. Have a good night’s rest. I look forward to seeing you bright and early in the morning with a smile on your face and a hug and a handshake for someone else. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers. Good night and God bless you. [applause]

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Would the candidates please come forward and exit to my right. We wish these the very best for their dreams in the future to serve you, the membership of Texas. And so we invite you, if you’ll give them a few minutes while they get out in their places, and we wish them the very best. Let’s give them a hand as they go out. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONY: Sisters and Brothers, we’ll now have the benediction by Ms. Karen Graham, the Executive Committee Auditor.

MS. KAREN GRAHAM: You know, as Auditor I really don’t have a job until all the bills are paid, all the checks are written, everything has cleared the bank, so I’m bringing up the rear. But they keep finding things for me to do. Tonight somebody asked me what I was doing and I said I was praying us out of here, so I’m bringing up the rear again. I think there’s a pattern!

A real quick reminder. We can’t all 500+ get on the bus at the same time, so do take time to visit with the candidates.

If you will bow your heads, I will ask the Lord to leave us with some special thoughts. Our Father, you have kept us calm and peaceful and we’ve had a wonderful time tonight as we fellowshipped, ate together, visited. Some of us saw people we haven’t seen in maybe a year or more. In the morning we begin our Grand Chapter work for this year for the State of Texas. We ask you to continue to guide us and provide us with patience and love, and remind us that everything we do we are doing as a team for the good of our Order and for the future of our Order. We ask you to remind us to greet each other with a smile, a hug, a pat, a cheerful hello as we work together as a team. Guide us safely home as we ride the bus tonight and bring us back together in the morning. In Your Name we pray, amen.
“Happiness Is Caring” proclaimed a black banner with angels at either end in the East. A white picket fence festooned with pink roses was at the back of the stage. A blue and red birdhouse adorned with magnolias was at stage rear. Two bluebirds eagerly peered into the birdhouse. At front stage were two three-foot tall angels and two large vases with pink roses. Between the two podiums was a tree stump with small bluebirds. During times of rest the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron sat in comfortable blue upholstered chairs. Guests came to the East through latticework decorated with magnolias, a bluebird house on one side and a bluebird on the other side. Stage front was a garden circled with short lattice fence. All manner of potted plants were inside the garden.

All Officer chairs were white easy chairs. Back of the chair was a small picket fence with an angel and a spray of pink roses. The pedestals were white wrought iron. Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Matron stations were under an arch covered with white netting and climbing roses. A white picket fence with pink climbing roses outlined the labyrinth area. The altar cloth and bench cover were satin decorated with white roses.

Ladies’ formal wear was a blue chiffon, full, long skirt topped with a sparkly long-sleeved top decorated with silver beads around the neck and arms. Daytime wear was a blue jacket, pleated skirt and jewel-toned blouse.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
November 11, 2004
"Angels Among Us" Session

11:30 a.m. Musical Prelude
Mrs. Mary Alberts
Arrangements, Special Needs

Master of Ceremonies
Mrs. Elsie Paladino
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Assisting Grand Marshal
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Honorary Assisting Grand Marshal
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green
Past Grand Matron of Texas

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: It is through the courtesy of our gracious and thoughtful Worthy Grand Matron that I have the privilege of greeting you for this informal opening of the "Angels Among Us" Grand Chapter session of Texas. I am deeply conscious of the honor that I have in extending a warm welcome to each of you. To our beloved Texas membership, I welcome you with pride and joy. It is my wish that you return to your respective Chapters richly blessed with a pride in your hearts for the dedication to right and duty in all things and a new inspiration. We are honored indeed by the presence of guests from many parts of our Eastern Star world. You will be formally welcomed at the ceremonial opening. However, I would greet you at this time and assure you that our joys
are more meaningful because you are here to share them with us. Welcome, twice welcome.

If you desire anything, I know that you will find an earthly angel among us to assist you. To each member and guest, I say, may the gladness of our hearts reflect the joy and warmth in yours always.

Will all Distinguished Guests, including those who will bring greetings, go immediately to the West.

Music binds us together, yet urges us to display our own identities. I know that you have been enjoying the musical prelude provided by the talented Mrs. Mary Alberts. Later we will find ourselves stepping lively to the wonderful renditions of our Assisting Grand Organist, Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron. May we express the sincere appreciation of our entire audience for the blessings of our talented and unselfish musicians. [applause] I am happy to say that Sister Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron, is Assisting Grand Marshal today. Her grace and beauty adds dignity to any event. Betty, we do love you in Texas. Our Honorary Assisting Grand Marshal is unable to be in attendance. Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron, certainly is our faithful friend and the epitome of Eastern Star. If she were here, I feel certain that she would tell you,

When we have lived our lives and wandered all our byways through

When we have seen all that we shall see and finish all that we shall do,

When we take the backward glance to where our journey ends,

I pray that you shall be as glad as I shall be that we are friends.

Yes, Virginia, we are glad that we are friends.

To all that God has given a special talent, he certainly has been generous to this lovely lady, Mrs. Diane R. Beckley, District 5 Grand Soloist, who unselfishly shares the talent as she reminds us that there are angels among us, which sets the tone of this Grand Chapter session.

[Applause followed singing of "Angels Among Us."]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Elected and Installed Officers of General Grand Chapter to the East. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Ambassadors and Deputies to the East. Sisters and Brothers, you have been welcomed by generous applause from the Sisters and Brothers of Texas. To that I can add nothing. Welcome.

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons to the East. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. Assisting Grand Marshal, you will now present Texas own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. What a royal parade! Certainly, Sisters and Brothers, you needed no encouragement to tell this group how very proud you are - that we in Texas are - of them. Let’s one more time tell them. [applause]

Assisting Grand Marshal, you will escort the Distinguished Guests and the leaders of
the Fraternal Youth Groups who will bring greetings to the East. Assisting Grand Marshal, if there are others to be escorted to the East, you will present them.

We do not see all things with a visible eye. God may speak to us through another. There are those who walk quietly by our side, gently take our hand to comfort, to guard and guide us. They impel us to keep on keeping on even though everyone everywhere tells us that it is either impractical, impossible, unbelievable or fattening. Such is this one for whom Sister Doris has great affection. I lovingly present our Special Angel, Mrs. Mae Pearl Ernst, escorted by Mr. Johnny Hester, Sr.

Those who have been central in the direction of this Eastern Star year have traversed our great state bringing a positive, happy attitude and words of encouragement. They urged each of us to stand true and strong in our ideals and Christian faith and to be in attendance at this Grand Chapter session. You have responded in kind by your presence. I am honored to present the Elected Boards, Fraternal Correspondent and Installed Grand Officers.

Mrs. Betty M. Scott, Grand Examiner, District 1; Mrs. Bess Caldwell, District 2; Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, District 3; Mrs. Vi Griffin, District 4; Mrs. Betty C. Martin, District 5; Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner at Large. Let’s tell them how proud we are of them. [applause]

The Board of Directors: Mr. Nelson Campbell, District 4, Chairman; Mr. Raul Garcia, District 5, Vice Chairman and Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America; Mr. Gary E. Steele, District 1, Secretary; Mr. Jack Beall, 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. Tom Everitt, District 4; Mrs. Jerre Lucas, District 5. Sisters and Brothers, let’s tell them how much we appreciate them. [applause]

Taking us to faraway places through her excellent reports of other Grand Jurisdiction, Mrs. Judith K. Goldman, Fraternal Correspondent, escorted by Mr. Michael Goldman. We depend upon this gentleman for our protection and security from interruption, Mr. Jerry Trees, Grand Sentinel, escorted by Mrs. Janell Trees. I want you to know that Texas does have a Grand Warder in their lineup of Grand Officers. Laboring always for peace and harmony is Mrs. Christolene Dickson, Grand Warder, escorted by Mr. Curtis Bushnell. Through her fervency and zeal, this lady is a witness of truth and love, Mrs. Dorothy M. White, Grand Electa, escorted by Mr. Carl White. Portraying her Christian convictions and hope of immortal life, Mrs. Freida T. Dillon, Grand Martha, escorted by Mr. Carl Starkey. Through her queenly virtue and devotion, she has found much favor among the members of this Grand Chapter, Mrs. Linda L. Guy, Grand Esther, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Hevron. Reflecting the responsibility of obedience, we have reaped the harvest of her labor, Mrs. Frances Reedy, Grand Ruth, escorted by Mr. Wes Campbell. Always faithful to the demands of right and duty, she too has displayed heroic conduct, Mrs. LaNelle Hendrix, Grand Adah, escorted by Mr. Marvin Spivey. This lady has left lasting impressions with melodies to remember, Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder, Grand Organist, escorted by Mr. Dwight Von Heeder. Marching forth with courtesy and purpose, she brings honor to her station, Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal, escorted by Mr. Robert Coursey. Through faith in the divine creator, she is a doer of His Word, Mrs. Sandra Perdue, Grand Chaplain, escorted by Mr. Eddie Perdue. Delightfully happy to be looking forward to higher honors
is Mrs. Geraldine Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Hubert Dusek. The entrance door of tomorrow will soon open to the touch of her hand, and the clock is ticking, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress, escorted by Mr. Gayle Brown. One who is always faithful to her trust in the financial interest of our Order, Mrs. Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, escorted by Mr. Nelson Campbell. Much is entrusted regarding prompt and discreet action to the duties of her office, Mrs. Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley. Within his heart there is an inspired vision to meet the challenges of tomorrow and to make them a reality, Mr. Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Betty Martin. As surely as the tide ebbs and flows, she stands unwaveringly ready to tread toward unknown challenges, Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Edwin T. Morgenthaler. Living his life in the tried and true principles of our Order, he commands the love and respect of this membership, Mr. Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, escorted by Mrs. Tonya Foster. Her worth cannot be measured in words, with an open-hearted mind, her fraternal spirit has prevailed and brought much credit to her and honor to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Johnny L. Hester, Sr.

To each of you, I trust that this, your session, will be a blessing to you, a memory commemorating the love and devotion of your service. Our special guests have been welcomed and presented to the East. In order that our Chapter room may be complete, we will have the presentation of those items which are very dear to each of us in our daily lives. Let us turn our attention upon the sacred altar as Sister Jean Thomas presents our Holy Bible, a gift to Sister Doris, our Worthy Grand Matron, from the members of District 5, Section 8. The altar cover was lovingly made by Sister Freida Dillon, our Grand Martha. May its light shine upon our actions and may peace and love be ours, entrusting the wisdom of God’s Word to guide us. Mrs. Doris Moore, Reading Is Fun Committee, presents the beautiful Bible Marker that she made with loving hands. Many times our daily tasks divert our attention elsewhere. The Marker assists us in returning to the pages containing pearls of great price that are so meaningful in our lives. Mr. Michael T. Goldman, Arrangements, Exhibits Co-Chairman, presents the Square & Compasses. The identity that we recognize of Free Masonry is the Square & Compasses. We are privileged in the great State of Texas to have these sacred emblems signifying the close relationship that exists between the Masonic Order and the Order of the Eastern Star to rest upon the Word of God, on our Holy Bible.

Throughout recorded history, man has used flags and banners to symbolize his dreams and his ideals. This afternoon we present and pay tribute to five flags. Here they come! We hear the music, we see our colors unfurl. It is ceremonial time for our banners, which are renowned around the world. The colorful Stars & Stripes, our American Flag, presented by Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Today we behold and salute this Grand Old Flag of a proud nation. It is a living symbol of all that we hold dear in America the beautiful. It represents liberty, freedom of speech, our government and our servicemen and women on foreign soil. It represents you and it represents me in our homes, our places of worship, and in our halls of fraternal gatherings.

The beautiful solitary maple leaf, the flag of Canada, presented by Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The Canadian Flag tells of a heritage rich in what
men and nations most desire and long for. It leads wherever men desire justice. Their hopes blend with our hope of a new day of peace, of unity and of good will among all nations.

Long may she wave over all who serve under her jurisdiction, the grand Texas Flag presented by Mr. H. Lee Stallings, Director of the General Grand Chapter Vision Team, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. Beloved, magnificent Texas Flag, you are our pride and joy. No state in this great nation has a greater heritage, nor a more colorful history than Texas. Texas, our Texas, how great is thy name; we sing to your glory, your deeds and your fame.

We grow closer to God’s teaching as we look upon the Christian Flag presented by Mr. Billy H. Combest, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, General Grand Chapter, and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. We pause with reverence to honor our Christian Flag, a symbol of excellence of God. No gift is so precious as that reflected in this symbol. We pledge allegiance to this Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, uniting us in love and service.

The flag of our beautiful Order is presented by Mr. Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron of Texas. We behold the glorious spectrum of color shining forth from the points of our emblematic star. These symbols remind us of the virtues which were so courageously practiced by the heroines of our Order.

Would you remain standing, please. Humbly before God, may we bow to hear the invocation as we begin the informal opening of the "Angels Among Us" session. We will be led by Mr. Leland G. Benefield, Past Grand Patron.

MR. LELAND BENEFIELD: Take the hand of someone sitting close to you and let us pray. Savior to us all, please let us have a great Grand Chapter. I know we all pray together that your will be done. I pray that we all are kind, courteous and loving to each other. May we follow your example. Please be with each of us as we are here in this great sparkling city by the sea, and keep us under your protective arms. Please be with those that are presiding and give them strength that they will need. I thank you for all that you do for us. Amen.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: One who is probably breathing a great sigh of relief that this day has finally arrived will welcome us to this Grand Chapter Session. Let us show our appreciation for the many hours of labor. Ms. Brenda Smith, Chairman of the Executive Committee, will address the assembly.

MS. BRENDA A. SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Boards, Distinguished Guests, Visiting Members and Guests, my Sisters and Brothers all: On behalf of the Executive Committee, Arrangements Committee and District 5, I welcome you to the beautiful Texas Gulf Coast of Corpus Christi by the bay. At Corpus Christi there are miles of beautiful beaches. Yesterday as I was making my rounds, I noticed many of you upstairs in the pre-function area just sitting and enjoying the majestic views of Corpus Christi Bay. Corpus Christi is the 8th largest Texas city with a population of 380,000 people. The average annual temperature in Corpus Christi is 71.1 degrees. So far this week we have had perfect weather, both inside and out. You would
think that putting together such a large event as this might cause temperatures to be just a little on the high side at times, but that has not been the case here. Your Executive and Arrangements Committees have worked endless hours preparing for your arrival. Every member of this team has worked together and accomplished more. We have strived for the past 18 months to fulfill our Worthy Grand Matron’s wishes and to make her dreams for a beautiful Grand Chapter come true. I can tell you that your Arrangements leader and teams have done everything humanly possible to make you feel comfortable and to welcome you to beautiful Corpus Christi, Texas.

Many of you have come from not only other states, but other countries. We especially welcome you to Texas. Texas sort of beats to a different drum. You see, we think we’re a country, too. Our Worthy Grand Matron has prepared a full schedule for this 122nd Grand Chapter Session. This session includes social functions and meetings, but it also includes the opportunity for all of us to build long-lasting relationships and friendships. So we hope you will take the time to meet and greet each of our guests from other areas of the world and show them the true Texas hospitality.

While you are here, we hope you will take the time to shop in our exhibitors’ area upstairs. There you will find clothing and jewelry and many items to purchase. Sister Anna Huckabee has done a tremendous job of securing over 60 vendors for you to choose from. In addition this year, our Worthy Grand Matron has allowed our Associate Grand Matron and her team to prepare a Grand Chapter yearbook. The Associate Grand Matron’s yearbook and other sales items are also on sale upstairs in the exhibitors’ room. You will find them in the very back of the room in front of a beautiful picture window of Corpus Christi. Our Worthy Grand Matron wanted to be sure that no Sister or Brother went without nourishment this week, so we have made arrangements for Center Plate Catering to set up a concession area where you may purchase coffee, drinks, sandwiches, pastries, fresh fruit and snacks. There are tables and chairs in this room so you may sit and enjoy your purchases. This concession area is located on this floor in Room 102. 102 is located outside the Grand Chapter room doors, turn right and then right again behind the escalators. Go down the hall and it’s on the right. The hours of operation will start at 7 a.m. each morning and continue throughout the day.

The Corpus Christi Convention Center Complex will be having other events here this week. In fact, Clint Black will be performing next door tomorrow night. Although we don’t encourage you to leave our Grand Chapter to see Mr. Black, we would warn you that city buses will be transporting people to and from the arena tomorrow night. So please pay close attention when you board the buses either here at the convention center or at the coliseum. Our buses are provided by Southwest Student Transport, and they have an OES sign in the window. They say SST Carriage on the side. Just in case you do get on the wrong bus and you end up at a location other than where you were intending to go, just stay on the bus and it will bring you back to the convention center where you can board another OES bus.

With all of that said, again, welcome to the 122nd Grand Chapter Session and the beautiful Corpus Christi Bay. Have a great time. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Sister Brenda. I know that we are proud to be in attendance at this 122nd Grand Chapter Session, and we are certainly enjoying the
hospitality of the friendly people of Corpus Christi. We’re going to adjust the program a little bit. You know, we like change. This is the time to work with the schedule, and we’re going to invite Ronald McDonald to come and speak to us. Accompanying him is Ms. Charmaine Keller from the Corpus Christi Ronald McDonald House. They will greet us.

**RONALD McDO-NALD:** You’re so quiet! I visit so many kids everywhere, and they’re never this quiet. So, let’s - hi everybody.

**VOICES:** Hi.

**RONALD McDO-NALD:** That’s much better. I feel better already. I just want to say thank you for inviting me out here. First of all, the lady who said that the weather was perfect indoors and out, I had to scratch my head about that a little bit. It’s always perfect indoors, isn’t it? That’s why we have indoors. But I just want to thank all of you. I want to invite everybody while you’re here to visit the Ronald McDonald House here in Corpus Christi. If you don’t get a chance to visit it here, then visit the Ronald McDonald Houses in your own communities. It truly is a home away from home for the families of critically ill children. You know, I visit kids in hospitals all over the world. In fact, in just a little while I’m going to be going to Driscoll Hospital and visiting the kids today that are over there. But when I have visited them over the years, I’ve seen the same thing over and over again. And that is, parents that love their children and want to be close to them. Sometimes they would sleep in that uncomfortable chair that’s in the hospital room. I’ve seen them sleep in the car. I’ve even seen parents sleep underneath their children’s bed at the hospital.

Well, the Ronald McDonald House gives them a home away from home where they can have a more normal lifestyle while their children are in the hospital and getting well. And the Ronald McDonald House - well, it works because of people - people like all of you who contribute to the House. Most of our operating funds come from contributions that are made from people like you. And I want to thank each and everyone of you for everything that you’ve done for the Ronald McDonald House, not only here. Here locally they do the quilts and things like that, but all over. And I want to thank every single one of you. We really do have to go visit the kids in the hospital. So before I finish, I just want to say that if I had Aladdin’s lamp and only had one wish, I wouldn’t wish for a Big Mac or any fancy dish, and I wouldn’t wish for money, though dollars we’ve just a few. If I only had one wish, well, I’d wish for another bunch of friends exactly like you and you and all of you. God bless you and everyone you hug. Thank you very much everybody. [applause]

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** Our Worthy Grand Matron I know is overjoyed to present a check and I think a quilt.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Elsie Paladino. Would you two please come and join me at the podium. Ronald McDonald, we are so proud to have you representing the Ronald McDonald Houses of Texas at our 122nd "Happiness Is Caring" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The project of the quilts started in my home Section 8 in District 5 in 1993 by Sister Judy Goldman, my Fraternal Correspondent this year. This has continued every year since. In planning our benevolent projects for this year, it was my wish to go statewide with this. The response by the membership has been overwhelming. The quilts total over 2,000; critters over 9,000; pull tabs over 3,921 pounds; caps and booties 475 and many other items needed by the local houses from their
want list. This afternoon session is called "Angels Among Us," and many angels have
been workers for the house that love built. I have a couple of samples here of quilts and
we have more here. These have been donated across the State of Texas. Many, many
beautiful items that different ones of the members and others who are not members of
Eastern Star have contributed to all the Ronald McDonald Houses across the State of
Texas. Brought here to the Grand Chapter at this time we have approximately 82 pounds
of pull tabs, 68 more quilts and 500 caps. These will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald
House. At this time we’d like to present you a check to go to the house that love has built.
I’ve enjoyed visiting so many of the beautiful homes across the State of Texas and to see
the work that is being done there for people who need a place to stay. We thank you for
sharing your special time. We know you need to be back with the younger generation. You
look around us out here and you would know that this is not a teenage group! Or even that
other younger generation. But we want to present you with this donation of $5,000.00 to
go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities along with the others. We’ll deliver the other
quilts and pull tabs. Have a good afternoon. Which school are you going to?

RonalD McDonaLD: We’re going to Driscoll Children’s Hospital and visit the
kids in the hospital.

Worthy Grand Matron: Okay. We wish you both the best. And thank you,
Charmaine, for coming with him. We’ve enjoyed working with them. Let’s show them
again how much we appreciate all the work that they’re doing. [applause]

Ms. ElsiE Paladino: At this time we are delighted to have the Honorable
Mayor, Lloyd Neal. Many of us have visited your city several times during the past four
years. This session is the culmination of many plans, and we are so pleased to return to
this sparkling city by the sea, and we invite you to bring greetings.

Mr. Lloyd Neal: Thank you. Good afternoon. I’m always hesitant to follow
Ronald McDonald because it’s hard to tell the clown from the mayor sometimes.
Seriously, I’m delighted to welcome you to Corpus Christi. This organization does so
many good things all across the State of Texas and across this country. My fellow Masons
appreciate what you do. My mother was an Eastern Star, and I can remember a lot of the
times when she was involved in so many of your organization’s activities in the past.

First, let me thank you for being in Corpus Christi today. You could have been
anywhere, and you chose to be here with Clint Black tomorrow night. But, seriously,
we’re delighted that you’re here. Corpus Christi is an All America City. We were so desig-
nated last year as the only city in Texas and one of ten in the United States. We were desig-
nated this because of our rich cultural diversity and the way that we approach solving
problems for our diversity in our population. But today I’m here to read the following
proclamation to you. “The Order of the Eastern Star is a Masonic-related fraternity of
women and men dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness. The Order of the Eastern
Star was conceived, written and taught by a Master Mason to provide a better place where
both men and women could work and serve side by side. Membership in the Order of the
Eastern Star, although not a part of the Masonic Fraternity, is based on a Masonic affilia-
tion or relationship, a belief in God, a desire to acquire additional knowledge and the
desire for self-improvement, and because it is now the largest fraternal organization in the
world to which both men and women belong. Each year you conduct special charities for
emphasis by the local Eastern Star Chapters, usually involving some form of community service and outreach. The Eastern Star is benevolent and charitable in its actions, raising millions of dollars annually throughout the world for projects that benefit the health of all humankind."

Today I’m pleased as the Mayor of Corpus Christi not only to welcome you and encourage you to enjoy yourselves and have a great time here in our city, but also to proclaim November 11, 2004, Veterans Day - and I salute many of you veterans in this audience - Veterans Day as Order of the Eastern Star Day in Corpus Christi, Texas. And, ma’am, I’m delighted to be here and delighted to do this for you. [applause] Thank you very much.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Honorable Mayor, for your gracious welcome. We appreciate you being here today. I invite Mr. Thomas Galyan, President of the Corpus Christi Convention Center and Visitors Bureau, to bring greetings. We have looked forward to this moment, and we know that many have labored to prepare for us.

MR. THOMAS GALYAN: Thank you so much. Welcome to Corpus Christi. It’s always a pleasure to follow Mayor Neal. He is truly one of the finest ambassadors that I think this city could possibly have. And it’s always a pleasure to follow after him. But as Brenda said earlier - and she stole most of my remarks, I think I’m going to have to hire her and put her on the payroll - welcome to Corpus Christi. It’s always a pleasure having a group visit for the first time, and I am delighted that the Order of the Eastern Star has chosen our beautiful city for this year’s annual conference. You know, some say that Corpus Christi is Texas’ best kept secret. So I hope during your visit you’ll get a chance to get out and discover what we really have to offer. While visiting our bayfront, our beaches, our attractions and hopefully spending money in our shops and our restaurants, you’ll more than likely notice quite a bit of construction. Well, like the Order of the Eastern Star, the City of Corpus Christi is also dedicated to excellence. We’ve currently enhanced our Convention Center. We’ve built a new 10,000-seat arena, which if you sneak away tomorrow night and see Clint Black, you’ll have a chance to see. And our new What-a-Burger Ball Stadium, home of the Houston Astros AA farm team, the Hooks, which will open on April 17th. And our citizens at the last election just recently approved an $11 million-plus bond to start Phase 1 of our new bayfront redevelopment which should start sometime early next year. All this means that the next time you visit Corpus Christi, we’ll have a lot more to offer.

Again, thank you for being here, and I would also like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, and Mr. Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, for all that you have done. I hope you enjoy your visit. We look forward to seeing you back again. And don’t forget to spend money! Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Mr. Galyan. We appreciate your presence.

Another project of the Worthy Grand Matron for her year of service has been cancer research. She will now make a presentation to Mrs. Susan Jackson, Executive Director of the American Cancer Society.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Ms. Jackson, we’re delighted to have you here this evening. You know, there’s very few families across the State of Texas and most other
areas that have not in some way been touched by cancer, some member of their family. I’ve lost members of my family through cancer. We had a lovely Past Grand Matron who kind of pushed me out in this direction; she also had cancer at that time, Sister Marcella Curry. This is one of our benevolent projects this year is funds for cancer research in Texas. At this time I’m happy to present you with this check in the amount of $15,000.00. So on behalf of the membership of Texas, we thank you for coming here today to accept this check for cancer research.

**MS. SUSAN JACKSON:** Thank you. Can I say a couple of words? I want to thank y’all so much for having me here today. The American Cancer Society fights to save lives and eliminate needless suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. I understand that your donation to us today is earmarked for Texas research. I haven’t been with the American Cancer Society for very long, but I don’t have enough time today or the next day to tell you all the stories I’ve heard about people whose lives have been touched and changed by the American Cancer Society’s research. But I wanted to touch on a couple of things, just to let you know how your money is spent on research. It’s mostly in three areas: prevention, early detection and treatment and cure. In the prevention area, I know a lot of you know people who have quit smoking. American Cancer Society research was the research that proved the link between tobacco use and cancer. More recent research has also shown the link between lack of physical activity and poor diet to cancer, so we’re working on preventative efforts in that area. Obviously, the easiest cancer to cure is the one you never get, so we certainly want to focus on prevention areas.

Another area is early detection. Early detection makes cancer easier to treat, easier to cure, less hard on the body. Early detection treatments that we have found: pap smears and mammograms for women all came from American Cancer Society-sponsored research. The PSA prostate blood test for the early detection of prostate cancer came from American Cancer Society research.

And last, but not least, we have some really whiz-bang funded research for the treatment and the cure of cancer. Childhood leukemia, the cure was found from an American Cancer Society researcher. Hercept and Tomoxifin were breast cancer drugs found - a brand new drug, Glevak - were all American Cancer Society-found drugs. I want you to know that 35 Nobel prize laureates got their start with American Cancer Society research. The three people who won the Nobel prize this year for chemistry all got their start with the American Cancer Society, and their research shows promising treatment for multiple myeloma. $32 million was spent by the American Cancer Society this past year in Texas alone for research. I heard recently that the lights at the M.D. Anderson research wing, which is a group that we support pretty heavily, never go out. They are always there, a hundred percent of the time. And it’s donations like this that keep that light on until the cure is found. Thank you so much for your support. [applause]

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** We honor our youth, our hope for a brighter tomorrow. Through ritual work, charity projects and fun activities, these youth groups give their members the ability to build self-confidence, discover and enhance their talents and develop leadership skills. Sisters and Brothers, we must unite in promoting the best interests for our youth because they will fill our ranks. Let us listen carefully to their messages.
I invite Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, accompanied by Miss Kailee Ribbans, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, to address this assembly.

**MRS. MARLENE DIBRELL:** Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the invitation to bring greetings to this "Happiness Is Caring" session from the 61 Assemblies and over 1,000 Rainbow Members in the Grand Assembly of Texas. And while I stand here, I know that our 1,000 girls would want you to come back to Corpus Christi in June of 2005, because we will be meeting right here for our 82nd Annual Grand Assembly, and we would like to see your presence with us at that time.

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; you love our girls; you support them in all that they do, but, more importantly, you have confidence in the youth of today and believe in the promise that they do hold for the future. For your commitment we are grateful, and we are indebted to you for the contributions that you continually make to help our girls reach their full potential. Your help in guiding their steps to ensure a bright future for each of them, and subsequently in the process you are also providing for the future growth of our Fraternal Family. Our girls are blessed to be part of this family. Our Assemblies are blessed to have your support and your sponsorship. 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 today if we keep them looking upward, glimpsing their vision through the beautiful rays of our Rainbow organization.

We wish for you, and know, that the 122nd Session of Grand Chapter, "Happiness Is Caring," will be a most successful event and a loving inspiration to all attendees. I am pleased now to present this beautiful young lady, our Grand Worthy Advisor, Kailee Ribbans. [applause]

**MISS KAILEE RIBBANS:** Thank you, Mrs. Dibrell. Hello and good afternoon. It is a pleasure to be here among you all today. I have been to several Grand Chapters, but this particular one is special to me because it is my first one as a member of Eastern Star. Rainbow is doing wonderfully this year. As Mrs. Dibrell said before, we have about a thousand members and 61 Assemblies stretching from El Paso to Texarkana, Amarillo to Corpus Christi. This year’s theme is "The Rainbow Adventure," promoting girls to be as courageous as lions when facing new obstacles in their everyday life and to have hearts of gold through our many charity projects, such as the American Heart Association Boxtops, Campbell Soup Labels and more. One of our new additions is Helotus Assembly who was instituted a year ago. This Assembly came into existence because of the efforts of Masons and Eastern Stars who saw the benefit of reaching out into their community and opening up the door of Rainbow to more girls. We have several other groups who are working with their sponsoring Orders to become full-fledged Assemblies, such as Bluebonnet, Hill Country and Brown County.

Eastern Star and Rainbow have so many likenesses between them. One of these similarities is the service that is provided to the needy. When we see someone in need,
there are no questions asked. We just help them in any way we can, in essence. Through Eastern Star we are taught how to give of ourselves to those who are in need, but this education can start before Eastern Star. It can begin in Rainbow and it does. The phrase, "Masonic youth are our future," is used quite frequently, but do we actually realize this truth? Some do by sponsoring Rainbow Assemblies in various ways, while some others sponsor the youth of our country in general. But despite the efforts of these noble people, some of the youth are neglected and in need of support, not just monetary donations, but also your participation and interest in their activities. I encourage each individual here to become involved in their local Rainbow Assembly. And if you are already, then I encourage you to be even more involved because it is true that Masonic youth are your future. If you help build a stronger youth organization, then the youth will benefit physically by gaining new members, morally by our teachings reaching them on a deeper level and mentally by preparing them for the future with the skills they will develop. Thank you for your continued support of all our endeavors. Without it, Rainbow would not be as successful as it is today. Thank you for the privilege of bringing greetings on behalf of Texas Rainbow. Good luck and have fun raising your voices and fluttering your wings at this Grand Chapter. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Our Worthy Grand Matron is pleased to make this presentation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Marlene and Kailee, would you come forward, please. What a thrill it is to have this young lady and Sister Marlene here with us this evening. It has been my pleasure to attend Grand Assembly and get to see these beautiful young ladies in their floor work. How tremendous it is to see the dedication that we have among those and the adult workers who work with them. How many of you in here have been Rainbow Girls and adult workers? Would you hold your hands up? How about that, Sister Marlene?

We are so pleased and proud of these young girls and the workers, and we thank you so much for being here with us this evening. It’s my pleasure to present you this check for $500.00 from the Grand Chapter of Texas for the Rainbow Girls. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: It is my pleasure now to present Mrs. Linda Henderson, Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas, and Miss Jennifer Crocker, Miss Texas Job’s Daughters, to bring greetings.

MRS. LINDA HENDERSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Grand Chapter Officers, my Sisters, Brothers and Guests of our Grand Chapter: It gives me great pleasure to be here this afternoon for the opening ceremonies of the 122nd Grand Chapter session as the Jurisdictional Guardian for the Texas Jurisdiction of Job’s Daughters International. I would like to personally thank Doris Hester, our Worthy Grand Matron, for giving of her valuable time specifically for attending several Job’s Daughters events during her time, but, more importantly, for sharing herself with all of our Masonic youth organizations of Texas. Since 1990 Job’s Daughters has thrived in Texas due to your support and love and the knowledge that we are truly cultivating our legacy as members of Eastern Star. This past August we chartered our newest Bethel of Job’s Daughters, Bethel #5 right here in Corpus Christi, and we are very proud that they are represented here today.
It is written in the great light of Freemasonry that in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job. We believe the heritage that the Masonic Order gives our daughters is a very special one that we hold dear in our hearts. I am confident that between Texas Job’s Daughters and Texas Rainbow for Girls, we are in very good hands. Jessica Burney, a Past Miss Texas Job’s Daughters, gave me a quote from Buckner Fanning which says, "I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." It is my honor to introduce to you a part of that future, one whom I believe will be an integral part of our Order. Besides being a Past Honor Queen of Bethel #3 in Dallas and an active Jobie, she is also a Rainbow Girl from the Roy Stanley Assembly #127 and is a physical therapy major at Tarrant County Community College. I present to you Miss Jennifer Crocker, Miss Texas Job’s Daughters 2004. [applause]

MISS JENNIFER CROCKER: Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron and Honored Guests: I can’t begin to tell you how pleased I am to be with you today. While I’ve only seen through personal experience the work between Job’s Daughters and Eastern Star in Dallas, I hear often of all the bridges that are being built throughout the state. I’m always amazed at how hard you work on our behalf. In our organization we learn about the virtues of true womanhood. In your Order you model them. As I meet the girls at our meetings and gatherings and see what each of us has learned from each of you, I assure you that your work is not in vain. Though my term is quickly coming to its end, I look forward to a long and prosperous future together. Thank you for having me. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: I know that our Worthy Grand Matron is pleased to make this presentation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Linda, this is a new job for you, isn’t it? She just took office not too long ago, and I wish you well and the young girls that you’re working with. So on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, we’d like to present International Order of Job’s Daughters with this check. I’ve enjoyed visiting at Bruceville with these young ladies and seeing them work also. It is our future and we’re so proud of each one who’s working with our Jobies and with the youth of Texas. So on that statement we’d like to present you this check for $500.00. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Representing the Order of DeMolay, Honorable J. Weldon Clampitte, State Executive Director of DeMolay, and Mr. Chris Kircher, State Master Counselor, International Order of DeMolay. They will bring us greetings.

MR. J. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Past and Present, my Brothers and Sisters all: I bring you greetings from the DeMolay of Texas. DeMolay is growing, it’s doing well, we’re having a great time. Along with our young ladies of the Job’s Daughters and Rainbow, the Masonic youth of Texas is thriving. Today a lot of you have not heard of a foundation that last year was put together to support the Masonic youth of Texas, a 501(c)(3) organization called The Texas Masonic Youth Foundation. I urge you to look into it, support it when you can. It’s designed to help all of our youth for now and in the future. DeMolay this year is honored to be represented by one of our fine youth who hails from San Antonio. He’s a student at Incarnate Word where he’s majoring in golf. [laughter] He told me he’s a business law major, but I know for a fact that when he studies and has tests, it’s 18 holes. Finals are 36 holes. And he’s having a good time doing it! He’s a fine young man. I’d like to present to
you the State Master Counselor of DeMolay in Texas, Chris Kircher. [applause]

MR. CHRIS KIRCHER: Thank you, Dad J. Weldon Clampitte. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Masonic Guests, Friends and Family of all the Masonic Orders: Let me appropriately begin this afternoon by thanking the Grand Matron and Grand Patron for their kind invitation to be with you this evening. It is my pleasure to be with all of you this weekend. Please know how truly thankful I am to be with you and represent one of the greatest organizations available to young men today, the Order of DeMolay. DeMolay is made up of some of the finest young men all across the world. In DeMolay we teach life lessons that dramatically affect the overall character and value of each young man. By upholding the values of leadership, loyalty and community service, DeMolay members are given the necessary tools to succeed in society. Many of our members have gone on to be influential and highly respected people. I find it only fitting this afternoon to share with you some of the famous words spoken by Franklin Roosevelt. "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." We each have a duty in our organizations to work together to unify our Masonic Family. I ask each of you this afternoon to follow in the footsteps of your Worthy Grand Matron and your Right Worthy Grand Conductress. Recently in the City of San Antonio, Albert Pike DeMolay Chapter held a Chevalier Investiture and Order of the Carnation Conferral. These two events are some of the biggest and most meaningful ceremonies in DeMolay and for Rainbow. Mrs. Doris Hester and Mrs. Rennie Ofton were both so very gracious in attending this recent event. I hope that both of you ladies know how very grateful we all were to have you in attendance.

I ask you, each of you, to walk down the path that each of these ladies have paved before you and reach out to all of the Masonic youth across Texas. When you go home at the end of this weekend, if your home town has a DeMolay Chapter, Rainbow Assembly or Job’s Daughters Bethel, I encourage you to stop in and pay them a visit. I promise you they will appreciate you being there. But, more importantly, you will have the opportunity to see the future. If you so desire, become a part of what they are doing because then you will have the opportunity to touch the lives of the future. I know that after your visit, you will take the time and invest in the youth because then you will be investing in your future. You will be investing in the future of all of our Masonic organizations.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for all you have done for Texas DeMolay and for the opportunity to be with you this weekend. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: And again a check is going to be presented.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Weldon and Chris, would you come forward, please. Both of you. As Chris said, we were in San Antonio the other night. But there’s a story I think you all should hear later. Ask him about - he had a wounded head, you know. No, I’m not going to go into all of that. I’m not sure which story was the truth. We heard several versions of how he had a bandage on the back of his head and it was bleeding all the time he was receiving this special honor, but I did enjoy it and I know Sister Rennie Ofton did too, to be with you in San Antonio when you earned that special degree that was presented to you the other Saturday night.

So on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, it’s my privilege to present to the Texas
DeMolay this check in the amount of $500.00. Use it wisely. [applause]

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** Indeed we do honor our youth because, yes, we’re very aware that they are our future.

We are especially honored to have our next guest appear on the program. This gentleman has gained distinction as Potentate of Al Amin Shrine Temple. I am pleased to present Mr. William Sandel and invite him to bring us greetings. [applause]

**MR. WILLIAM SANDEL:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for inviting the Shriners to join you today. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, 122nd Grand Chapter Session, Sisters and Brothers all: Worthy Grand Matron, with your approval, protocol having been established, I will proceed. On behalf of the Shrine of North America, the Imperial Potentate, Raul Prevel and his lady Rosie, the Imperial Divan and our local Al Amin Shrine Center, I bring you-all greetings. There is magic in the word "welcome" that makes us all forget the word "stranger" and causes us to remember that we are Sisters and Brothers banded together for the good of humanity. We want you to partake of our hospitality of all of our Shrine Centers across North America and hope that you visit any one of those Shrine Centers and enjoy what the Shrine has to offer, and that your visit here may ever remain a happy memory. And all of you lovely ladies out there in the Eastern Star look very lovely in your gowns today.

Our Shrine Center is located at 2001 Suntide Road. And if any of you have any time to come out and visit the Shrine Center, we certainly invite each and everyone of you to take a few minutes and just stop in and see what your Shrine has to offer you. We want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, again for inviting the Shrine to be a part of your - partake in your--participation in everything that you have to offer today. Thank you. [applause]

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** It is indeed a personal privilege and honor for me to introduce one who needs no introduction, Mr. Farris Benham. I hope the title is Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons. We are so proud to have him bring greetings on behalf of the Masonic Lodge of Texas. This is a last-minute gracious gesture for him, so let’s welcome him. [applause]

**MR. FARRIS BENHAM:** Thank you, Sister Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I will bring greetings on behalf of Most Worshipful Reese Harrison, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and the membership thereof. I will tell you immediately, though, that I’m not a lawyer so it won’t take me near as long. [laughter] This is something that has happened to me more than once. It is my privilege to bring greetings on behalf of the Masonic Lodge of Texas to the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, as presiding officer of other members of the Masonic Family, including Grand Lodge. But nothing has changed; I’m still lost most of the time, late a lot of the time and bewildered all the time. One of the reasons I’m so bewildered, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, is that you spent years of dedicated and devoted effort to attain the position of Grand Matron and Grand Patron. You’ve devoted most of your beneficiaries of state, driven countless hundreds of thousands of miles, thousands and thousands of hours of study, you reach this point, you’ve acquired a tremendous amount of experience, you’ve eliminated many of the
errors, and as a suitable, but somewhat ambiguous reward, we’re now going to replace you. [laughter] But because the Square & Compasses rest on your altar for one reason, I want you to know that you are part of our Masonic Family. We know how much you have put into it. Bob Walker and a Past Grand Patron behind me followed me as Grand Master. We’ve had the experience you’re having. I want you and each of you members to know that we recognize how much you have contributed to the Grand Lodge of Texas, to the Masonic Family. We will always appreciate you. You have been an honor to us. You have honored the Square & Compasses, and we wish the Officers who will take your place the same experience, the same happiness and the same productivity that we’ve received from you. Thank you so much for inviting me to bring greetings from the Grand Lodge of Texas. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: And I want you to know he is Worthy Patron of his Chapter.

MR. FARRIS BENHAM: The first time I’ve ever had a vote!

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The first time he could ever vote.

A lady, of course, who needs no introductions. It is my privilege to invite Sister Rennie Ofton to make presentations.

MRS. RENNIE OFTEN: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, will you come stand with me, please. I have a couple of very important pieces of paper I would like to present to you at this time. The first one is from the State Senate of Texas. "Whereas, Jack Guy of Jacksonville has long played an active role in making his community and state better places in which to live, work and raise a family, and whereas, a man of great dedication and integrity, Mr. Guy is known and admired by many for his community service and devotion to his church and family, and whereas, this highly regarded Texan gives generously of his time and talents in behalf of others, and his actions exemplify the lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love that are central to the Order of the Eastern Star, and now therefore, be it resolved that Jack Guy be commended for his outstanding contributions as Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, 2003-2004, and that he be honored for this strength of character and selfless service to others." Signed by Brother Todd Staples, State Senator, District 3.

We are very proud that this resolution has been prepared for you, and we second the motion. We are very proud of you. And, you know, Eastern Star sometimes has its candle under a bushel. We don’t anymore when we receive items like this. Thank you for your efforts. We love you and we agree with it 100%. [applause]

And now I have another document which I’m very pleased to present. It is from the United States House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. The special recognition for Doris Jean Hester is for outstanding accomplishments to the nonprofit sector in the State of Texas benefitting children’s charities, Huntington’s Disease and many other worthy community services. This special Congressional recognition reads, "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition Presented for Mrs. Doris Jean Hester. In recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community." Sisters and Brothers, to my knowledge this is the first time that we have received such a recognition as this from the United States Congress. I think we can be very proud that the Order of the Eastern Star will be
listed in the annals of that organization so that they know we, too, are workers for the
good. And it’s my special honor to present this to the Worthy Grand Matron with much
appreciation and pride. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: In response to the many warm and cordial words of
welcome and greetings, the appreciation of our hearts will be voiced by our Worthy Grand
Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Elsie. Thank you, Worthy Grand
Matron. Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter:
It is an honor and a pleasure to have you, our own General Grand Chapter Officer, open
this 122nd “Angels Among Us” Grand Chapter Session. It is especially an honor to have
a friend and a person of your high caliber perform this duty. Thank you very much

I’m sorry. We got out of sync a little bit here, I believe. First of all, I’m afraid some
of them have already left us. But to the officials of Corpus Christi - the Mayor, Lloyd Neal,
Mr. Thomas Galyan, we thank them so much for taking the time to welcome us to this
beautiful city by the sea. We’re proud to have representatives of our youth groups with us
this afternoon also, and thank Ronald McDonald for coming. Thank each of you for all
that you do. We indeed are honored to have an Honorable - in this case, Brother Farris
Benham - speaking for our Most Worshipful Grand Master. We certainly appreciate
Brother Farris filling in for us on this. Also, we look forward to a lot of you being at Grand
Lodge this December.

Sister Elsie, we are so happy to have so many guests with us for this informal
opening. We hope that all of them have enjoyed - I’m sorry. I’m getting off into yours
again.

Okay. You’re fortunate. That’s all of mine. I wouldn’t be able to foul up much more
anyway. Thank you for your indulgence, Sisters and Brothers. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: The Worthy Grand Matron will respond.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We are pleased and proud that we’ve had so many
distinguished people here from the City of Corpus Christi, from our Masonic Fraternities,
from our youth groups, family and friends and especially Ronald McDonald. We thank
them each one for being here and bringing presentations and greetings to you, the
membership of Texas. To Brother Farris Benham, thank you for bringing greetings on
behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons. You’re one of my
favorite fellows, and I’m glad you have a vote at this Grand Chapter, sir. It’s a long time
coming, but we’re glad you decided to do that.

To these young people over here, how pleased we are to see you here. It’s a great thrill
to me to see the smiles on these young boys and girls - young men and women, I had better
say. And we’re glad they’re here with us. To the Shrine, we thank you. And to each
Masonic body that’s represented here today, thank you for being here and being a part of
this informal opening of ours this afternoon. How pleased we are for your presence. We
thank you for being here. To each one who has taken a part in this special time this after-
noon, we thank you for the courtesy that you have extended to be here with the member-
ship of Texas so they can see just how much you’re doing with our Masonic youth and to
the Grand Lodge, Eastern Star and all the other appendant bodies. Thank you, my Sisters
and Brothers and special guests from the City. We thank you for being here. And from the
Convention Center. Each one has been special, and we thank you for being a part of this.

So thank you so much and we’re delighted to have you with us this afternoon. [applause]

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: It is a great joy to - I don’t have to introduce her, just
present her - Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand
Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Rennie, as you walk through the pages
of our Order, you go with the bright light of our love. Your spirit of loyalty in your work,
your spirit of Christ in your life, your spirit of beauty and love in your heart will endear
you to the Eastern Star world. Just remember, my dear, Texas has the tie that binds.

All who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire. Assisting Grand
Marshal, you will direct their way. The Grand Officers will prepare for the drill.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General
Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand
Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members all: It is a
signal honor and a real pleasure to open this "Angels Among Us" Session of the
"Happiness Is Caring" 122nd annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. It is also a
special courtesy to have my Brother and friend of long standing, Harry G. Cunningham,
Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas,
participating with me.

The titles of this session and the various sessions of this Grand Chapter bespeak of
the high caliber of the aims and accomplishments of our Worthy Grand Matron, Doris
Jean Hester, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Jack W. Guy. Throughout this year they have
demonstrated their love and dedication to the membership and to our Order. We are most
grateful for every effort put forth in our behalf. We anxiously await the presentation of the
records of service for this year. What a joy it is to have so many Distinguished Members
and Guests, as well as the wonderful membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The
interest of the membership in coming to participate in our important business is one of the
things which make our Grand Chapter progress from year to year. A very sincere and
cordial welcome is extended to all. Brother Harry, I invite you to bring your greetings to
this fine assembly at this time.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy
Grand Conductress. It’s a pleasure to have the honor of opening this session, "Angels
Among Us," with Sister Rennie Ofton. I want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron for this
privilege. It is a special honor to have a friend and a person of your high caliber perform
this duty. Thank you very much.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: We have a special treat in store for us at this time as the
Installed Grand Officers perform the "Rocking Bluebird" Drill under the direction of our
lovely Grand Marshal, Sister Benita Bassett. Let’s rock, little birdies. [Drill performed to
much applause.] Let’s also thank Sister Rosemary Swetland and Sister Mary Alberts and
Sister Darla Dunaway for the beautiful music that we have had all morning. Thank you so
much, ladies. [applause]
I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron and the Grand Officers of 2003-2004 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 East.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, behold your Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers, behold your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and join me in saluting them with the Grand Honors.

Sister Doris and Brother Guy, we wish for you a great session, and may God give you the wisdom, strength and blessings as you lead our deliberations. I am honored to present your gavel, with much love, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter, Past Grand Matron of Texas, and a wonderful friend, it is an honor to have you open this 122nd “Happiness is Caring” Grand Chapter Session. You have been such an inspiration and example, not only to me, but also to all members of our beautiful Order. You and Brother Paul, have always been there for me. I cherish the memories we have made. Thank you for this honor today.

Brother Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and Past Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Thank you for assisting in the opening of this afternoon Session of our Grand Chapter. We appreciate your continued service and devotion to Eastern Star and Masonry.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to greet these two “special” people?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter, it is an honor and pleasure to have you, our own General Grand Chapter Officer open this 122nd “Angels Among Us” Grand Chapter Session. It is especially an honor to have a friend and a person of your high caliber perform this duty. Thank you very much.

Brother Harry Cunningham, what a pleasure to have you, a distinguished Mason and a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, as well as a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, assist in the opening of this Grand Chapter Session. Thank you for many years of service and devotion to both.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We will now have a report from the Credentials Committee to determine if we can open this Grand Chapter Session. Sister Mary Jo.

**MRS. MARY JO ROSAMOND:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to report that we have over 173 Chapters represented at this Grand Chapter Session, which represents more than the 25% of the total of 458 Chapters as of this date, November 11, 2004. Therefore, we have our quorum to open this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Mary Jo. A quorum being present, we will be able to proceed with the ceremonial opening of this 122nd Grand Chapter Session of Texas.

Sister Grand Warder.
GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will see that the doors to our Grand Chapter room are secure and inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to engage in the ceremony of opening this 122nd Grand Chapter Session and direct him to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

[ritualistic opening]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now declare this 122nd "Happiness Is Caring" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas duly opened for the transaction of business. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

GRAND WARDER: Grand Sentinel, this 122nd Session, "Happiness Is Caring" Session of this Grand Chapter 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 giving the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, after which the Grand Choir and the assembly will sing the National Anthem.

[Pledge given in unison followed by singing of National Anthem.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Now the Assembly will join in singing the National Anthem of Canada, "O Canada," and it’s found on page 55 in your program.

Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Installed Officers and Committee Members, other Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: Welcome to the 122nd "Happiness Is Caring" Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. What a thrill it is to look out on this beautiful membership to see those who have come near and far to be here in Corpus Christi. We want you to feel welcome and hope you enjoy your stay with us so much that you will want to return. Our paths have crossed many times with so many of you in years past as we have attended your sessions, multi-state meetings, exchange visits and General Grand Chapter. We want to return the same warm and loving hospitality that you gave us. Welcome to the Lone Star State.

At this time it’s my pleasure to fill a vacancy on our Jurisprudence Committee. As you know, Brother Henry Martin is ill and cannot be with us. At this time it’s my pleasure to appoint Sister Pat Neinast to serve on the Jurisprudence Committee for District 1.

And on the Telephone & Telegram Committee, I’d like to appoint Sister Jane Gregory.

Sisters and Brothers, at this time a report will be given by the Board of Directors. As you know, in our deliberations at our last Grand Chapter Session, we were asked for a progress report on the sale of our Home to be given in the Bulletin. We have one now. There will be no discussion or vote. This is for your information in a cooperative spirit. We have not officially begun our business session. To be sure that it is an official action, we will wait until tomorrow morning, which is Friday, to discuss this report. Brother Nelson Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Directors, I invite you to come.
MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

At our Grand Chapter Session held in Fort Worth in October 2003, the amendment to Resolution No. 1 passed and it required that we give a Comprehensive Report on the progress of the sale of the OES Property located on Division Street in Arlington, Texas. If you will bear with me for a few minutes, I will review our progress and give you our Recommendation and the reasons why.

The Resolution directed us to take the following actions:

1) Secure and approve payment for a second Appraisal

2) Engage a Texas Licensed Commercial Realtor to market the property

3) Retain the services of an Attorney

4) Sell the property for the best possible price, said price not being less than the higher of the two appraisals.

5) Lease or purchase space, and/or property for the OES Business Headquarters and Museum.

As soon as the Grand Chapter Session was over, we secured and reviewed ten Recommendations for an Appraiser. We met November 15, 2003 and selected one from among that group. We were very careful to make sure that the firm selected had the highest credentials and was a MIA member, etc. because some felt that our first appraisal may not have been as professionally done as was desired. We selected Steven J. Kunkel & Associates. On January 9, 2004 we received the second appraisal which gave us a Final Value Conclusion of $3,450,000. This meant that we had to market the property for $6,100,000. This was the higher of the two appraised values. Since this was a real challenge to accomplish, I conferred with our Attorney and the Worthy Grand Matron. We all decided that the second appraisal should be kept as confidential as possible while we attempted to market the Property for 6.1 million dollars.

The second point on the Resolution was to engage a Texas Licensed Commercial Realtor to Market the property. We obtained recommendations and proposals and on November 22nd we met in Arlington and interviewed the three that we considered to be the best. We chose Ebby Halliday from Dallas. (Jim Hobbs is the agent.) We then began working on a Listing Agreement Contract with them being sure that all the provisions listed in our Resolution were addressed, such as the buyer being responsible for all costs involved in removal and clean-up of the property and that the Grand Chapter of Texas, their Officers and members will be held harmless in regard to costs or liability involved in the process. The Worthy Grand Matron, Doris Hester, and I signed that contract on December 13, 2003.

We then retained the services of an attorney to ensure that the sale of the property followed all legal guidelines. We selected Brother Randy Thompson who is a Master Mason and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star as our representative.

The Broker that we selected recommended that we try to sell the property by sealed bid. The majority of the Board agreed with his recommendation. He advertised the
property by newspaper, Wall Street Journal, and by Web-site. The bids were scheduled to be opened March 23rd and we had none. No one stepped forward and made a bid. There seemed to be a lot of interest but not for $6.1 million. The original contract with the Broker expired May 15, 2004. Before that contract expired we entered into another which will expire December 31, 2004. This is a Conventional Commercial Contract providing Multiple Listing agreements. The Broker has attended City Council meetings, Planning and Zoning meetings, and has advertised the property satisfactorily. We have had hundreds of inquiries about the property but have had only ten different groups that were even interested enough to want to look at the buildings and grounds. Only two of the ten came back the second time.

On August 27, 2004 an offer of $2,000,000 was made in the name of A. Ray Utley and/or Assigns. his offer was declined.

On August 31 our Broker received a second offer to purchase the property for $2,800,000 accompanied by an earnest money deposit of $50,000 from One Prime, L.P. We felt that this group had demonstrated good faith and at least deserved an answer or counter offer. I consulted with the Worthy Grand Matron. She called a meeting of her Corporate Board on September 4, 2004 and this Board agreed for the Board of Directors to make a counter and negotiate a price that would be in excess of the second appraisal. We did this and on September 11, 2004 we agreed on a price of $3,500,000 and signed an agreement with the effective date being the date that Grand Chapter approves this offer. This agreement was approved by a unanimous vote of your Board of Directors and the Corporate Board.

Sisters and Brothers, I’m sure we all would love to get more for the property but considering the fact that we have been trying to market the property for a year and have had very little interest we feel that it is in the best interest of The Grand Chapter of Texas to accept this offer. It is $50,000 above the most recent appraisal. Both the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors recommend that we accept this offer. We give the following reasons for making this recommendation.

1) The cost of maintaining an empty building in 2001-2002 was $209,462.56. In 2002-2003 it was $188,144.25 and for 10 months of 2003-2004 it was $125,607.33. We have budgeted $138,100.00 for next year if we still have the property. This adds up to a total of $661,310.14. This doesn’t seem like very good business sense.

2) There is a reason for selling that can not be measured in dollars and cents. For many years this Home and land were the pride and joy of this organization and most of our focus was on maintaining and improving it. As the number of residents in the Home continued to decline, it became an issue that has divided us severely. Our feeling is that we need to put this issue behind us so that we can heal the wounds that have been the result of our division on this issue.

3) There is a good chance that our property may begin to be taxed by the local taxing entities if we continue to not use it for what it was intended.

4) The crime in the immediate area of our home and state office has become such a problem that the Arlington Police Department has advised us to keep the
doors locked at all times and admit only those who have been properly identified. This is not a good place for us to have our office. Our employees are not safe, our members visiting the office are not safe, and the value of the property will continue to depreciate in that environment.

5) If we didn’t have the liability of maintaining this home and property we could have more funds to devote to Benevolent Aid, Education, and other worthwhile purposes.

We have reached an agreement with the Texas Masonic Retirement Center to move our Office and Museum to their location. The facility will be much nicer, safer, and will cost much less than what we are paying to keep up an empty building now. They are making plans to start construction very soon.

Upon your approval of the sale of the property, the Board of directors has committed to use the proceeds in the following manner: No more than fifteen (15%) percent will be utilized for relocation expenses, automating Grand Chapter records pertaining to the sale and move including packing and storing Museum items located in the existing buildings. The remaining proceeds will be placed in an interest bearing Trust falling under the same criteria as the existing C-8 Endowment Trust, the principal shall not be expended without the consent of Grand Chapter and the interest accruing from the investment of said principal shall be placed in the General Fund to supplement benevolent projects including, but not limited to our own members, Chapters in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, office expenses, and archiving existing records and automating current records.

Members of the Board of Directors will be available any time tonight after the banquet or after the evening session to answer any questions you might want to ask us about the sale, about the appraisal, and about the on-going costs of maintaining our property if we do not sell it.

Sisters and Brothers it takes two parties to make a sale; a buyer and a seller. After a year of searching for a buyer we now have one and I urge you to consider this issue very carefully and prayerfully and take the recommendation of both the Corporate Board and the Board of Directors and let us proceed to sell this property to One Prime Limited Partnership (the Group that has made the offer).

Based on the information that I have just presented, I recommend and make a motion that my report and the following recommendation be adopted.

WHEREAS, by Resolution 1 adopted at the 2003 Grand Chapter Session held in Fort Worth, Texas, a directive was issued to sell the Eastern Star Property consisting of 29.6 acres, more or less, located in Arlington, Texas for the sum equal to, or higher than, any appraisals received; and

WHEREAS, said properties have been on the market for many months with no offers: and

WHEREAS, an offer has been received from One Prime, L.P. in the amount of $3,500,000 as is reflected by contract tendered to the Board of Directors; and
WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that the price offered is the best possible price obtainable at this time;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the offer of $3,500,000 to purchase the Eastern Star Home and Property be accepted.

And, if for any reason the contract with One Prime, L.P. does not close, the Board of Directors, with the approval of the majority of the Corporate Board, shall be empowered to sell the O.E.S. Property in Arlington, Texas for the best possible price that can be obtained from any buyer.

And be it resolved that said purchase money will be applied in the following manner:

No more than fifteen (15%) percent of the proceeds will be utilized for relocation expenses, automating Grand Chapter records pertaining to the sale and move including packing and storing Museum items and other items located in the existing buildings. The remaining proceeds will be placed in an interest bearing Trust falling under the same criteria as the existing C-8 Endowment Trust, the principal shall not be expended without the consent of Grand Chapter and the interest accruing from the investment of said principal shall be placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent Projects including but not limited to our own members, Chapters in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, office expenses, and archiving existing records and automating current records.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson R. Campbell
Chairman, BOD

Worthy Grand Matron, I present this report to you for your action.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Nelson Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Directors. Sisters and Brothers, this has been presented for your consideration and for you to study this evening. Each one of you had a copy in your packet when you received your credentials at registration. This will be brought up for discussion and vote in the morning about 10 o’clock. We want each of you to be here tomorrow as we start conducting our business.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, are you ready? It’s show time. You will present the Elected and Appointed Officers of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure indeed to present these Installed Grand Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and Sister Helen Westmoreland, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Florida, Order of the
Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We are so proud to have each of you present at this 122nd Session of Grand Chapter. We welcome you to this beautiful city by the sea. We look forward to your service as you progress to the highest position in General Grand Chapter. Sister Barbara, you have been so faithful in your visits to Texas. And Sister Rennie, our very own Redbird, you are the pride of Texas and we will be there for you. Brother Fred, you have been so faithful in your visits to Texas. We are delighted you said yes to Sister Rennie’s proposal. Sister Helen, we are delighted to have you with us also. Thank you for sharing this time with us.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know that you want to greet these wonderful distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We are so honored to have these General Grand Chapter Elective and Appointive Officers present. We thank you so much for taking time to be here for our Grand Chapter Session. Sister Rennie, my good friend, I am so pleased that you are one of this distinguished group. We welcome all of you. Welcome.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our distinguished General Grand Chapter Officers to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed a pleasure to introduce to you these Elected Officers of General Grand Chapter: Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia; Sister Helen J. Westmoreland, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and a Past Grand Matron of Florida, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers, you will join with me in extending Grand Honors to these special people. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these distinguished members of General Grand Chapter will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Committee Members of General Grand Chapter at the Altar.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present these Committee Members of General Grand Chapter: Sister Virginia George, Eastern Star Journal Committee and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brothers James Summerall, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past Grand Patron of Mississippi; Billy Combest, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sister Dorothy Pittsford, Payroll Committee and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brother Tom Benton, Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma; Sisters Pat Brothers, Registration Committee and Past Grand Matron of Kansas; Alma Carter, Registration Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brothers David Carter, Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Virginia; Leo Lutchehan, Shriners Hospital Committee and Past Grand Patron of Minnesota; Lee Stallings, Director of the Vision Team and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sisters Betty Carter, Regional Vision

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How pleased and excited we are that you chose to be with us for this Grand Session. We sincerely hope that you enjoy our session and will want to return to Texas in the future. You are a beautiful and handsome sight in the West. To our own Texas General Grand Chapter Members, Texas is so very proud that our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Pat Rasmussen, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Starke, recognized Texas Past Grand Matrons and Patrons for their dedication and love for our Order that each of you have shown in the past and are continuing to do. You are truly an example. We welcome you to Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron, I invite you to greet our Distinguished Guests.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I take great pleasure in welcoming the General Grand Chapter Committee Members present. Thank all of you for being so generous with your time and labor, which you have so freely contributed to our General Grand Chapter. I am especially proud of our Texas own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons who are members of this honored group. Welcome all of you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our General Grand Chapter Committee Members to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct pleasure to introduce to you these General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Virginia George, Eastern Star Journal and Past Grand Matron of Mexico; Brothers James Summerall, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past Grand Patron of Mississippi; Billy Combest, Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sister Dorothy Pittsford, Payroll Committee and Past Grand Matron of New Mexico; Brother Tom Benton, Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma; Sisters Pat Brothers, Registration Committee and Past Grand Matron of Kansas; Alma Carter, Registration Committee and Past Grand Matron of Texas; Brothers David Carter, Registration Committee and Past Grand Patron of Virginia; Leo Lutchehan, Shriners Hospital Committee and Past Grand Patron of Minnesota; Lee Stallings, Director of the Vision Team and Past Grand Patron of Texas; Sisters Betty Carter, Regional Vision Coordinator of the Vision Team and Past Grand Matron of Virginia; Roberta Folks, Visioneer for Arkansas and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas; Nancy Bayer, Visioneer for Connecticut and Past Grand Matron of Connecticut; Virginia "Jenny" Vandervest, Visioneer for Minnesota and Past Grand Matron of Minnesota, General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Please join with me in extending these Distinguished Members 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 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar.
GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present these Worthy Grand Matrons: Sisters Barbara Gadberry, Arkansas; and Audrey Barker, Louisiana, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We are delighted to have our counterparts of other Grand Jurisdictions here at our "Happiness Is Caring" Session for this Thursday afternoon, "Angels Among Us." We welcome our angelic friends to this session. I'm so proud to see the two of you here.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you would like to greet our guests.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is a pleasure to have each of you representing your Grand Jurisdictions here at our 122nd Session of Grand Chapter of Texas. I wish for you a pleasant time while you're visiting here and safe travels when you go home. A great big Texas welcome to each of you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it is with great honor that I introduce to you these Worthy Grand Matrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Barbara Gadberry, Arkansas, and Audrey Barker, Louisiana. You will join with me in extending them Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. At this time I invite my co-worker, Sister Audrey Barker, Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Louisiana, to bring greetings on behalf of our Distinguished Members. Sister Audrey.

MRS. AUDREY BARKER: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack; Distinguished Guests; my Sisters and Brothers: The opportunity has been given to me to speak on behalf of your Distinguished Guests. It is a great joy and privilege, as well as a responsibility, to express the happiness which I am confident each of your guests will receive from attending this Grand Chapter Session. We're most happy to be with you and to represent our own Grand Jurisdiction. As always, we wish to present a favorable and friendly impression. We are pleased to be in the beautiful State of Texas where generous hospitality and sincere welcomes come from everybody. Since our arrival we have felt the presence of loving friends, and we know we are welcome by the hugs, handshakes, beautiful smiles and "how are you" or is that "howdy, folks, welcome to Texas." Anyway it goes, we feel very welcome. Your hospitality and the many functions you have planned for us have certainly made us feel welcome. We are happy we could share this important occasion with you. We're well aware of the planning and effort required in preparing for a Grand Chapter Session. Therefore, we are most grateful for all that has been done for us. We thank you from our hearts.

Sister Doris and Brother Jack, your Distinguished Guests wish for you a most harmonious session. May the light of love you have scattered throughout Texas be reflected in all you do in the coming days. We congratulate you on your splendid work this year, and we pray that the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father will abide with you throughout your session. And now on behalf of your Distinguished Guests, I would like to present to you and Brother Jack a small token--I have an envelope running around here somewhere
- a small gift to you. Sister Doris, thank you for giving me this honor. You have been a beautiful Worthy Grand Matron, and I am proud to call you my Sister and friend. May God watch over you and let peace and harmony prevail during your session. Sister Doris and Brother Jack - that's yours, Brother Jack. Sister Doris, this is yours. I’m proud to call you my Sister and friend. Sister Doris and Brother Jack, friendship is just a little word. It is something warm and glowing. I hope through the years ours will keep growing. We all love you. Be sure to come to Louisiana soon. Love to all of my Sisters and Brothers. Sister Doris, we want to reclaim you. Thank you very much. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Sister Audrey Barker, on behalf of the other Distinguished Members. Know how much I appreciate it. And of course I’ve always enjoyed Louisiana. That’s where I became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. I thank you for allowing us to have a special visit in Franklin, Louisiana. Know I love you, and tell all those Cajuns I’m going down there Thanksgiving for a few days. Thank you.

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.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with pleasure that I present these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Yvonne Lawrence, Alabama; Eleanor Stoddard, Connecticut and who also holds the title of Grand Secretary Emeritus; Tammy Classen of Florida; Gladys Allison, Louisiana; Carolyn Oldson Lingen of Minnesota; Sarah Summerall, Mississippi; Margaret Clarke, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and from Vermont Joyce Ballentine, Elizabeth Bordeaux, Dorothy Brophy, Deborah Litchfield and Shirley Pimentel; from Virginia, Peggy Caldwell and Brenda Jones; Brothers Earl Hodges from Arkansas; Archie Kline, Louisiana; Clarence Tipton, Mississippi; E. A. Verrick, Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** To these special Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, we welcome you to the big State of Texas and to Corpus Christi for this session. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and come again. We know that you’ve had many wonderful years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star, and you’re to be commended for your continued service. We thank you. And to the other angels, we know that this is what you do. Thank you for coming to Texas and our Grand Chapter Session.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, you’re excellent role models from other Jurisdictions. We’re so happy that you have chosen to come to Texas this week and hope you have a very pleasant stay. Thank you so much for your service to General Grand Chapter as ambassadors to other countries. Welcome all.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it’s my pleasure to introduce to you these Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Yvonne Lawrence, Alabama;
Eleanor Stoddard, Connecticut and Grand Secretary Emeritus; Tammy Classen of Florida; Gladys Allison, Louisiana; Carolyn Oldson Lingen of Minnesota; Sarah Summerall, Mississippi; Margaret Clarke, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and from Vermont Joyce Ballentine, Elizabeth Bordeaux, Dorothy Brophy, Deborah Litchfield and Shirley Pimentel; from Virginia, Peggy Caldwell and Brenda Jones; Brothers Earl Hodges, Arkansas; Archie Kline, Louisiana; Clarence Tipton, Mississippi; E. A. Verrick, Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join with me in extending them 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.


WORTHY GRAND MATRON: What an impressive line that I look at at the Altar of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas. We commend you for your dedication to our Order for so many years. You are always there for advice, encouragement and willingness to share of your time, talents and resources. You have certainly been an inspiration to all of us, and we are so proud to have you here today. We welcome and appreciate and love you for being here. Worthy Grand Patron, would you care to welcome Texas’ own.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: To our own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, you’ve walked this way before and have set a beautiful example to follow. Many of you have given me wise counsel along the way, and I thank you so much. I’m always happy and pleased to be in your presence. Welcome.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort Texas own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it’s with great pride and pleasure that I introduce our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas: Sisters Molly Goodpasture, Patricia Major Neinast, Mary Brown, Elise Hammack, Elsie Paladino, Betty Phillips Benham, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Jane Gregory, Wanda Fairchild, Rosemary Swetland, Yvonne Brownfield, Alma Lynn Bane, Betty Friend, Naomi Wolfe and Sharon Fentress and Brothers Harry G. Cunningham, Past Grand Patron and also a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons; Joe Jeffers, Garland Rattan, Leland G. Benefield, Richard Ochs, Kenneth Gregory, Duane "Buddy" Baker and Ed Warner, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers, let’s
extend our own Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of Texas will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards of other Grand Jurisdictions.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce the Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions: From the Grand Jurisdiction of Arkansas we have Brother Ira Payne, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Glenda Payton, Grand Conductress; Sister Mavis Payne, Grand Electa. From the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana we have Sisters Jane McDaniel, Grand Conductress; Diane Smith, Associate Grand Conductress; Carol Holmes, Grand Chaplain; Dawn Thurmond, Grand Esther; and Linda Frazier, Grand Martha. From the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, we have Sister Verna Verrick, Associate Grand Conductress, Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We are excited that you came to spend this special time with us in Texas. You know, angels occupy the loveliest corner of our thoughts. We are happy to count you among our angels. Thank you for your presence here in Corpus Christi today. We always invite you to come back.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you care to greet these special people?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We appreciate your service to the Order of the Eastern Star through your own Grand Jurisdictions. We would like for you to know just how much we appreciate your coming to Texas and being with us this week. Welcome.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Installed Grand Officers to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it’s with pleasure that I introduce to you these Installed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions: Arkansas, Brother Ira Payne, Associate Grand Patron; Sisters Glenda Payton, Grand Conductress; Mavis Payne, Grand Electa. From the State of Louisiana Jane McDaniel, Grand Conductress; Diane Smith, Associate Grand Conductress; Carol Holmes, Grand Chaplain; Dawn Thurmond, Grand Esther; Linda Frazier, Grand Martha. From the State of Virginia, Verna Verrick, Associate Grand Conductress. Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers, please join with me in giving these a hearty welcome.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Special Appointees of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron back of Esther’s Station.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it’s my pleasure to introduce these Special Appointees to the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico, and Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Patron in Mexico and Central America, Order of the Eastern Star.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How pleased and proud we are of you two in Texas. We’re excited that the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron selected these two from Texas to serve as special to them this year. We’re so glad that they did because we know they chose wisely. We’re so proud of each one of you. Worthy Grand Patron, would you greet this special couple from Texas.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron must appoint those whom they know will carry on the work of our beautiful Order. You have proven that to be true, and we are very proud of you. I’m so pleased to give a special welcome to our two Texans here also, Brother Raul and Sister Sylvia Garcia. It’s most gratifying to see you back there. Welcome.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Deputies to the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron to the East.[applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it is with special joy and pleasure that I present these Special Appointees to 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. Please join with me in giving Texas’ own a very special welcome. [applause] Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: How proud we are to welcome you to the "Happiness Is Caring" Session. Thank you so much for your dedication and contributions to our beautiful Order. We hope your visit to our state is pleasant and that you will visit...
many more times.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Grand Representatives to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it’s with great pride and excitement that I introduce these Grand Representatives of Texas in other Grand Jurisdictions: Billy Riddle, Alabama; Dorothy Snyder, Arizona; Steven Ward, British Columbia and Yukon; Lorna Baker, California; Annie Espinoza, Florida; Patricia Woods, Georgia; Lonnie Pugh, Idaho; Janet Stafford, Illinois; Elizabeth Lashley, Indiana; Margaret Stamate, Iowa; Lee Kline, Louisiana; Mary Miller, Michigan; Harriet Delaney, Minnesota; Ina Tipton, Mississippi; Lucille Schwartz, Missouri; Gwendolyn Milley, New Jersey; Ruth Liszt, North Carolina; Bob Jones, Virginia; Phillip Mill, Wisconsin. Order of the Eastern Star. We’re so glad to have each one of you here. Sisters and Brothers, please join with me in extending these Grand Representatives Grand Honors.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Grand Representatives will remain in the East.

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

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it’s my pleasure to present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Laura Holder, Quebec in Alabama; Eleanor White, California in Arizona; Brother Phillip Thurman, Montana in Louisiana; Sister June Conway, California in Oklahoma; and Brother James Holder, Sao Paulo, Brazil in Alabama. Order of the Eastern Star.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** To these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions, how pleased we are to have you here with us this afternoon for this session, "Angels Among Us." And truly you are, as you represent your Grand Jurisdictions with pride and honor in other Grand Jurisdictions. We’re so pleased you came to be with us at this 122nd session of Grand Chapter. Thank you for coming here.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you greet these special ones.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Welcome to Texas and a great big howdy to each of you. Thank you for coming to Corpus Christi, our beautiful city by the sea. We’re so pleased that you came and hope your visit will be most enjoyable.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to the East. [applause] Sisters and Brothers, it’s a pleasure to me to introduce to you these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions: Sisters Laura Holder, Quebec in Alabama; Eleanor White, California in Arizona; Brother Phillip Thurman, Montana in Louisiana; Sister June Conway, California in Oklahoma; and Brother James Holder, Sao Paulo, Brazil in Alabama. We’re glad to have each one of you. Sisters and Brothers, please join with me in extending these Grand Representatives 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 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas at the Altar.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it's my pleasure to present this special group of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sisters Alberta Mann, Arkansas; Mary Calvert, California; Evelyn Tolbert, Colorado; Nell Casparis, District of Columbia; Jerre Miller, Georgia; Brothers Travis Knowlton, Idaho; O. B. Lee, Illinois; Sisters Claudette Carroll, Indiana; Mildred Sikes, Iowa; Maxine Nance, Kansas; Beulah Warner, Kentucky; Brother Ray Lewis, Louisiana; Sisters Ann Blanton, Michigan; Christine Ledbetter, Minnesota; Frances Burbank, Missouri; Bobbie Ann Dyer, New Jersey; Janet Ellington, New Mexico; Wanda Fae Gilmore, North Dakota; Brother Warren Huckabee, Pennsylvania; Sisters Helen Higgins, Quebec; Iris Perkins, Rhode Island; Jewel Gammon, Virginia; Glenda Klemm, Washington; Helen Sandeford, West Virginia; Linda Carney, Wisconsin; and Brother Bill Crews, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: How proud we are of you Texas guys and gals. I know how excited you were when you received a call or your letter informing you that you had a commission coming as a Grand Representative, the one committee where you can go and play and have fun and no work to do at all, but to make Texas proud that you went to your Grand Jurisdiction. It has been my pleasure to present the commissions to some of you, and I look forward to many more, like on Saturday. So I want to welcome each one of you to your Grand Chapter session here in Corpus Christi. Thank you for representing Texas in the other Grand Jurisdictions.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you greet these Grand Representatives?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: "Texas" means "friend." We're so honored and fortunate to have you spread this Texas style of friendship throughout the other Grand Jurisdictions. We're very pleased that you're here with us this week. A hearty welcome to you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas to the East. [applause]

It’s my delight to present these Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas: Sisters Alberta Mann, Arkansas; Mary Calvert, California; Evelyn Tolbert, Colorado; Nell Casparis, District of Columbia; Jerre Miller, Georgia; Brothers Travis Knowlton, Idaho; O. B. Lee, Illinois; Sisters Claudette Carroll, Indiana; Mildred Sikes, Iowa; Maxine Nance, Kansas; Beulah Warner, Kentucky; Brother Ray Lewis, Louisiana; Sisters Ann Blanton, Michigan; Christine Ledbetter, Minnesota; Frances Burbank, Missouri; Bobbie Ann Dyer, New Jersey; Janet Ellington, New Mexico; Wanda Fae Gilmore, North Dakota; Brother Warren Huckabee, Pennsylvania; Sisters Helen Higgins, Quebec; Iris Perkins, Rhode Island; Jewel Gammon, Virginia; Glenda Klemm, Washington; Helen Sandeford, West Virginia; Linda Carney, Wisconsin; and Brother Bill Crews, Wyoming, Order of the Eastern Star. Sisters and Brothers, please join with me in
extending Grand Honors to these Grand Representatives.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, these Grand Representatives will remain in the East.

It is a pleasure to have our State Leaders of Appendant Bodies present. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these in back of Esther’s Station.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is an honor for me to present these Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies: Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Miss Kailee Ribbans, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Mrs. Linda Hubbell Henderson, Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas, Job’s Daughters International; Honorable J. Weldon Clampitte, State Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay; Sister Carol Schrader, President of the International Grand Representatives Association; Sister Della Murphy, President of the International Grand Representatives Association; and our own Sister Phyllis Macon, Second Vice President of the International Grand Representatives Association.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** To each one of you, we thank you for your presence here this evening. For those who are working with and those who are members of the youth groups of our young people, how pleased and excited we are to have each one of you here. We thank the adult workers for giving of their time and their talents to work with our young people. And to each one of you, we say welcome to the big state of Texas, and we’re glad you’re here.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you greet these Distinguished Members.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** We’re so proud that these Distinguished Leaders saw fit to spend this time with us. We extend a hearty welcome to each of you and appreciate all the service that you render in your different positions. Thank you for coming to our session.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present these leaders of Appendant Bodies to the East. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, it’s with much pride and pleasure that I introduce these special adult leaders and these members: Sister Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Deputy, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Miss Kailee Ribbans, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of Rainbow for Girls; Mrs. Linda Hubbell Henderson, Jurisdictional Guardian of Texas, Job’s Daughters International; Honorable J. Weldon Clampitte, Jr., State Executive Officer, International Order of DeMolay; Sister Carol Schrader, President of the International Grand Representatives Association; Sister Della Murphy, First Vice President of the International Grand Representatives Association; and Sister Phyllis Macon, Second Vice President of the International Grand Representatives Association. Sisters and Brothers, let’s join in giving them a very hearty welcome to Texas. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, they will remain in the East. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, do you feel like you’ve
introduced everyone? We want to thank you for the splendid job that you have done this
afternoon in our introductions. Let’s show our appreciation. [applause] We thank you.

It is now my pleasure to introduce a special lady, Dr. Effie Mae Davis, Past Grand
Matron of Texas, who will bring our official welcome to each one of you. Dr. Effie Mae.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Welcome to the 122nd annual assembly of the Grand
Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, on this the 11th day of November in the year
of our Lord 2004, in the beautiful city of Corpus Christi on the bay in the Gulf of Mexico.
The name of this session is "Happiness Is Caring." It has been so named for each of you
in attendance, for you are the happiness in each session. Without you, this would be just
an empty meeting room filled with beautiful decorations. Your attendance makes all the
work and all the planning worthwhile. Happiness is caring, and caring is a planned effort
to make someone else happy. We want you to enjoy every minute of this session that has
been planned just to make your travel to Corpus Christi worthwhile. We assure you that
we care and we hope that you feel our happiness that you have come here. May we give
an extra Texas welcome to those Sisters and Brothers who have registered from other
Grand Jurisdictions. It’s a joy to greet those from the East: Louisiana, Arkansas,
Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Virginia. Welcome to those from the North:
Oklahoma, Missouri, Indiana, Kansas, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Hampshire,
Connecticut and Vermont. And welcome to those from the West: New Mexico, Arizona,
Colorado, California, Idaho and Oregon. And coming to Corpus Christi from the South:
Luce de Monterrey chapter in Monterrey, Mexico. What an added honor it is to have
Sisters and Brothers from Canada, from British Columbia and from Nova Scotia and
Prince Edward Island. We thank Canada for Brother Fred Clarke, who is our Right Worthy
Grand Sentinel of General Grand Chapter. He’s a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and
Prince Edward Island.

In closing this welcome, thank you for the miles that you have traveled to be with us
for this 122nd assembly. You are thrice welcome. And now as we say in Texas, "Enjoy.”
[applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We are honored to have Brother Fred Clarke, Right
Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Nova
Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, who will bring
the response. Brother Fred.

MR. FREDERICK CLARKE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me the
honor of bringing greetings to your Grand Chapter at the "Happiness Is Caring" Session,
the 122nd session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. On behalf of the General Grand Chapter
Family, I bring you greetings. I also bring you the greetings of our Most Worthy Grand
Matron, Sister Patricia Rasmussen, and Brother Loyal Starke, our Most Worthy Grand
Patron. We thank you for all courtesies extended to us, and we wish for you a most harmo-
nious Grand Chapter session.

We would like to also extend our thanks to the Committees of this Grand Chapter who
make this all possible. Working together we can accomplish great things. I cannot give
you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure: try to please
everyone. The trouble with opportunity is it always looks bigger coming than going. Even
when opportunity knocks, a man must get out of his seat to open the door. There are two
doors to opportunity: push and pull. The simplest of men, fired with enthusiasm, is more
persuasive than the most eloquent without it.

I would like to tell you a little bit about my country of Nova Scotia, since the Grand
Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will be working very closely with the
Grand Chapter of Texas for the next few years. Sister Rennie has asked me to walk this
walk with her, and we’ll be walking with you. The Flag of Nova Scotia was given in 1624
by royal decree and is the oldest in North America. We also had the first permanent settlers
in North America. We also had the seat of first responsible government in North America.
At Port Royal our first Masonic Lodge was formed, the first in Canada. At Annapolis
Royal, the first Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Nova Scotia was formed. The
Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia met in Annapolis Royal for their first session.

We are a land with three distinct seasons, approximately three months long. We have
a great fishery, and our lobster is the best in the world. We grow apples, peaches, grapes,
strawberries, blueberries, cherries and about every vegetable. We have a very short
growing season, but a very bountiful one. We have a very large forest industry as well. We
had coal mines which extended miles under the sea. We have English, Scottish, Irish and
French backgrounds, as well as a variety of other nationalities.

I’d like to share something with you. It’s called "Nova Scotia." You know, Nova
It was named for his beloved land by a proud Stuart king. I’m a continent’s beginning, a
seawashed gate of one of history’s greatest grounds. I am the sterling pipes of Edinburgh,
the neat great farms of Brittany, the ballack born on Shannon’s bank. I’m the gypsy
flowers of Stratford, blooming where they will, with careless fire-bright color. My three
centuries were not measured by time, but by the tides’ ebbs and swallows which means
more to me than day and night. My crimson sea climbs higher here than anywhere on
earth, and only God can quiet the harbors of my jutting shores. Many a cutlass has been
swung, many a deck changed hands before my eyes, bold pirates drive stately ships
fashioned from my forests. Ships have sailed, skimming the sea, my staunch ally, my
ancient enemy. I’m a land where spring comes softly, bearing the hush of unborn beauty,
waiting to burst free. I am summer, lilac-laden, drowsing deep in new mown hay and
clover. I am the cry of autumn geese, plaintive call above the flaming leaves of fall. I am
the ghost of the Micmac, softly slipping through the snow-wrapped woods, silent as the
pines. I am Nova Scotia, an ageless, patient land where loveliness has not been forced,
where old world beauty lingers still. My weathered cadres sit under flowers splashed
about their feet while oxbells turn evening’s air to music. I am a pine-topped house, the
headland of granite gray against the sky. I am forest primeval immortalized for all ages. I
speak in many tongues, I go to many churches. I am home to those of many lands. I am
history and heartache and happiness. I am a quiet corner of the world where there is still
time to love. I am Nova Scotia.

You’re all invited to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia the first full weekend in July.
Grab your buses, airplanes, walk or go up the Chisholm Trail to come to Nova Scotia.
You’re all invited, and we’ll give you a hundred thousand welcomes. Thank you.
[applause]
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Fred Clarke.

Sisters and Brothers, this has been a wonderful afternoon with many angels among us. Your presence will add much to our memories. Today also is a special day for men and women who have served in our Armed Forces. At this time all of those who have served, all of our veterans, would you please stand. Would our men and women who have served our country, would you stand. We want to thank you for this special day, for what you have given to our country and what you still give to Grand Chapter, too, in working. Many, many others who have left have served our nation well and we’re proud of each one of you. And for the men and women who are serving at this time on foreign soils, let’s remember them also in our prayers daily. Sisters and Brothers, let’s show these veterans how much we appreciate the service they have rendered to our country. [applause]

Thank you so much. Sisters and Brothers, we thank you for your attention and assistance with this "Angels Among Us" opening session this evening. Soon we will be calling our session from labor to rest. I want to remind you of a few important matters. The Grand Examiner at Large will have the examining room open in #225, which is upstairs. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday. If you cannot make it at these times, get with Sister Mary Ruth White to schedule another time frame. Our vendors are here for you, and we encourage you to visit them sometime during the session. I ask that our 50-year members who will be presented in the East tomorrow afternoon be seated in the chairs on the arena floor.

I want to thank each one who participated this afternoon, from Sister Elsie Paladino, to Rennie and Harry, to Leland, to Rosemary, to Darla, Mary Alberts, to each one of you. If I missed someone, I am sorry. You have added much to this session this afternoon, and I appreciate it. And to Brother Cleo for the taking of the pictures. Each one has made it special this afternoon, and there will be memories that we’ll share for a long time. We want you to join us for the banquet this afternoon honoring Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter and Texas’ own Past Grand Matron, and the other General Grand Chapter Family.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we’re about to engage in the ceremony of calling this “Angel’s Among Us” Session from labor to rest and direct him to permit no interruptions while we are thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Grand Sentinel, we are about to call this "Angels Among Us" session from labor to rest. You are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Alma Lynn Bane, Past Grand Matron, will close our day with her words of prayer. Sister Alma Lynn.

MRS. ALMA BANE: Let us pray. Most Gracious Heavenly Father, as we come to the close of this formal opening of this Grand Chapter 122nd Session, we thank You for the many blessings of the day and the many kindnesses that have been shown us. Heavenly Father, from whom all blessings flow, we thank You for our country where we can freely worship and praise Thee, where we can meet as Eastern Star members and share fraternal
fellowship, and where we can grow and provide a safe environment for our loved ones and friends. We ask a special blessing on our servicemen and women who proudly protect and defend our freedoms and the freedom of others throughout the world. As we leave this session, we ask that You protect and guide us in all that we do and say that our lives may be filled with love and service for others. All this we ask in Thy Holy Name, amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.] I now call this "Angels Among Us" Session from labor to rest, to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Grand Sentinel, this 122nd Session of Grand Chapter has been called from labor to rest.
THURSDAY EVENING SESSION
November 11, 2004

“Garden of Love and Roses” Session

Musical Prelude ............................................. Mrs. Darla Dunaway
General Chairman, Labels and Worksheets

Call to Order ............................................... Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Garland Rattan
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: I wish to call to order the “Garden of Love and Roses” Session of the 122nd session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. I would love to introduce Mr. Garland Rattan, our Past Grand Patron of Texas. Thank you, Mrs. Darla Dunaway, for the lovely musical prelude. [applause] Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the “Rocking Bluebird” Drill by the Grand Officers and their Pages. [Drill performed to much applause.]

I 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 East. Sisters and Brothers, please join with me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, joy and gratitude abound in my heart as I sound the gavel calling to order the “Garden of Love and Roses” Thursday evening session over which our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will preside with love, consideration and fairness. Garland and I wish to express to our beloved Worthy Grand Matron our sincere thanks for this courtesy. There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. In this verse of Scripture, you will notice that the emphasis is placed upon spirit and inspiration. It is difficult to analyze so intangible a thing as spirit, but we are cognizant of the individual that possesses this attribute. As I grow older, I realize we're in such a hurry we fail to pause and grasp the magic, the mystery and the meaning and depth of life. We often overlook the elegance and simplicity of nature. Thoughts and desires are mighty forces and can bring about what we will. In these stirring days, ours is a great responsibility. What we think and do will help shape the future. As the petals of the rose respond and unfold before the warm rays of the sun, revealing the innermost beauty of its heart, so may we during the three golden days of our association together unfold the petals of our hearts, attuned to the needs of a bewildered world and our prayer for this session is, “The words of our mouths and the mediations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight.”

Worthy Grand Matron, you have exhibited kindness, sincerity and understanding. These principles alone unselfishly illustrated will have far-reaching influences and will have endeared you to the hearts of our people. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand
Patron, we trust that your fondest hopes and desires for this session may be realized. And facing a tragically uncertain future, pray that the Order of the Eastern Star in this nation under God shall not perish, but will be a real factor in creating a glorious victory whereby this world’s people, as one people, will pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag.

Brother Garland, do you wish to say some words?

**MR. GARLAND RATTAN:** Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Molly Goodpasture.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and my beloved Sisters and Brothers: With gratitude in my heart, I accepted the beautiful invitation of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy, to open this “Garden of Love and Roses” session alongside Past Grand Matron, Sister Molly Goodpasture, our Distinguished Past Grand from District 2. Sister Doris and Brother Guy, we the membership appreciate the honorable manner in which you served the Grand Chapter of Texas this year. Your total dedication to and love for your Sisters and Brothers were in evidence throughout the state. Thank you for giving of yourself to promote the many good principles of the Order of the Eastern Star. And thank you for the personal friendship which Shirley and I share with you, Linda and Johnny. You two are successful leaders of our organization, for many know your worth and proudly call you friend. My wish for you is that this “Happiness Is Caring” Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas will bring distinguished accomplishments for the Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you.

**MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE:** Worthy Grand Matron, I present you your gavel.

**MR. GARLAND RATTAN:** Worthy Grand Patron, I present you your gavel.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations.

Sister Molly, you have given forty years of dedicated service since you served as Worthy Grand Matron in 1963-64. You are honored and revered by the membership of Texas. Sister Marcella Curry and I enjoyed a wonderful Sunday afternoon in your home. Thank you for opening this evening of the “Garden of Love and Roses” Session. We the membership of Texas are extremely proud of you.

Brother Garland, I appreciate you assisting in the opening of this session. It was a distinct pleasure to serve as District Deputy Grand Matron for Sister Virginia Lynn Green and you in ’92 and ’93. Thank you for also serving on my Jurisprudence Committee this year. I finally missed him one day as he was sneaking out during a school morning session, and I asked where he was going. I didn't get a reply! But I know we all wondered exactly where he was going that morning. But, Brother Garland, you and Sister Shirley have been special to me for a long time. I wish you the very best and thank you for serving in this opening this evening.

Worthy Grand Patron, I know you want to greet these two special people.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Molly Goodpasture, how fitting that you should open this “Garden of Love and Roses” Session
in view of the fact that at your “Building a Pinnacle of Life” session in 1964, your benevolent program was highly successful and beneficial to the children. Thank you so much for all the contributions you've made to this Order.

Brother Garland Rattan, what a grand experience to get to know you and to count you among my good friends. You have been and continue to be a good example of what our Eastern Star is all about. Thank you for all that you do.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time our lovely Sister, Sister Betty Phillips Benham, Past Grand Matron, will bring our invocation.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It's always a pleasure and privilege to go to our Lord in prayer. Please bow with me. Everlasting God and merciful Father, bless us, we pray, at this hour of our “Garden of Love and Roses” Session. We thank You for allowing us to gather together in sisterly and brotherly love. We ask that You grant to each delegate and visitor present a heart that is filled with love, an open mind and a tolerant spirit. We thank You, Father, for the tender care and guidance Thou has bestowed upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and their Officers. We thank You for their year of labor. Grant Thou continued guidance as they lead their Grand Chapter session so that peace and harmony may prevail in the hearts of all assembled. May we be ever mindful of Thy presence, Thy eternal love and tender care. May we strive to exemplify the principles illustrated by the heroines of our Order, and may every word and deed be according to Thy will. All this we ask in the Name of our Lord and Savior, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Betty. I now call this “Garden of Love and Roses” Session to order. We are privileged in Grand Chapter this year to have special ones who have so much talent and sharing their voices with us. At this time we'll have special music by Sister Melissa Simonton, Grand Soloist, District 1. Sister Melissa. [applause following singing of “I Believe”]

Don't you-all wish you had a voice like that? Again, let's show our appreciation to Sister Melissa. Thank you. [applause]

The Grand Officers will now take their places provided for you on the side.

While we're waiting for the Grand Representatives to do their drill, we're going to ask Sister Rosemary Swetland to come up and give the report on Chapters U.D.

REPORT BY CHAPTERS U.D. COMMITTEE

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron and Brother Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron who joined me in serving on this committee for this Grand Chapter year

We earnestly wish that we could report a new Chapter for this Grand Jurisdiction of Texas, as we stood ready and willing to perform our duties; however, there were no new applications made.
Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the confidence placed in us to serve you and our Grand Chapter.

I believe you prefer that this be adopted tomorrow's morning session. Is that true?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Rosemary and Sister Wanda and of course Brother Charles Morris who couldn't be with you. We will move for the adoption of this report in the morning. Thank you.

At this time I recognize Sister Edna Goette who will be giving the Resolutions Committee report for Sister Lena Maye Cook who is unable to be with us at this time. Sister Edna Goette.

REPORT BY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

MRS. EDNA GOETTE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I name to you the members of the Resolutions Committee for 2003-2004: Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Chairman, who is unable to be here because of illness; John Efird, who isn't present. So I'm the one to give the report.

This report was written by Mrs. Lena Maye Cook, Chairman of the Committee. Worthy Grand Matron, it has been a pleasure for us to be a part of your Worthy Grand Family this year and to have joined you in your team. The Resolutions Committee submits the following report. Our hearts were saddened with the passing of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, and Past Grand Matron of Oregon, Mrs. Dorothy M. Dewing, on April 25th, 2003. Her plans were fully made for her General Grand Chapter session and were beautifully carried out by Mrs. Pat Rasmussen, Most Worthy Associate Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter, and Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Louisiana, Harles L. Creech. We appreciate our Past Grand Matron and General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Mrs. Wanda Fairchild, for representing Texas at Mrs. Dewing's service.

Our Grand Chapter was saddened by the passing of three of our loving Past Grand Matrons: Mrs. Frances Key Herrin, December 19, 2002; Mrs. Lois Bell, June 16, 2003; Mrs. Eunice Connell, July 14, 2003. We extend a special sympathy to the family of our Brother J. B. Easterling, who passed away March 7, 2004. Special expressions of love go out to Mary Kay, his wife, and to his beloved daughter, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress.

It is with regret that we report we have lost to death 1,886 OES members of Subordinate Chapters during the 2003-2004 Grand Chapter year.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have shown care and love to the members and have left many memories along the way. We are thankful for your care and love. It has been a pleasure to serve on your Committee. Lena Maye Cook, Edna Goette, John Efird. Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report in the morning.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Edna Goette, for filling in on this report for Sister Lena Maye Cook who could not be with us at this time. She was really upset when I talked to her prior to coming to Grand Chapter that she would not be able to attend this session. This report will be adopted in the morning.
It is with pleasure at this time that I introduce Sister Judy Goldman, our Fraternal Correspondent. Sister Judy, I ask you to present your Grand Representatives and Fraternal Correspondent report at this time.

REPORT BY FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Grand East, my Sisters, Brothers, friends and family. It gives me great pleasure to bring this report to you tonight. One of the things that I have enjoyed most through the years has been to read the Fraternal Correspondent’s report in the “Official Bulletin” each month. I never dreamed, when Mike and I joined the Eastern Star seventeen years ago that I would become a Grand Representative myself or that I would be standing here tonight in Corpus Christi, Texas welcoming these Grand Representatives from all over the world.

This has been a wonderful year for Texas’ Grand Representatives who have traveled the world; and these travels have certainly been in His hands, even though a few have had mishaps along the way. Unfortunately we have lost two Sisters this year, Jane Dunn, Grand Representative of Alabama in Texas and Linda Goodlett, Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Texas.

We welcome the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions to Texas! We know you have traveled many miles to be with us and we appreciate each one of you. Even our own Grand Representatives have traveled many miles to be here, because as you all know. Texas is a large state when you are crossing it, no matter which direction you are traveling.

If you have read the reports each month in the “Bulletin”, then you know the similarities and differences between Grand Jurisdictions. Tonight is not about those things, but about those Sisters and Brothers who are about to march into this Grand Chapter room and I would like to celebrate their dedication to this order, by inviting them to join us for this “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Drill.

Sister Benita Bassett, our Grand Marshal, will escort the Grand Representatives of Texas in Other Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Texas into this “Happiness Is Caring” Grand Chapter room. The Grand Marshal is followed by the Texas flag bearers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Sisters Annette Curry, District Three, Christine Armstrong, District Four, who is Past Grand Representative of Nebraska in Texas, and Lori M. Goldman, District Five. They are followed by the officers of the International Grand Representatives Association: Sisters Carole Schrade, President; Della Murphy, 1st Vice President and Phyllis Macon, 2nd Vice President. Isn’t it exciting to have these International officers in our drill? Ladies thank you so very much for coming to Texas.

We have some Grand Representatives missing tonight, but others have been kind enough to fill their positions, for I felt that it was very important that we honor all of the flags. We miss those who could not be with us for whatever reason.

Brother Bill Riddle, of Alabama, is being represented by Sister Jane Hudson, Deputy Grand Matron, and is escorted by Sister LaNelle Hendrix, Grand Adah.
Brother Stan Quance, of Alberta, is being represented by Sister Jane Warden, Deputy Grand Matron. Sister Fran Reedy, Grand Ruth is carrying the Alberta flag.

Sister Dorothy Snyder, of Arizona, is being represented by Sister Peggy Wright, Deputy Grand Matron, who is escorted by Sister Linda Guy, Grand Esther.

Sister Susie Wilson, of Arkansas, is represented by Sister Marsha Owen, who is escorted by Sister Alberta Mann. Carrying the Arkansas flag is Brother Frank Hemby.

Australia is represented by Sister Dorothy White, Grand Electa, and the flag is carried by Sister Linda Puckett, District Deputy Grand Matron, District One.

Brazil is our newest Grand Representative Commission to Texas and is represented by Sister Jerry Young, District Deputy Grand Matron. Their flag is being carried by Sister Pat Arnold, Deputy Grand Matron.

Brother Steven Ward, of British Columbia and Yukon, is being escorted by Sister Kathy Teele.

Sister Lorna Jean Baker, of California, is being represented by Brother Tommy Griffin and is being escorted by Sister Mary Calvert.

Sister Kimberly Workman, of Colorado, is represented by sister Kay Drescher, who is being escorted by Sister Evelyn Tolbert.

Sister Mary R. Burr, of Connecticut, is represented by Sister Joan Humphrey who is being escorted by Sister Rachael McCollum. Sister Jackie Schnell is carrying the Delaware flag.

The District of Columbia is represented by A.L. Casparis, who is being escorted by Sister Nell Casparis.

Sister Annie Pearl Espinosa, of Florida, is being escorted by Sister Helen Goethe.

Sister Patricia Woods, of Georgia, is being escorted by Sister Jerre Miller.

Brother Lonny Pugh, of Idaho, is being escorted by Brother Travis Knowlton.

Sister Janet Stafford, of Illinois, my home state, is being escorted by Brother O. B. Lee.

Sister Elizabeth Lashley, of Indiana, is being escorted by Sister Claudette Carroll.

Sister Margaret Staymates, of Iowa, is being escorted by Sister Millie Sikes.

Sister Drusilla Baker, of Kansas, is represented by Sister Virginia Wolfrum, Deputy Grand Matron, and she is being escorted by Sister Maxine Nance.

Sister Lois Ann Graybeel, of Kentucky, is represented by Sister Shirley Mathews, and is escorted by Sister Beulah Warner.

Sister Lee Kline, of Louisiana, is being escorted by Sister Rita Dickman.

Sister June E. Smith, of Maine, is represented by Sister Betty Duncan and is being escorted by Sister Maureen Way.

Sister Heather Morrison, of Manitoba, is being represented by Sister Kay Green, Deputy Grand Matron and the flag is carried by Sister Molly Cliett Steelman.
Brother Jon Thompson, of Maryland, is being represented by Sister Nancy Armstrong, Deputy Grand Matron. The flag is carried by Sister Doris Huckabee, Deputy Grand Matron.

Sister Vera C. Mason, of Massachusetts, is being represented by Sister Dorothy Hodges and the flag is carried by Sister B.J. Corwin, Deputy Grand Matron.

Sister Mary Caruso Miller, of Michigan, is being escorted by Sister Ann Blanton.

Sister Harriet Delaney, of Minnesota, is being escorted by Sister Christeen Ledbetter.

Sister Ina Alice Tipton, of Mississippi, is being represented by Sister Melody Haynes, Deputy Grand Matron. The flag is carried by Sister Terri Rozell.

Sister Lucille Schwart, of Missouri, is being escorted by Sister Frances Burbank.

Sister Beverly Mathis, of Montana, is being represented by Sister Jane Clabaugh and the flag is carried by Sister Diana Lee Ray.

Sister Kleo Dredla, of Nebraska, is being represented by Sister Linda Turner, Deputy Grand Matron, and the flag is carried by Sister Runell Jarrel, Deputy Grand Matron.

Brother Adolph Romike, III, of Nevada, is represented by Sister Joanne Barrett, Deputy Grand Matron and the flag is carried by Sister Pat Stallings, Deputy Grand Matron.

Sister Emma Davis, of New Brunswick, is represented by Sister Mary Brown, She is being escorted by Sister Margaret Faircloth.

Brother David E. Lewis, of New Hampshire, is being represented by Brother Robert Hicks, who is being escorted by Sister Eva Hicks.

Sister Gwendolyn Milley, of New Jersey, is being escorted by Sister Bobbye Ann Dyer.

Sister Lynda Johnson, of New Mexico, is being represented by Brother Walter mays and is being escorted by Sister Janet Ellingson.

Sister Elizabeth Huffmire, of New York, is being represented by Sister Azalee Treadaway and the flag is carried by Sister Nettie Carpenter, Deputy Grand Matron.

Sister Ruth P. Lisk, of North Carolina, is represented by sister Dorothy Geffert, Deputy Grand Matron and Sister Billie Collie, Page to the Grand Marshal is carrying the flag.

North Dakota is being represented by Sister Linda Garrett, Deputy Grand Matron and the flag is carried by Sister Sherry Dieckmann.

Sister Diane Snowdon, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, is being escorted by Brother Toby S. Lytle.

Sister Rita Bailey, of Ohio, is represented by Sister Rita Green, Deputy Grand Matron and the flag is carried by Sister Brenda Stephens, Deputy Grand Matron.

Brother Robert “Ron” Darnell, of Oklahoma, is being represented by Sister Vi Kramer, Deputy Grand Matron and carrying the Oklahoma flag is Sister June Conrad a
Grand Representative of Oklahoma.

Ontario is being represented by Sister Velda Harris, who is escorted by Sister Caren Harris.

Sister Jona Muceus, of Oregon, is being escorted by Sister Patricia Cooper.

Pennsylvania is represented by Sister Anna Huckabee who is being escorted by Brother Warren Huckabee.

Sister Iris Violeta Rivero, of Puerto Rico, is being represented by Sister Cristi Nickels who is being escorted by Sister Nann Martin.

Sister Mabel Hymovitch, of Quebec, is being represented by Sister Patsy Schemdt, who is being escorted by Sister Helen Higgins. Brother Don Lawrence is carrying the flag.

Sister Patricia Collins, of Rhode Island, is being represented by Sister Ann Bailleaux and is escorted by Sister Iris Perkins.

Sister Colleen Hozak, of Saskatchewan, is being represented by Sister Yvonne Smith, Grand Page to the Grand Marshal and Sister Robbie Lloyd, Deputy Grand Matron is carrying the flag.

Sister Nancy Ness, of Scotland, is being represented by Sister Sarah White, Grand Page to Grand Adah and Sister Lorraine Williams is carrying the flag.

South Carolina is being represented by Sister Linda Levingston and the flag is carried by Sister Lou Lane.

Sister Maureen Shutt, of South Dakota, is being represented by Brother Charles Levingston and the flag is carried by Sister Sue Kinsey, Deputy Grand Matron.

Sister Barbara Russell, of Tennessee, is being represented by Sister Laura Geyer, Deputy Grand Matron and the flag is carried by Sister Debbie Mitchell, Deputy Grand Matron.

Sister Leslie Chevalier, of Utah, is being represented by Sister Flora Masserang and Sister Tony foster is carrying the flag.

Sister Betty DeSalvo, of Vermont, is being represented by Sister Julene Rein and the flag is carried by Sister Colleen Asaro.

Brother Robert F. Jones, of Virginia, is being escorted by Sister Jewell Gammon.

Sister Linda Ertz, of Washington, is represented by Brother Glenn Rowe, who is being escorted by Sister Glenda Klemm.

West Virginia is represented by Brother E.L. Brannan and he is being escorted by Sister Helen Sanderford.

Brother Phillip Mell, of Wisconsin, is being escorted by Sister Linda Carney.

Brother Mike Acosta, of Wyoming, is being represented by Sister Kathy Crews and she is being escorted by Brother Bill Crews.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Jean Hester, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack W. Guy into the circle of love and friendship that is formed by the Grand Representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions repre-
sented here tonight. While Brother Cleo Ellison is taking their picture, the Grand Soloists will sing “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”. They are being accompanied by Sister Delphia Von Heeder, our Grand Organist. Thank you girls. (The Grand Marshal escorts the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron back to the East.)

Can you imagine traveling all over the world? I would never be able to do that except through the eyes of our Grand Representatives. I have eagerly looked forward to receiving their reports each month. They have told me how the Grand Chapter of Texas is very similar to the places they have visited and yet just enough difference to keep life interesting. The things that have caught my eye are the sizes of membership and the number of chapters they have. Of the reports that I have received this year, they range from 6 Chapters, with a membership of 1,365 in District of Columbia to 245 Chapters, with a membership of 45,195 in California. Some Grand Jurisdictions require that 100% of their Chapters be represented at their Sessions or they will lose their charter. They support many worthy causes, just as we do. some have Eastern Star and/or Masonic Homes, some have none. Many handle their elections differently than we do here in Texas, yet it works for them just as our method works for us. Isn’t it wonderful that God has made each one of us so different and yet alike? He has held us in his hands and given us His love to share with one another all over His world.

Sister Doris and Brother Jack, it has been an honor serving with you this year. I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way with this program tonight. Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the Grand Representatives. Thank you Sisters and Brothers. I hope you enjoy a wonderful Grand Chapter Session with us.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Judy Goldman, our Fraternal Correspondent. Let’s thank her and the Grand Marshal as she leads those out who have represented other Grand Jurisdictions. How pleased and proud we are to see these flags tonight. Thank you to my Grand Soloists. What beautiful voices. Thank you so much. Let’s show our appreciation to them. [applause]

At this time we’ll go on with some reports while they're clearing the floor and before we have our Humanitarian Drill. I ask Sister June Bell, my By-Laws Committee Chairman, to give her report at this time. Sister June, may we hear from you.

REPORT BY BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

MRS. JUNE BELL: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all:

I would like to introduce the members of my committee who are Sister Ann Wyatt and Brother Gilbert Chaffin, who was unable to be with us. Worthy Grand matron, they join me in expressing our gratitude to you for giving us this opportunity for service. It was a privilege and honor that we cherish.

The By-Laws Committee received eighty-four sets of Amendments to By-Laws from eighty Chapters during this Grand Chapter year. Of these eighty-four, thirty-five were submitted with insufficient paperwork, and ten sets were returned for revision. Five of those sets returned to the Chapters have not yet been re-submitted.
A list of those Chapters submitting By-Laws Amendments during this Grand Chapter year is attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

June Bell, Chairman

Gilbert Chafin

Ann Wyatt

REPORT OF BY-LAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
Requests received October 26, 2003 thru November 10, 2004 from:

Harlandale Chapter #750, Received 10/26/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 10/26/03
  Two changes deleting all reference to Harlandale Rainbow Assembly #139
  Delete the cap previously put on the number of years that the Secretary and treasurer may serve
  Change the number of audits required during a Chapter year from two (2) to one (1)
  Change the requirements for re-instatement after suspension to comply with grand Chapter Code of Laws
  Change the amount of money the Chapter Committee on Charity may spend without prior action of the Chapter
  Delete the requirement for and work of a Chapter Finance Committee
  Change the amount of money allowed for the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron (or their proxies) to attend Grand Chapter
  Increase the amount of money given to the Worthy Matron-elect for Installation expenses

Millsap Chapter #1042, Received 10/26/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 10/26/03
  Change the meeting day

Conroe Chapter #710, Received 10/26/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 11/05/03
  Eliminate a meeting falling on a holiday
  Change the amount that the Committee on Charity may spend without prior action of the Chapter

Mesquite Chapter #887, Received 10/26/03, Returned, Received 11/19/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 11/20/03
  Change the meeting date if the stated meeting falls on January 1 or July 4

Covington Chapter #1007, Received 10/30/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 10/31/03
  Change the meeting date if the stated meeting date falls on Thanksgiving or Christmas

Ozona Chapter #287, Received 11/15/03, Returned, Received 1/7/04, Returned, Received 1/16/04. Approved, Sent to WGM 1/17/04
Change the meeting time during winter months

Copperas Cove Chapter #1070, Received 11/22/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 11/26/03
   Change the amount of the Initiation fee to comply with the Grand Chapter code of Laws

Mabank Chapter #821, Received 11/26/03, Returned, Received 12/16/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 12/17/03
   Change from a natural floral star to an artificial star for use at funerals

Houston Chapter #385, Received 11/26/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 12/1/03
   Change the meeting date if the stated meeting falls on a holiday

James Ladd Burgess Chapter #983, Received 12/16/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 12/17/03
   Bring Chapter By-Laws into compliance with Grand Chapter Law concerning when the audit will be done
   Raise the annual dues

Lancaster Chapter #943, Received 12/17/03, Returned, Received 2/1/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 2/2/04
   Eliminate stated meetings on holidays and opening day of Grand Chapter
   Reinstatement following suspension for non-payment of dues now conforms with Grand Chapter Law
   Raise the amount that the Committee on Charity can spend without prior approval of the Chapter
   Change what the Chapter will do in the event of a death in a member’s family

Winters Chapter #80, Received 12/18/03, Approved, Sent to WGM 12/20/03
   Change the location of meetings

Bastrop Chapter #64, Received 1/20/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 1/21/04
   Change the amount of money and when it should be given to the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for their pins

Vidor Chapter #914, Received 1/22/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 1/23/04
   Eliminate the second meeting in December

Eastland Chapter #280, Received 1/30/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 2/4/04
   Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
   Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
   Delete passages pertaining to suspension for non-payment of dues and for reinstatement, referring, instead, to the Code of Laws
   Delete passages concerning dual membership, referring, instead, to the Code of Laws
Belton Chapter #589, Received 2/17/04, Returned, Received 3/2/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 3/23/04
  Change amount of compensation to Secretary and Treasurer
  Add requirement for each new member to pay a pro-rated amount of the annual dues with a minimum equal to the per-capita tax
  Exempt certain members from payment of annual dues in accordance with the Laws of Grand Chapter
  Remit a pro-rated amount of dues for members taking a demit
  Stipulate when members will be automatically suspended for non-payment of dues and how they can be restored to membership
  Change the amount that the standing committee on charity can spend without prior approval of the Chapter
  Authorize the Worthy Matron-elect to appoint such committees as may be needed for anticipated events

Schertz Chapter #911, Received 2/25/04, Returned, Received 3/4/04, approved, Sent to WGM 3/5/04
  Change the tenure of office for Secretary and Treasurer
  Raise the amount of the initiation fee
  Stipulate when, how and to whom Life memberships may be given
  Change the amount and recipient of memorial contributions made by the Chapter on the death of a member or family member
  Change the composition of various Chapter Committees
  Stipulate when the Worthy Matron-elect shall be given money to use toward Installation expenses

Ckrlhill Delta Flora Chapter #794, Received 2/25/04, Returned, Received 4/1/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 4/3/04
  Change the among of compensation for the Secretary and Treasurer
  Change the amount that the Committee on Charity can spend without prior approval from the chapter
  Change the membership of the Elmwood Assembly Rainbow for Girls Advisory Board
  Change who may sign checks

New Boston Chapter #700, Received 3/1/04, Approved, Sent to WGM #2/04
  Raise the amount of Annual Dues

Cedar Bayou Chapter #11, Received 3/1/04, Returned, Received 4/24/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 4/26/04
  Change the amount given for Past Matron’s and Past Patron’s jewels
  Change the action of the Chapter upon the death of a member

Amistad Chapter #1115, Received 3/10/04, Returned, Received 3/31/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 4/1/04
  Raise the amount of the initiation fee
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
Raise the amount to be given to the International Temple Fund

Hico Chapter #419, Received 3/12/04, Returned, Received 3/22/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 3/23/04
   Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
   Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
   Raise the amount of the Dual membership fee
   Raise the amount of the Annual dues

Wimodausis Chapter #141, Received 3/15/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 3/30/04
   Change when Installation must be held
   Restore the second June meeting

Northside Chapter #651, Received 3/18/04, Returned, Received 3/30/04, Approved, Sent to WGM #/31/04
   Raise the amount of the Annual Dues

Garrison Chapter #192, Received 3/19/04, Returned, Received 4/1/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 4/2/04
   Change Chapter action on the death of a member or their immediate family

Sarah Chapter #353, Received 3/24/04, Returned, Received 4/27/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 4/28/04
   Change the meeting date

Jacksonville Chapter #377, Received 3/25/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 3/29/04
   Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
   Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
   Raise the amount of the Dual membership fee

Loyal Chapter #648, Received 3/27/04, Returned, Received 4/19/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 4/20/04
   Raise the amount of the annual dues
   Change the fiscal responsibility of members given Life Memberships prior to 2003
   Change the fiscal responsibility of Fifty-year members

Everman Chapter #624, Received 4/5/04, Returned, Received 5/24/04, Approved, Sent to WGM, 5/25/04
   Change the amount to be allowed for Banquet tickets for Chapter Representatives
   Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
   Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
   Raise the amount of the Dual membership fee
   Raise the amount of the Annual dues
   Raise the amount allowed for Chapter representatives at Grand Chapter
Humble Chapter $315, Received 4/9/04, Returned, Received 4/23/04, Approved,  
Sent to WGM 4/24/04  
Change the meeting date

Eastland Chapter #280, Received 4/10/04, Returned, Received 4/14/04, Approved,  
Sent to WGM 4/15/04  
Raise the amount of the Annual dues

A.E. Shirley Chapter #986, Received 4/12/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 4/13/04  
Change the meeting day

Glen Rose Chapter #171, Received 4/17/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/2/04  
Change the amount of the Affiliation fee  
Delete the Section which states the amount from the Affiliation fee that is to  
go to the International Temple Fund

Bexar Chapter #616, Received 5/1/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/2/04  
Eliminate stated meetings for the first Monday in June, Third Monday in  
December and other stated meetings that fall on July 4th or Labor Day  
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee  
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee  
Raise the amount of the Dual Membership fee  
Raise the amount paid to the International Temple Fund

Higgins Chapter #300, Received 5/05/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/06/04  
Eliminate the fourth Tuesday stated meeting in November and December  
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee

Marshall Chapter $356, Received 5/10/04, Returned, Received 5/17/04 approved,  
Sent to WGM 5/18/04  
Raise the amount of the initiation fee  
Raise the amount of Transfer of Membership fee  
Raise the amount of Dual Membership fee

Ganado Chapter #957, Received 5/13/04, Returned, Received 5/20/04, Approved,  
Sent to WGM 5/22/04  
Eliminate stated meetings on January 1 and July 4  
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee  
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee  
Raise the amount of the Annual dues

Bullard Chapter #972, Received 5/14/04, Returned, Received 5/20/04, Approved,  
Sent to WGM 5/22/04  
Eliminate the limit on terms of service for all officers except the Secretary  
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee  
Change the amount of the affiliation fee to include a $5.00 amount for the
International Temple Fund
Change the amount of the Dual Membership fee to include a $5.00 amount for the International Temple Fund

North Shore Chapter #1058, Received 5/15/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/16/05
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
Raise the amount of the Dual Membership fee

Alvarado Chapter #656, Received 5/17/04, Returned, Received 6/07/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 6/08/04
Require all officers to be honored once a year
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee

Lewisville Chapter #935, Received 5/20/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/22/04
Change where memorials shall be sent in memory of a deceased member

Avery Chapter #252, Received 5/21/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/22/04
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
Raise the amount of the Annual Dues
Raise the amount of the Dual Membership fee

De Leon Chapter #693, Received 5/21/04, Returned, Received 6/03/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 6/06/04
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
Raise the amount that the Chapter Committee on Charity may spend without prior approval of the Chapter

Decatur Chapter #543, Received 5/22/04, Returned, Received 5/27/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/30/04
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
Raise the amount of the Annual dues

Wedgewood Chapter #756, Received 5/24/04, Returned, Received 6/03/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 6/07/04
Change the compensation to be received by specified Officers
Delete the limit on terms of office
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
Delete the section pertaining to granting a Life Membership
Change the make-up and duties of the Chapter Finance Committee
Change the requirements for the Ode Book
Raise the amount the Worthy Matron may spend for flowers or a gift on the illness of a member or the immediate family of a member
Change the reference to the Code of Laws for amending By-Laws

Woodville Chapter #462, Received 5/25/04, Returned, Received 6/11/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 6/12/04
  Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
  Raise the amount of the Annual dues
  Change the number of Chapter Representatives to Grand Chapter
  Change the make-up of the Chapter Refreshment Committee

Port Neches Chapter #677, Received 5/25/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/30/04
  Change the amount given to the Chapter Representative attending Grand Chapter

Violet Chapter #158, Received 5/29/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 5/30/04
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
  Change the Order of Business

Oso Chapter #868, Received 6/04/04, Returned, Received 6/11/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 6/12/04
  Change the Chapter meeting day
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
  Eliminate pro-rating the Annual dues

University Chapter #1082, Received 6/08/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 6/10/04
  Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
  Raise the amount of the Annual dues
  Raise the amount of the Dual Membership fee
  Change the compensation given to the Secretary
  Change the amount given as a love gift to Lubbock Lodge

Floresville Chapter #271, Received 6/09/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 6/10/04
  Change the time of all stated meetings
  Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
  Change the section dealing with suspension for non-payment of dues to conform with the Code of Laws
  Include 3 sections concerning the sponsorship of Floresville Assembly #365 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Frank W. Lynn Chapter #1015, Received 6/18/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 6/19/04,
  Want to:
    Raise the Initiation fee
    Raise the Affiliation fee

North Fort Worth Chapter #684, Received 6/04/04, Returned, Received 6/19/04,
Approved, Sent to WGM 6/19/04, Want to:
  Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
  Raise the amount of the Dual Membership fee
  Delete the limit on term of service for Secretary and Treasurer

Ransford Chapter #135, Received 8/25/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 8/26/04, Want to:
  Change the location for their meetings

Hawkins Chapter #908, Received 8/11/04, Returned, Received 9/01/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 9/02/04, Want to:
  Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation by Dual Membership fee

Harlandale Chapter #750, Received 9/14/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 9/18/04, Want to:
  Raise the amount of the Initiation fee to include any future assessments levied on the Chapter
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee to include any future assessments levied on the Chapter

Chico Chapter #433, Received 9/20/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 9/21/04, Want to:
  Change which Officers are to receive compensation for their duties
  Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
  Clarify when members are automatically suspended for non-payment of dues
  Raise the amount that the Committee on Charity can spend without prior approval of the Chapter

Forney-Terrell Chapter #557, Received 8/30/04, Returned, Received 9/20/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 9/22/04, Want to
  Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
  Raise the amount of the Annual Dues
  Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee

Gonzales Chapter #403, Received 10/13/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 10/14/04, Want to:
  Raise the amount of the Annual Dues

Burke Chapter #1098, Received 10/14/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 10/15/04, Want to:
  Raise the amount of the Secretary’s salary
  Raise the amount allowed for printing yearbooks
  Raise the amount allowed for monetary memorials on the death of a member or spouse
Farmersville Chapter #940, Received 10/20/04, Approved, Sent to WGM 10/21/04, Want to:
Raise the amount of the Initiation Fee
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
Raise the Annual Dues
Raise the amount that the Committee on Charity can spend without prior approval of the Chapter

Farmers Branch Chapter #687, Received 10/14/04, Returned 10/15/04, Received 10/22/04, Approved, Sent to WGM, Want to:
Bring the by-laws concerning reinstatement following suspension for non-payment of dues into compliance with Grand Chapter law

Nederland Chapter #1079, Received 10/1804, Returned Received 10/23/04, Approved, Sent to WGM, Want to:
Change the number of years that a Secretary or Treasurer can serve

Hondo Chapter #404, Received 10/28/04, Approved, Sent to WGM, Want to:
Raise the amount of the Initiation Fee
Raise the amount of the Affiliation Fee
Raise the amount of the Dual Membership Fee
Raise the Annual Dues
Raise the amount that the Committee on Charity may spend without prior approval of the Chapter

Matador Chapter #66, Received 10/20/04, Returned, Received 10/20/04, Approved, Sent to WGM, Want to:
Change the meeting day

Alice Chapter #61, Received 8/11/04, Returned, Received 11/07/04, Approved, Sent to WGM, Want to:
Change the meeting day

Mont Belvieu Chapter #1142, Received 11/08/04, Approved, Sent to WGM, Want to:
Add a section to eliminate a meeting when a holiday or Grand Chapter falls on the first or third Thursday of the month

Requests Received, Returned and Not Received Again October 26, 2003 Thru November 10, 2004 from:

Dallas Chapter #1, Received 10/26/04, Returned, Want to:
Change Stated Meeting dates to any time that the Scottish Rite Cathedral is available
Change the compensation for the Secretary
Eliminate compensation for the Treasurer and Sentinel if they are covered by an Endowed Membership
Change the Annual Dues
Require that Endowed Memberships purchased by the Chapter must remain with the Chapter
Require elected officers to notify the Worthy Matron if they will be out of town
Raise the amount the Chapter Committee on Charity may spend without prior approval of the Chapter

Richland Hills Chapter #1040, Received 12/12/03, Returned, Want to:
Change meeting date
Require the Worthy Matron to call at least seven Special meetings during the year

Castleberry Chapter #1028, Received 1/27/04, Returned, Want to:
Stipulate that gifts be given to members hospitalized for at least three days
Require that the Annual Audit be done as of April 30 and reported to the Chapter
Require that a copy of the Annual Audit be given to the Worthy Matron-Elect for her use in preparing a budget
Delete the section requiring the Associate Matron to present a proposed budget for her year as Worthy Matron at least thirty (30) days prior to her Installation

Tomball Chapter #838, Received 6/21/04, Returned, Want to:
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
Raise the amount of the Affiliation fee
Direct how Silver Drill Money may be used
Change the number of Scholarships to be presented
Establish a Scholarship Fund and direct its use

McKinney Chapter #518, Received 7/06/04, Returned, Want to:
Delete the love gift to the Organist and add one to the Treasurer
Raise the amount of the Initiation fee
Raise the amount of the fee for Affiliation
Raise the Annual Dues
Add the time at which the International Temple dues are to be paid
Add two sections concerning what should happen in case of the death of a Member or Spouse
Require all expenditures to have prior approval of the Chapter and be accompanied by a receipt

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister June Bell. She has been a dedicated and very accurate By-Laws Committee Chairman, and I certainly do appreciate you working with these Chapters who submitted changes in their by-laws. We'll adopt your report in the morning. Thank you so much. [applause]
Sister Lesa Smith, our General Chairman for Humanitarian, are you ready? Would the Junior Past Matrons, Past Patrons, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of the 100% Chapters go to the West immediately.

I call on Sister Jane Robison, International Temple Fund Committee. Would you please come to the East.

I hope each one of you have looked and admired that beautiful altar cover that we have on our altar and the kneeling bench. Those were made with love and many, many hours of hard work by Sister Freida Dillon, my Grand Martha; and I certainly do appreciate it. The beautiful Bible marker was made by Sister Doris Moore. The altar is the center of our Chapter room, and I certainly appreciate the time and the effort that they put into making this. Would you help me show my appreciation to these. [applause] And to Sister Sandy Johnson, my Decorations Chairman, I want to thank you for all the beautiful decorations that you have prepared for us to enjoy. The Chapter room looks fantastic, and I certainly do appreciate it. Let's show our appreciation. [applause]

We've had many, many members working these past four years that I've been in line for those special things in your bags, for the Distinguished Guests room -- and I hope each one of you had the opportunity to visit my Distinguished Guests Committee and the Distinguished Guests room and picked up your ditty bags there. And to the Grand Representative Association for the hospitality room that you have shared with the Grand Representatives, the past and the present, I hope you're enjoying that also.

Let's have Sister Jane Robison give our International Temple report. Sister Jane.

REPORT BY INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND COMMITTEE

MRS. JANE ROBISON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, protocol having been established, good evening. I appreciate the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter this year. International Temple Fund Report activity follows. International Temple funds collected as of 10/31/04, $8,060.60. 220 Chapters were reported as owing for prior years. Through an information letter and coordination with these Chapters, 136 of the 220 have now been brought current to 100%, a 62% return rate as of 10/31/04.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Jurisdiction. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Jane, for working on this and working with the Chapters to become 100% in our International Temple. We had a change from $1 to $5, and she has been working diligently with the Chapters to get them to become 100%. Sister Jane, I thank you so much, and I hope you enjoy your trip along with Sister Rennie later. Thank you.

If the Junior Past Matrons and Past Patrons and present Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of our 100% Chapters are ready, I'll ask our General Chairman of Humanitarian to come forward.

REPORT BY HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE

MRS. PEGGY DANIELS: Good evening. The Humanitarian report for District 1. This year of service has been absolutely wonderful, and I thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This year has increased my testimony of the faithfulness of our membership.
Your generosity to the Humanitarian Program across the state of Texas is to be commended. My hat’s off to all the membership, but especially to my District I members who have uplifted me with their devotion to our cause! You are the Wind Beneath My Wings!

Chapters in District I ......................... .118
Chapters in the program ....................... .117
Members in District I ........................ .12,009

500% Chapters ................................. .1
300% Chapters ................................. .2
200% Chapters ................................. .13
100% Chapters ................................. .96

Total Donations: ......................... $15,745.33

Peggy A. Daniels
Humanitarian Chairman, District I

I am pleased to introduce Lesa Smith, the Humanitarian General Chairman, who will present the report for District 2.

MRS. LESA SMITH: Thank you, Peggy Daniels, District 1 Humanitarian Chairman. Our District 2 Chairman could not be here, so I am going to give her report for her.

Numbers of Chapters in District 2 ................ .62
Number of Chapters Participating in Program ........ .59
Number of Chapters 100% ........................ .42
Number of Chapters 200% ........................ .9
Number of Chapters 300% ........................ .2
Number of Chapters 400% ........................ .1
Total Amount of money collected for District 2 . . $.7,976.40

I now present Sister Acey Guile, District 3 Humanitarian Chairman.

MRS. ACEY GUILE: Thank you, Sister Lesa. Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to thank you for the honor of serving as Humanitarian Chairman for District 3. I have learned so much this year by traveling to the schools in District 3 and around the state and meeting the membership. It has been a truly wonderful experience.

Total number of Chapters in District 3 .......... .87
Members in District 3 .......................... .8,402
Number of 100% Chapters ...................... .78
MRS. RHONDA BEAMESDERFER: Thank you, Sister Acey. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, My Sisters and Brothers: It is my pleasure to submit the following report:

Number of Chapters in District IV          .121
Number of Chapters Participating in the Program  .121
Number of Members in District IV            .14,068
Number of Chapters 100%                    .102
Number of Chapters 200%                    .14
Number of Chapters 300%                    .3
  Cushing #368
  LaPorte #683
  Weldon #969
Number of Chapters 500%                    .1
  Houston #385
Number of Chapters over 1000%              .1
  Brenham Chapter #155 (1,471%)
Total Amount given in District IV          .$19,428.50

Respectfully Submitted
Rhonda Beamesderfer
Humanitarian Chairman District IV
November 11, 2004
It is my pleasure to present Sister Gloria Bennett, Humanitarian Chairman, District V.

MRS. GLORIA BENNETT: Thank you, Sister Rhonda. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers: It has indeed been my honor, joy and privilege to serve as the Humanitarian Chairman in District 5, and I thank you. It is my pleasure to present the report for District 5.

Number of Members in District V            .7,428
Number of Chapters in District V            .83
Number of Chapters participating in the Program  .83
Number of Chapters 100% or better          .83
Number of Chapters 100%                    .59
Number of Chapters 200%                    .15
Number of Chapters 300%                    .2
  Robstown #540
  Somerset #730
I am pleased to present our General Chairman, Mrs. Lesa Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gloria Bennett
Humanitarian Chairman District V
November 11, 2004

MRS. LESA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Distinguished Guests and especially my Sisters and Brothers:

What a Year! It has been my honor to serve with Five of the best ladies in our great order this past year, and they are: District 1, Mrs. Peggy Daniels, District 2, Mrs. Evelyn Berry, District 3, Ms. Acey Guile, District 4, Mrs. Rhonda Beamsderfer, and District 5, Mrs. Gloria Bennett. These ladies certainly made my year as the General Chairman of the Humanitarian program exciting as well as very rewarding. Service to others is one of the greatest gifts we can give to the Membership of Texas, and I am thankful to each of you who gave of your valuable time and energy. Everyone please help me show these ladies our appreciation for their efforts. As your Humanitarian Chairman, I am very proud to report, that through each Chapter’s efforts and at their request, these monies have been distributed into the following funds, TMRC $9,815.33, Benevolent Aid $13,279.33, Education $12,408.41, General Fund, $7,428.25 and ESTARL fund $23,351.41. The Grand Total given for all the funds is $66,330.73. Each Chapter and Member has given generously this past year. Each of you helped make this year a huge success. You have provided so many with the assistance to help pay for much needed tuition, books, food and medications. The most important thing you have shown is a caring example of what the “Order of the Eastern Star” is all about. Give yourself a round of applause, because each of you is truly a T.E.A.M. member. Worthy Grand Matron, I want to thank you and the Worthy Grand Patron for your support and the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter this past year. Now with the assistance of the Grand Marshal, Sister Benita Bassett, We will present the “Building Our Star” Humanitarian Drill, honoring our Worth Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and our immediate Past Matrons and Patrons and the current Worthy Matrons and Patrons.
Fraternally,
Mrs. Lesa Smith
Humanitarian, General Chairman

Ladies, if you will please take your positions.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, let's show this Humanitarian Committee how much we appreciate their efforts in working with our Chapters. What a tremendous thing, $66,330.73 for the Humanitarian Program. I appreciate you. [applause]

To these Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and our Junior Past Matrons and Patrons, to the membership of each Chapter, thank you for your love and your contributions. Know how much we appreciate each thing that you have done to help us make this Humanitarian Program a success this year.

[Humanitarian Drill performed to much applause.]

If you will be seated as soon as possible, we will be able to close this session and let you go back to the hotel and have a good night's rest. We'll ask Brother Billy Combest, our Past Grand Patron, to voice our benediction.

**MR. BILLY COMBEST:** Almighty God, hear our prayers, those that are spoken in this place and those that are lifted silently to You from a yielded heart from all the people gathered today at this place. We have gathered today earlier in Your Name. We know that Your strength has been with us through this day. Your Holy Spirit tells us that He even understands the groanings of our hearts, the special prayers that each one of you have for loved ones and friends and sisters and brothers, He hears them now from where you're silently standing before Him. We thank You for this day for the strength that got us and our leaders of this beautiful Order through today. As we go from this place, let us have a good night's rest so that we may return tomorrow with the strength to do what we must do, so that people can see whose name we really stand for, and the good of this Order will shine through everything. Thank You now. We know You're answering prayers as they're even now being lifted up to You. We ask it in that Name above all Names. Amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, be careful as you go out to the buses. Remember, you're to be on the OES bus. We thank you for your attention and participation this afternoon. I now call this “Garden of Love and Roses” Session closed to reconvene at 8 a.m. Friday morning. Good night.
FRIDAY MORNING SESSION
November 12, 2004

"Love and Friendship" Session

Musical Prelude ......................................................... Mrs. Sara Rozean
Joyful Sounds Committee

Call to Order ............................................................ Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Billy Combest
Knights Templar Eye Foundation,
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. ALMA BANE: Thank you, Sister Sara Rozean, for that super wake-up and get
moving music this morning. Sisters and Brothers, let's show Sister Sara our appreciation
for her talents that she has shared with us. [applause]

Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. I am very honored to have been invited to open
this Friday morning session for our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester, and our
Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy. This session is very appropriately named "Love
and Friendship," two words that reflect the golden threads that bind us to each other. These
words are the most often spoken words in our meetings and events for Eastern Stars by
our members. It is our love for our Order and the friendships that we form with each other
that make our membership in the Order of the Eastern Star so special. Sister Doris and
Brother Jack, you began this journey a little over a year ago, and now you are seeing the
fruits of your labors at harvest time. You sowed seeds of love and cultivated them with
service through the labors of you and your team members. It was a winning combination
and we applaud you for sharing this year with all of us. I am very pleased to introduce
Brother Billy Combest, Knights Templar Eye Foundation of General Grand Chapter
Committee and a Past Grand Patron of Texas. I first met Brother Billy when we served on
the Spring Fling Committee. Brother Billy, I invite you to bring greetings to our Sister s
and Brothers.

MR. BILLY COMBEST: I want to express my appreciation and thanks to Sister
Doris Hester and Brother Jack Guy for the honor of opening this "Love and Friendship"
session this Friday morning here at Grand Chapter. I accept this pleasant duty this
morning, Worthy Grand Matron, but we all wish that Henry Martin could have been here
to stand in this place that he wished to. Thanks, Alma Lynn Bane, for letting me play
Henry for just this one short moment.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has truly been a year of healing
and of complete teamwork. Sister Doris and Brother Jack, you have practiced what you
preach. You worked with each Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, the Grand Chapter
Committees, the Deputies of Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter Officers. This has
been a year of working and serving together, and we are confident that the attitude of 2004 will continue throughout the years in this beautiful Order we have. Thank you very much.

**MRS. ALMA BANE:** Thank you, Brother Billy. Sister Grand Marshal, you will present the "Rocking Bluebird" drill by the Grand Chapter Officers and their Personal Pages. Thank you, Sister Grand Marshal, Grand Officers and their Personal Pages. That was lovely. Let's show them how much we enjoyed that beautiful drill. [applause] I invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

Brother Billy, since you're pretending to be Henry, would you come over here, please. Thanks to the electronic marvel of e-mail, Brother Henry Martin sent some words that he would have shared with each of you this morning. So I ask Brother Billy to stand here while I read Henry's words to you.

"Sister Doris and Brother Jack, you have had an exceptional year in the Grand East. It has been said that when great leadership is needed, great leaders emerge. And certainly the two of you exemplify that statement. As you traveled this year, you served as excellent ambassadors for both our Order and the Grand Chapter of Texas. Together you have reenergized the membership. You have led us in the accomplishment of many worthwhile projects. You have encouraged us to enjoy ourselves and have fun. And throughout the entire year, you have brought to this Grand Chapter of Texas a sense of dignity. Your appreciation and respect for each and every individual member has been evident in both your words and your actions."

Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East. [applause as they come to the East] Sisters and Brothers, it is my privilege and honor to present to you Sister Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. You will join me in extending them Grand Honors.

Worthy Grand Patron, we are all proud of you and wish the very best for you and Sister Linda in the future. Thank you, Sister Doris, for the honor of opening this Grand Chapter session. This is a membership filled with love for our Order, and many truly wonderful friendships have been formed as a result of you and Johnny's devotion for our Order and all of its members. I present to you this gavel and invite you to preside at this "Love and Friendship" session of the 122nd "Happiness Is Caring" session of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Grand Chapter Officers will assume their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

Sister Alma Lynn and Brother Billy, would you come back to the podium with the Worthy Grand Patron and I. Sister Alma Lynn, we all remember your "Tapestry of Love and Service" session. We commend you for a wonderful Grand Chapter year, 1998-99. You had a lot of critters during your year also, and this was one of the things that inspired me to do this. Your continued dedication to our Order is appreciated. I enjoyed my travels
with you, and I thank you so much for being a special friend, you and Brother Bill. The membership of Texas is extremely proud of you. We thank you for opening this session this morning.

Brother Billy, you know, you have some tough shoes to fill this morning, and I appreciate you filling in. Brother Henry Martin was going to open the session with Sister Alma Lynn this morning. But, as you know, he's unable to be with us. I certainly do appreciate his e-mail. Thank goodness we have e-mail and cell phones. Brother Billy, you have given so much of your time to this caring membership of Texas and to General Grand Chapter. You are a devout Christian and highly respected by all. Thank you for assisting Sister Alma Lynn in opening this "Love and Friendship" session today. You are special in all of our hearts, and we appreciate you and Sister Freda. Thank you so much.

Worthy Grand Patron, I'm sure you have greetings for these two lovely people.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Alma Lynn Bane, thank you so much for opening this "Love and Friendship" session, which in many ways resembles your "Tapestry of Love and Service" session in 1999. Your involvement with and the leadership of the youth, the future membership of our Order, certainly qualifies you for this task. Thank you again.

Brother Billy, it is my pleasure and honor to call you my friend and mentor. It is no less an honor to have you assist in the opening of this session of Grand Chapter. Thank you for all that you do for our fraternity.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, let's show our appreciation to these two dedicated members. [applause]

Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we are about to call this "Love and Friendship" session from rest to labor, and direct him to permit no interruption while we're thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to engage in the ceremony of opening this session of Grand Chapter. You are directed to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: There will be no interruption, Sister Grand Warder.

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 entitled to attend our deliberations this morning.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sister 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: It is well. As of upon any morning in arriving, we need to go to our Heavenly Father and thank Him for the many blessings that we have had
in our lives and the restful night's sleep. To look to God for our inspiration today, we ask Brother Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron and a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons and a caring Brother to all members, to bring our invocation. Brother Harry.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This morning, my Sisters and Brothers, I would be very remiss if I did not mention that we lost ten more men yesterday in Iraq. Three of those were from Texas, this general area in fact, from Uvalde, Los Fresnos and Lytle, Texas. So let's remember those families this morning, please, as we go to the Lord in prayer.

Our Father and our God, how thankful we are to have a loving Savior such as You. We thank You, Lord, for that promise of eternal life for those of us that have accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour. Father, we ask many favors this morning as we begin the business of Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Texas. We pray, dear Lord, that you'll be with our presiding officers, the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as they lead us in this legislation. And, Father, help us all to remember what type of person we should be. Help us, dear Lord, to listen, to think; and, Lord, help us to do what each of us feels right to do, and that is, to act as Christians and as members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Lord, we just pray for Thy mercy upon us today. Thank you, Lord, for each member that is here. Thank you for those members that are not here. You know the circumstances. And, Father, we pray again as we go about our business today that You'll give us thankful hearts to be Americans and members of this Order. Help us all act and govern our actions as such. Father, forgive us for we fail You so many, many times. We ask forgiveness. In Thy precious Name we do pray, amen.

[Applause followed singing by Jacque Cates] Sisters and Brothers, you have just heard the beautiful voice of Sister Jacque Cates, who is my Grand Soloist from District 2. Sister Jacque, know how much we appreciate and love you for presenting your special talent here this morning and getting us in the mood to conduct our business. Thank you so very much. Let's show our appreciation for her sharing her talents with us. [applause]

I have a few announcements. Remember that the vendors are here. The Associate Grand Matron's supplies for this coming year of service are also in the vendor area, in the very back next to the window where you can see the water. But we want you here this morning in the session.

Those members who will be presented the 50-year certificates this afternoon, please be seated in the West. The transportation table for buses is out in the area by the Registration. The Grand Examiner's hours today will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. She will be in the room just at the edge of the escalator. If you need help in finding them, check with one of the Grand Examiners and they can direct you.

I want to remind the Chairmen of all Committees to be ready to make your report when called upon. You need three typed copies of your report: one for the Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Secretary and the session recorder. If you do not have it typed and double-spaced, see the typing pool in back of the East.

We will now proceed with the business of this Grand Chapter. It is our prayer that we
will conduct the business of Grand Chapter with appreciation, consideration and love for one another. Working together, we will dispatch our business in an orderly manner, and when we do that, the membership and our Order will be the beneficiaries. Sisters and Brothers, we have much business and many reports. The Chairman of each Constitutional Committee must be ready to give their reports, as printed in the program. Just a reminder: The blue cards are for voting by members of Grand Chapter; the pink card is for Chapter Representatives to vote and determine if a quorum is present. Please, Sisters and Brothers, do not bend or manipulate in any way those voting cards. We want you to make sure they're clean. Do not take any of your ballots out until you're required to do so. We will now have a report of the Credentials Committee by the Chairman, Sister Mary Jo Rosamond, to determine if we have a quorum to start on our voting process.

While we're waiting for her to come, would Brother Tom Everitt come to the East, please. One of the greatest programs I think we've had in Grand Chapter that was started in Sister Naomi's and Brother Buddy's year is our Endowed Membership. We've really pushed that this year. This morning I am pleased to present a Grand Chapter of Texas Certificate of Endowed Membership issued in the name of Thomas H. Everitt and issued October 2nd, 2004. This is another one on him. Signed by Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, and Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, and attested by Sister Nell Smith, our Grand Secretary. Brother Tom, we thank you, and we appreciate your service on the Board. We hope you enjoy your retirement and go fishing or hunting or whatever you like, but thank you. Sisters and Brothers, let's show our appreciation for this Endowed Membership. [applause] If anyone else would like one, I'll be happy to sign some more. It's only $500.

Grand Choir, if you'll give us a song while we're waiting.

Thank you, Grand Choir. I certainly appreciate you sharing your talents with us.

At this time we'll have a report of the Credentials Committee by the Chairman, Sister Mary Jo Rosamond, to determine if we have a quorum to start our voting process this morning. Sister Mary Jo.

REPORT BY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MRS. MARY JO ROSAMOND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I am pleased to report that we have 285 Chapters represented at this Grand Chapter session, which represents more than 25 percent of the total of 458 Chapters, as of this date, November 12, 2004. Therefore, we have a quorum to open the voting for this Grand Chapter. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Mary Jo.

At this point in time then, I recognize the Honorable Robert P. Walker, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, and also the current Grand Master of the Grand Council of Texas, and also our Parliamentarian for this Grand Chapter session. Honorable Robert Walker, I ask you to come to the podium.

MR. ROBERT WALKER: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Brothers and Sisters of the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star: It is a privilege to bring you greet-
ings from the Grand Council of the Royal & Select Masters of Texas. We in the Grand Council of Texas thank you and the members of the Grand Chapter for the contribution that you make to our community, to our state, to our country and to our fraternity. Your labor does not stop with the Order of the Eastern Star, but flows into the Lodges and the Councils and the Chapters and the Commanderies and into the Scottish Rite. Without your encouragement, your Masonic Bodies would not be as healthy as they are today. By your encouragement and efforts, you render a stability to our community, to our society. And on behalf of the Council of the Royal & Select Masters, I say thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the proposed rules as submitted by our Parliamentarian and also printed in your session program. It has been moved --

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** -- and seconded that these rules be adopted. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue card. All those opposed. This report is adopted. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF Worthy Grand Matron

**REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

**2003 – 2004**

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester

T.E.A.M

Together Everyone Accomplishes More

It has been an awesome responsibility of Service I assumed at the Altar October 26, 2003 in Fort Worth at the “Angels Among Us” 122nd Installation. It has been my joy to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron for 2003-2004 and to represent Texas in other Grand jurisdictions.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the membership of Texas for their confidence in me to serve our Order. We have strived for peace and harmony and to reach out to our members.

Thank you for being a part of our T.E.A.M.

**IN MEMORIAM**

We are extremely fortunate that we have not lost any of our Past Grand Matrons or Past Grand Patrons this year.

We are saddened by the loss of 1,886 of our Sisters and Brothers of our Subordinate Chapters. These dedicated Sisters and Brothers have given many years of service. We rejoice in knowing they are with our Heavenly Father.
If the sky seems brighter with stars tonight,
It’s because two thousand of our members have given it new light.
As they labored on earth for harmony and peace,
Now with our Savior, new joys they’ve released.
Each one looks down upon us with a smiling face
To remind us all of His Saving Grace.
Their light guides us forward on pathway of life;
As our hearts are filled with a peaceful happiness
At this beautiful sight.

Pat Edwards – Poet Laureate

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EASTERN STAR SCHOOLS
AND JOINT FRATERNAL VISITS

Schools for Instruction and Section Joint Fraternal Visits
2003-2004

The love and enthusiasm was evident at all of our fifty schools. The Deputy Grand Matrons had planned and worked so well with the members of each section. It made it easy for these District Deputy Grand Matrons, Doctor Linda Puckett, District 1, Ms. Jerri Young, District 2, Mrs. Annette Curry, District 3, Mrs. Christine Armstrong, District 4, and Ms. Lori Goldman, District 5 to teach.

Each of the Grand Examiners, Mrs. Betty 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, were very proficient in their work. Sister Mary Ruth White stepped in for Sister Betty Scott, during the illness and death of her father.

The Schools and Fraternal Visits were well attended by loving dedicated members.

Christine Armstrong, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4

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INITIATIONS

How pleased we were to welcome new members on the school schedule. The Grand Officers did the Initiations.

District 1
Kyle Ward Garland Chapter No. 156
Patricia Ferguson Garland Chapter No. 156
Cynthia Lucas John L. DeGrazier Chapter No. 881
Robert Keitzman John L. DeGrazier Chapter No. 881
Jeff Walling Carthage Chapter No. 747
Charlene Thompson Carthage Chapter No. 747
Dorothea Nisbitt Carthage Chapter No. 747
Jim Nisbitt Carthage Chapter No. 747
Kristi Horton Carthage Chapter No. 747
Becky Johnson Plano Chapter No. 703
Kara Johnson Plano Chapter No. 703

District 2
Mike Larson Amarillo Chapter No. 787
Lisa Davis Amarillo Chapter No. 787
Bill Davis Amarillo Chapter No. 787
Sam Jones Amarillo Chapter No. 787
Katherine Freedman Amarillo Chapter No. 787
Jennifer Hayes Lubbock Chapter No. 76

District 3
Tina Brady Cisco Chapter Chapter No. 461
John Brady Cisco Chapter Chapter No. 461
Joy Rhodes Brownwood Chapter No. 785
David Tyler Brownwood Chapter No. 785

District 4
Preston Harper Nederland Chapter No. 1079
Kayla Harper Nederland Chapter No. 1079
Steven L. Arnold Nederonald Chapter No. 1079
Carl Chandler Garden Oaks Chapter No. 987
Sheila Rice Bluebell Chapter No. 856
Reba Anderson North Shore Chapter No. 1058
Nancy Permezone Spring Chapter No. 984

OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS

Beeville Chapter No. 422, November 15, 2003
Jacksonville Chapter No. 377, November 11, 2003
**Fraternal Visits**

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Grand Lodge December 4, 5, 6, 2004, Waco
Rainbow Midyear Conference December 5, 2004
TMRC Christmas Party December 14, 2004
Purposes and Policy Meeting February 7, 2004
TMRC Valentine Party February 14, 2004
Lalla Mae Vollus 75th Birthday Banquet February 18, 2004, Houston
Counterpart’s Meeting February 29, 2004
Grand Master’s Banquet March 6, 2004
Texas Masonic Family Conference May 21, 22, 2004, Arlington
Day at the Ranch with Rennie May 29, 2004, Boerne
Rainbow Grand Assembly June 17, 18, 19, 20, 2004
Dallas Line Officers Banquet July 8, 2004
“Our Stars of Texas” Honoring PGMs
  Lallah Mae Vollus, Lena Maye Cook, Naomi Wolfe July 17, 2004
Arlington #249 Honoring AGM August 5, 2004
Founder’s Day August 6, 2004
Mr. X Banquet August 7, 2004
Courtesy Visit at Franklin, La. August 12, 2004
Worthy Grand Patron’s Banquet September 4, 2004
Associate Grand Patron’s Banquet September 18, 2004

FUNERALS

The Worthy Grand Patron, Jack Guy, other Grand officers and myself, were privileged to take part in the Eastern Star Funeral Ceremony for Brother J.B. Easterling, husband of Mary Kay Easterling, and father of our Grand Conductress, at the First Baptist Church in Jefferson.

I, accompanied by my Secretary, attended the funeral of the brother of Mr. Glen Whitaker, PGP, Mr. Raymond Caldwell, in the community of Boyd on March 17, 2004. There were many other members present.

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INSTALLATIONS

Beeville #422 6/01/04 Installing Officer
Jacksonville #377 6/05/04 Installing Officer
Bandera #643 6/09/04 Installing Officer
Rockport #479 6/11/04 Installing Officer
Cuero #618 6/16/04 Installing Officer
Garland #156 6/21/04 Installing Officer

PROCLAMATIONS, KEYS TO CITY, GIFTS, AND OTHER REMEMBRANCES

FLAGS PRESENTED

American Flag Flown Over the City of Austin

KEYS TO THE CITY

Lufkin Key to the City
Port Arthur Key to the City
Bastrop Key to the City
Big Spring Key to the City
Glen Rose Key to the City
Stephenville Key to the City
Lockhart Key to the City

PROCLAMATIONS, HONORARY CITIZENSHIPS, AND SHERIFF CERTIFICATES

Port Arthur Honorary Deputy Sheriff Certificate and Badge, Wharton County
Houston December 20, 2003 Doris Hester Day
Honorary Deputy, Harris County
Hereford January 7, 2004, Doris Hester Day
Lubbock January 15, 2004, Honorary Citizen
Big Springs January 20, 2004, Doris Hester
Glen Rose January 30, 2004, Eastern Star Day
Cisco February 2, 2004, Honorary Citizen
Brownwood February 5, 2004, Honorary Citizen
San Saba November 9, 2004, Honoring Doris Hester, WGM
and Order of the Eastern Star
Stephenville February 13-14, 2004, Eastern Star Days
Honorary Deputy Sheriff, Erath County
Fort Worth February 20-21, 2004, Eastern Star Days
Honorary Deputy Constable, Dallas County

Sherman  February 18, 2004, Eastern Star School of Instruction Day
Hawkins  March 4, 2004, Doris Hester Day
Lewisville March 15-20, 2004, Eastern Star Week
Quinlan  March 17-18, 2004, Eastern Star Days
Del Rio   March 25, 2004, Eastern Star Day
Pleasanton April 8, 2004, Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Day
Corpus Christi April 15, 2004, Doris Hester Day
Austin   March 20, 2004, Senate Proclamation, Appreciation to Doris Hester, WGM
San Antonio April 2, 2004, Proclamation from the original City of San Antonio, LaVita Medal of Alamo, DAR Alamo Chapter
Beeville  April 17, 2004, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star Day

SPECIAL GREETINGS

Oct. 25, 2003  Greetings  President George Bush
Oct. 25, 2003  Greetings  Governor Rick Perry

PLAQUES RECEIVED

May 8, 2004  Texas Traveler Land Miles Award 1980-2004
Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association, District 5, Section 7

SONGS OR POEMS WRITTEN FOR WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Mama Bluebird & Rock’in Lady Bluebird  Sylvia Chaffin, Archives Chapter No.1095
Ode to Doris Hester  Pat Spivey, Violet Chapter No. 158
Poetry  Pat Edwards, Port Neches Chapter No. 677

OUT OF STATE EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

October 31 - November 6, 2003  General Grand Chapter
Portland, Oregon

December 3, 2003  Arkansas Grand Chapter
Little Rock, Arkansas

March 22 - 23, 2004  Louisiana Grand Chapter
Alexandria, Louisiana

October 17 - 20, 2004  Oklahoma Grand Chapter
Guthrie, Oklahoma
TEXAS EXCHANGES

April 23 - 24, 2004
Texas - Louisiana Exchange
Marshall, Texas

July 9 - 10 2004
Texas/Arkansas/Oklahoma Exchange
Texarkana, Arkansas

July 23-24, 2004
Multi-State Exchange
Jackson, Mississippi

We went and we conquered! We had 173 Texans to go by buses and cars to Jackson, Mississippi with one main objective - to win that Banner and bring it back to Texas. As a T.E.A.M. – we accomplished just that. My special thanks to Pat Archer, for the Dallas bus, Mary Ruth White for the Houston bus, and Sylvia Garcia for the San Antonio bus. These gals helped in getting the members to Jackson. The Banner is proudly displayed in our Grand Secretary’s office until July 29, 2005 when we all will go to Branson, Missouri to bring it back to Texas. This was the first time Texas has been able to bring it home with us. It was a crowning moment when it was announced that Texas had won the Banner. We are Texas Proud! Let’s do it again on July 29th and 30th in Branson, Missouri!

While absent from the state on these above stated occasions, I appointed Sisters Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron, Yvonne Brownfield, PGM and Elise Hammack, PGM, as acting Worthy Grand Matron at various times.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON’S TRIP

Cruise
August 24 - 27, 2004

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The Texas delegation left in force on October 30 – November 8, 2003 for Portland, Oregon for General Grand Chapter. It was an extra special honor to be able to nominate Sister Rennie Ofton as Right Worthy Grand Conductress of General Grand Chapter for the ensuing Triennium and to serve again at this Session. Texas is proud of our “Redbird”. We look forward to 2009-12 when our “Rennie” is leading this great fraternity.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

It was such an honor and privilege to attend the entire session of Grand Assembly of Texas, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls at the Waco Convention Center June 17 - 20, 2004. I was invited by Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector in Texas to bring greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star.

The Grand Cross of Color Ceremony was most impressive and an added pleasure to voice the Invocation and to see our Worthy Grand Patron receive his Grand Cross of Colors.
These young girls are to be commended for the beautiful work. A special “thank you” to all the adult leaders who give so much of their time to Rainbow. Many of these young ladies have become members of the Eastern Star. We are extremely proud of each one. I was so pleased that Mrs. Dibrell allowed me to present a Grand Representative commission to Mrs. Patricia Cooper, a dedicated adult worker in Rainbow, to Oregon.

GRAND LODGE

It was an honor to attend the 2003 Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, December 4 - 6, 2003. As your Worthy Grand Matron, I brought greetings at the opening session Thursday afternoon. It was a pleasure to be escorted and introduced to the Worshipful Grand Master by Bro. Harry G. Cunningham, Past Grand Master of Masons in Texas and Past Grand Patron of Texas. I attended all functions open to the Ladies during this Session. I was privileged to attend the banquet honoring the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Texas Masonic Family Conference, and several of our counterpart workshops.

GRAND CHAPTER VAN

I am most appreciative to the Board of Directors and the membership of Texas for the use of the new 2003 Ford Regency Van. The school officers, my secretary, and I enjoyed the travels along the Texas highways during the fifty schools.

The Board of Directors gave permission to use the van for our out of state visits for Arkansas Grand Chapter, Louisiana Grand Chapter, Tri State, Multi-State (rode the bus instead), Louisiana/Texas Exchange, and the courtesy visit to Allen Chapter No. 21, Franklin, Louisiana, where I was initiated.

MUSIC

It was difficult to select my march from those submitted. I appreciate each one. I selected the music submitted by Mrs. Gladys Bruce Cox, Past Matron of Spring Branch No. 984. She composed the “Blue Birds on Parade” after I attended their meeting and commented on the song “Majesty”, one of my favorites.

GAVEL PRESENTATIONS

Hand carved gavel  Hank Knepp, Robstown Chapter No. 540
Hand carved gavel  Oso Chapter No. 868
Hand carved gavel  Bill Armstrong, Graham Chapter No. 668

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Membership, District 5, Section 8
Miss Kathryn Hampton, Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Rainbow for Girls
ALTAR CLOTH and KNEELING BENCH COVER

Mrs. Freida Dillon  
Channelview Chapter No. 954  
Mont Belvieu Chapter No. 1142

BIBLE MARKERS

Mrs. Doris Moore  
Polytechnic No. 420

Mrs. Freida Dillon  
Channelview Chapter No. 954  
Mont Belvieu Chapter No. 1142

SPECIAL QUILT

A beautiful quilt was made for me by Glenda Klemm and Mary Beth Brunson, Navasota Chapter No. 309. I carried this quilt on the school schedule and the membership was able to autograph it for a donation of one dollar. These proceeds will go to Cancer Research and Huntington’s Disease.

SPECIAL COURTESIES

Many donations were made by individuals to many of my projects, to which I am most grateful. Such donations were given to Cancer Research, Huntington’s Disease, the Ronald McDonald House, M.D. Anderson, Education Fund and ESTARL. For this I am very grateful that the membership chose to support these endeavors.

I received an abundance of beautiful gifts. A mosaic tile garden bench, a porch swing with hand painted designs, an intricately carved wooden birdhouse with stand, afghans, quilts, birdhouses, angels, elephants, wreaths, decorative garden accessories, jewelry, musical boxes, crystal vases, cobalt blue glass, Spode Blue Bird Dishes, Spode Christmas Dishes, hand painted pictures, pictures, hand painted mailboxes, hat boxes, stationary, cards, endowed membership stamps, wind chimes, and many other beautiful gifts, as well as your love and support. You are such a thoughtful, loving membership.

TEAS, LUNCHEONS, BRUNCHES, AND BANQUETS, GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE WGM

April 25, 2004  
Carthage #747
May 8, 2004  
District 5, Section 7 Past Matrons and Patrons
June 26, 2004  
District 5, Section 8
August 5, 2004  
T.M.R.C.
September 11, 2004  
“Star Gala” Banquet, District 5 Past Matrons and Past Patrons

BLUEBIRDS OF HAPPINESS AND GALLANT KNIGHTS

It is very difficult to express to our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons,
the pride we have in each one of you. You performed your duties beautifully and brought honor to our Order. Thank you for your dedication and love for our Order and the membership. You have given me wonderful memories of our year of service together.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

You have been an inspiration and shining example to me since I transferred from Louisiana. I have admired you for your continuing love and dedication to our Order. May God continue to bless you as you continue to serve.

MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS

I will always be so grateful to you for electing me to serve you as Worthy Grand Matron. Thank you for the confidence you placed in me. You have truly worked as a T.E.A.M. this year. You are a loving and enthusiastic membership.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Brother Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron - that has a beautiful ring to it. You and Linda have been special friends for some time to Johnny and I. You have been there for the membership at the schools and fraternal visits, at General Grand Chapter, and the visits to other Grand Jurisdictions. You have been an excellent Worthy Grand Patron, even with your blonde jokes. Thanks for all you do for our Order.

KOUNTZE CHAPTER NO. 724

To you the membership of Kountze Chapter No. 724, I owe so much to you for accepting Johnny and I as members in our transfer from Allen Chapter No. 21, Franklin, Louisiana. Louisiana did not recognize dual membership at that time. District 4, Section 2 welcomed us and gave us the opportunity to work in Eastern Star.

VIOLET CHAPTER NO. 158 AND BEEVILLE CHAPTER NO. 422

How great it was for us to return home and become active members in Violet Chapter No. 158, our parent chapter and Beeville Chapter No. 422, our dual chapter. You have been so supportive and encouraged me all these years. I treasure the special times we have shared in work and play.

TO OUR INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND ELECTED BOARDS

This has been a wonderful year working with each of you. I am so proud of my appointed officers. Each of you has been special to me for many years. To those elected by the membership of Texas, you were elected to service by the membership and I sincerely hope you have enjoyed this place of service.
MY SPECIAL ANGEL

Mrs. Mae Pearl Ernst, Past Matron of Silsbee Chapter No. 298, and my “Special Angel”, you are truly an Angel, not only to Johnny and I, but also to many members through the years. You and Bro. Rudy were always there for me and especially to his Lodge, your Chapter and District 4, Section 2. You have been a shining example of what an “Eastern Star Lady” should be. We traveled many miles together as you served as Grand Esther for Sister Rennie Ofton, our gracious “Redbird”. Mae Pearl, you were and still are like a Mother to me and I love you very much.

COMMITTEES OF GRAND CHAPTER AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE WGM

Our Constitution states the need for our committees of Grand Chapter. I am allowed to have special committees to both groups; you have really served as a T.E.A.M. We could not have accomplished so much otherwise.

SECRETARY TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Jean Thomas, my Secretary and special friend, you have made these four years so much easier for your untiring dedication. You have traveled many miles, worked long hours, and always ready to go that extra mile. How pleased I was when you said yes. My Special thanks to Sister Sue Shoemaker, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, who assisted while you were ill. You two are great.

TO OUR OFFICE STAFF

The two words of “Thank You” are really very inadequate when I try to tell each of you how proud I am of your professional work you do in the State Office. Sister Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, and a long time personal friend, you are really a great asset. You have a fantastic staff in Darla Dunaway, Cheryl McGee, Donna Kirkpatrick, Zaneta Miller, and Marlene Scholari. Each of you are to be commended for your hard work in moving forward with all the responsibilities of maintaining an efficient office. You have been great T.E.A.M. Members.

TO MY HUSBAND, JOHNNY

You truly have been the “Wind Beneath My Wings”. These past years of service could not have been possible without your patience, understanding and love. Only you know how much Eastern Star has meant to me these past 36 years. Thanks for giving me this opportunity of serving the membership of Texas - I love you.
SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS ISSUED FOR GRAND CHAPTER YEAR 2003-2004

LATE ELECTIONS

Trinity #186  Nacogdoches #48  Roby #25
Boerne #200  Hooks #1031  Poteet #914
Prospect Hill #817  Oso #868  Midland #253
Poteet #913  Albany #733
Houston Heights #258  South Houston #915

WORTHY MATRON

Corpus Christi #354  Roby #25  Corpus Christi #354
Royse City #642  Pine Hill #675

WORTHY PATRON

Alice #61  Pine Hill #675

ASSOCIATE MATRON

Friendship #1008  Saint Jo #17  Corpus Christi #354
Mike Thomas-  Plano #703  Pine Hill #675
Oak Cliff #951

ASSOCIATE PATRON

Gatesville #105  Deport #1045  John Gillespie #257
Wills Point #366  Saint Jo #17  Mike Thomas-
Winnie #160  Sulphur Springs #718  Oak Cliff #951
Walter Baldwin #929  Springtown #498  Pine Hill #675

SECRETARY

Denton #259  Gun Barrel City #1114  North Ft. Worth #684
South Houston #915  Millsap #1042  Wellington #238

TREASURER

Irving #777  Floyd Easterling #1074  Weldon #969
Cushing #368  Somerset #730  Adah #49
South Houston #915  Adah #49  Wallace Hughston #1100
Mike Thomas-  Nash #320  Wellington #238
Oak Cliff #951  Woodbine #738
ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS

Huffman #1112  Roy Stanley #1086  Wedgewood #756
Lexington #996  New Caney #1093  Houston #285
Templar #374  Collinsville #674  Mike Thomas-
Devine #43  Devine #43  Oak Cliff #951

CONDUCTRESS

Devine #43  Crescent #820  Wellington #238
Vashti #32  Brownwood #116

LATE INSTALLATION

Canton #667  San Marcos #276  Ckrhll Delta Flora #794
The Colony #1136  Yoakum #282  Ft. McKavett #783
Frank W. Lynn #1015  Newbern #1135  Houston Heights #258
Balch Springs #1132  Graham #668  Royse City #642
Ganado #957  Prospect Hill #817  Pine Hill #675
Brookshire #652  Concho #826  Midland #253
Andral Vann #741  McKinney #518  Wslaco #772
Richardson #921  Lockhart #210

WAIVE DISABILITY

Edwin J. Kiest #959  Amarillo #787  Ckrhll Delta Flora #794
Denton #259  Avery #252  Port Neches #677
Granbury #530  Gate City #77

MOVE MEETING PLACE

Livingston #1139  East Houston #955  Bardwell #560
Prospect Hill #817  Bluebell #856  Canyon Lake #1103
Rockdale #789  Bluebell #856  Amistad #1114
Handley #617  Riverside #834  Riverside #834
Henderson #597  Santa Anna #247  Henderson #597

FRATERNAL VISIT

Jacksonville #377 D1 S7  Beaumont #71 D4 S2
Beeville #422 D5 S8  Aldine #1088 D4 S5
Bonham #852 D1 S2  Poteet #913 D5 S5
Lancaster #943 D1 S5  Gonzales #403 D5 S8
Trinity #186 D4 S3  Roy Stanely #1086 D1 S4
Rockdale #23 D4 S6  Friendswood #1131 D4 S10
Crockett #509 D4 S3
Poteet #913 D5 S5
Creedmoor #607 D5 S6
Weldon #969 D4 S3
Waelder #1023 D5 S8
Port Arthur #262 D4 S2
Park Place #731 D4 S5
Franklin #311 D4 S6
Balch Springs #1132 D1 S5
East Houston #955 D4 S5
Cuero #618 D5 S8

Bryan #222 D4 S6
James Ladd Burgess #983 D1 S4
Ckrlhill Delta Flora #794 D1 S4
Loyal #648 D1 S4
Templar #374 D1 S4
District 1 Section 1-10 #10
District 2 Section 1-10 #10
District 3 Section 1-10 #10
District 4 Section 1-10 #10
District 5 Section 1-10 #10

WAIVE VISITATION
Montgomery #228 Crockett #509 North Fort Worth #684
Crockett #509

REPLACE LOST SECRET WORK
El Campo #535, #’s 688 & 689 Brownwood #116, #166C
Deport #1045, #’s 1496 & 1497 Whitney #930, #’s 1267,1268,1268C
Chico #433, #579C Caldwell #976, Copy #1359
Templar #374, Copy #499 Irving #777, Copy #879
Handley #765, Copy #617 CkrlHill Delta Flora #794, Copy #1006
Boyd #897, Copy #1201 Ransford #135, #188C
Weatherford #21, #35 Waxahachie #599
Garden Oaks #987, Copy #1380 Evadale #1111, Copies #1975 &1974
Smithville #39, Copy #66 Canyon City #105, #154C
Palestine #395, Copy #531 Midlothian #234, Copy #303, 304, 304C
Woodville # 462, Copy #617 Sweeny #873, Copy #1153C
Ganada #957, copy #1319 Woodville #462, Copy #617C

REPLACE WORN SECRET WORK
Ridglea #999, #1405 Clifton #283, Copy # 387
Hadassah #188, Copy #250 Sweeny #1154, Copy #1154

REPLACEMENT CHARTER
Medina #988

ISSUED BY WGM
Carthage #747 - Change stated meeting date
SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS REFUSED
2003-2004

Ozona #287 - Requested a dispensation to change meeting times during winter months, but this takes a by-laws change

John L. DeGrazier Requested to change stated meeting date from 1/13/2004 #881 to the following Saturday due to the New Year holiday

Garland #156 Request to change stated meeting from 5/3/04 to 5/10/04

REPLACEMENT CHARTER DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

Border #211 - 1/28/2004
Poteet #913 - 1/3/2004
Medina #988 - 3/15/2004
Mike Thomas - Oak Cliff #951 - 3/16/2004
Gonzales #403 - 4/6/2004

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS REQUESTED BUT NOT NEEDED

Texas #35 - Not needed to call a special meeting

BY-LAWS CHANGES APPROVED BY WORTHY GRAND MATRON
2003-2004

It was my pleasure to sign By-Laws changes for the following chapters:

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GRAND DEMITS ISSUED
COURTESY INVESTIGATIONS FOR 2003-2004

VISITED COMPLETED FOR       DATE       VISIT DONE BY
Freedom Chapter #898      9/24/2003     Loyal Chapter #648
On Michael E. Dewey

Pasadena Chapter #108 - California 2/18/2004  Pearland Chapter #1065
For Ludmilla Marie Bowlby

San Marcial Chapter #34 - New Mexico     North Shore Ch. #1058
For Bertha Rutherford

COURTESY FUNERALS DONE FOR 2003-2004

Courtesy funeral done by South Gate City Chapter #18 in Las Vegas, Nevada for Ysleta
Chapter #991 on 4/14/2004 for Dorothy Ratliff.

COURTESY INITIATIONS FOR 2003-2004

Grand Chapter of Oregon - Blue River Chapter #158 done by Weatherford Chapter #21 on
10/20/2003 for Lee Ann Holiday.

CENTRAL SERVICE CORRESPONDENT REQUESTS
FOR VISITS IN TEXAS

1/13/2004 - South Dakota for visits in Granbury and Portland - request made of Granbury
Chapter and Portland Chapter

6/25/04 - Montana for Sequin Chapter #555

DECISIONS, RULINGS AND IRREGULARITIES

During this Grand Chapter year, there have been instances reported that petitions
were being mishandled. I reminded them to read carefully the Code of Laws. Article
201(b) is specific concerning the eligibility of a person when the Chapter makes a mistake.
Several Chapter consolidations were effected this year and while some were handled
correctly without problems, there were multiple problems with others. With the help of my District Deputies, Deputies and the Grand Secretary, all actions were brought in compliance with our Laws.

Several instances of unrest in Chapters were brought to my attention. My District Deputies, Deputies, and members of the Jurisprudence Committee and I have worked diligently to reach a solution in each instance. Aggressiveness and bickering can ruin a Chapter but the Worthy Grand Matron cannot wave a magic wand to make it go away. It is a Chapter matter, which the members must control in accordance with the laws and the vote of the Chapter.

Since General Grand Chapter has made changes in rules of eligibility for petitioning for membership in a Chapter, it was felt we needed a new Petition Form to include these changes. With the assistance of the Grand Secretary and members of Jurisprudence Committee, a new multi-use form has been developed. At my direction, this Form has been in use during this year and there is appropriate legislation being presented at this Grand Chapter for your vote to ratify my decision and to make it part of our Official Forms.

We had an instance where funds were being raised in good faith for a benevolent project. According to our law (Article 271 Entertainment), states we cannot have raffles to raise funds for benevolent or Chapter projects.

There was conflict in a Chapter when the Worthy Matron asked the Associate Matron and Associate Patron to count the Silver Drill money during “Good of the Order” so that the total could be reported at that meeting. Some felt it was not in compliance with the ritual. The WGM ruled that other members of the Chapter can count the Silver Drill Money, but must turn it over to the Secretary at the close of the meeting.

LEGAL ACTS

In compliance with Article 35 of the Code of Laws, as Worthy Grand Matron, I signed the following legal instruments:

On December 13, 2003 the first Realtor Agreement
On May 3, 2004, the Extension agreement with the Broker; it is valid through December 3, 2004.
On March 23, 2004 a Letter of Intent to TMRC promising to lease space from them at $10 per square foot.

CORPORATE BOARD MEETING
LUBBOCK, TEXAS
JANUARY 17, 2004

Meeting was called to order by Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron. Opening prayer was given by Brother Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron.

Those in attendance were Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron, Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, Gerry Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress. The Worthy Grand Matron had requested that members of the Board of Directors, Nelson
Campbell, Chairman and Raul Garcia, Vice Chairman be in attendance.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that the schools were going well and you can feel the warmth in the school room.

The Associate Grand Matron reported she was working on her Purposes and Policies report and there will be a meeting of this committee at 3:00 P.M. in Waco.

It was reported that Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress was having surgery next Thursday.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that some sections did not get the notice of the death of Sister Eunice Connell, Past Grand Matron. The Grand Secretary will place a notice in the Bulletin for all Chapters who did not get the notice.

Nelson Campbell reported that all had been done on the sale of the property that was required by the membership vote at Grand Chapter 2003. He also reported on the Appraisal and since the last Appraisal was lower than the first, it would be in our best interest to keep this quiet at least until the bids are opened on March 15, 2004 as it could affect the selling of the property. Nelson reported that this was the recommendation of our Attorney, Randy Thompson. The Corporate Board voted unanimously to accept his recommendation.

Nell reported on the progress of the Bulletin. It was agreed that the current changes had been favorable by the membership.

Raul reported on the up coming trip to Mexico. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and many others will travel with them. There will be a reception in San Antonio for them on February 19th at 7:00 P.M.

Being no further business, the closing prayer was given by Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron.

Nell Smith
Grand Secretary

CORPORATE BOARD MEETING
MARCH 20, 2004
DALLAS, TEXAS

The Worthy Grand Matron, Doris Hester called a Special meeting of the Corporate Board to ratify the action taken by the Board of Directors on Sat. March, 20, 2004 in Arlington.

Action had been taken to commit to TMRC our intent to move to the facility they have offered to build for us. It was unanimous by all present that a letter of intent is sent to them stating so.

Those in attendance were, Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron, Jerry Martin, Associate Grand patron, Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, Gerry Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress, Board of Directors, Nelson Campbell, Chairman, Gary Steele, Secretary, Dwayne Masarang, Member and Jerre Lucas, Member.

Nell Smith
Recording Secretary
August 6, 2004

Corporate Board Meeting was held in Fort Worth, Texas at the Masonic Temple. Meeting was called to order by Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron. Prayer was given by Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron.

Those present were Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron, Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, and Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked all for the trip to Jackson, Mississippi and Multi State for 2005 will be in Branson, Mo. She also reminded the Grand Line that they had participated in the ads for the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay and they owed her $41.66 each for this.

Tickets and reservations are coming in for Grand Chapter and members will need bus passes.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked all for their participation in the practice on Friday. The Grand Floor officers are giving to Benevolent Aid $100.00 each in lieu of gifts. She also thanked all for the critters given for the military going to Iraq.

Meeting adjourned and prayer was given by Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron.

Respectively Submitted,

Nell Smith
Grand Secretary

CORPORATE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2004
Corpus Christi, Texas

Meeting was called to order by Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron,

Opening Prayer was given by Brother Jerry Martin, Worthy Grand Patron

Those in attendance were: Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron, Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress, Jerry Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress, Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, and Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that we have moved into the convention center and complimented the office staff for all their help

Discussion was held on the upcoming legislation,

Sister Karen reported she had met with the Texas Masonic Family Conference Committee and there would be no alcohol served at the conference,

Closing prayer was given by Brother Jack Guy.

Nell Smith
Recording Secretary

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF WORTHY GRAND MATRON

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I'm happy to present my Supplemental Report. Worthy Grand Patron, would you please preside while I give my report. Each of you has the majority of my report, as printed in the Advance Proceedings. The following Supplemental Report gives you information after August 1st.

Several irregularities were handled by our Deputies, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Secretary, Jurisprudence and I. The members of each Chapter are working toward peace and harmony. I attended the following: September 21 - Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana visit to Orange Chapter #214; September 24 - Roundup of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in Granbury; October 1 - Banquet, District 4, Baytown; October 9 - Board meeting in Arlington; October 9 - Banquet honoring TMRC Board in Arlington; October 23 - Luncheon honoring Grand Electa; October 23 - Tea honoring Grand Adah in Victoria; October 26 - Fraternal visit at New Caney Chapter #1083; October 30 - attended a reception honoring the Five Stars of Appendant Bodies and the Conferral of the Order of the Carnation for Jennifer Crocker, Miss Texas Job's Daughters; Katherine Hamilton, Past Grand Worthy Advisor; Alisa Ribbans, Past Worthy Advisor; and Alexis Nicole Werk, Miss Texas Job's Daughters; October 31 - Halloween party honoring District Deputy Grand Matron of District 5 in Cuero. I also attended several Chapter meetings in my home area when I was able to do so during the past year.

Dispensations. There was an emergency special dispensation issued to Bardwell Chapter #560 because the repairs of the lodge were not finished in time for their meeting.

Dispensations Rejected. The dispensation for Carthage was erroneously listed as a special dispensation in the Advance Proceedings. There was no meeting due to the lack of a quorum. The members attended the fun night of the School of Instruction.

One Chapter's By-Laws Committee proposed a by-laws change, according to the Chapter's By-Laws, but submitted only one copy of the proposed changes. The By-Laws Committee for Grand Chapter returned it to the Chapter for an additional copy. The secretary filed the letter and the one copy of the by-laws and failed to resubmit it with the necessary paperwork to the By-Laws Chairman. The Worthy Grand Matron, upon being notified, requested copies of the minutes and correct by-laws paperwork. These by-law changes were approved retroactive to the day of the original request.

There have been 26 additional requests for by-laws changes. All were approved. Two were returned and not received again.

As this year closes, I want to acknowledge my Deputies, District Deputy Grand Matrons, the Grand Secretary and the Jurisprudence Committee. There were many more problems concerning compliance with our laws on petitions, fundraising activities, demises of Chapters and general unrest caused by individual members of the Chapters. As we followed our theme for the year, "Together Everyone Accomplishes More," we were able to handle the situations. The Worthy Grand Patron and I are eternally grateful for all of their dedicated efforts, understanding attitudes and assistance. Only one ongoing
problem is still unsettled, and that file will be turned over to the incoming Worthy Grand Matron.

The question on resignation of a Board Member and the unexpired term vacancy left on the Board of Directors required action, since the Board Member will not resign until Grand Chapter. After consultation with the Jurisprudence Committee, my decision was that there should be no candidates announcing for the position until the Board Member's resignation is received. Further, a precedent for this action was set at the Grand Chapter session of 1996 in a like circumstance.

Further, in answer to an inquiry about a Board Member who is completing his five-year term, I referred to the Constitution, Article B, Section 1, which states, "No elected member shall be eligible to succeed herself or himself on the Board of Directors."

I was given a beautiful ironwood gavel and sounding block from L. A. "Red" Wethers, Worthy Patron of Bandera Chapter #643. Freida Dillon, my Grand Martha, had the kneeling bench especially covered. She also made the altar drape, which has already been reported, along with a beautiful Bible Marker, as well as a most beautiful Bible cover.

I thank the membership of Texas for allowing me to serve as Worthy Grand Matron. I have enjoyed this year of fraternal fellowship.

Worthy Grand Patron, I move the adoption of the Worthy Grand Matron's Supplemental Report and the Report as printed in the Advance Report and distributed to the delegates.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** There is a motion to adopt the report of the Worthy Grand Matron. Is there a second?

**VOICE:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Any discussion? Those in favor, raise your blue card. Those opposed. Motion carried. The report is adopted. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, the membership of Texas.

Worthy Grand Patron, I recognize you now for your Supplemental Report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**ADVANCED ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2004-2005**

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF TEXAS:**

This past year, you the membership changed my life when you elected me to the office of Worthy Grand Patron for the 2003-2004 year. I have been humbled as I travel this great state; and God has richly blessed me as I served in this office and met so many wonderful sisters and brothers along the way. Thank you for all the courtesies and all the
kindnesses that you have extended to me, the love and support shown to me has been unbelievable.

It has been a special privilege to be able to serve as your Worthy Grand Patron.

INSTALLATION

The beautiful “Angels Among Us” Installation was held October 25, 2003 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas. It was a wonderful beginning of an exciting journey for Linda and myself. I appreciate Sister Rennie Ofton who served as Installing General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Billy Combest as Assisting General Grand Chapter Officer, Sister Elsie Paladino as Installing Worthy Grand Marshal, Sister Betty Friend as Installing Worthy Grand Chaplain and Sister Rosemary Swetland as Installing Worthy Grand Organist. There are many others, too numerous to name that participated in the Installation and please know I appreciated every one. The memory of that night will last forever.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

I was pleased and excited to attend the General Grand Chapter Session from October 30 to November 7, 2003 in Portland, Oregon and represent the Texas membership as Worthy Grand Patron. I was further honored to be designated by Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress to be the bearer of the Texas Flag in the Cavalcade of Flags.

BEEVILLE CHAPTER NO. 422

On November 15, 2003 I was pleased to be able to attend the Banquet and Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron in her home Chapter. The officers and members of this Chapter received the Worthy Grand Patron in a most gracious and friendly manner and I appreciate the many courtesies extended to me.

JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER NO. 377

On November 22, 2003, my home Chapter hosted a Banquet and the Fraternal Visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron at the Holiday Inn Select in Tyler, Texas. The night was a very special one for me as the officers and members of my Chapter led by the Associate Matron, Lisa Holm and Associate Patron, Glenn Riggs exceeded all expectations that I might have had. I know this required a great deal of effort and I will always be grateful. I would also like to say a special thank you to members of Bullard Chapter No. 972 and Gun Barrel City Chapter No. 1114 for their assistance.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Grand Chapter of Texas is so blessed and fortunate to have such capable and dedicated people to represent us on General Grand Chapter Committees. Our own Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Sister Rennie Ofton is a very special added bonus and I am grateful for the assistance and courtesies extended to me by this entire group.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON

I will be forever grateful to Sister Doris Hester and her Johnny for asking me to serve with her, and of course the membership for electing me to serve. Sister Doris has been and
continues to be a hard worker with our Fraternity uppermost in her mind and actions. Her T.E.A.M. theme is much more than just words.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS

How great it is to be able to become more closely associated with this high caliber group. They have given and continue to give of themselves to this Fraternity. I appreciate their help and counsel and hold them in grateful and high esteem.

INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS

The Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas did herself proud, when she selected her appointed Grand Officers and the membership did as well on the elected Grand Officers. Their love of the Order and willingness to go that extra mile has made this year special. I will hold each one of these officers near to my heart for the rest of my days.

ELECTED BOARDS

The Elected Boards of our great Order have been a joy to work with and always ready to assist in any way. The Grand Examiners were most proficient and easy to travel with and it was great to get to know each one of these ladies much better. The Board of Directors hit the ground running after installation and has done an excellent job attending to the Grand Chapter business. Their cooperation with each other and the Grand Chapter Officers has been most encouraging.

DEPUTIES OF GRAND CHAPTER

The five District Deputy Grand Matrons chosen by the Worthy Grand Matron served the membership well. Each one demonstrated her individual talent as teachers in the Schools of Instruction and supervision of the Deputies in her District, and also a host of other duties. Each one was very capable, and were a pleasure to work with. It has also been my pleasure to get to know the fifty ladies who served as deputies. Each school was unique and special in it’s own way; and the excellent prior planning by the deputy and her section membership was evident.

BLUEBIRDS OF HAPPINESS AND GALLANT KNIGHTS

What a wonderful group across our great state of Texas, these Bluebirds and Gallant Knights. This dedicated group is to be commended for their hard work and perseverance. Many have served in the East in their Chapters previously, but continue to serve as well as those serving for the first time. I appreciate your love and dedication to our Order and know that you will keep on keeping on.

GRAND ESTHER

How could I ever put into words my love and appreciation for, not only being my wife, but my best friend for over 49 years. She has been my encourager and support, not only this year, but also all of our married life. I love her dearly and she is my strong right arm.

MY FAMILY

Daughter - Cindy and her husband, Steve McIntyre; Son - Terry and his wife Virginia
(Genny) Guy; Cousin - Emma Stewart from Mississippi.

I give my heartfelt thanks to my family for taking time out of their busy schedules to assist in our installation as well as other loving acts. It was so special to have my family here to be a part of my being installed as Worthy Grand Patron. To my cousin, Emma Stewart from Magnolia, Mississippi, it has been so nice to get acquainted with you and thank you for attending my Installation.

SECRETARY AND PAGES

To my Grand Pages, Brothers Jim Hevron, Wayne Davis and Wayne Brown; thank you so much for accepting this position. You all have been most supportive and helpful this year and I am most fortunate to have friends like you.

Thank you to my Secretary, Sister Sue Shoemaker, how can I ever thank you enough for being so helpful and such a good friend to Linda and I. You certainly went the extra mile for us and the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester. Thank you.

STATE OFFICE STAFF

Thank you so much Sister Nell Smith, Grand Secretary for all you have done to assist me during this year. I am proud to consider you a close friend to both Linda and myself. Sister Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, your bright and cheerful smile is so refreshing. I will always cherish my association and friendship with you. You are a good example of what an Eastern Star member should be. To the State Office staff: you have one and all been ready and willing to assist at any time. Your cheerful attitudes and abilities to perform your duties has been a joy and I hold all of you in high esteem.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

It was my happy privilege to attend 48 of the 50 Schools of Instruction of the Worthy Grand Matron. When Linda and I started on this “journey” among the membership, it was our intention to attend every school, but sometimes God has other plans. Due to illness I had to miss two of the schools. The excellent preparation and instruction by the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputies was evident and the manner of conducting the schools was wonderful. The instructions were well received by the membership and the schools were well attended.

At several of the Fraternal Visits following the schools, the Grand Officers had the honor of initiating new members into our Order. They were at Port Arthur, Houston, Amarillo, Lubbock, Cisco, Brownwood, Carthage, Dallas and Sherman. I feel honored to have participated in these initiations.

SPECIAL AWARDS

I received many special awards and recognitions while on the school schedule and will cherish each and every one.

Keys to the City at Big Springs and Port Arthur.

Honorary Deputy of Harris County, Erath County, Wood County, and Honorary Deputy Constable at Dallas County. Honorary Alcalde (Mayor) of La Ciudad de La Villita (the original San Antonio)

Proclamations: Worthy Grand Patron Jack W. Guy Day in the cities of Houston, Fort
Worth and Sherman,

Eastern Star Day in Beeville, Stephenville and Pleasanton; Order of the Eastern Star Week in city of Lewisville; Eastern Star Month in the city of Dallas.

Letters of Appreciation from the mayors in San Saba and San Angelo.

Special greetings from President George W. Bush and Governor Rick Perry.

Proclamation No. 58 from the Senate of the State of Texas honoring the Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

A special thanks to Sister Sylvia Chafin of Archives Chapter No. 1095 for composing the song in honor of the Worthy Grand Patron called “My Guy”

OTHER FRATERNAL VISITS

In addition to Fraternal Visits associated with the schools of Instruction, it has been my pleasure to attend sixteen Fraternal Visits of the Worthy Grand Matron and honoring the Worthy Grand Patron. It has been so gratifying to be able to visit with the membership across Texas at these meetings and see that they are excited about this great Fraternal Order.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

The Honorary Memberships from each of the subordinate chapters across the state are so very meaningful, as I know they required a vote of each Chapter to bestow this honor upon me. The quilt square in which they were presented are very special, and when I look at the quilt that has been made, I will have many fond memories of the good times spent with the membership all over the state of Texas.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

It was my pleasure to be able to attend the following:

100 year anniversary at Robert Lee Chapter No. 187
50 year anniversary Norman Reed Chapter No. 1010
TMRC Christmas Party
TMRC Valentine Party
TMRC Mother’s Day Party
Poco Loco Ranch at Boerne to honor Sister Rennie Ofton
District 4, Section 5 Friends of the Bluebird Christmas Party in Mont Belvieu
Initiation - Rising Star Chapter No. 121 at Port Allen, Louisiana
June 18-20 – Rainbow Grand Assembly in Waco
Tea Honoring the Worthy Grand Matron in Carthage
Meetings of the Friends of the Gallant Knight

EXCHANGE VISITS

On April 2-3 at Marshall, Texas and Bossier City, Louisiana, I attended the Texas-Louisiana Exchange and renewed old acquaintances and made new friends. The hard work of the committee members on each side of the state line was very evident.

Texas-Arkansas-Oklahoma Exchange Visit in Texarkana on July 9-10. Also attended the vision conference on Saturday, July 10 while in Texarkana. Again the hard work of all those responsible was very evident.

Multi State Exchange Visit in Jackson, Mississippi on July 23-25. I rode the charter
bus to Jackson, MS and also took the trip to the Little Red School House while in MS. Texas brought the Banner back from Mississippi with 173 Texans there. It is hanging in the state office and will be there until Multi-State next year. It was such a pleasure to meet and exchange ideas with Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers from other Jurisdictions.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I, as the Worthy Grand Patron of Texas, had the pleasure to attend the Louisiana Grand Chapter in Alexandria. These meetings are great times for the exchange of ideas and comparisons of our different Grand Chapter’s ceremonies. As always, the Grand Officers of these other Grand Jurisdictions made me feel most welcome.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS

It was my pleasure to attend the 168th Grand Lodge Assembly on December 4-6, 2003 in Waco. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were introduced at the opening session by Right Worshipful Harry Cunningham. I was able to attend most of the Grand Lodge sessions before getting back on the Eastern Star Schools of Instruction schedule. Also, we were able to have a booth representing Eastern Star at Grand Lodge.

On March 6, 2004, I attended the Grand Master Reese Harrison’s Banquet in San Antonio at the Alsafar Shrine Building.

COMMENTS

I cannot express my appreciation for the many kindnesses from the membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas. This year of service as Worthy Grand Patron will be one of the highlights of my life, and it is hard to find the words to thank everyone who had a hand in making it such a great year.

Membership of Texas, please keep on doing all the wonderful things in the future that you have done this year, as you are the greatest asset of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Fraternally,
Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron, 2003-2004

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Since the advanced Annual Report had to be submitted to the Grand Secretary in July, I would like to add the following activities:

Attended nine additional Fraternal Visits and two courtesy visits; one in Franklin, LA, for our Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, and one in Orange, TX for the Worthy Grand Matron of Louisiana.

Attended the brunch at the TMRC honoring the Worthy Grand MAtron and Worthy Grand Patron; also the Founders Day activities and the “Man For All Seasons” banquet.

It was my privilege to attend the Rainbow Assembly in Waco, and was asked by Mrs. Marlene Dibrell, Supreme Inspector in Texas to bring greetings from the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S. Also I was excited and very honored to receive the Grand Cross of
Colors.

On September 4, 2004, I attended the “Knight’s Night” Banquet in honor of the Worthy Grand Patron. I want to express my appreciation to the members of the Friends of the Gallant Knight Club for all their hard work to make those festivities such a success.

Attended the Worthy Grand Matron’s Banquet in San Antonio and the members of District 5, Section 6 are to be commended for their work and making their Worthy Grand Matron proud.

I attended the last official party for this year at the TMRC and commend all the Time and Talent committee members for all their work this year. I know all the parties were thoroughly enjoyed by the residents.

Attended the Associate Grand Patron’s banquet in New Braunfels, and know our Grand Chapter will be in good hands for the coming year.

I attended the Roundup in Granbury for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and it was a most relaxing weekend.

I was able to attend the banquet honoring the TMRC Board members given by the Eastern Star Board of Directors. This even was well attended and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

On October 17th to the 19th Linda and I were able to attend the “What A Wonderful World”, 96th Annual Session of Oklahoma Grand Chapter Session. Also attending were eight other members from Texas, including Brother Henry Martin, Visioneer for Texas, Sister Alma Carter, Registration, both of General Grand Chapter. All the Texas members in attendance were made to feel very welcome at the Oklahoma Session.

I was able to attend a 100th birthday celebration of Bryan Chapter No. 222 and also Waskom Chapter No. 812 for their 75th celebration.

I would like to say a special thanks to Sisters Glenda Klemm and Mary Beth Brunson for the beautiful Gallant Knight Quilt they made for me. It will be a wonderful memory of this year and I appreciate all the work that you ladies put into making it.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Sister Frances Reedy for taking the quilt squares that each Section had given to me during the school schedule and turning them into a beautiful quilt also. I feel blessed to have another wonderful memory of this year, and most of all to have made so many friends along the way this year.

Finally, let me again express my appreciation to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris and her husband Johnny for all the love and friendship shown to Linda and myself these past two years. Thank you Sister Doris for allowing me to walk by your side these past two years. You and Johnny have been a blessing to us and we are thankful to God that He allowed our lives to touch. We look forward to many more years of association and may our friendship grow stronger each year.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have heard the motion to approve the Worthy Grand Patron's Supplemental Report. Do I have a second?

VOICE: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to accept the Worthy Grand Patron's Supplemental Report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion adopted. Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for your dedication and walking this way with us last year and this year. I appreciate you and Sister Linda so much. Let's show our appreciation to our Worthy Grand Patron. [applause]

I would like those who gave reports last evening to come to the East so you can move for the adoption of your report. Chapters U.D.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Good morning, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The members of Chapters U.D. presented their brief report last night, and now I move the adoption of that report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the Chapters U.D. report by Sister Rosemary Swetland. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. The motion is adopted. Sister Rosemary, thank you so much. Brother Cleo, may we have a picture? When I ask for those reports, will the whole Committee come up with the Chairman so that we can have a picture taken.

The Resolutions Committee.

MRS. EDNA GOETTE: Worthy Grand Matron, last evening I gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. I now move the adoption of that report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee given by Sister Edna Goette, due to the fact that Sister Lena Maye Cook is ill and could not be with us. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Edna Goette, Special Friend of Sister Lena Maye and me. Thank you for giving this report on her behalf. I appreciate it.

Sister June Bell with the By-Laws Committee.

MRS. JUNE BELL: Worthy Grand Matron, last night I gave a brief report from the By-Laws Committee. At this time I move the adoption of that report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the By-Laws Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried.
Sister June, thank you for the proficient way that you handled the By-Laws Committee Chairman this year. Know how much we appreciated you working with the Chapters and helping them get their correct forms and everything in to change their Chapter by-laws. Thank you so much.

For the International Temple Committee report, Sister Jane Robison, would you please come forward.

MRS. JANE ROBISON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, last evening I presented the International Temple report. At this time I move to adopt the report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the International Temple Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you so much, Sister Jane, for being this one-person Committee and being able to work with the membership and our Chapters in becoming 100%. Sisters and Brothers, remember we had a change in the International Temple Fund from $1 to $5. So from now on, your new members -- affiliations, initiations and so forth -- will be $5 per member. If you do this at that time, then you can stay current and won't have to worry about it at the end of the year. Sister Jane, thank you so much.

We will now have the adoption of our Fraternal Correspondent report, presented by Sister Judy Goldman, Fraternal Correspondent.

MRS. JUDY GOLDMAN, FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT: Worthy Grand Matron, I gave the Fraternal Correspondent report last night. I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of our Fraternal Correspondent. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Thank you, Sister Judy Goldman, for the beautiful presentation last evening. I know that you have enjoyed being able to visit in a certain way with each Grand Jurisdiction. And for each one of you Grand Representatives who sent her your report, we thank you for that, too, because I know the membership enjoys reading that in the "Bulletin." And if you don't take the "Bulletin," you should!

Let's show our appreciation to all those Grand Representatives that were here last evening. I thought it was a beautiful drill, and I certainly do appreciate it. Thank you, Sister Judy. [applause]

We will now have the Humanitarian Committee, if they would please come forward. It was a fantastic report last evening. These gals worked very hard in their districts to make this report so spectacular.

MRS. LESA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the report of the Humanitarian Committee as presented last evening.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the Humanitarian report, as presented last evening. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. Motion adopted. We appreciate the report. One more time would you give us the total figure?

MRS. LESA SMITH: $66,330.73.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I think that's a fantastic report. Let's show our appreciation to this group. [applause] Our District 2 chairman could not be with us because she has just recently changed jobs, and she said they would not let her off. You know, paychecks do have to come in. But she did a tremendous job. And to these girls this morning, know how much I appreciate you.

At this time I recognize Brother Kenneth Gregory to give the Grievance and Appeals Committee report.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON, Thank you for the opportunity of Serving on your Grievance and appeals Committee:

I would like to introduce those who you included on this committee: Sisters Betty Y. Friend and Lalla Mae Vollus, both Past Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON, at your installation the Installing Grand Chaplain prayed that peace and harmony would prevail in the hearts of all the Members of the Grand Chapter.

It is with pleasure that your Grievance and appeals Committee reports that no grievance or appeals were received by your committee this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth R. Gregory
Past Grand Patron
Chairman Grievance and Appeals Committee

WORTHY GRAND MATRON, I move to adopt this report,

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Grievances and Appeals Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried.

And aren't we thankful we don't have any grievances and appeals? [applause]

I want each of you to listen carefully. If you leave this Grand Chapter room, you need to take your ballots when going out. The Warders and Sentinels are checking.

We'll now have the report of the Grand Secretary.
GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, with your permission I should like my office staff to stand with me.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Would you come and stand with the boss. This has been a fantastic group this year. I’ve enjoyed working with them so much. I never asked for anything that they didn’t have it ready, most of the time before I asked for it. I certainly do appreciate each one of these girls.

REPORT OF THE 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.

This past year has gone by so fast. It has been such a joy to serve you, the membership. The task has been great but the blessings I have received from each of you overshadowed any hardship. You are kind and loving Sisters and Brothers. I look forward to serving you in years to come.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester and the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy, I am so proud to have been a part of your T.E.A.M. Thank you so much for all the consideration, respect and love you have given to the office staff and to me personally.

To Sister Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, and a sweet friend to all, you have made this year even more special to me. Thank you for your kindness to the membership, but above all, your dedication to our order.

To the Board of Directors, thank you for all the support you have given to the office of the Grand Secretary. You have made decisions that helped in many ways to make our Grand Chapter move forward and I thank you for that. To Brother Nelson Campbell, Chairman, thank you for all your dedication, knowledge and understanding but above all, your friendship.

To the office staff, words cannot express my gratitude to you for all the many ways you show your dedication and love for the Membership and to me. Thank you for all your willingness to accept the challenges put before you. You are a joy to work with.

We hope to continue to move forward in all our endeavors to assist the Membership in any way we can. Thank you “MEMBERSHIP” for your patience and dedication.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the report of the Grand Secretary, as printed in the Advance Report and presented to this Grand Chapter be referred to the proper committee.

Nell Smith
Grand Secretary
MEMBERSHIP

The 2004 Annual Reports again reflect a decrease in membership and the number of Subordinate Chapters

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<th>Membership May 31, 2003</th>
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INCREASE:

- Initiated | 822 |
- Affiliated | 1183 |
- Reinstated | 400 |
- Total | 2405 |

DECREASE:

- Demits | 471 |
- Withdrewn | 80 |
- Expelled | 6 |
- Transferred | 150 |
- Suspended | 1501 |
- Deaths | 1886 |
- TOTAL | (4094) |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP on May 31, 2004 | *45,615 |

LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP SINCE 2003 | (1689) |

*Includes 102 members residing in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center (Exempt from dues and Per Capita Tax)

*Includes 829 50-year Exempt Member (Exempt from dues and Per Capita Tax)

931 Total Exempt Members are included in the above membership

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS, MAY 31, 2003 | 471 |

Dual Members - 1,959

88 Chapters reported a GAIN in membership

31 Chapters reported the SAME in membership

348 Chapters reported a LOSS in membership
4 Chapters Demised:
  Hurst No. 1099 January 19, 2004
  Ector No. 895 June 1, 2004
  Haskel No. 892 June 1, 2004
  Snyder No. 450 June 1, 2004

The following Chapters Consolidated:
  Laredo No. 86 consolidated
      with Zapata No. 1106 .................. October 31, 2003
  White Settlement No. 1053 consolidated
      with Castleberry No. 1028 .............. February 26, 2004
  Grand Falls No. 744 consolidated
      with Monahans No. 561 .................. February, 13, 2004
  Delmar No. 1127 consolidated
      with Oso No. 868 .................. June 1, 2004
  Rose Garden No. 975 consolidated
      with Bullard No. 972 .................. June 1, 2004

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHAPTERS ON JUNE 1, 2004 - 462

Chapters Leading in Number of Initiations:
  Spurger No. 315 ............ 10
  A.E. Shirley No. 986 ........ 11
  Amistad No. 1115 .......... 12
  Livingston No. 1139 ........ 10

ANNUAL REPORTS POSTMARKED AFTER JUNE 8TH

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Woodville 462 Emory 1120
Edinburg 473 Del Mar 1127

WORTHY GRAND MATRON’S SPECIAL FUNDS
31-Aug-04

HUMANITARIAN:
   Ladies TMRC Retirement Fund ......................... $ 9,442.53
   Benevolent Aid ........................................ 13,782.53
   Education Fund ....................................... 11,706.11
   General Fund ......................................... 6,761.45
   ESTARL ............................................... 23,670.61

International Temple ................................. 7,209.10

Endowment Project
   Happy Times – 50% ................................... 4,328.04

Benevolent Aid
   Helping Others ....................................... 4,503.25

General Fund
   Calendars for T.E.A.M ................................. 2,277.50
   Founder’s Day ....................................... 16,256.50
   100% Founder’s Day ................................ 12,057.45
   Happy Times – 50% ................................... 4,328.03
   “I Care” ............................................... 44,410.91
   Joyful Sounds ........................................ 3,286.08
   Membership .......................................... 2,116.30
   Name Badges ......................................... 3,416.00
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SR Hospital

TOTALS $ 32,414.71 $ 8,313.51 $ 6,025.30 $ 18,075.90

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**EASTERN STAR HOME ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS – LADIES FUNDS**

- Endowment Fund $ 6,174.52
- Bequests, Wills, Grants $ 141,951.35
- Gifts and Donations $ 280.00
- Sale of Personal Property & Vehicles $ 0.00
- Oil and Gas Royalties $ 14,015.95

TOTAL RECEIPTS $ 162,421.82

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**EASTERN STAR HOME RENOVATION FUNDS**

30-Jun-04

- Beginning Cash Value $ 471,660.41
- Income 3,931.57
- Donations 0.00
- Expenses 21,130.74

TOTAL $ 454,461.24
50 YEAR CERTIFICATES ISSUED
FOR GRAND CHAPTER YEAR 2003-2004

Mrs. Carrie Greenville  Paris #5  Mrs. Margaret Goff  Mineral Wells #44
Mrs. Betty Oliver  Paris #5  Mrs. Loneita McLendon  Min. Wells #44
Mrs. Myra Ann Richardson  Paris #5  Mrs. Lois Marie Holt  Colorado #58
Mrs. Elizabeth King  Waco #7  Mrs. Gena Coldewey  Colorado #58
Mrs. Jeanette Shelton  San Angelo #10  Mrs. LaJuan Solomon  Colorado #58
Mrs. Elmira Smith  Cedar Bayou #11  Mrs. Linden Solomon  Colorado #58
Mrs. Patsy Bishop  Cedar Bayou #11  Mrs. Edna Glendenning  Alice #61
Mrs. Helen Ellzey  Saint Jo #17  Mrs. Lorraine Risinger  Alice #61
Mrs. Johnnie Mattox  Leakey #18  Mr. Bruce T. Heard  Alice #61
Mrs. Elizabeth Baugh  Leakey #18  Mrs. June Cook  Pampa #65
Mrs. Evelyn Steelhammer  Ruth #20  Mrs. Della Reeves  Pampa #65
Mrs. Jackie McMillan  Weatherford #21  Mrs. Lois Webb  Pampa #65
Mrs. Doris Morgan  Rockdale #23  Mrs. Shirley Sharpe  Big Spring #67
Mrs. Merlyn Terry  Abilene #30  Mrs. Adeline Borchardt  Beaumont #71
Mr. Kenneth Terry  Abilene #30  Mrs. Jo Ann Cherry  Beaumont #71
Mrs. Carolyn Stovall  Floydada #31  Mr. Herbert C. Loper  Beaumont #71
Mrs. Joanne Grubbs  Floydada #31  Mrs. Dixie Lou Taylor  Lubbock #76
Mrs. Billie Pate  Floydada #31  Dusty Taylor  Lubbock #76
Mrs. Gladys Bobbitt  Floydada #31  Mrs. Iva Lou Buchanan  Gate City #77
Mrs. Joy Assiter  Floydada #31  Mrs. Rose Richey  Gate City #77
Mrs. Virginia Southerland  Vashti #32  Mrs. Joann Jackson Creel  Rusk/Alto #79
Mrs. Dana Phillips  Vashti #32  Mrs. Catherine Coffey  Rusk/Alto #79
Mrs. Leta Hall  Vashti #32  Mrs. Billie Ruth Jinkins  Rusk/Alto #79
Mr. Jim Bowmer  Vashti #32  Mrs. Nell N. Jones  Caddo Mills #82
Mrs. Virginia Bowen  Vashti #32  Mrs. Joanne Wrodl  Canyon City #105
Mr. R.W. Britton  Vashti #32  Mrs. Nadine Lyles  Canyon City #105
Mrs. Lucille Sue Brannen  Texas City #35  Mrs. Eleanor Pennington  Grapeland #120
Mrs. Estelle Hill  Kennedy #36  Mrs. Velma Lively  Grapeland #120
Mr. Walter Hill  Kennedy #36  Mrs. Melladine Graham  Wimodausis #141
Mrs. Laura Stewart  Kennedy #36  Dr. James H. Hughes, Jr.  Atlanta #151
Mr. John W. Stewart  Kennedy #36  Mrs. Letha West  Atlanta #151
Mrs. Faye Kohutek  Kennedy #36  Mrs. Bennie James  Atlanta #151
Mrs. Jeanne R. Ruhmann  Kennedy #36  Mrs. Irma Lee Daniel  Atlanta #151
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Mrs. Juanita Brooks  Plainview #37  Mrs. Norene H. Gotcher  Brady #167
Mr. John Brooks  Plainview #37  Mrs. Zula Hunter  Glen Rose #171
Mrs. Esther Schlofft  Smithville #39  Mrs. Marie Oldham  Glen Rose #171
Mrs. Joy Sue Holcomb  Iowa Park #42  Mrs. Jewell Click  Glen Rose #171
Mrs. Mable Webb  Devine #43  Mrs. Melba A. Jones  Athens #177
Mrs. Jeannette Williams  Devine #43  Mr. R.J. Skipper  Trinity #186
Mrs. Cleo Plemons  Trinity #186  Mrs. Maxine Meadors  Franklin #311
Mrs. Corene Somers  Greenville #189  Mrs. Gladys Sanders  Franklin #311
Mrs. Maureen Weathers  Del Rio #204  Mrs. Iris Butts  Hereford #312
Mrs. Ruth Weems  Commerce #208  Mrs. Joye Jordan  Spurger #315
Mrs. Nina B. Smith  Commerce #208  Mrs. Venita Osborne  Rio Vista #343
Mr. Clarence Phillips  Lockhart #210  Mrs. Lottie Osborne  Rio Vista #343
Mrs. Wanda Jean Harter  Hamilton #215  Mrs. Donna M. Warr  Center #348
Mrs. Florene Hill  Llano #216  Mr. Milton Wilkinson  Center #348
Mrs. Lola Gilbert  Corsicana #218  Mrs. Joann Baker  Center #348
Mrs. Lydia J. Thomas  Velasco #220  Mrs. Dorothy Scott  Gilmer #355
Mrs. Alma Coulter  Velasco #220  Mrs. Betty Gunter  Marshall #356
Mrs. Betty Hughes  Velasco #220  Mr. Walter Alexander  Marshall #356
Mrs. Estelle Burns  Montgomery #228  Mrs. Estha Williams  Port Lavaca #373
Mrs. Margaret Strickland  Mont. #228  Mrs. Bobbie Reynolds  Templar #374
Mrs. Odessa Reed  Ft. Stockton #230  Mrs. Essie Bell Sumners  Templar #374
Mrs. Barbara Brooks  Ft. Stockton #230  Mrs. Mildred Marshall  Templar #374
Mrs. Mary L. Caldwell  Ft. Stockton #230  Mrs. Jimmie Fay Reese  Templar #374
Mrs. Lunette Holst  Harmony #244  Mrs. Evelyn Fulton  Jacksonville #377
Mrs. Geneva Myrow  Sommerville #245  Mrs. Anna Lee Guthrie  Jacksonville #377
Mrs. Lera Lawler  Arlington #249  Mrs. Gwendolyn Lake  Jacksonville #377
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Mr. W.R. George  Houston Heights #258  Mrs. Jackie Meadows  Lufkin #382
Mrs. Bernice George  Houston Heights #258  Mrs. Doris Johns  Lufkin #382
Mrs. Mayne Mooneyham  Houston Heights #258  Mrs. Do rothy Jo George  Shamrock #384
Mrs. Helen Jones  Crosby #261  Mrs. June Thomas  Shamrock #384
Mrs. Nadine Watts  Richland Spr. #264  Mrs. Ruth Mage  Shamrock #384
Mrs. Adalee Ludlow  Beckville #273  Mrs. Bessie Lee Copeland  Jacksboro #390
Mrs. Oleta Price  Eastland #280  Mrs. Eunice Zuckero  Hondo #404
Mrs. Blanche Hall  Eastland #280  Mr. Nick Zuckero  Hondo #404
Mrs. Joyce Marie Baker  Yoakum #282  Mrs. Mildred McClendon  Polytechnic #420
Mr. W. Travis Shafer  Grand Saline #290  Mrs. Virginia Dorris  Polytechnic #420
Mrs. Lula Tidwell  Grand Saline #290  Mrs. Morris Ausilee Frost  Polytechnic #420
Mrs. Norene Blanchard  Grand Saline #290  Mrs. Margaret Lemons  Polytechnic #420
Mrs. Doris Gene Clift  Grand Saline #290  Mrs. Darlene Lesk  Polytechnic #420
Mrs. Sallye Worthington  Grand Saline #290  Mr. Thomas L. Thompson  Polytechnic #420
Mr. J.C. Smith  Jasper #291  Mrs. Mary Helen Jones  Polytechnic #420
Mrs. Bobbye Jo Wilcox  Jasper #291  Mrs. Mauldie Calicut  Troup #421
Mrs. Maurine Bottoms  Silsbee #298  Mrs. Betty J. Warlick  Troup #421
Mrs. Mary Richardson  Silsbee #298  Mrs. Lena Edythe Hill  Troup #421
Mrs. Harrett Whitmire  Silsbee #298  Mrs. Maxine McCordell  Troup #421
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Mrs. Treva Harle Magnolia #706
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Mrs. Robbie L. Harrison Pasadena #711
Miss Kathryn Maxwell Pasadena #711
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Mrs. Rita J. Cason Faith #713
Mrs. Emaline Anderson Faith #713
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Mr. Clyde Ashley Park Place #731
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Mrs. Madeline Ogle Hillsboro #769
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Mrs. Mary Liskey Weslaco #772
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Mrs. Mary Graves Irving #777
Mrs. Kitty M. Allen Irving #777
Mrs. Katherine Mulder Irving #777
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Mrs. Amy Eudy Riverside #834
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Mrs. Virgina Lowe Tomball #838 Mrs. Monta Knoll Blanco #934
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Mrs. Carolyn Novak Seminole #855 Mrs. Alma Pfenninger Yorktown #945
Mrs. Janice Ruth Vaughn Bluebell #856 Mrs. Carol Schroller Yorktown #945
Mrs. Joyce Powell Lindale #864 Mrs. Bernice Rodgers Oak Cliff #951
Mrs. Atrell Keith Lindale #864 Bobbye B. Page Zavalla #952
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Mrs. Irene Garner Oso #868 Mr. Earl F. Smith Channelview #954
Mrs. Lorena Eastwood Oso #868 Mrs. Joy Rutledge Mount Vernon #956
Mrs. Benita Neve Oso #868 Mrs. Nell Richardson Edwin J. Kiest #959
Mrs. Arlene Foster Lometa #871 Mrs. Pauline Tiner Edwin J. Kiest #959
Mrs. Irma Cherry Sweeny #873 Mrs. Jennie M. Nash Edwin J. Kiest #959
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Mrs. Audrey McRae Love Field #875 Mrs. Etta Mae Fry A.J. Kemp #970
Mrs. Lois Webb Mansfield #876 Mr. Everett Fry A.J. Kemp #970
Mrs. Beulah Speer Abernathy #877 Mrs. Christine Wise Bullard #972
Mr. Brooks Speer Abernathy #877 Mrs. Lois Terry Bullard #972
Mr. Cleave Davis Maud #879 Mrs. Clara West Bullard #972
Mrs. Berneice Pipes Maud #879 Mrs. Katrena Reid Rose Garden #975
Mrs. Joyce Meek Mesquite #887 Mrs. Grover Hicks La Marque #979
Miss Thelma Wirges Haskell #892 Mrs. Nell Phy La Marque #979
Mrs. Mayra L. Wiseman Haskell #892 Mrs. Dorothy McDermitt La Marque #979
Mrs. Gladys Rickman Boyd #897 Mrs. Jarjorie E. Kupsa La Marque #979
Mrs. Jo Anne Mead Freedom #898 Mrs. Martha Johnson Mary Martha #981
Mrs. Irma Yaggi Daingerfield #906 Mrs. Betty Jo Nash Mary Martha #981
Mrs. Arvie Barnes Naples #907 Mrs. Naomi Johnson Mary Martha #981
Mrs. Bettye Plunkett Naples #907 Mrs. Josa M. McKinney Haltom City #982
Mrs. Glenda Malone Naples #907 Mrs. Ruby Black James L. Burgess #983
Mrs. Mary F. Ragain Naples #907 Mrs. Betty Buenger James L. Burgess #983
Mrs. Maveline Spencer Hawkins #907 Mr. Guy Lewis, Jr. James L. Burgess #983
Mrs. Marie Bailey Hawkins #908 Mrs. Loretta Lewis James L. Burgess #983
Mrs. Pearl Foster Hawkins #908 Mrs. Rebecca Lyons James L. Burgess #983
Mrs. Aidele Tubbs Goldthwaite #909 Mrs. Jimmie Nixon James L. Burgess #983
Mrs. Barbara Lundell S. Houston #915 Mr. Vernon L. Greggerman Ysleta #991
Mrs. Pauline Roark Melrose #920 Mrs. Mabeth Moreland Ysleta #991
Mrs. Lyla Jean Steger  Ysleta #991  Mrs. Woodie Segers  Willis #1017  
Mrs. Nadine Jones  Ysleta #991  Mrs. Christine Suggs  Bellaire #1021  
Mrs. Jewel Ayers  Lexington #996  Mr. George McMahan  Bellaire #1021  
Mrs. Mary C. Reeves  Ridglea #999  Mrs. Roena Jons  Bellaire #1021  
Mrs. Aubrey Gale Moore  Ridglea #999  Mrs. Exa Ellis Veach  Bellaire #1021  
Mrs. Marilyn Barnes  Ridglea #999  Mrs. Corene Latimer  Hooks #1031  
Mrs. Phyllis J. Kimberlin  Ridglea #999  Mrs. Mildred Reese  Hooks #1031  
Mrs. Patricia Slaughter  Ridglea #999  Mrs. Mildred Sanders  Hooks #1031  
Mrs. Gladys Geye  Gatesville #1005  Mrs. Bettie Roberson  Hooks #1031  
Mrs. Laura Russell  Friendship #1008  Mrs. Willie Mae Morrison  Hooks #1031  
Mrs. Connie Tucker  Friendship #1008  Mrs. LouAnna Simmons  Nederland #1079  
Mr. Edwin R. Tucker  Friendship #1008  Mrs. Sara Wright  Nederland #1079  
Mrs. Georgia Bentley  Friendship #1008  Mrs. Elnoira B. Oldham  Oak Forest #1080  
Mrs. Carol W. Paul  Lake Jackson #1009  Mrs. Mary E. Stephenson  Archives #1095  
Mrs. Frances Armstrong  Clute City #1011  Mrs. Jeanette Hodson  Archives #1095  
Mrs. Elizabeth Blunck  Clute City #1011  Mrs. Gertrude Eberle  Seabrook #1096  
Mrs. Elsie Paladino  Clute City #1011  Mrs. Colleen Hagensen  Hurst #1099  
Mrs. Ella Mae Taylor  Clute City #1011  Mrs. Joyce Martin  Hurst #1099  
Mrs. Betty Gibbons  Duncanville #1014  Mrs. Dorothy Montgomery  Zapata #1106  
Mrs. Anna Lee Finch  Duncanville #1014  Mrs. Pauline Perkins  Zapata #1106  
Mrs. Mary Beth Bailey  Willis #1017  Mrs. Norma Blalack  Sugar Land #1107  
Mrs. Shirley Foster  Willis #1017  Mrs. Sue Simpson  Gun Barrel City #1114  
Mrs. Laurta B. Paddock  Willis #1017  Mrs. Lily Neale  Princeton #1126  

Mrs. Thekma Sampson  Webb #1140  

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second that we adopt the report of the Grand Secretary and refer it to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Worthy Grand Matron, I have one little bit of business we need to attend to. There is a list of those Chapters whose Annual Report was postmarked after June 8th. They were received a few days later. Worthy Grand Matron, I move these Chapters be entitled to be in this Grand Chapter and have voting privileges.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to allow the Chapters that their report came in a few days late to be considered in this Grand Chapter. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Again, Sister Nell Smith and your crew, let's show them how much we appreciate them. [applause] I have spent many hours working in the State Office with this group. And as I said, every time that we asked for something, they got it or they already had it. They
anticipated our needs, and we certainly do appreciate it. They're working hard to save you, the membership, money in that State Office, and they really have. For this we're so grateful. Thank you again, Grand Secretary and your staff.

At this time we'll have the report of the Grand Treasurer.

**GRAND TREASURER:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

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:

As I complete my fifth year of service as Grand Treasurer, words are inadequate in expressing my appreciation to you, the membership, for your words of encouragement and support, and for the many kindnesses you have shown to me during this time.

To Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, and Bro. Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, what a joy it has been to serve with you this year. Your positive attitude and your untiring efforts have motivated and excited the membership as you traveled the State. My best wishes as you continue your service to our Order.

To Sister Karen Morgenthaler and Bro. Jerry Martin, who will become our leaders in just a matter of hours, my prayers are with you as you assume your leadership roles. May your year be everything you have planned for and may all of your dreams be realized.

To Sister Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, thank you for your cooperation and assistance as you served your first year in this position. It has been a pleasure working with you and your outstanding staff (Darla, Cheryl, Zaneta, Donna, and Marlene). Grand Chapter is most fortunate to have all of you serving in these places.

To the Board of Directors, thank you for your untiring efforts and your dedicated service to our Order. You have encountered many unforeseen problems this year as you have been involved in preparing for the sale of the property. Your task has been monumental; yet you have met each challenge with confidence and have carried out the responsibilities of your positions admirably.

In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities of the office of Grand Treasurer, I have attended all except three meetings of the Board of Directors; all meetings except one of the Corporate Board; one Purposes and Policies Committee Meeting; all banquets except one for Grand Line Officers; a banquet for the TMRC Board of Directors; a banquet for the two retiring Board members; a banquet for the R.W. Grand Junior Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas; the 8-State Visit in Jackson, MS; the Texas-Louisiana Exchange Visit; 8 Schools of instruction; 11 Fraternal Visits; a brunch at TMRC honoring the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; the Secretary’s Workshop; all Founders Day activities; participated in 4 installations; and attended many Chapter meetings throughout the State.

A summary of Grand Chapter’s financial status for November 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 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, 2004

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Note: The Chapters received $14.40 for each eligible Endowed Member

Endowed Membership Trust
Bank One

Cash Equivalents $ 81,780
Equities 549,303
Fixed Income Taxable 1,163,757
Total Investment Cost $ 1,794,840

ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS
JUNE 30, 2004
In accordance with the code of Laws, Art. 204, (4),(b), page 143, interest in the amount of $216.00 was credited to the General Fund for the following Endowed Memberships:

Rita Joyce Bragg  Helen W. Henson  Rickie Sandell  
Charles E. Day  Margaret L. Lowell  Katherine Koym Seymour  
Donna J. Gilbert  Lorie Ware McCullock  Masie Southard  
Sandra Jean Gilbert  Robert B. McMurray  Naomi Wolfe  
Patti N. Gregory  Sydney C. McMurray  Robert Wolfe  

**BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES**

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Endowment Membership Trust 1,676,370 1,794,840
Bank One
(For Endowed Memberships)

Special Fund Stamp Program 95,322 93,088
Guaranty

Wells Fargo  Included in General Fund Brokerage Trust Sweep Account
Leveling of Administration Building

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, O.E.S
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT,
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS, MUTUAL FUNDS

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## GENERAL FUND - BANK ONE
### Operating Checking Account

#### BALANCE IN ACCOUNT

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#### REVENUES:

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**TOTAL REVENUES**                                 $361,727 | $328,862

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**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** $389,046  $246,672
OES LADIES RETIREMENT ACCOUNT - 501(c)(3)

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT:

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REVENUES:
- Dues/Per Capita: $ 409,122 $ 409,131
- Interest: 7,441 3,256
- Gifts/Bequests: 17,556 141,951
- Oil and Gas Royalties: 22,661 14,016
- Special Funds - WGM: 81 -0-
- Ladies’ Pensions: 278,932 150,523
- Home Member Receipts: 24,466 22,800
- Humanitarian: 5,711 9,285
- Other Receipts: 2,130 280
- Sale of CD: -0- 7,352

TOTAL REVENUES $ 768,100 $ 758,594

DISBURSEMENTS:
- Audit: $ 7,550 $ 8,250
- Funeral Expense: 5,606 5,607
- Allowance to Ladies: 21,950 14,770
- In Service 501(c)3 Accts. Mgmt.: 8,400 5,600
- Infirmary Housing: 578,194 303,713
- Ladies Residence Housing: 213,610 132,720
- Legal: 4,076 1,050
- Trust Fees: 4,417 3,479

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS $ 843,803 $ 475,189

PROPERTY AT 1201 EAST DIVISION STREET
501(c)8 FUNDS

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REVENUES:
- Endowment Interest for 1201 Expense: $ 180,000 $ 95,462

TOTAL REVENUES $ 180,000 $ 95,462

EXPENDITURES:
Payroll Taxes $ 2,055 $ 1,295
Matron’s Salary 10,902 11,160
Maintenance Salary 6,478 5,772
1201 Temporary Maintenance 4,217 2,975
1201 Utilities 17,894 14,953
1201 Maintenance & Repair 19,272 16,289
1201 Legal & Professional 1,663 -0-
1201 Insurance 35,028 39,039
1201 Telephone 1,411 693

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $ 98,920 $ 92,176

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and second to have the report of our Grand Treasurer referred to the proper Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. Sister Betty Prater, how pleased and proud we are of all the work that you do and the dedication that you have for our Order. There are many, many hours to being a Grand Treasurer and keeping all the dollars in the right place. We thank you so much. [applause]

We have a crew up here that needs to get back to work, so at this time I'll ask our Executive Committee -- Sister Brenda Smith, would you please bring your Committee forward, and let's have your report. We want you to go back to work.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MS. BRENDA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and Guests, my Sisters and Brothers:

Over a year ago I was in Beeville, Texas helping our Worthy Grand Matron and her Grand Appointments team with processing Grand Appointments. While at the computer typing letters, I was summoned to the dining room table where Sister Doris and Sister Nell Smith, our Grand Secretary, were working. I wasn’t sure what mistake I had made, but I thought if the Worthy Grand Matron and my mother both were calling me to the table, it must be a doozy. It was then that Sister Doris asked me, “Brenda, would you serve as my Executive Chairman?” Feeling just a little bit intimidated by the situation, I responded by saying, “Well, Sister Doris, what ever you need.” It wasn’t until Sister Doris fell back into her dining room chair and gave out a huge sigh of relief that I became concerned. So I asked, “Sister Doris, what exactly does an Executive Chairman do?”

To say the least, this past year has been a learning experience. But, what a wonderful time it has been. I have made so many new friends and my Eastern Star life will never be the same.

In keeping with tradition, the Executive Committee used Sister Virginia Lynn Green’s “Green Book” to plan this Grand Chapter. But we didn’t stop there. We contacted many Past Executive and Arrangement’s Chairmen to glean knowledge and experience. Each one was eager to share their experiences and we thank them for it.

I especially would like to thank Sister Alma Lynn Bane and Brother Bill for sharing
all of their “how to” information with us. Brother Jerry Trees passed on his six-inch arrangements book and many others passed on information, which we have used.

I would like to thank sister Christine Armstrong for her contribution and idea to have one Banquet Ticket Chairman for all events. This is a wonderful concept that has proven to be an asset and money saver for our membership.

I would like to thank Sister Kathy Teele, our Banquet Ticket Chairman for her many ours of work.

I would like to thank Sister Gay Carnes, our Secretary/Treasurer for keeping all of our records straight and balanced.

I would like to thank my other Committee Members, Sisters: Mary Jane Reynolds, Patsy Cates and Karen Graham for their hard work.

Our Worthy Grand Matron trusted her Executive and Arrangements team and let us try new things this year. Our order is losing members and we must continue to try new ways for change and growth. Worth Grand Matron, thank you for being a “visionary” and giving us the freedom to make changes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sister Mary Wolfe, our information chairman and her team who have been selling bus passes in record numbers these past few days. The revenue from the bus passes will not only pay for the bus services contract, but it will give us revenue to offset other expenses associated with holding this Grand Chapter Session.

I would like to thank Sister Anna Huckabee for securing all our vendors upstairs. Without our vendors, Grand Chapter just wouldn’t be Grand Chapter. And certainly the revenue from the booths enables us to keep our registration fee at $10.00 per member.

Although we will not have final figures for you until we have audited our books and paid all of the expenses, as of today we have processed the following:

TOTAL INCOME: ..................$164,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES: .................$ 71,000.00
TOTAL BUS PASSES SOLD: ............1,655
TOTAL BANQUET TICKETS SOLD ........6,487
TOTAL VENDOR BOOTHES ..........59 (31 VENDORS)

Worthy Grand Matron, at this time I would like to introduce your Executive Committee: Mary Jane Reynolds, Co-Chairman, Gay Carnes, Secretary/Treasurer, Karen Graham, Auditor, Patsy Cates, Assistant and Kathy Teele, Banquet Ticket Chairman.

On behalf of your Executive Committee, we thank you for your trust and belief in our abilities. We have strived to carry out your wishes and make your dreams come true, for a beautiful Grand Chapter. There have been many challenges along the way, but in each case this team, your team, has prevailed. We love you and again we thank you for allowing us to share this experience together.

Thank you!

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Executive Committee's report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. The motion has carried, and the report has been adopted.

To this Executive Committee, yes, we all kind of had a shock when the time came to start preparing so much for this Grand Chapter session. When I asked each of these to accept the different positions, they graciously -- after, as she said, a shock -- accepted these tremendous tasks and have done an outstanding job. To Sister Brenda, M.J., Gay, Karen, Patsy and Kathy, what a tremendous team you have been this year, and I thank you so very much for the proficient way that you have handled each chore that came before you and every incidental that popped up suddenly. Thank you so very much. Sisters and Brothers, let's again show this Executive Committee how much we appreciate them.

[applause]

I'm sure they still have some work to do, so you're excused.

We also have another group here that needs to get back out and tending to business. That's our Arrangements Committee. Brother Drew Terry, Chairman, and Brother Hank Knepp, would you please come forward with your Committee and we'll have your report so you can go back to work, too.

REPORT OF ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

MR. DREW TERRY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members and Guests, my Sisters and Brothers: On behalf of the entire Arrangements Committee, we would like to thank you for our appointments to this Committee.

I would like to introduce my committee chairmen and co-chairmen:

Arrangements Committee General Co-Chairman, Hank Knepp
Services Division General Chairman, LaRue Calisesi
Social Division General Chairman, Carol Coggins
Systems Division General Chairman, James Woods
Security General Chairman, Gene Carnes
Exhibits General Chairman, Anna Huckabee

Would all of the members of the Arrangements Committee, please rise. We have spent many hours together in meetings and working together to try to make this Grand Chapter a success. I cannot tell you and this assembly how proud I am to have had a chance to work with these people.

Anything that was asked of them was done almost immediately.

You can look around and see the results of their work, the beautiful decorations, the altar and kneeling bench, the pedestals, and even the picket fence were hand made with pride and love for the Order.

One question that was asked over and over by some of the people on the Arrangements Committee was “Are we having fun yet?”

And now I tell you - yes, we are having fun.
Worthy Grand Matron, I recommend the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Arrangements Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. All those opposed. The report of the Arrangements Committee has been adopted.

To this fantastic crew -- the other day we were having lunch -- and I don't know exactly how it got around to this, but somebody said, "Would you do it again?" And Brother Terry said, "No." I said, "I second the motion on that, too." This has been a fantastic crew and we've had fun along the way. Had a good fish fry one evening to get them all together. To all this Committee -- those who are outside working and those who are inside, every one of you -- you have been a super fantastic team. Know I appreciate each and every one of you. I'm sure the membership of Texas does, too. Would you again show this crew how much we appreciate them. [applause]

We'll have the report of the Purposes & Policies Committee, Sister Yvonne Brownfield.

REPORT OF PURPOSES & POLICIES COMMITTEE

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my sisters and brothers.

On February 7, 2004 this committee consisting of 4 of the 5 appointees, 76 of the 8 from Corporate Board, Chairman and vice Chairman of Board of Directors met to hear proposed committees for 2004-2005. They were as follows:

Humanitarian Program entitled “Lures of The Seas” which includes:
1. Our members residing in TMRC.
2. General Fund.
3. Benevolent Aid.
4. ESTARL
5. Scholarships.

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This program was unanimously approved. Committee requested that the Board of Directors compile statement explaining use and/or distribution of funds when OES property sells. The following was received from the Board in March:

No more than fifteen (15%) percent of the proceeds will be utilized for relocation expenses, automating Grand Chapter records pertaining to the sale and move including packing and storing Museum items and other items located in the existing buildings. The remaining proceeds will be placed in an interest bearing Trust falling under the same criteria as the existing C-8 Endowment Trust, the principal shall not be expended without the consent of Grand Chapter and the interest accruing from the investment of said principal shall be placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent Projects including but not limited to our own members, Chapters in financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, office expense, and archiving existing records and automating current records. NOTE: This information was reported in May bulletin.

Fraternally - Yvonne Brownfield, Chairman

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF PURPOSES & POLICIES COMMITTEE

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Sisters and Brothers, protocol having been established, I ask that you turn to page 58 of the Advanced Annual Report where you will find our report in its entirety. I want to introduce the other members of this appointed Committee. We also, of course, work with the Corporate Board. From District 1, Billy Combest; District 2, Betty Phillips Benham; I was District 3; District 4, Lee Stallings; District 5, our sweet Effie Mae.

Due to the success enjoyed by Sister Karen's and Brother Jerry's "Sand Dollar Across Texas" yearbook, it is suggested that this be pursued and offered by others in our Grand Line.

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Purposes & Policies Committee. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Yvonne, Brother Billy, Sister Betty, Brother Lee and Dr. Effie Mae, know how much we, the membership of Texas, appreciate the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons who agreed to serve on different Committees with us. We are so grateful to each one of you.

I know there's something going on about you're supposed to use a hair brush for a gavel and I got one this morning. It's good when we have Past Grands who have a sense of humor. This morning when I got here, the briefcase with my gavel wasn't with me, so Brother Johnny had to go back to the hotel. Someone told me -- I'm not going to say who, Sister Betty -- that if I had a hair brush that would come in handy and I could use that. So once upon a time, your Past Grand Matron used a hair brush for a gavel. We don't tell stories like that out in public, at least who did it anyway.

We'll now have our Cardinal report.
REPORT OF TEXAS CARDINALS, INC.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Would the members of the Texas Cardinals, the Officers and those who are serving in the Texas Cardinals, Inc. please come to the East.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers and Elected Boards, and my sisters and Brothers all:

I regret very much that I am unable to be with you during this Grand Chapter Session. I thank Brother Kenneth Gregory for his willingness to read this report in my absence.

First, I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy, for their support of the Texas Cardinals this year.

During this past year, the Texas Cardinals have been very active. Our Annual Meeting was held in San Antonio in January of this year, and the enthusiasm that was present in that meeting continued throughout the year. In addition to our Annual Meeting, we were privileged to have a meeting in Abilene in conjunction with the district 2 Past Matrons & Past Patrons Association. During the meeting, the goals and aims of the Texas Cardinals were explained, and the enthusiastic response was very encouraging.

Financially, the Texas Cardinals are strong, thanks to the members who have worked so hard this year soliciting memberships and selling the various items of merchandise.

For the year beginning November 1, 2003 and ending October 31, 2004, we had annual income of $24,421.54. Disbursements consisted of $4,567.98. In addition, a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of $25,000.00 was purchased.

As a result, it is my pleasure to inform you that we now have four (4) Certificates of Deposit totaling $165,570.44. This combined with Cash on Hand gives us a total of $188,496.66. You will remember that our financial goal for General Grand Chapter in 2012 is $250,000.00. Given our current progress, I am confident that, with the continued support of all of you who are members, we will achieve that goal.

Shortly after Texas’ Grand Chapter in 2003, a large number of Texans traveled to Portland, Oregon for the General Grand Chapter Session. It was with much pride that we watched our own Past Grand Matron Rennie Ofton elected and installed as Right Worthy Grand Conductress. We observed the operations, and several Cardinal members documented various activities, such as housing, finance, and transportation, among others. This information will be used to help Texas, along with those from Nova Scotia-Prince Edward Island, plan and conduct the General Grand Chapter session in 2012, in Fort Worth.

There is no question that the success we have enjoyed in the past few years is due to the dedicated group of officers who are always willing to lend their special expertise. I have to say that they certainly make my job easier. They include Brother Kenneth Gregory, who is Co-Chairman of General Grand Chapter 2012; Sister Alma Lynn Bane, our Vice Chairman of the Texas Cardinals and Housing Chairman for General Grand Chapter 2012; Sister Eva G. Hicks, who does such an outstanding job as Secretary/Treasurer of the Cardinals; Brother Lee Stallings, who continues to provide excellent financial advice;
Sister Willie Mae Shaw, our Merchandise Director; and Sister Janice Herridge, who serves as Secretary for the Executive committee as we plan for the General Grand Chapter Installation in 2009 and the General Grand Chapter Session in 2012. In addition to these, sincere thanks and appreciation goes to the District Membership Directors, who have once again done an outstanding job. They are Billy Combest, District 1; Betty Benham, District 2; Yvonne Brownfield, District 3; Pat Stallings, District 4; and Betty Friend, District 5.

The financial success we have enjoyed is certainly due primarily to the five District Liaison Directors, who have done an exceptional job selling the merchandise, and promoting the Texas Cardinals in many other ways. They are Phyllis Macon, District 1; Shirley Rattan, District 2; Jayne Yenger, District 3; Gail Smith, District 4; and Gay Carnes, District 5. To Opal Martin, Mary Horton Beach, and Jane Robison, we extend thanks for their efforts in locating and buying the several items of merchandise that we offer for sale.

Special Thanks this year must go to Sister Mary Ruth White, who provided her legal expertise in the resolution of an important issue, to Sister Gay and Brother Gene Carnes for carrying the Cardinals merchandise and other items to/from Portland for our Vendor booth, and Sister Anna and Brother Warren Huckabee, who chaired the Cardinals’ Vendor booth in Portland.

Time does not permit me to name the many others to whom the Texas Cardinals extend appreciation for their efforts and accomplishments.

Sisters and Brothers, the Texas Cardinals is an exciting organization. We are partnered with the enthusiastic members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Our primary goals are (1) to plan and conduct the 2009 Installation of Texas’ own Past Grand Matron Rennie Ofton as Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter and Brother Fred Clarke, a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, as Most Worthy Grand Patron; and (2) to plan and conduct the 2012 General Grand Chapter Session, which will be held in Fort Worth, and which will be presided over by Sister Rennie and Brother Fred. 2012 will be the year when Eastern Star members from all over the world will come to Texas. The planning and preparation is under way, and we want every Eastern Star member in Texas to join us in showing our visitors the most memorable General Grand Chapter Session ever held. To accomplish this we need each and every one of you. If you are not a member of the Texas Cardinals, visit our booth, located just outside this arena, and get a brochure explaining our goals and how you can become a member of this exciting organization. Thank you...

Respectfully Submitted,
Henry S. Martin, Chairman
Texas Cardinals, Inc.
SAN ANTONIO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
BEGINNING BALANCE, November 1, 2003 $ 28,073.66

RECEIPTS:
- Memberships and Dues $ 7,375.00
- Donations 61.00
- District 5 Day at the Ranch 2,518.43
- Sale of Various Items 9,801.00
- ISF Charges & Returned Checks Reimbursed 28.00
- Refund on SRI-Double Billing 50.55
- Final Payment from Paine Webber .53
- Dividends from Money Market Account 252.45

Total Receipts 20,086.96
Subtotal $ 48,160.62

DISBURSEMENTS:
- Postage for Secretary-Treasurer $ 42.20
- Day at Ranch to Ticket Chairman 210.00
- NSF Checks & Bank Charges 38.00
- Printing Newsletter 84.50
- Stamps for Mailing Newsletter 481.00
- Refund on Tote Bag 25.00
- Cartridge & Receipt Book for Sec.-Treasurer 43.21
- Fee for Secretary of State 25.00
- Purchase of Items for Sale 1,209.50
- GGC Expense-Portland Hospitality Room 223.87
- Purchase-CD-Washington Mutual - 2/10/04 25,000.00

Total Disbursements $ 27,382.28
Balance as of July 31, 2004, SACU $ 20,778.34

WASHINGTON MUTUAL:  
CD - 7 Yr. - Yield 6% - Purchased 10-23-01 $50,000.00 Matures 10-23-08 $58,694.32  
CD - 3 Yr. - Yield 3.23% - Purchased 2-10-04 $25,000 Matures 2-10-07 $25,266.05  
WOODFOREST BANK  
CD - 5 Yr. - Yield 4.75% - Purchased 8-8-02 $25,000 Matures 8-8-07 $27,115.91  
CD - 5 Yr. - Yield 4.01% - Purchased 4-4-03 $50,000 Matures 4-4-08 $52,519.65  
TOTAL VALUE AS OF JULY 31, 2004 $184,374.27
Worthy Grand Matron, I move to adopt this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Cardinals of Texas. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed. The Redbirds are going to fly!

At this time I recognize Sister Rennie Ofton to give our Jurisprudence report.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members all: This is a preliminary report of your Jurisprudence Committee. First, it is my pleasure to introduce the other members of this Committee. Our District 1 member, Henry Martin, could not be here. Our very special friend, Sister Patricia Neinast, is filling in for him. District 2, Brother Garland Rattan; District 3, Sister Alma Lynn Bane; District 4, Sister Elsie Paladino.

Worthy Grand Matron, as Chairman, I want to express my sincere appreciation to you for appointing such dedicated, knowledgeable and responsive members. I extend to each of them my personal thanks for their fine, strong participation. Our Constitution, Code of Laws, Rituals, Bibles and dictionaries may have tattered pages, but we tried very hard to research, evaluate and coordinate opinions in response to all inquiries and actions.

The unfinished business is reflected in the amendments to be read for the second time. The report requested from the Board of Directors concerning the sale of the property has been accomplished by articles in the "Bulletin." The advanced and supplemental reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have been reviewed and are approved. Pages 34 and 35 of the Grand Secretary's report and pages 43 and 49 have been referred to the Board of Directors. The Purposes & Policies report and the Texas Cardinals financial report have been referred to the Board of Directors.

Resolutions number 1 and number 2 have been withdrawn. All other legislation will be presented to you, the membership, for consideration. The amendments were printed in the October "Bulletin" in their entirety, and you have them in the advanced report. The Jurisprudence Committee requests permission to report and verify only the legality of each item referred to us with a synopsis of the item being presented.

We extend our appreciation to Judge Robert Walker, Parliamentarian, for his service. He really has an awesome responsibility, to keep a couple of thousand of us on the right track.

Worthy Grand Patron, we are prepared to go to work at your convenience. I move the adoption of this report and request that we be permitted to give only a synopsis of the items and not have to read them in their entirety.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: You've heard the motion. Do we have a second?

VOICE: Second.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: There's a motion and second. All those in favor, raise -- is there any discussion? I got a little ahead of myself. All those in favor, raise your
blue card. Those opposed, like sign. I believe your motion has passed.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time I want to call on my Parliamentarian, the Honorable Judge Robert Walker. Would you come and read the rules for our session at this time.

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

MR. ROBERT WALKER: Good morning.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR GRAND CHAPTER

In accordance with Code of Laws - Article 157, Pages 117-119 and the following:

1. Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the adopted parliamentary authority and the rules found therein shall govern in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution and code of Laws of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

2. 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. The Credentials committee shall make a final report at the Saturday morning session, immediately prior to holding the election, of those entitled to vote and the total number of votes.

3. All delegates shall wear the official badge issued by the Registration Committee at all business sessions. In order to enter the Grand Chapter meeting room, members must show a current dues card. On Saturday morning, delegates also must have their signed official ballot for admission to the Grand Chapter room.

4. There shall be three (3) written copies of all motions made from the floor. These copies shall have the name, signature, and the Chapter name and number of the maker of the motion as well as that of the member seconding the motion. These copies are to be distributed as follows:
   
   One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron
   One copy to the Grand Secretary
   One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

5. Only Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons, Past Matrons, Past Patrons of this Grand jurisdiction (or members holding the proxy of the Worthy Matron and/or Worthy Patron) are entitled to speak, make motions, debate or vote.

6. In order to obtain the floor, the following procedure will be used:
   A. Proceed to the nearest microphone
   B. Address the Presiding Officer
   C. Wait for recognition from the Presiding Officer before speaking
   D. State name title, Chapter name and number, then proceed to make a motion or participate in debate.
7. All motions must be seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer before debate can begin.

8. A motion may be amended (primary amendment) and the amendment may be amended (secondary amendment). In taking the vote, the secondary amendment is voted on first, then the primary amendment, then the original motion as amended.

9. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker for each question. No member may speak more than one time on a question unless permission to speak again is given by the Presiding Officer. The three minute time limit can be extended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting, or can be extended by the Presiding Officer, if there is no objection.

10. A majority vote shall determine all questions, unless otherwise specified in these rules of procedure. If the result is not clear, a division can be called. Voting Delegates will hold up the blue card - Chapter Representatives will hold the pink card.

11. After a motion has been made, seconded and stated by the Presiding Officer, it cannot be withdrawn without permission of the voting body.

12. The following motions are not debatable:
   1. Reconsider
   2. Refer to a committee
   3. Call for the orders of the day
   4. Division of the question
   5. Previous question*
   6. Lay on the table
   7. To call off
   8. To proceed to close

   *If a member wishes to close debate, proceed to a microphone, address the Presiding Officer, after being recognized, state your name, title, Chapter name and number and then make the following motion, “I move the previous question.” Calling out the word “question” from the audience will not be recognized by the Presiding Officer.

13. Emergency legislation may be presented at Grand Chapter if it is approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting. There shall be three (3) copies in writing of all emergency legislation proposals with distribution as follows:

   One copy to the Worthy Grand Matron
   One copy to the Grand Secretary
   One copy to the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee

14. The motion to reconsider must be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing (winning) side either on the same day the vote was taken on the original motion, or the next succeeding day.
15. The maker of the motion shall be entitled to be the first speaker on that motion.

16. The affirmative and the negative vote will be taken on all questions and resolutions and the result announced by the Presiding Officer.

17. The Worthy Grand Matron shall make all rulings and decisions. It will take a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting to overrule a decision of the Chair.

18. Nominating speeches are not permitted. Nominations shall be made on election day as follows by the member making the nomination:
   1. Go to a microphone and address the Presiding Officer.
   2. Wait for recognition.
   3. State your name, title, Chapter name and number.
   4. Give the name and Chapter of the member being nominated and the office for which this nomination is made.

19. Nominations do not require a second.

20. The election results will be announced by the Presiding Officer.

21. No tape recorders (except official recordings) are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

22. No food or drinks are permitted in the Grand Chapter room.

   You will find the parliamentary rules of procedure for the Grand Chapter in your booklet on page 47 and continued on page 48, if you wish to read them. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

   WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Walker. Remember that anything referring to this, on these rules you'll be governed by, on pages 47 and 48, this is our standard procedure for our rules for Grand Chapter.

   At this time I ask Brother Nelson Campbell, the Board of Directors Chairman, to please come forward.

   MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I gave my comprehensive report on the sale of the property yesterday afternoon. At this time I move for adoption of the report.

   WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

   WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this report from the Board of Directors Chairman. Is there any discussion?

   MRS. PRISCILLA LOCKE: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Priscilla Locke, Past Matron of Glen Rose Chapter 171 and dual with Venus 923. I move that we separate the motion -- the report and the resolution because the resolution was read as a part of the report.

   WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have heard that we're being asked to separate these two portions of this report.
The request by the one in the South is permitted. We will separate those reports. All those in favor of accepting the comprehensive report -- that's the first portion of the sale of the property. All those in favor of accepting the comprehensive report, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed, same sign. The first portion of that comprehensive report has been adopted.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I move that the resolution be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the resolution. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards -- wait a minute. Okay. We have someone in the South.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Worthy Grand Matron, if this -- what we're saying is adopting to do what he proposes, I wish to speak against this.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time, Brother Richard, if you'll wait just a moment on this, I'll give directions for which area those who will be speaking for and against.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Okay. So what we're voting on is just to accept the resolution as he has proposed it before amending or discussing, actually voting for or against?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's correct.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: I don't want something pulled that I've seen done before, please.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: No, sir. There's nothing going to be pulled, sir. We will have the opportunity --

MR. RICHARD OCHS: I want it firmly understood that we're going to discuss before we vote to do what the proposal is.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, we will have discussion.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank you very kindly.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: At this time I will tell you: Those that are in opposition of this, if you'll please come to the mike on this side, which is the North. Those for in the South. As you remember our parliamentary rules, we'll have three for and three against.

We're going to have Brother Nelson Campbell to read this again that he read yesterday afternoon, so each one of you will be familiar again this morning, that you'll know exactly what is being proposed. So if you'll be patient with us, Brother Nelson Campbell, would you please go to the mike and read this recommendation again.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Recommendation from Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, by Resolution 1 adopted at the 2003 Grand Chapter Session held in Fort Worth, Texas, a directive was issued to sell the Eastern Star Property consisting of 29.6
acres, more or less, located in Arlington, Texas for the sum equal to, or higher than, any appraisals received; and

WHEREAS, said properties have been on the market for many months with no offers: and

WHEREAS, an offer has been received from One Prime, L.P. in the amount of $3,500,000 as is reflected by contract tendered to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that the price offered is the best possible price obtainable at this time;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the offer of $3,500,000 to purchase the Eastern Star Home and Property be accepted.

And, if for any reason the contract with One Prime, L.P. does not close, the Board of Directors, with the approval of the majority of the Corporate Board, shall be empowered to sell the O.E.S. Property in Arlington, Texas for the best possible price that can be obtained from any buyer.

And be it resolved that said purchase money will be applied in the following manner:

No more than fifteen (15%) percent of the proceeds will be utilized for relocation expenses, automating Grand Chapter records pertaining to the sale and move including packing and storing Museum items and other items located in the existing buildings. The remaining proceeds will be placed in an interest bearing Trust falling under the same criteria as the existing C-8 Endowment Trust, the principal shall not be expended without the consent of Grand Chapter and the interest accruing from the investment of said principal shall be placed in the General Fund to supplement Benevolent Projects including but not limited to our own members, Chapters in Financial need, local benevolence, worthwhile community needs and educational purposes, office expenses, and archiving existing records and automating current records.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, you've heard again this recommendation from the Board of Directors, of which you had a copy. At this point in time then, I'll take the first one -- we'll rotate for and against, for and against, for and against. Okay. I'll have the first one to speak for this proposal.

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Brother Jerry Martin in the South.

MR. JERRY MARTIN: I am Jerry Martin, a Past Patron of Travis Chapter #472, and I'm speaking in favor this morning. Sisters and Brothers, as you consider a decision today, let me ask you to think about the costs we've been experiencing since the ladies moved to the TMRC. In the last 34 months we have spent more than a half million dollars, and if we don't take this offer, we could be there for another 34 months, maybe five years or longer, spending the kind of money we're spending on vacant property. And it could, and probably will, get worse because we surely will lose our property tax exemption, as the property is no longer for the purpose for which it was intended. This could easily, and will, exceed probably more than $100,000 a year.
And if you think that the building of the new Dallas Cowboy stadium -- which the referendum passed the other day -- will increase the value, remember, if the City of Arlington wants the property, they will make an offer, and if it's refused, then they will take it by eminent domain and pay you only what they deem it's worth. We have lost two Shrine temples in Texas to this very process, one in Galveston and my temple in Austin was taken by eminent domain. And, believe me, we got nothing like what we thought it was worth, but only what they thought it was worth.

I have also represented, as a consultant, on the other side and taken one of the best pieces of prime real estate property in Austin for a public entity, and we paid them what we wanted to pay.

I know that every Eastern Star member in the hearing distance of my voice knows of Eastern Star members who need benevolent aid. We have Chapters all over the state struggling financially to pay their pay capita and stay alive. Those needs are close to home for many of us in this room. Not only that, but we have the opportunity to offer scholarships to young people preparing themselves for their lifetime careers; we have community activities we could and should be supporting, just to mention a few things. How many of our Sisters and Brothers could we have helped with the money already spent on keeping the building? Do we tell those in need that we can't help them now because we're going to wait and see if we get some more money later?

Sisters and Brothers, there's so much good we could do with the money being spent on the property and with the interest from the funds of the sale of the property. I encourage you to allow the Board of Directors to sell the property for the best price they can get, and let's start spending our money on things that really count.

The property in Arlington has many memories, but the property is not what makes Eastern Star. Eastern Star is what is taught in our ritualistic work and in the way we conduct ourselves in following those principles. Let people recognize us for our kind of beneficent acts, not by a vacant building. Thank you --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I'm sorry, Brother Jerry; your three minutes --

MR. JERRY MARTIN: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I want to remind you, and maybe I didn't stress it clearly enough. You're allowed three minutes on this, and we are timing it.

I recognize the gentleman who is speaking against over here in the North.

MR. MIKE JUNKIN: Worthy Matron, Mike Junkin, Waxahachie 599. We are under the impression that we are under a tax rate -- what Tarrant County Appraisal District set our property at -- at $7,356,000-plus. That was October 21st of this year. Twenty-one days later we find out we're down to $3,500,001, less than 21 days. We'd all kind of like to know how we got dropped so drastically, so quick, without being addressed.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, sir. Just a moment. Brother Randy Thompson, our attorney, would you please come to the mike and answer this question for us.

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Honored Guests, Sisters and Brothers: My name is Randy Thompson. I'm a member of South Fort
Worth Chapter 835. I have represented Eastern Star generally for about 22 years. We started by filing an application for exemption after the Property Tax Act came in in '81. We filed as a home for the elderly who take people without regard to their ability to pay. That fits us to a "T." It's exactly right.

The Tarrant Appraisal District denied it, saying that we were not a purely public charity under the constitution of the State of Texas. We filed a suit appealing that. It was settled on the basis that our facility was an historic site in need of tax relief. We had received an ordinance from the City of Arlington granting us that relief, as was the Home for Aged Masons. Each year in the past 22 years I have applied for and received an exemption for the Eastern Star property as an historic site in need of tax relief.

When the matter of the value of the property being $7 million came to my attention about two weeks ago -- I had received a copy of the printout from the Tarrant Appraisal District -- I called the head of exemptions for Tarrant Appraisal District and said, "No one seems to have received any notice of any value that you've set on our property. How did you arrive at that?"

And Venita Tribble, who is the head of the exemptions department, said, "We don't ever send notices of value to people who have property that's exempt."

I said, "Well, this is clearly incorrect," and explained to her that we had an appraisal from an MAI who appraised the property at $3,450,000 and had a contract, contingent upon approval by this Grand Chapter, to sell the property for $3,500,000. She put me in touch with the lady who is in charge of values generally. You might have noticed on that report that it said the buildings were constructed in 1999. That only missed it 70 years. So I followed an appeal procedure, which is under Section 2525(e) of the Property Tax Code of Texas, requesting that they adjust the property value to the fair market value, since it exceeded one-third above what we felt the fair market value was. I sent them a copy of our MAI's appraisal, a copy of the contract with the permission of the purchaser, and they followed up and made the change. It was approved by the Appraisal Review Board and signed by the Worthy Grand Matron, went into effect, and the web site was changed. I don't know where the $1 came from. It was supposed to be $3,500,000. But at the request of the Corporate Board and the Worthy Grand Matron, I followed up on that and made that appeal. I'm the one that asked for the reduction to what the fair appraised value of that property is. I hope that answers your question.

MR. MIKE JUNKIN: Not quite, sir. The question that still remains is how do we come up with $3,500,000, what we're asking, but we have $1 over. That was the question everyone was wanting to really know. I think maybe you have done it. I am in favor of selling the Home, but not at that kind of a price.

MR. RANDY THOMPSON: Yes, sir. The approval from the Appraisal Review Board, which was signed by the Worthy Grand Matron, was for $3,500,000. I don't know whether the person that entered it missed it a dollar or what. But I'm not going to argue with them about a dollar. [applause]

MS. BRENDA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Brenda Smith in the South.
MS. BRENDA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Brenda Smith, Worthy Matron of Bandera Chapter #643.

Sisters and Brothers,

We’ve all heard the discussions listing the pros and cons of the sales price we have been offered for our OES property in Arlington. While price is important, and we all want to get the highest price possible for our property, there is another side to this issue. It’s the intangible side which we all need to consider as we make our own decision how we will vote on this Resolution.

In my opinion, the most important intangible is the healing process that needs and will occur once this issue is settled, once and for all. The sale of our property has caused friendships to end and has created a division among our membership. Once the property is sold, we can again put all our energy and effort on building a strong and united Grand Chapter. A Grand Chapter that is focused on the good things we can do in our communities, in our chapters and for our members.

By eliminating the cost to support the property in Arlington and by prudently investing the proceeds from the sale of the property, we will gain the following benefits:

- We can increase the amount of money available to provide benevolent aid to our members who are in need.
- We can provide more scholarships to educate our youth, who will be our future leaders.
- It will enable us to showcase the history of our Grand Chapter in a new, more modern museum.
- It will give us the ability to further upgrade and modernize the Grand Secretary’s office in a safer environment.
- And, if the Grand Secretary’s office is at TMRC, it puts us in closer contact with our Sisters and Brothers living at TMRC and builds the bond we have with our Masonic Brothers.
- It shows our members and prospective members that as an organization, we are willing to change with the times and do whatever needs to be done to strengthen and improve our Order.

Sisters and Brothers, the intangible benefits I have mentioned are but just a few of the many I could have mentioned. And, as you consider these intangible benefits and others not mentioned, I encourage you to support our Board of Directors by allowing them to sell the OES property and invest the proceeds for the benefit and growth of our Grand Chapter.

Thank you. [applause]
Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all members: As many of you already know, I am not in favor of selling the property at such a low-ball amount when the Appraisal District had it at 7 million. I believe it still requires a two-thirds majority vote to support this proposed sale. I believe it is totally inappropriate to pass any resolution to permit a majority of the Corporate Board and Directors to sell property at an amount even lower than it is now, if for some reason this offer -- contract -- falls through. The resolution would permit One Prime to forfeit its $50,000 earnest money and renegotiate a lower amount offering if a minimum amount is not set by this Grand Chapter members assembled. At a minimum two-thirds vote of the Directors and Corporate Board would be appropriate, which would be 7 of the 10 and 6 of the 8.

The attorney, Mr. Thompson, by letter dated October 12, 2001, provided to the Grand Chapter -- Grand Secretary's office -- advised us that a two-thirds vote to sell was required. And also all properties that are on hand that are Grand Chapter's, not being placed in the museum, be auctioned to avoid perception that various items are being removed without accountability, or that they be sold for at least the appraised value of each of the items by being received -- the Board receiving the amount identified in that appraisal, or -- I have an option. A lot of deception and misrepresentation has occurred over the years. And one thing that was pointed out when the ladies were -- it was being proposed we move the ladies, is that the property value would decline very rapidly. And I felt it was very appropriate that would occur -- be so. But these deceptions and misrepresentations by many has contributed to the controversies which now exist with the OES Home ladies and that Home and the various properties. Thank you very kindly, Grand Chapter. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: I now recognize Brother Lee Stallings.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Lee Stallings, Past Patron --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Lee, hold on just a moment, please. In response to a statement by Brother Richard Ochs, last year at Grand Chapter we had a two-thirds majority vote. This year we only need a majority to handle this business.

At this time I recognize the Brother in the South.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I'm Lee Stallings, a Past Patron of Friendswood Chapter 1131. I speak in favor of the sale of the OES property. Sisters and Brothers, the issue that we have before us today started to unfold in the Grand Chapter year of 2000 when we voted to move our ladies from the OES Home to the Masonic Retirement Center. That was the right decision then, in terms of the ladies and the economic benefit of our Grand Chapter. And selling the OES property in Arlington is the right decision for us today.

You have heard discussion both for and against this resolution. Each issue around our OES property and the property has been an emotional one, no matter what side you find yourself on. And, Sisters and Brothers, there have been sides. But I believe each of us, no matter where we stand on this resolution, need to understand and realize that our Order -- its relevance, its perpetuity -- is bigger than an individual member or group of members. Our future, long after many of us are gone, depends on the prudent, logical decisions we make today. Simply stated, you cannot put a price tag on the Order of the Eastern Star, and that's what we're trying to do.
We hold the future of our Grand Chapter squarely in the palm of our hands today. And as the immortal Yogi Berra said, "When you get to a fork in the road, take it." Sisters and Brothers, I submit to you we are at that fork in the road, and it's our responsibility to take it. It's our responsibility to support those that we have elected, both our Corporate Board and our Board of Directors. We elected them. We should give them the faith, the trust and the opportunity to do the job that we elected them for.

Last time we waited, Sisters and Brothers, to make this decision, it cost us $661,000 since 2001. It cost us $138,000 last year alone. Last time we waited to make a decision, we lost the sale of the property for a much higher price with an individual that had cash to pay for it. Again, I would submit to you that it is our responsibility as members to make a decision that puts our Grand Chapter in a position for perpetuity. I ask and encourage you to vote for this resolution. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

MR. BILL WIDDEN: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Brother in the North.

MR. BILL WIDDEN: My name is Bill Widden. I'm the Worthy Patron of Decatur Chapter 543. I also am in favor of the sale of this property. But it seems to me that we are all concerned with the good of the Order. And since the election approximately two weeks ago in Arlington, and the building of this stadium is going to take place, this is a positive thing. It looks to me like it would be very prudent to delay the final acceptance of this contract until a thorough investigation can be made as to the value of this property, because with the -- even if the City of Arlington takes it under eminent domain, they must pay fair market value. And as the gentleman just said, the City's value of this property is over $7 million; our value came up $1 1/2 million. So if a thorough investigation could be made as to how this stadium has affected the value of our property before this sale is approved, I would think this would be a valid argument. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, sir. We have had three speaking for, three against. The discussion now is closed. Sisters and Brothers, there has been much discussion through the years, and I know each one of you have mixed emotions and so forth. But it has come time for this Grand Chapter to continue with the business at hand.

VOICE: Worthy Grand Matron, I call for the question.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a call for the question here from the East. At this time we will proceed. All those in favor of accepting this recommendation for the sale of the property in Arlington, would you please raise your blue cards. Down, please. All those opposed. Sisters and Brothers, you have voted to sell the property in Arlington. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, we know that this has taken much through the years for this decision to come about. We thank you for the consideration, for the love and support that you have shown to each other. Sisters and Brothers, let's just remember that we love one another. And thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for the special team effort that you've shown all year long and this morning also. I think each one of you need to recognize and give a round of applause to all the membership of Texas. [applause]

We have a special fellow here today. I'm so pleased and proud that he could be with
us. He's already in the East. Sister Conductresses, you can just relax. We have the Honorable Reese Harrison, the Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. Brother Reese Harrison, would you please come to the podium. [applause]

They started something under the direction of Honorable Reese Harrison about having the heads of all the Appendant Bodies meet and gather information and work together. How excited we have been these last two years that I've been in this line with him to be able to meet with all the heads of all Appendant Bodies to discuss what's happening in their different Masonic Family. We're so pleased and proud to have you here with us this morning. Let's make welcome the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas. [applause]

MR. REESE HARRISON: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests and my Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star: I'm sorry I could not be with you yesterday. I'm a trial lawyer and a judge had me in court yesterday afternoon. I will tell you that some judge is here today because I parked right behind their car in the parking lot. I believe they're from the 34th Judicial District, whoever that is, if I read the license correctly. I will also tell you this is not the first time that I've had the opportunity to address the Grand Chapter. In 1979 you met in San Antonio. And on that occasion I was the Potentate of Al Zafar Shriners, and I was asked to bring the greetings of the Shriners in Texas on that occasion. I'm privileged to be back here now 25 years later to bring greetings of the Grand Lodge of Texas to this Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Your Worthy Grand Matron is correct. We've been meeting quarterly since the summer of 2002 with the family of Freemasonry because I felt very strongly that we in the family of Freemasonry are inextricably intertwined, that our destinies for the future are tied together, and that as much as we can, we need to be in lock step with one another if we are to survive in the world of fraternalism, a world of fellowship, friendship and fun with one another.

We say in Freemasonry that our peculiar characteristic is friendship. So I hope that all of you like being called peculiar.

Another thing about our fraternity is that we believe the word "change" is a four-letter word. We're scared to death of it. We sit in this room today composed mostly of people who are traditionalists and baby-boomers. Very few in this room today are what we call Generation Xers or Millenials. And in order to survive in the future, traditionalists and baby-boomers are going to have to learn what Millenials and Generation Xers are doing. The quickest way to learn is to watch MTV, and you'll hate it. You'll find out that some fellow named Eminem is a rapper and he sang "Hip Hop," and they call that music. You'll also find out that the folks who watch MTV do not know who Bing Crosby, Perry Como and Frank Sinatra are. But you're going to have to find out if we are to survive who Jumbawamba, Stark Naked and the Car Thieves and the Artist formerly known as Prince are.

I was in London two weeks ago, and the number one hit musical that won all the awards in London last year in live theater performances was "Jerry Springer, the Opera." I didn't see that one. I saw "Mama Mia," and most of you don't know what that's about, which is the music of Abba. But that's the music of the Generation Xers and the Millenials.
And we have got to learn to communicate with those two generations, or, Sisters and Brothers, it ends with us today, if we do not learn to communicate and assimilate and make those people feel welcome in our fraternities of Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Let me tell you one other thing, and it's going to be in my report to the Grand Lodge. About two weeks after I was installed as Grand Master, there was an honor night held at my Chapter. I'm from Texas Chapter; I've been Patron twice. Texas Chapter 35. Two other Grand Lodge Officers were there, and one of them had his fiancee with him. She showed up in a pantsuit. Now don't anybody have a heart attack. And she was asked by some visitor to leave. I found out who the visitor was, and I went over and asked her why the visitor had asked this person to leave. And the person replied, "Because the Grand Master said we could not wear pantsuits in a lodge hall at the Eastern Star meetings."

And I said, "Do you know who the Grand Master is?"

And the person said no.

I said, "Well, I am and I never said that." [applause]

I also told the person that none of my predecessors had ever said it and that Grand Lodge had never approved such a decision. If there is such a rule, it is not the rule of the Grand Lodge, and I don't want to be blamed anymore for there being such a rule. It is not our business in the Grand Lodge -- and if the question were ever presented, we would tell you it is not our business. What you do at the lodge hall on your time and on your nickel is your business, not the Grand Lodge's business. [applause]

I'd like to leave you with these remarks. They were remarks that I made in 1979, and this is music that is timeless. Now I'm not going to sing the words, but I want to repeat the words that I left you with 25 years ago, which you know come from a song that you think is named "The Impossible Dream," from the musical "Man of LaMancha." In actuality, that is not the title of the song. I'll tell you what it is in a moment if you can't remember. But the words go like this:

To dream the impossible dream,
To fight the unbeatable foe,
To bear with unbearable sorrow,
To run where the brave dare not go,
To right the unrightable wrong,
To love pure and chaste from afar,
To try when your arms are too weary
   to reach the unreachable star.
This is my quest, to follow that star,
   No matter how hopeless, no matter how far.
To fight for the right without question or pause,
To be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause.
And I know if I'll only be true to this glorious quest
   that my heart will lie peaceful and calm
when I'm laid to my rest.
And the world will be better for this,
that one man, scorned and covered with scars,
still strove with his last ounce of courage
to reach the unreachable star.

Yes, most of you think that the name of that song for those words is "The Impossible Dream." Well, that's not the name. The name is "The Quest." The Eastern Star is a quest for a better life, for friendship, for fellowship, for fulfillment. Freemasonry is on the same quest as the Eastern Star. So if we're following a star, I hope that all of you in the future will continue to follow the Eastern Star and do all that you can to encourage the Millennials and the Generation Xers to join with you in the quest to follow that star.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Again, let's show our appreciation to this spectacular Master Mason and Worshipful Grand Master of Texas. Let's stand and show him how much we appreciate Masonry in Texas. [applause]

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers. We'll continue with some reports. We have Sister Jane Gregory who will give our Telephone and Telegraph report.

REPORT OF TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMMITTEE

MRS. JANE GREGORY: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, the Telephone and Telegraph Committee has sent all the required information to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas and other Grand Jurisdictions unable to attend this 122nd session of this Grand Chapter. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Jane, we appreciate you presenting this report. Let's show our love for this Past Grand Matron. We thank you so much, Sister Jane. [applause]

At this time we'll hear from our Educational Fund Committee Chairman, Sister Janice Langford, who has to leave for another engagement. Sister Janice, would you come forward for your report.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

MRS. JANICE LANGFORD: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Will the members of the Educational Fund Committee please come forward.

The Education Committee wishes to submit the following report:

The Education Committee met on March 19, 2004 in the officer of the Grand Secretary along with members of the Board as follows: Committee members-Janice Langford, Chairman; Mary “Corky” Swanson, D2; Frances Hayes, D5; Board Members - Gary Steele, Joann Snow and Nelson Campbell. After scoring all applications received, the committee awarded 42, $1,000 scholarships based on student need and criteria defined by the Constitution, Wills, etc. Following the established criteria, the disbursement is as follows as a separate attachment alpha list of all awarded students and a copy of the worksheet used.

The committee recommends the adoption of this report.
Respectfully Submitted,
EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE
Mrs. Janice Langford, Chairman
Mrs. Carolyn A. Martin, District I
Mars. Mary E. “Corky” Swanson, District II
Mr. Horton Kidd, District III
Mrs. Frances Hayes, District V

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**TOTAL FUNDS USED $42,000.00**

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the Educational Fund report from Sister Janice Langford. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed.

Sister Janice, your report is adopted. How much we appreciate your Committee working on this. And for all those recipients, I know they're extremely proud of the dedication and love that the membership of Texas has provided for these scholarships. We thank you so very much. Let's show our appreciation to this Committee. [applause]

I recognize Sister Diane Davidson to give her report on the Museum Committee.

**REPORT OF MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

**MISS DIANE DAVIDSON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers

It is my pleasure to introduce the Museum Committee: District One, Joy Allison; District Two, Joyce Ball; District Three, Jeff Geyer; District Four, Judith Remsing; District Five, Adele Fischer.

It has been our pleasure to serve on the Museum Committee during this time of transition. The Museum Committee has assisted in maintaining the museum items housed at the O.E.S. Home Property while awaiting a permanent home for our Eastern Star Museum.

The Board of Directors is to be commended for their care and concern in maintaining our Museum. I have met with the Board of Directors several times to work with them in establishing a plan for a move to storage and relocation in a new Museum.

A new air conditioner was installed in the Museum by the Board in August for maintenance purposes.

I am happy to report; all our things are intact - inventoried, well stored and secure. They are ready to be placed in storage before relocation to a new museum. The museum inventory has been reviewed and updated with photos of some items along with some of the antiques within the home to be considered for the museum.

At Founders Day in August, Joy Allison and myself opened the museum to anyone who wished to view our proud history.
Since this has been a year of transition, few things have been received by the committee, but many others have been promised when the museum finds its new home. A quilt with the Eastern Star made by Lois Ketner Angel for her mother, Oma Mae Patterson, resident of the OES Home, a history book of San Angelo Chapter 10 composed and donated by Gwen Behringer and Rebecca Buck and a pedestal cover with sequined apple used at the 1987 Grand Session of Past Grand Matron, Jean Nesbitt have been received. The committee has contacted Past Grand Matrons regarding their dresses along with our Right Worthy Grand Conductress to have their things in our new museum.

The Museum Committee will continue to work to preserve our history and work for a place that Membership can view our history. We look forward to greeting the membership in a new museum soon.

On a personal note, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the opportunity to serve as the “trivia” writer for our Official Bulletin this past year. It has been a fun, rewarding and learning experience. I have placed eleven trivia columns in the Bulletin over the past year and I hope all have enjoyed them.

I move the adoption of this report.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Museum Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. All those opposed. The motion has been adopted to accept this Museum report.

I want to thank these ladies. They have been busy clarifying, posting and everything as far as the items in the museum. I know they enjoyed researching and looking at the history. I hope you enjoy it, too, later as we have the relocation of this museum. If you have any special items that you would like to donate, we'd appreciate those items. If you'd talk to Sister Diane or those who'll be serving this next year.

I recognize the Home Endowment Committee for their report.

**REPORT OF HOME ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

**MRS. JOYCE FIELDS:** Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members All:

It has been my privilege to serve with these fine members of the Home Endowment Committee this Grand Chapter year of 2003-2004.

Mrs Lorrie Faith Owens ............District 1
Mrs. Nancy Berngen ............District 2
Mrs. Cheryl Albrecht ............District 3
Mrs. Helen Fuqua ............District 4
Mrs. Dorothy Wade ............District 5
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Fraternally submitted,

Joyce Fields
General Chairman

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the Home Endowment report. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Thank you. You have adopted the Home Endowment report.

To this Committee, Sister Joyce Fields, I certainly appreciate all the work that you have done. Sisters and Brothers, let’s show our support for this Committee. [applause]

Brother Jerry Neuenschwander, could we have your report? And then you can go back and maybe we can have a song real quick. Have you been enjoying the Grand Choir so far? [applause]

**REPORT OF GRAND CHOIR COMMITTEE**

**MR. JERRY NEUENSCHWANDER:** Thank you.

This report is to be filed at Grand Chapter for the purpose of detailing the activities of the Grand Choir for the year 2003-2004.

The recruitment of the members of Grand Choir is due to a large extent from the efforts of our Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Doris Hester. While on her journeys throughout our state, she never failed to mention the Grand Choir and ask the membership to join in the activities and be a part of the Grand Choir. There were several times in the course of the year that I would receive a phone call or an e-mail informing me of more Grand Choir members. Ms. Brenda Smith, chairperson of the Arrangements Committee also used her vast data bank resources to help contact the membership and recruit members.

There was a notice in the official bulletin asking for members to “make a joyful noise” by joining the Grand Choir. As word got out, the choir members started recruiting others to join in the festivities. At the beginning of Grand Chapter there were eighty-three members in the Grand Choir. The members are listed as part of this report along with those who joined at Grand Chapter. There have been many more who have joined us since their arrival at Grand Chapter. I am not sure, but others have told me that this is the largest Grand Choir in recent history.

A rehearsal was held during Founders Day Celebration in Ft. Worth. Each choir
member whose address was known was sent extra music and a rehearsal CCD to assist them with the music. Upon arrival at Grand Chapter on Wednesday, the Grand Choir participated in another rehearsal to cover special music to be used during Grand Chapter. A new choir book was assembled for the Grand Choir to use this year and contains seventy-five songs. There is a Grand Choir binder prepared for the Worthy Grand Matron which accompanies this report.

The choir’s attire is white blouses and shirts with black skirts and slacks. The ladies are wearing scarves to represent the blue, yellow, green and red colors of our beautiful Order while the men’s white shirts round out the full color scheme. The idea and procurement of the scarves was the efforts of our Grand Secretary, Nell Smith and we are eternally grateful to her and all she has done to makes this year’s Grand Choir successful.

We hope you enjoy the music we present as much as we enjoy singing it for you. If it sounds like fun, it really is. Each and every member should consider singing next year. Remember, the Bible never says “sing in tune”, but it does say “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!”

I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to be a small part of this year’s Grand Chapter. It has been a pleasure to work with the Grand Choir and also the VERY TALENTED Grand Organist, Ms. Delphia Von Heeder. Any time we needed to find some music, Delphia was there to assist. Her accompanying at the rehearsals was simply a God-Send. I think you’ll agree with the Grand Choir that she plays magnificently!!! Thank you, Grand Organist, from the bottom of my heart.

This report is respectfully submitted for your approval.

“Sing”cerely,

Jerry Neuenschwander
Grand Choir Director

GRAND CHOIR MEMBERS

Yvonne Alton       Ann Campbell
Barbara Jean Babcock  Jacque Cates
Susan Baker        Wynelle Coats
Diane Beckley     Margie Cook
Gwenda S. Bittick  Patricia Cooper
Dorothy Bohn        Gladys Bruce Cox
Anita Bowling        Bill Crews
Jessie Braswell  Lester Davis
Loretta Braucci   Betty Demaret
Nancy Brigham        Barbara Dreher
Mary Lou Brown    Tony Dreher
Esperanza Calderon  Barbara Dunn
I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Grand Choir report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed. Thank you, membership.

Brother Jerry, you don't know how much I have enjoyed and how excited I was when I asked you to be our Grand Choir Director at Bandera one evening at a meeting, and how pleased I know this membership is of all the beautiful voices. As I said, I recruited along the way. I heard Brothers that had tremendous voices, and the ladies, too. I'd say, "Don't you want to sing in our Grand Choir?" Thank you, Grand Choir, for the beautiful, beautiful voices. We appreciate it. Thank you. [applause]
For the Cancer Research program, would you please come forward and give your report. Then I will ask the Jurisprudence Committee, Sister Rennie and them to come forward.

REPORT OF CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MRS. LINDA OEHlke: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: My name is Linda Oehlke and I'm a Past Matron of Portland Chapter #1108 and General Chairman for the Cancer Research Committee. I felt honored to serve in this capacity this year. Cancer is a devastating disease and has touched all of our lives. Research for a cure is the answer.

I'd like to commend my District Chairmen and Committee Members for their hard work this year. My District Chairmen are: District 1, Sandra Goff; District 2, Sandra Fitch; District 3, Linda Totten; District 4, Edna Hooper; and District 5, Patsy Sharp.

TOTAL PREPAID EXPENSES .................. <665.04>
W.G.M SCHOOL AUCTION RECEIPTS ........4,400.00
TOTAL SALES AND DONATION RECEIPTS ... 5,873.00
CLEARED PROFIT-CANCER RESEARCH .... $9,607.96

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DISTRICT III ............................... 690.00
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AUCTIONS ................................. 4,400.00
OTHER SALES & DONATIONS .......... 902.00
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PROFIT ................................... $9,607.96

Top Sales Persons Per District:
District I - Margaret Roberts, JoAnne Floyd, LaVelda Mooneyham, and Sammie Dishongle
District II - Bill Giddings and Jack Marshall
District III - Dorothy Kinsinger, Eloise Zuspann and Fran Williams
District IV -
District V - Margaret Wolf, Judy Stanley, Margaret Lukinger

Note: Included in the donations and sales was a fundraiser from Adah Chapter #49 for $700.00

I'd like to move that we adopt this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Cancer Committee report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards.
Down. All those opposed. Motion carried.

Sister Linda, we appreciate you and the Committee. And thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for your donations and all the work. On our auctions we had a ball. Thank you, my Sisters and Brothers, for your help on this, the Cancer Research of Texas. [applause]

At this time I recognize Sister Rennie Ofton, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, if you will look in your Advance Report, we will now consider the first four amendments. These amendments were passed for the first time last session. Today they may be amended when they're read, or your vote for them as they are will make them legal, and they will become effective immediately following Grand Chapter session this year. Sister Pat Neinast will present them. Thank you.

**MRS. PAT NEINAST:** Thank you, Sister Rennie. I will be reading the second reading of Amendment Number 1, a synopsis. If passed by the voting delegates and the Chapter Representatives on this second reading, the 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 $11.00. This sum shall be divided as follows: (1) $3.50 to the General Fund; (2) $6.00 to the Ladies Retirement Fund; (3) $1.50 to the Benevolent Fund.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and is ready for your consideration.

[Amendment No. 1 reads as follows in its entirety:]

**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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard this proposal. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of adopting this report, would you please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed. This motion has been adopted. Thank you, Sister Pat.

MRS. PAT NEINAST: Amendment Number 2, the second reading --

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: I’m sorry, Sisters and Brothers, but the first vote is from the assembly. The second vote will be from the Chapter Representatives, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, the second vote on these four.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay, Now Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, the Chapter Representatives, that is the pink card. All those Chapter Representatives in favor, please raise your pink cards. Down. All those opposed. This amendment is adopted. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

MRS. PAT NEINAST: Second reading of Amendment Number 2. If passed by the voting delegates and the Chapter Representatives on this second reading, in case of extreme emergency, and a majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may have appropriations not to exceed $10,000. Our current law limits appropriations to not exceed $5,000 in case of an extreme emergency.
Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper order and ready for the consideration of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 2 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 2
(Second Reading)

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 its 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 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.
a. No change  
b. No change  
c. No change  
d. In case of extreme emergency and by the majority vote of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may make appropriation not to exceed $10,000.00.  
e. No change  
f. No change  

Submitted by:  
Willie C. Pointer  
Yvonne Brownfield  
Sue D. Shoemaker  
Jerre S. Lucas  
Robbie L. Abshere  
Carolyn Talley  
Marcia A. Olson  
Karen Kidd  

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Is there any discussion on this amendment on the second reading? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed. This part is carried.

We will now have the vote by the Chapter Delegates, the Worthy Matrons and Patrons. This is your pink card. All of those in favor, please raise your pink cards. Down. All those opposed. This amendment has been adopted. Thank you.

**MRS. PAT NEINAST:** Amendment Number 3, second reading. If passed by the voting delegates and the Chapter Representatives on this second reading, the 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 will be moved from the Constitution to the Code of Laws. In the future, a change to the annual per capita assessment, amounts and distributions, can be made with the approval of only one Grand Chapter session, rather than two sessions, with the distribution described in the Constitution.

[Amendment No. 3 reads as follows in its entirety:]  

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**  
(Second Reading)  

**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 distribution 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 ($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.

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 roll 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
Sylvia Garcia
Rennie Ofton

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and ready for consideration by the Grand Chapter.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, is there any discussion on this amendment? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed.

Now we will vote by the Chapter Representatives. Those in favor, please raise your pink cards. Down. All those opposed. This amendment has been adopted. Thank you.

MRS. PAT NEINAST: Amendment Number 4, second reading. If passed by the voting delegates and the Chapter Representatives on the second reading, this amendment clarifies the financial responsibilities of our Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter. Our Grand Chapter agrees to pay an annual per capita assessment fee of 10 cents per
member or the amount assessed per year for the support of the General Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and ready for consideration of this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 4 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 4

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3

Page 35 ARTICLE II, SECTION 3.
SUPPORT OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

WHICH NOW READS:

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:

ARTICLE II, 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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please vote by raising your blue card. Those opposing.

Now the Chapter Representatives, would you please vote by raising your pink cards, those that are in favor. Down, please. Those that are opposed. Sisters and Brothers, you have adopted amendment number 4. Thank you.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. This completes our report at this time.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now call on the Board of Directors for their report.
MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Thank you.

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 to you the members of the Board of Directors. Raul Garcia, Vice Chairman from District 5; Gary Steele, Secretary from District 1; Jack Beall, Member from District 1; Dwayne Maserang, Member from District 2; A. L. Casparis, Member from District 2; Jo Ann Snow, Member from District 3; Jayne Yenger, Member from District 3; Tom Everitt, Member from District 4; Jerre Lucas, Member from District 5.

Words are inadequate to express my appreciation for these nine Board Members. Each has contributed his or her expertise and knowledge and collectively they faced each issue as they examined the work of The Board of Directors and the finances of Grand Chapter.

Our first meeting was held at the Grand Chapter Session in Forth Worth last year. We held ten (10) scheduled meetings, one called meeting, and several workshop meetings. Two of our scheduled meetings were held in Beeville; one at the time of the WGM’s Banquet and one at her School. One Scheduled meeting was held at TMRC during the Founder’s Day Celebration and the other meetings were all at the Board Room in the State Office Building. Trust Officers from Bank One visited with us and reviewed our investments; a few changes were made in some of the Accounts; also our Auditors were present at one of our meetings.

The Board of Directors attempted to follow exactly the Proposal that was passed at our last Grand Chapter to sell our Property on Division Street. Immediately following the close of the 2003 Grand Chapter Session we obtained a second appraisal of the property; we engaged a Texas Licensed Commercial Realtor to market the property, and retained the services of an attorney to ensure that we followed all legal guidelines. We followed orders well to that point and then we have not been successful in finding a buyer to purchase the Property at the higher of the two appraisals ($6.1 million). You know to make a transaction it takes two parties, a buyer and a seller. At this point we only have the Seller but we are continuing to attempt to sell the Property through our Realtor, Ebby Halliday. We have published a current progress report each month in the Official Bulletin and we will present a comprehensive report of the progress of the Sale at Grand Chapter as required by the Resolution that was passed.

We have one full-time employee at the Home Property. She is there Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays, the same hours as the State Office is open. Anyone wishing to visit the property are welcome during those hours. She also keeps a watchful eye on the Utilities in the Home which we need since we are attempting to Market the Property.

Benevolent Aid on a continuing basis has been given to twelve members during the year in the amount of $28,500. We have also given emergency (one time aid) to ten members in the amount of $8,000 and temporary aid to eight members in the amount of $12,800. This is one way that we can give assistance to our members who find themselves in financial difficulties.
We have had two applications for admittance into TMRC through our channels. One qualified under our guidelines and was admitted in July of this year. We now have 22 Ladies that we provide care for at TMRC at an average cost of $55,000 per month. They all seem as happy as can be under the circumstances.

We commend the Grand Secretary and her Staff for the many dollars that they are saving by printing many items in-house that had been produced by Commercial Printers in the past.

We were privileged to have our Grand Secretary, Nell Smith, and our Grand Treasurer, Betty Prater in attendance at our meetings. We owe them many thanks for their dedication to Grand Chapter and their invaluable assistance to the Board of Directors.

We are grateful for our appointed Secretary, Ann Kelley, for her service and dedication to the Board of Directors. She has been so timely with her work. Thank you Ann.

The Board welcomed many visitors at our meetings during the year including the Grand Line Officers when their schedule permitted. Thanks for your support.

To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; Thank you for your service to Grand Chapter; and it certainly was a pleasure to be a small part of your TEAM this year. Our hope is that you enjoyed your travels and that you have a Grand Chapter. Thanks so much for you selecting Ann Kelley as our Appointed Secretary.

To the Grand Secretary: No one could appreciate your help this year any more than this Chairman. You have been there always when I needed information and help. The Board is certainly grateful to you for your assistance this year during your first year. Best of luck in your new year and we will certainly welcome your recommendations next year.

To the Grand Treasurer, Sister Betty Prater; a kinder lady could be found no where and we certainly thank you for all your help this year.

To the members of the Board of Directors: Thanks for your confidence in electing me to serve as your Chairman this year. Thanks for all your help and assistance this year and while I won't be around with you for another year as I had first planned, my thoughts and prayers will be with you during your next year of Service. I will be back to visit.

To the two retiring Board members: Sister Jerre Lucas and Brother Tom Everitt, I'm sure that all of the Board Members and the Membership will miss you serving on this Board, but none will miss you as much as I. You have both been here with me through some stressful times and I will always cherish your Friendship. Thanks a lot.

To the Membership of Texas; Thank you for having elected me to serve in this position the last four years. It has been a definite challenge and I have learned much about the Operation of Grand Chapter. I appreciate the many words of encouragement that you have given me along the way and the many new friends that this position has afforded me to meet.

I covet your Prayers to help me in the next position of service. You are a great Membership.

Fraternally submitted,
Nelson R. Campbell, Chairman

I would like to add just a little bit. In your Advanced Annual Report, there's a generalization of the Board of Directors' report. That report was closed July 31st, 2004, due to printing deadlines. With your permission, I will just let you read that part, and you can note this part as an addition. We have approved an additional member for permanent aid
for a total of 13, which will be ongoing. We approved three more for temporary aid, bringing that total to $15,800 for the year.

I am so pleased to report to you that for the second year in a row, we were able to let some of the interest from our (c)(8) Endowment Fund roll back into the principal. This amount was $100,000 this year. If we can continue to build this Endowment Fund value, it will certainly help us fund our benevolent projects in the future.

On September 11th, 2004, we agreed to and signed an agreement with Prime One Limited Partnership to sell our property to them for $3,500,000, contingent on legislation to be presented at this Grand Chapter, which has just been done.

On October 9th, 2004, we hosted the second annual banquet honoring the Board members and Superintendent of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. I am grateful for each Board member who assisted and participated in this event. We're looking forward to our continued relationship with this group. Their plans for building a new building and providing space for our Office and Museum are moving along. Construction should begin soon. This group has been so helpful and cooperative in all our relations.

Again, I would like to thank you, the membership of Texas, for affording me this opportunity of service and to the Board of Directors for electing me Chairman this past year.

Worthy Grand Matron, at this time I would like to announce that I will resign whenever you think I should. I covet your prayers for me during the next year when I change my place of service.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report Number 1.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Report Number 1. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed, same sign. This part of the report is adopted. Thank you, Brother Nelson, and we'll talk to you later on the other. We're not going to have that issue before lunch. You're going to work a little longer.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm pleased to present Brother Raul Garcia, who will present Report Number 2.

MR. RAUL GARCIA: Thank you, Brother Nelson.

REPORT NO. 2
PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

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 the General Fund for the Grand Chapter year 2004-2005. This is a summary of the report. We anticipate revenues of $435,279 dollars and expenditures of $435,026 dollars giving us a potential surplus of $253 dollars. The details of the budget can be found in the Advanced Annual Report.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 2 of the Board of Directors.
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: $ 431,570.00

NET RESULT: $(112,620.00)
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Report Number 2 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. The Report Number 2 is adopted.

MR. RAUL GARCIA: Worthy Grand Matron, while I'm up here, will you allow me to give a very brief report on the status of our ladies at TMRC?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes. Go ahead.

MR. RAUL GARCIA: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

If there is one thing that I am the most proud of, it is that you voted to move our Ladies to TMRC. The Retirement Center remains committed to make their stay more secure, abundant and happy. One of the most important aspects of retirement living is to provide for quality of life, rather than merely lengthening the life span. This report covers the period July 1st, 2003 through June 30th, 2004. We started this period with 26 residents, 11 in the clinic and 15 in independent care. We suffered 4 deaths - two were 96 years old, one was 90 and one was 88. This is reflective of the excellent care our Ladies are receiving.

As of today, we have 22 residents - 8 in the clinic and 14 in independent care. The cost per day has risen slightly from $37 to $40 per day in independent care. Primarily because of the ever increasing cost of medical care, clinic care went from $138 to $149 per day. However, because of the decrease in total residents, our total cost decreased from $809,928 to $728,945, a savings of $80,983.

There is renewed interest in applying for admission into TMRC - we have several requests for applications and we can anticipate an increase in applicants in the coming year.

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this portion of the report of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Those opposed. Thank you. You have adopted this portion of the report of the Board of Directors.

MR. RAUL GARCIA: I now ask Brother Dwayne Maserang to present Report Number 3.

MR. DWAYNE MASERANG: Thank you, Brother Raul Garcia.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers All.

The Ladies Retirement Fund is designated and can be only used to maintain the Ladies in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

The income for the fund is derived from several sources as you can see by the proposed budget. The main source remains from the per capita. There will still be ample...
funds to care for the ladies with the per capita reduced from $8.50 to $6.00.

The welfare of our ladies is and will continue to be one of the main concerns of the Board of Directors.

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WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this portion of the report of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed. This portion of the report is adopted.

Brother Dwayne, we will consider and go back into this report after lunch. It's just about that time. I thank the Board of Directors, and we will continue with your report right after lunch.

Sisters and Brothers, how much we appreciate your attention this morning, for you being patient and being here in the Grand Chapter that we might take of our business. I thank you so very much. We want to join our Grand Line Officers for lunch, and we'll make every attempt to get back here to start the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m.

At this time we'll ask Brother Richard Ochs, our Past Grand Patron from District 2, to come and offer our benediction. Brother Richard.

MR. RICHARD OCHS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for inviting me to share with you in benediction today, the most outspoken old goat in the whole assembly.

Lord Jesus, guide this old goat, as well as all these very good folks. Help me and any others who have or will be on dissenting sides of various issues to look favorably on the future. Thank You for what You have done for each of us. Please continue to guide me and each of the others and this Texas Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.] I now call the "Love and Friendship" session from labor to rest, to reconvene at 1:30.
FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
November 12, 2004

“Together Everyone Accomplishes More” Session

Musical Prelude ........................................... Mrs. Boots Draper
Joyful Sounds Committee

Call to Order ............................................. Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Distinguished Members all: It is a privilege to share the East with Brother Kenneth Gregory who was an integral part of the team of '97-’98 and whom I admire very much. He and Juanita are very special to Robert and I, as I know they are to you, the membership.

And Sister Boots Draper, honey, you done good over there on that piano! You haven't lost your touch. [applause]

This year we have reaped the benefits of having a Worthy Grand Matron and a Worthy Grand Patron who have crossed the state multiple times, encouraging our membership by their words and deeds. They have also represented Texas in other Jurisdictions in a pleasing manner. They have reminded us of the importance of being team players, always acknowledging that Together Everyone Accomplishes More, which I know this membership appreciates. Brother Kenneth, would you share your thoughts and greetings with them at this time.

MR. KENNETH GREGORY: Thank you, Sister Yvonne. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Sisters and Brothers: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honor of sharing with my Worthy Grand Matron in opening this Friday afternoon session of Grand Chapter. Sister Yvonne, Juanita and I have enjoyed a friendship with you and Robert that not only has been constant, but continues to grow with each passing year.

Worthy Grand Matron, I love the name you have selected for this session, “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.” This is a truth that we need to have often called to our attention. At this time of the year, nothing exemplifies this truth more than the flocks of Canadian geese flying thousands of miles to their winter feeding groups, flying as a team in their V formations. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an updraft for the bird immediately following. This allows the flock to fly 71 percent more efficiently than flying alone. Also, if you listen carefully, you can hear a lot of honking, but it's always to encourage each other, never to complain, criticize or discourage. We need to learn to lift...
each other up and to encourage each other in our Chapters and in Grand Chapter.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for constantly reminding the membership of Grand Chapter this year that as a T.E.A.M. working together, everyone accomplishes more. Thank you.

**MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD:** Thank you, my dear friend. I now call this “Together Everyone Accomplishes More” session to order. Sister Grand Marshal, the Grand Officers will present the “Rocking Bluebird” Drill. [Dill performed to much applause.] I now invite the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room. Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, it is indeed my honor to present our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in extending Grand Honors.

Sister Doris and Brother Jack, I was up here just dying to use this gavel, and this membership loves you so much they stood on their own. We're all so very proud of the work you have done for our Order this year. You have begun a healing process that we know is going to keep on. It’s with pleasure I present to you your gavel.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter session this afternoon.

Thank you, Sister Yvonne, our Past Grand Matron, and Brother Kenneth Gregory, our Past Grand Patron, for honoring us by opening our afternoon session, T.E.A.M., “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.” You have continued to give much to our Grand Chapter since your “Friendship Is Constant” session in 1997-98. It has been such a joy to travel the roads of Texas and share wonderful memories with you.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you greet these two constant members.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Sister Yvonne Brownfield, thank you for taking part in the opening of this T.E.A.M. session and for being my good friend. Your theme in 1998 at your Grand Chapter session was “Friendship Is Constant,” and you have demonstrated that through the years. Thank you again for being my friend.

Brother Kenneth Gregory, how proud I am to have had the opportunity to get acquainted with you. You're such a good example of a kind and humble Christian, and you are a real asset to our fraternity. Thank you for participating in the opening of this session. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this “Together Everyone Accomplishes More” session from rest to labor and to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to open this session of Grand Chapter, and you are to permit no one to enter or leave without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, there will be no interruptions, by order of the Worthy Grand Matron.
GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed. There'll be no interruptions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be with us during our deliberations this afternoon.

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: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, maybe it was an omission on my part, I'm not sure at this stage, but would you please close the Bible on our Altar so that we may open it properly.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.] For the sweet spirit that now prevails in this Grand Chapter room, I now invite Sister Alma Carter, Registration, General Grand Chapter, to bring our invocation. Sister Alma.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Our Father and our God, our hearts are made grateful that we are permitted to attend another Grand Chapter session and for each member assembled here today. We commend to Thy special care and guidance our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron and all of those serving this year. Loving Father, as we enter this afternoon’s session, our prayers are with the membership and the decisions they will make this session. May their work meet with Your approval, and the conclusions be for the good of our Grand Chapter. Dear Lord, we lovingly pray for Thy special care and blessings on our young men and women serving around the world in our Armed Forces. We know the sacrifices made by them and their families. We're humbled by their strength and dedication and pray for their health and safety. In Your Holy Name we pray, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now call this “Together Everyone Accomplishes More” session from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that this “Together Everyone Accomplishes More” session is now open.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this “Together Everyone Accomplishes More” session has been opened.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, this session is called from rest to labor.

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. To the Assistant Warders and Sentinels, we're now open. You may allow those outside to enter at this time.

We are especially honored and privileged at this time to have music from the Grand Choir Director, Brother Jerry Neuenschwander. Brother Jerry, we await your talent. [applause followed singing] Thank you, Grand Choir Director, for sharing your special talent this afternoon. We thank you and appreciate you so much.

A couple of announcements. We will shortly be honoring our 50-year members. We have a seating area in the West for you, and we'll be bringing you to the East soon.

Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, meet in the West in the morning,
Saturday, at 7:30 a.m. for special instructions on voting.

At this time we have one resident from our Texas Masonic Retirement Center with us. I'd like for you to welcome Sister Billie Wilk. [applause] Sister Billie, we are delighted that you were able to come to South Texas, to Corpus Christi, and visit with us during this Grand Chapter session. As you know, Sister Billie did work in our State Office. She's retired over there where there are men! We've had a marriage over there already, and we have another one in the offing come April. And I'm not going to say who that is.

It isn't Billie. Okay. I'll clarify that. It isn't Billie. We're delighted to have you here with us this evening. Let's show our appreciation to Sister Billie for making this trip to Corpus Christi. [applause]

We'll continue with the Board of Directors and let them give a report or two. When the 50-year members are ready, let me know and we'll stop the reports and bring them to the East.

Brother Gary Steele, I recognize you.

MR. GARY STEELE: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, My Sisters and Brothers

In compliance with Article 82(b) of the Code of Laws for the Government of Grand Chapter of Texas: We, the Board of Directors, are pleased to present the Audit Report covering the books of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Grand Chapter Fiscal Year ending October 31, 2003. This Audit Report, as conducted by George, Morgan and Sneed, PC, Certified Public Accountants is printed in its entirety in the Proceedings of October, 2003, the 121st Annual Session, Pages 577 through 602. The following is a summary of that information:

Audit Report Summary
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<td>Total Net Assets</td>
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Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report No. 4.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this part of the report of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. Motion has been adopted.

MR. GARY STEELE: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to introduce Brother Jack Beall who will give Report Number 5.

MR. JACK BEALL: Thank you, Gary.

REPORT NO. 5 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

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, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

Two hundred eighty-six (286) memberships were purchased from November 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 for a total dollar amount of $143,000 (one hundred forty-three thousand dollars).

In accordance with Article 204e (7) (b) Page 144, distribution of earnings cannot be made until May 31st of the first year after purchase of the Endowed Membership.

As of June 30, 2004, a grand total of three thousand five hundred ninety (3,490) Endowed Memberships have been purchased for a total dollar amount of $1,795,000 (one million seven hundred ninety-five thousand dollars).

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report Number 5.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt Report Number 5 of the Board of Directors. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. Report Number 5 has been adopted.


MRS. JO ANN SNOW: Thank you, Brother Jack Beall.

REPORT NO. 6
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

I would like to thank the Educational Fund Committee, Sisters Janice K. Langford, Carolyn A. Martin, Mary E. “Corky” Swanson, Frances Hayes and Brother Horton Kidd for cooperation, dedication and all of the assistance that was given in the selection of the
Scholarship recipients. Also, to Brother Gary Steele who worked as my co-chair from the Board of Directors, he revised the Scholarship Forms, and they were posted on the internet in time for each applicant to secure an application and have it posted by March 1, as so stated in the Constitution and Code of Laws. Three of the educational Fund Committee met with three of the Board of Directors on March 19, 2004 to select the applicants that would receive Scholarships in the 2003-2004 Grand Chapter Year. A total of eighty eight (88) applications were received, Thirty four (34) were denied due to not submitting on time, incorrect paperwork, or etc. That left only twelve (12) outstanding students that did not qualify due to other reasons. The Scholarships were graded on need as well as Scholastic. I feel that each student was treated fairly, and was graded with the best interest of each.

The money was derived from the following:

Kennington Fund $ 2,000.00
Humanitarian Fund $ 8,000.00
Education Fund $ 32,000.00
TOTAL $ 42,000.00

Presently we have $3,000.00 that requirement has not been met for the checks to be mailed. This will be returned to the Fund for Scholarships in the future.

Worthy Grand Matron I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All of those opposed. This report is adopted

MRS. JO ANN SNOW: I am pleased to present Brother Tom Everitt who will present the next report.

REPORT NUMBER 7
BENEVOLENT AID

MR. TOM EVERITT: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers: I'm happy to give a Benevolent Aid overview.

2003-2004 BENEVOLENT AID STATUS OVERVIEW

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<tr>
<th>MONTH</th>
<th># GIVEN</th>
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<td>$5,730.39</td>
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2004 PROCEEDINGS [ ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
I want to thank our Worthy Grand Matron for her Humanitarian Fund. I want to thank all of the membership for contributing to it. There were times we didn't think we had enough money to meet the obligations.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move that this report be accepted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. This report has been adopted.

MR. TOM EVERITT: Brother A. L. Casparis will give Report Number 8.

MR. A. L. CASPARIS: Thank you.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT NO. 8

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers.

We the Board of Directors, are pleased to present this report of the Contingency Fund for the Grand Chapter year of 2003-2004.

CONTINGENCY FUND

| BUDGETED AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2003 | $5,000.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | -0- |
| BUDGETED AMOUNT REMAINING | $5,000.00 |

I move for the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt Report Number 8. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Report Number 8, Brother A.L., has been adopted. Thank you.


REPORT ON HOME RENOVATION FUND

MRS. JAYNE YENGER: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and Brothers:

In compliance with the 113th Annual Session, Resolution No. 2, Page 177 of the
code of Laws, the Board of Directors presents the Home Renovation Fund report for the period November 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004.

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<th>Account Balance 11-01-03</th>
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<td>Account Balance 08-31-04</td>
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During this reporting period there were expenses in the amount of $20,069.55

**EXPENSE SUMMARY**

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The Fund earned $5,209.63.

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Those opposed. This report has been adopted.

**MRS. JAYNE YENGER:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to introduce Sister Jerre Lucas who will present Report Number 10.

**REPORT NUMBER 10**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**MRS. JERRE LUCAS:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members all, I am pleased to report on the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Projects. Sisters and Brothers, the audited figures will be published in the Proceedings.
WGM Projects 2003 - 2004

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Our Worthy Grand Matron designated most of her funds to the General Fund which has flexibility. Sisters & Brothers, the bills, salaries and etc. must be paid. I am pleased to report that $104,192.83 has gone to the General Fund from the total Net Revenue of $143,652.70. Thank you for realizing that common sense must prevail and thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of Report Number 10. It now is my pleasure to present the Chairman of the Board of Directors and my good friend, Nelson Campbell.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt Report Number 10. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Those opposed. Report Number 10 has been adopted.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, just one final thing. I’d like to thank this lady for working with us this year. She has preached team work, “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.” She told us in the very beginning to do our job, just keep her posted. She has kept her word on that, and I feel like we’ve kept our word to her. It has sure been a pleasure, and on behalf of this whole group we are just glad that we could have been a small part of your team. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Let’s thank this Board of Directors team again. Just one more time. [applause]

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, at this time I believe that I have completed my job and I will offer my resignation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Nelson, it has been a tremendous trip having you on this Board these few years. You’ve done your job well, and I appreciate it. To each one on this Board of Directors, you’ve worked hard; you had a directive from Grand Chapter, and you have completed that job. We commend all ten of you Board of
Directors for your service, and I know Brother Nelson is proud of those who have been working with him on this Board of Directors.

Do you, the membership, think we should take his resignation at this time? Sorry, Nancy, you had better find another fellow!

Brother Nelson, it is a pleasure, and we wish for very much as you continue serving Grand Chapter in a different capacity. You're going to have another boss. We congratulate you, Sister Nancy, on your selection; you've made a wise choice. This is a fantastic fellow, and his wife, Sister Georgia. We look with anticipation to the years to come. Thank you, Brother Nelson, for this opportunity of serving with you. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, we congratulate Sister Nancy. And since he has resigned, I guess you can go ahead and take him on the trip. But let's do this in an orderly manner. We've had Brother Nelson to offer his resignation. At this point in time we will bring it to a vote. All in favor of Brother Nelson resigning from the Board of Directors, would you please raise your blue cards. Down. Is there any opposition? Brother Nelson, the Grand Chapter of Texas does accept your resignation at this time.

Sisters and Brothers, this will create an opening for a position on our Board of Directors for a one-year term. I've heard that there are those out there who would like to submit their names for that. I would like you at this time to please come to the East and give your name to my secretary, and someone who will be nominating you. That will still leave it open to come from the floor tomorrow. But if you would, those who are going to allow their names to be presented for a place on the Board of Directors from District 4 for this one-year unexpired term, please come to the East and give your name, Chapter and so forth to my secretary, along with the one who will be nominating you.

We now have our 50-year members who are ready to come to the East to be recognized. Sister Grand Marshal, would you present these 50-year members to the East.

I would like to introduce to you Sister Anna Lee Finch from Duncanville Chapter #1014. How delighted I am to see you here this evening. It's a joy always to greet you.

I don't believe this gal has been around 50 years in Eastern Star, Sister Jean Hodson from Archives Chapter #1095. Let's welcome her.

And Sister Dorothy DeLay from Linden Chapter #576. Let's make her feel welcome also.

And Sister Evelyn Steelhammer, Ruth Chapter #20.

This is Sister Norma Blaylock, Sugarland Chapter #1107. Let's welcome her.

Now this gal and I have been around together before. This is Sister Betty J. Warlick, Henderson Chapter #597. Let's welcome her.

And this is another Redbird that's still flying, Sister Letha West from Atlanta Chapter #151.

This is one fantastic lady, too. This is Sister Lillian Lure. She's a 65-year active member and is currently serving as Conductress of her Chapter, but this is the first time she has been to Grand Chapter. Let's welcome this lady. Besides that, she initiated this
handsome fellow that escorted her, and she taught school for all those many years and never missed a day.

This is a little lady that I met some time ago. This is Sister Ella Mae Frye from A. J. Kemp Chapter #970 in Wichita Falls. Let's welcome Sister Ella Mae. 47th session of Grand Chapter to attend. Thank you, Sister Ella Mae. We're delighted to have you here with us.

This is Sister Billie Biehle from Rockdale Chapter #23. Let's welcome her also. Fifty years of attending Grand Chapter.

This is Sister Virginia Akins from Franklin Chapter #311, escorted by her fellow, Brother Ray Akins from Franklin Chapter. Let's welcome them.

This is Eunice Zuckero from Hondo Chapter #404. Let's welcome her also.

This Fae Boutotte from Centerville Chapter #1002. Let's welcome her.

This is Sister Lorna Baker from Coronado Chapter #322 and San Diego, California, who's visiting with us. We're glad to have you here in Texas. Sixty years and seven months a member. We congratulate you. Thank you for coming. Just went out as Worthy Matron for the third time.

This is Sister Jeanette Williams from Devine Chapter #43. We thank you, Jeanette, for being here this afternoon. Let's welcome her from Devine.

This is Sister Violet Gibson from Lufkin Chapter #382. Let's welcome her.

This is Sister Virginia Greenbill from Burke Chapter #1098. Do you know Rosemary Swetland? Does she vouch for you? If she says so, we'll take it. Let's welcome Sister Virginia from Burke Chapter #1098. She's serving as Worthy Matron for the fourth time.

Here's another couple that has been in for 50 years. This is Edna and L.P. Marsh, Jr., from League City Chapter #621. Let's welcome them.

Now I'm not sure how this gal has been in Eastern Star all this time, Sister Betty Jo Dean from Travis Chapter #472. Let's welcome her.

Now I'm going to have to really work at it to introduce this lady. She is a tremendous lady, Sister Elsie Paladino, our Past Grand Matron and a 50-year member of Clute Chapter #1011. Let's welcome her. And what an escort she has, Brother Joe Jeffers. Welcome back to Texas, sir. She had a special dispensation to be initiated early. I had forgotten about that, Sister Elsie!

This is Brother -- we all know him as “Red” down in our area of South Texas -- Hooten, and we're glad to have him here as a 50-year member.

Let's welcome each and every one of these 50-year members, Sisters and Brothers. [applause] If you added up all these years, wouldn't it be terrific? Grand Choir, would you sing something special as they go back.
50 Year Members for Grand Chapter Year 2003-2004

#5 Paris  Mrs. Carrie Greenville  #39 Smithville  Mrs. Esther Schlott
Mrs. Betty Oliver  #42 Iowa Park  Mrs. Joy Sue Holcomb
Mrs. Myra Ann Richardson  #42 Devine  Mrs. Mable Webb

#7 Waco  Mrs. Elizabeth King
#10 San Angelo  Mrs. Jeanette Shelton  #44 Mineral Wells  Mrs. Jeanette Williams
Mrs. Amber Wiley  #44 Devine  Mrs. Margaret Goff
Mrs. Gwen Gehringer  #58 Colorado  Mrs. Loneita McLendon

#11 Cedar Bayou  Mrs. Elmira Smith
Mrs. Patcy Bishop  #61 Alice  Mrs. Gena Coldewey
Mrs. Patsy Biehle  #61 Alice  Mrs. LaJuana Solomon

#17 Saint Jo  Mrs. Helen Ellzey
#18 Leakey  Mrs. Johnnie Mattox  #61 Alice  Mr. Linden Solomon
Mrs. Elizabeth Baugh  #61 Alice  Mrs. Lorraine Risinger

#20 Ruth  Mrs. Evelyn Steelhammer
Mrs. Marguerite Simmons  #61 Alice  Mr. Bruce T. Heard

#21 Weatherford  Mrs. Jackie McMillan  #65 Pampa  Mrs. Wanda Hogan
#23 Rockdale  Mrs. Doris Morgan
Mrs. Genevra Biehle  Mrs. Della Reeves

#30 Abilene  Mrs. Merlyn Terry  #67 Big Spring  Mrs. Shirley Sharpe
Mr. Kenneth Terry  #71 Beaumont  Mrs. Adeline Borchardt

#31 Floydada  Mrs. Carolyn Stovall  #76 Lubbock  Mrs. Jo Ann Cherry
Mrs. Joanna Grubbs  #76 Lubbock  Mr. Herbert C. Loper
Mrs. Billie Pate  #76 Lubbock  Mrs. Dixie Lou Taylor
Mrs. Gladys Bobbitt  #76 Lubbock  Dusty Taylor
Mrs. Joy Assister  #77 Gate City  Mrs. Iva Lou Buchanan
Mrs. Sarah Stowe  #77 Gate City  Mrs. Rose Richey

#32 Vasti  Mrs. Virginia Southerland  #79 Rusk/Alto  Mrs. JoAnn Jackson
Mrs. Dana Phillips  #79 Rusk/Alto  Mrs. Catherine Coffey
Mrs. Leta Hall  #79 Rusk/Alto  Mrs. Billie Ruth Jinkins
Mr. Jim Bowmer  #82 Caddo Mills  Mrs. Ne., N. Jones
Mrs. Virginia Bowan  #101 Childress  Mrs. LaVerne N. Watkins
Mr. R.W. Britton  #105 Canyon City  Mrs. Joanne Word

#35 Texas City  Mrs. Lucille Sue Brannen
Mrs. Betty June Dalbec  #116 Brownwood  Mrs. Nadine Lyles
Mrs. Estelle Hill  #118 Corsicana  Mrs. Knoxie Gore
Mr. Walter Hill  #118 Corsicana  Mrs. Letha Keathley
Mrs. Laura Stewart  #118 Corsicana  Mrs. Irene Allen
Mr. John W. Stewart  #120 Grapeland  Mr. S.F. Herod, Jr.
Mrs. Faye Kohutek  #120 Grapeland  Mrs. Eleanor Pennington
Mrs. Jenne R. Ruhmann  #120 Grapeland  Mrs. Velma Lively
Sidney Ross Rhodes  #135 Ransford  Mrs. Carty Keeney

#37 Plainview  Mrs. Juanita Brooks  #141 Wimodausis  Mrs. Alice Jane Rodgers
Mr. John Brooks  #141 Wimodausis  Mrs. Melladine Graham
#141 Wimodausis  Mrs. Peggy McJunkins
#151 Atlanta  Dr. James H. Hughes, Jr.
              Mrs. Letha West
              Mrs. Bennie James
              Mrs. Irma Lee Daniel
#155 Luling  Mrs. Lois Pybas
#160 Winnie  Mrs. Elizabeth Smith
#167 Brady  Mrs. Norene Harkrider
#171 Glen Rose  Mrs. Zula Hunter
              Mrs. Marie Oldham
              Mrs. Jewell Click
              Mrs. Billie Flanary
#177 Athens  Mrs. Melba A. Jones
              Mrs. Patsy Rose Patton
#186 Trinity  Mr. R.J. Skipper
              Mrs. Cleo Plemons
#289 Greenville  Mrs. Corene Somers
              Mrs. Zelda L. Cooper
#204 Del Rio  Mrs. Maurene Weathers
#208 Commerce  Mrs. Ruth Weems
              Mrs. Nina B. Smith
#210 Lockhart  Mr. Clarence Phillips
              Mrs. Joyzelle Welch
#214 Orange  Mrs. Virginia Plunk
#215 Hamilton  Mrs. Wanda Jean Harter
#216 Llano  Mrs. Florene Hill
#218 Corsicana  Mrs. Lola Gilbert
#220 Velasco  Mrs. Lydia Johnson Thomas
              Mrs. Alma Couler
              Mrs. Betty Hughes
#228 Montgomery  Mrs. Estelle Burns
              Mrs. Margaret Strickland
#230 Ft. Stockton  Mrs. Odessa Reed
              Mrs. Barbara Brooks
              Mrs. Mary Lee Caldwell
#244 Harmony  Mrs. Lunette Holst
#245 Sommerville  Mrs. Geneva Myrow
#249 Arlington  Mrs. Lera Lawler
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Mrs. Lou Anna Simmons
Mrs. Sara Wright

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Mrs. Jeanette Hodson

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Mrs. Dorothy Montgomery
Mrs. Pauline Perkins

#1107 Sugar Land
Mrs. Norma Blalack

#1112 Huffman
Mrs. Dorcus Wood

#1114 Gun Barrell City
Mrs. Sue Simpson

#1126 Princeton
Mrs. Lily Neale

#1140 Webb
Mrs. Thelma Sampson
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, and these special 50-year members.

At this time I'd like Brother Bill Bane to please come and give his Webmaster report.

REPORT OF WEBMASTER COMMITTEE

DR. BILL BANE: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand patron, my Sisters and Brothers,

As General Chairman of the Webmaster Committee, I would like to introduce the other members of this committee:

Brothers Bill Bennett, District Five and Jack York, District Two. Thank you my Brothers for serving on this committee for our Grand Chapter.

Sisters and Brothers, we have maintained the Official Website of the Grand Chapter of Texas at www.GrandChapterofTexas.org. The Officers of Grand Chapter, Special Projects of the Worthy Grand Matron and Minutes of the Board of Directors have been posted on our Website along with useful information about our Order, our Grand Chapter and its benevolent projects and education scholarships.

On Saturday, October 9, 2004, I met with the Board of Directors, Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Secretary to discuss the progress of the website and proposals for future enhancements to our website to better provide information and resources to our membership. I made the following proposals to be considered for the website:

1) Add and maintain Chapter contact information;
2) Add and maintain forms that are printed and mailed at the expense of Grand Chapter;
3) Add fill-in forms for chapter reports.

Recently, our host-site experienced “technical difficulty” and the site was not available. I am pleased to report that our website is back up and running. Please make it one of your “Favorites” and visit it often.

Sisters and Brothers, this is your website. Please let us know what you would like to see on the website and how we can assist in the “communication process.”

Worthy Grand matron, thank you for the confidence you placed in our committee and our opportunities to serve our membership. I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Charles W. (Bill) Bane, General Chairman
Webmaster Committee

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Webmaster's report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. Those opposed. Brother Bill, your Webmaster report has been adopted.
At this time we'll recognize Sister Rennie Ofton and the Jurisprudence Committee for continuation of their report. While they're coming up, I would like to let you know we have 2,365 registered members at this session as of right now. They sent this in to me.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Brother Garland Rattan will present amendments number 5, 6 and 7. They will require the vote of the assembly and the vote of the Chapter Representatives.

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: The first thing I need to say about constitutional amendments for first reading, numbers 5, 6 and 7, and next year will be second reading. After the amendments have been heard, discussed and if so ordered, amended in writing and approved by a majority of the votes present, they shall be entered on record and printed in the Proceedings as amended. They will be held for a second and final reading at the Grand Chapter session of 2005.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 5

Amendment number 5 has to do with reduction of numbers of Board members. Will provide for the reduction of the Board of Directors from the existing ten members to six members, one elected from each of the five districts and one member elected at large. Due to current members beginning five-year terms, the amendment provides for a progression of reducing the number of members on the Board of Directors to six. The amendment also allows the reduction of term of service to one or two terms of three years.

Worthy Grand Matron, this is in proper order and is ready for action of this body.

[Amendment No. 5 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 5

TEXAS OES CONSTITUTION

Board of Directors - Term Change

WHEREAS the Board of Grand Trustees and Board of Directors of Grand Chapter Benevolences were combined in 2002 at the One Hundred Twentieth Annual Session held in Dallas, Texas;

WHEREAS the number of members is currently ten with two members serving from each of the Five Districts, and

WHEREAS to decrease the number of members from ten to six, one from each of the Five Districts and one member At Large; and

WHEREAS qualified members may be able to dedicate three years of service rather than five years of service to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS the following election rotation and attrition scheme will allow all members elected to a five year term to complete their five year term, and to begin the three year rotation scheme in a fair and expedient manner:
2003-2004  First Reading  Election for Five-Year Term for Districts 4 & 5
2004-2005  Second Reading  Election for Five-Year Term for Districts 3 & 4
2005-2006  10 Members  No Election - Final Year for one District 1 & 5 Member
2006-2007  8 Members  No Election-Final Year for one District 2 & 3 Member
2007-2008  6 Members  Election for Three-Year Term for District 1 & 2 Members
2008-2009  6 Members  Election for Three-Year Term for District 5 & At Large Member
2009-2010  6 Members  Election for Three-Year Term for District 3 & 4 Members
2010-2011  6 Members  Election for Three-Year Term for District 1 & 2 Members
2011-2012  6 Members  Election for Three-Year Term for District 5 & At Large Member
2012-2013  6 Members  Election for Three-Year Term for District 3 & 4 Members

(New Election Rotation would begin at Grand Chapter Sessions in 2008, 2009, and 2010)

We, the undersigned, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Constitution for a First Reading.

WHICH NOW READS:

Constitution,

Article VII Boards of Grand Chapter, Composition, Duties and Prerogatives,

B. Board of Directors

Section 1. COMPOSITION AND TENURE. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter of Texas, consisting of ten members, two from each of the five O.E.S. Districts of Texas, and holding office for a term of five years, respectively, two retiring and her or his successor being elected each year. No elected member shall be eligible to succeed herself or himself as a member of said Board of Directors. No one District shall elect more than one member at a time, unless it would be necessary to fill an unexpired term.

Section 2. BY WHOM ELECTED. No Change

Section 3. OFFICERS.

a. A Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary, and such other officers as the Board may desire shall be elected annually by the members of the Board immediately following the election of the members on said Board at that Session of Grand Chapter. The first year, the Chairman shall be from one of the previous Boards, and the Vice-Chairman from the other previous Board. Thereafter, the Board may elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman as they feel necessary. However, none of the three elected officers of the Board shall be from the same District.

b. The Chairman shall not vote on matters before the Board except to decide a question or break a tie.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

Constitution,

Article VII Boards of Grand Chapter, Composition, Duties and prerogatives,

B. Board of Directors.
Section 1. COMPOSITION AND TENURE. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter of Texas, consisting of six members, one from each of the five O.E.S. Districts of Texas, and one member elected At Large. Each member shall hold office for a term of three years, respectively, two retiring and her or his successor being elected each year. An elected member shall be eligible to succeed herself or himself as a member of said Board of Directors for one additional term, but to not exceed two consecutive terms (six years).

The following election schedule shall be used to effectively reduce the number of members from ten to six and to allow all members elected to an original five-year term to complete their five-year term.

- 2003-2004 First Reading Election for Five-Year Term for Districts 4 & 5
- 2004-2005 Second Reading Election for Five-Year Term for Districts 3 & 4
- 2005-2006 10 Members No Election - Final Year for District 1 & 5 Members
- 2006-2007 8 Members No Election - Final Year for District 2 & 3 Members
- 2007-2008 6 Members Election for Three-Year Term for District 1 & 2 Members
- 2008-2009 6 Members Election for Three-Year Term for District 5 & At Large Member
- 2009-2010 6 Members Election for Three-Year Term for District 3 & 4 Members
- 2010-2011 6 Members Election for Three-Year Term for District 1 & 2 Members
- 2011-2012 6 Members Election for Three-Year Term for District 5 & At Large Member
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(New Election Rotation would begin at Grand Chapter Sessions in 2008, 2009, and 2010)

Section 2. BY WHOM ELECTED. No Change

Section 3. OFFICERS.

a. Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary, and such other officers as the Board may desire shall be elected annually by the members of the Board immediately following the election of the members on said Board at that Session of Grand Chapter. However, none of the three elected officers of the Board shall be from the same District.

b. The Chairman shall not vote on matters before the Board except to decide a question or break a tie.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Campbell A.L. Casparis
Tom Everitt Gary E. Steele
Dwayne Maserang Jayne Yenger
Jack C. Beall

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the amendment number 5 for the first reading at this Grand Chapter session. Is there any discussion? I recognize Sister Alma Carter in the North.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: My name is Alma Carter. I'm a Past Matron of Plano Chapter #703. Worthy Grand Matron, I object to this amendment the way it is written. The way it is written, the longest term of anyone will be three years. Having served as a Board member for five years, I know that you cannot completely absorb everything and act as
Chairman of this Board in three years. It takes longer than that to learn where all of our money is, to learn all the distribution, what is in different accounts and how to invest it. So I would like to oppose this amendment.

Now I understand there will be a substitute amendment or changes in the amendment. I don't know exactly what it is, but I'd be willing to speak to that later. I oppose this on the fact that anyone that is dedicated enough to work on that Board of Grand Trustees should be dedicated enough to Eastern Star and our finances to stay on there for five years.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma, and this is the Board of Directors, not Trustees.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Yes. I'm sorry.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That's all right.

MRS. RENNIE OFTEN: We do have a substitute amendment to propose at this time. I recognize Sister Frances Burbank.

MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Sister Rennie, and thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. The substitute amendment deals with what Brother Garland has already discussed, and that is reducing the number of members who would serve on the Board of Directors from ten to six. I will read the substitute amendment. At the present time it reads that there will be ten members on the Board, simply because of combining the two Boards, after moving the ladies to TMRC. The amendment would read, “Article VII Boards of Grand Chapter, Composition, Duties and Prerogatives. Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter of Texas, consisting of six members, one from each of the five O.E.S. Districts of Texas, and one member elected at large. Each member shall hold office for a term of five years, respectively, one retiring and her or his successor being elected each year, to effectively reduce the number of members from ten to six. Beginning following the close of the 2005 Grand Chapter session, only one member will be elected annually from the combined two Districts whose members are retiring, until the Board is reduced to a total of six members, so long as all Districts are represented. The member elected at the 2009 Grand Chapter session shall be the member-at-large.”

There is no change then in Section 2 or Section 3. But under “Officers,” “A Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary, and such other officers as the Board may desire shall be elected annually by the members of the Board immediately following the election of the members on said Board at that Session of Grand Chapter. However, none of the three elected Officers of the Board shall be from the same District.” There is no change in “b.” This simply restores the members on the Board of Directors. They would serve five years rather than the three as presented in the previous amendment.

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Nelson Campbell, a Past Patron of Silsbee 298. I would like to speak against the amendment. My dear Sister and I are real close friends, and that's no problem about that. But I think we would be wise -- five years is a long commitment for someone to commit to. I think we could get some qualified people -- more qualified people that would be willing to commit themselves to a three-year term than to a five-year term. We've had to kind of struggle to get people to run for those jobs in some areas.
A five-year commitment is a long time. The ones who would argue against that would say that they wouldn't learn the job -- they just barely would learn the job in three years. But you could be on it five years and not know the job. So if you get on it, the first year you really apply yourself, I think you would come on board. I just think it would open it up and make it easier for more people to commit to a three-year term than to a five-year term. I guess at this point that's all I would say, because the original motion asked for something else. But I would like to speak against it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Nelson. He's speaking against the amendment to the amendment. Is there anyone else?

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Elise Hammack, Past Matron of North Fort Worth Chapter #684 in Fort Worth. I speak for this because that is a very important place. And I know that we do not like resignations, my Brother, but I totally approve yours. We've operated with that Board, with those five -- and now these ten members, and it has done well. Why not simplify this thing and pick up this one that Mrs. Burbank has just offered, that will simplify and we will be -- when they run out -- when their time runs out, they're off the Board. But, you know, if they decide that their commitment is too long, they may at their -- just as they see fit, they could quit or they could resign or they could move out of the area. And we don't do anything about that. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. But it's a very simple way to do it.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Elise. Is there anyone else?

Okay. At this time then we will vote on the amendment to the substitute amendment. All in favor --

MRS. ILENE LEWIS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ilene Lewis, a Past Matron of James Ladd Burgess Chapter 983. I'm a little confused. Do we have an amendment, a substitute amendment or an amendment to the amendment? We need to clarify before we vote.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a substitute amendment.

MRS. ILENE LEWIS: Okay. So we're voting on the one read by Sister Frances Burbank?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: On the substitute.

MRS. ILENE LEWIS: Thank you, ma'am.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we will vote on the substitute amendment. Do you understand? All those in favor of the substitute amendment, please raise your blue cards.

Are you watching, Worthy Grand Patron? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Keep them up so we can see. Down, please. All those opposed to the substitute amendment, please raise your blue cards. It is defeated. Thank you.

Okay. This takes us back to amendment number 5. [pause as Worthy Grand Matron confers] We've been asked for a recall of the count. If you're in favor of the substitute amendment, would you please stand and hold your blue cards. All right, you may be seated. Now all of those opposed to this, would you please stand.
Sisters and Brothers, it's hard to tell, and I'm sure it's real close. Do you want a paper ballot?

**VOICES:** No.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** No. [pause as Worthy Grand Matron confers] Okay. If you want a paper ballot, would you please stand. You may be seated. Those opposed to a paper ballot, would you please stand. You may be seated. [pause as Worthy Grand Matron confers].

**MR. GAYLE BROWN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Gayle Brown, Past Patron of Castleberry #1028. I am convinced there is confusion in the temple! I say that, when you ask for a resolution -- or a substitute or an amendment, would you tell them that one is for three and one is for five, to clarify, if we vote again. One is a substitute -- one is for three and one is for five. Just clarify that each time we ballot. I think there'll be less confusion. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Brother Gayle Brown has asked a question. The difference -- the main difference right here, if it's a three-year term you can succeed yourself. A five-year term, you cannot. Would that clarify what you're asking, Brother Gayle? Is that what the membership is concerned about?

**VOICES:** No.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Then what is the question? [pause as Worthy Grand Matron confers]

**MRS. ALMA CARTER:** Worthy Grand Matron, the three-year is for the amendment, which is they serve only three years. The substitute, which we're voting on, is for five years. That's the difference.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Are there any other questions? Then you understand we're voting on the five-year term for the Board on the substitute amendment. Now do you understand? We are voting on a five-year term of office for the Board of Directors on this substitute amendment.

I recognize the Brother in the South.

**VOICE:** Worthy Grand Matron, there seems to be some confusion about the number of members on the Board, in addition to the term of office. It would seem more reasonable to me to leave the number at ten, but reduce the term of office to three years.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Well, that would have to be another amendment.

**VOICE:** I understand.

**MRS. RENNIE OFTON:** Well, Sisters and Brothers, the count is so close we're going to have to take time now to do it manually some way. Worthy Grand Matron, you'll have to have somebody do the counting, if they don't want a paper ballot. It's so close that it's hard to call it from up here.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All right. Deputy Grand Matrons, are all of you here? Please stand up. As we go along, Deputy Grand Matrons, would you please fan out
across this Grand Chapter room. I'll have one in each area, like the choir, have some right here in this special needs group, and have some in this area. In this area up here, start at the top and work your way down. We want only one row at a time to stand.

**MRS. LOU LEWIS:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Yes.

**MRS. LOU LEWIS:** I'm Lou Lewis from Castleberry Chapter #1028. I think a lot of people are not understanding that on the three-year term you can succeed yourself in that term, so they don't have to just stay on there three years. We can elect them for another three years, and they can serve six years and learn it better.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Yes, that's what we were stating.

Sister Rennie Ofton, my Jurisprudence Chairman, wants to ask a question.

**MRS. RENNIE OFT ON:** The question that was brought to us says that perhaps -- now, listen carefully -- if we vote on the three-year or the five-year, would that simplify it?

**VOICES:** Yes.

**MRS. RENNIE OFT ON:** Okay. Now the proposed substitute amendment is for three years -- I mean, five. For five years. If you accept that, it would be then for five-year terms. And then the three-year would be the original. So you have to defeat the substitute amendment to get to the three-year. If we vote on the three-year and the five-year, would that simplify it?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** There were more yeses than there were noes.

**MRS. RENNIE OFT ON:** Okay. Let's try that.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Can we have the mike on in the north and then we're going to start with a procedure of some sort.

**MRS. KAREN BURCH:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Karen Burch. I'm a Past Junior Matron from Crowley 1125. The confusion I'm hearing, we would like to hear the original amendment that's going to be voted on, not just part of it but the full amendment. We're getting confused.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All of these are in your Advance Reports. Would you please turn to those pages and look at that.

**MRS. KAREN BURCH:** Yes, ma’am.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** This is page number 67, amendment number 5. Please look on page number 67 and 68 and part of 69.

Yes, I recognize Sister Linda Carney.

**MRS. LINDA CARNEY:** Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Linda Carney. I'm a Past Matron of Farmers Branch Chapter. I also served as recording secretary for the Board of Grand Trustees for five years. I'm against either of those amendments with -- no, no, let me say what I want to say.
It appears to me that there are three issues. One is limiting the term to five years. One is limiting it to three years to succeed yourself. But I think part of the confusion is also that you're throwing in both of them to reduce the number from ten to six. Some people are in favor of keeping it at ten members. Having served with that Board, I know that there were many times that we did not get a quorum or we had trouble getting a quorum when we had ten members. How much more difficult is it going to be to get a quorum when we have six? [pause as Worthy Grand Matron confers]

**MS. BRENDA SMITH:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Brenda Smith, Worthy Matron of Bandera Chapter #643. May I speak?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Yes, ma'am. I recognize Sister Brenda.

**MS. BRENDA SMITH:** I am in favor of us lowering the number of members on the Board. It is very difficult -- having been the Executive Chairman this year with only six members or five members on my team, it's very difficult to get ten people together at any one given time and have their schedules not be conflicting. I am also in favor of us leaving these members on, as they are currently, for five years instead of three years and succeeding themselves. Five years is long enough, and it's time to give someone else the chance to run for the Board of Directors. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** All right. Sisters and Brothers, we're going to try one more time to vote on the substitute amendment for five-year terms. All those in favor, please stand. This is the substitute amendment for a five-year term. Would you please be seated. All those against the substitute amendment for the five-year term.

[pause as Worthy Grand Matron confers] Sisters and Brothers, please be seated. We're going to count. Are my Deputy Grand Matrons scattered out across the room? May I see where you are? You're going to take one row at a time. Everyone be seated until my Deputy Grand Matrons who are serving as Pages count you. Would the back row in each area please stand? We are voting for the substitute amendment for a five-year term. If all have been counted on the back row, please be seated and we'll take the second row. Would you stand.

Brother Mark Dieckman who is in charge of the ballot says he can set this up for a paper ballot, and we feel that you'll be more accurately counted. At this point in time we'll set up for a paper ballot.

Would Arrangements get some tables set up over here and bring out the ballot boxes. Mark said it would take about 45 minutes to do this, so while this is being handled we'll go into other business.

I will remind you, do not put any marks on anything because I haven't told you yet which ballot you will be using. You have a #2 pencil in your bag.

If you'll give me your attention so we can get this ready. Sister Betty Benham is the Election Judge. Those assisting: At table #1 is Sister Yvonne Brownfield and Brother Ed Warner. At table #2, Sister Jane Gregory and Kenneth Gregory. Would these Past Grand Matrons and Patrons assume your positions.

We need four tables out there and chairs -- Arrangements, will you hold this just a moment. Sister Frances Burbank would like to speak with you, the membership.
MRS. FRANCES BURBANK: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I don't think any of us really wanted to create too much of a problem, and let me tell you what we would like to present at this time. Those who signed with me on the substitute amendment, we are willing to withdraw that substitute amendment. I have talked with most of the members who presented the one that is printed in your Advanced Annual Report. They are willing to withdraw that one, to leave the Board exactly as it is at this time, which means there would be ten members on the Board. They will operate that way for this year and try to come in with one amendment next year. We may have two, we don't know, but at least we can work through it and have them printed in the Advanced Annual Report, if this meets with the membership's approval. [applause]

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Sisters and Brothers, amendment number 5 has been withdrawn and the amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, amendment number 5 has been withdrawn. Well, we're just set up partly for tomorrow. That's all right. We're fine-tuning everything as we go, and we want the membership to be pleased and happy with what is going on.

Sister Rennie, are you ready with another one? Deputy Grand Matrons, you may return to your places.

I recognize Brother Gary Steele.

MR. GARY STEELE: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Gary Steele, and I'm from Denton Chapter #259. I sit on this Board, and I was not asked my opinion on withdrawing this motion, and I want my name taken off of it because I do not agree. I think we should have had the opportunity to do this. I don't know what Board members decided to do it, but there was four that was not asked on this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Board of Directors, would you please stand and let us know what the Board's decision is on this. [pause] Sisters and Brothers, just be patient. We need Sister Alma Lynn Bane to meet with the Board of Directors for just a moment. [pause]

All right. Arrangements, would you put up two more tables. We are going to electronic balloting on this.

MRS. RENNIE OFTTON: Sisters and Brothers, it has been determined that neither those who submitted and signed the original amendment, nor those who signed the substitute amendment, want to withdraw it. Therefore, we must proceed to ballot. It'll have to be an electronic ballot.

MR. CHARLES CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Charles Campbell, Past Patron of Killeen Chapter 490. As I understand, the amendment to the resolution was defeated, and we voted on the amendment when we had the tie or it was getting close to where we couldn't tell who was winning or who was losing. Then we voted not to have a paper ballot, so I would make a motion that we table this resolution till next year. [applause]
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Just a moment. [pause as Worthy Grand Matron confers] Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion to table this until next year. All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. This is to table this until next year. Your blue cards. Down, please. Those opposed. It has been defeated. This will be tabled until next year. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Okay. I recognize Sister Alma Lynn Bane who will present number 6.

REPORT OF AMENDMENT NO. 6

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Amendment number 6, Constitution pages 36 and 37, which now reads that the composition of the Grand Chapter shall be composed of the following, and that's all of you that have a ballot and are able to vote with your blue cards. And there is an amendment that is in your printed Advance Proceedings that the following be added to Section 1, “c. Subordinate Chapter Members. All members of this Jurisdiction holding a current dues card and registered for an annual Grand Chapter session or any called Grand Chapter session shall have voting privileges in accordance with Chapter X, Section 10 Constitution.”

So we had to go to the Constitution, Article X, Section 10 to change it also. And it needed -- in order to match the amendment at the top, adding an item “c” there also. And it reads, “Subordinate Chapter Members. All members of this Grand Chapter jurisdiction who are not Past Matrons or Past Patrons or present Worthy Grand Matrons or Worthy Grand Patrons, and are holding a current dues card and are registered for the annual Grand Chapter session of this Grand Jurisdiction.”

And I would like to note that Brother Tom Everitt was also a signer on this, and his name was inadvertently left off when it was printed.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and is ready for consideration.

[Amendment No. 6 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 6

CONSTITUTION PAGES 36 & 37
WHICH NOW READS

ARTICLE IV COMPOSITION OF
GRAND CHAPTER

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Grand Chapter shall be composed of the following:

a. Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

(1) All Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Chartered Chapters in good standing in this jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter

(2) If the Worthy Matron is absent from Grand Chapter, the Associate Matron, if present, shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Matron. In case of the absence
of both the Worthy Matron and the Associate Matron, the Worthy Matron may appoint, as her proxy with full power of representation, any member of her Chapter. In case of the absence from Grand Chapter of the Worthy Patron, the Associate Patron, if present shall be entitled to represent the Worthy Patron. In case of the absence of the Worthy Patron and Associate Patron, the Worthy Patron may appoint as his proxy with full power of representation, any member of his Chapter. In order for a member to be seated as a proxy, she or he shall present to the Committee on Credentials a certificate of such appointment, duly certified to under Seal of the Chapter Secretary.

b. Past Matrons and Past Patrons. All Past Matrons and Past Patrons of Chartered Chapters within this jurisdiction shall be members of this Grand Chapter, provided they are affiliated with a Chartered Chapter or a Chapter Under Dispensation whose Charter has been granted at this Session of Grand Chapter. They cannot appoint proxies.

Be amended to add the following item:

c. Subordinate Chapter Members. All members of this jurisdiction, holding a current dues card and registered for an Annual Grand Chapter Session, or any called Grand Chapter Session, shall have voting privileges in accordance with Chapter X, Section 10 Constitution.

Constitution, Article X, Grand Chapter Sessions and Matters Related Thereto

Section 10.b. In Elections. (1) Vote. Page 46

Add item (c) as follows:

(c) Subordinate Chapter Members. All members of this Grand Chapter jurisdiction who are not Past Matrons or Past patrons or present Worthy Matrons or Worthy Patrons, and are holding a current dues card and are registered for the Annual Grand Chapter Session of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Shirley Everitt
Nina Kosner
Charlie E. Ipes
Dona H. Ipes
Winston Holmes

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard the report on amendment number 6. Is there any discussion?

MRS. MOLLY GOODPASTURE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Molly Goodpasture, Past Matron of Brownfield Chapter #785. If this amendment passes, it means that a person could join their Chapter yesterday, come to Grand Chapter and pay their dues and then vote on anything that comes before Grand Chapter. I submit to you that no one would have enough knowledge to vote on anything. Even though they may have belonged one year, they have not had the experience, they do not know enough about Grand Chapter to intelligently vote on something. So I am definitely opposed to this amendment. [applause]
MRS. LAURA STONE: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Laura Stone. I'm the Worthy Matron of Mesquite Chapter #887. We had submitted a substitute amendment which would read --

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Excuse me. It's an amendment to the amendment.

MRS. LAURA STONE: I'm sorry. Amendment to the amendment which would read instead of -- the present amendment reads “All members of this Grand Jurisdiction,” the change would read “All Elected Officers of this Grand Jurisdiction.”

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Do you mean the Elected Officers of Grand Chapter or the Elected Officers of a Subordinate Chapter?

MRS. LAURA STONE: Subordinate Chapter.

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Okay.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have an amendment to the amendment, and it states, “All Elected Officers of a Subordinate Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction who are not Past Matrons or Past Patrons or present Worthy Matrons or present Worthy Patrons and are holding a current dues card and are registered for the annual Grand Chapter session of this Grand Jurisdiction shall have voting privileges in accordance with Chapter X, Section 10 of this Constitution.”

I recognize the Brother in the South.

MR. HARRY CUNNINGHAM: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Harry Cunningham, Past Patron of Somerset Chapter #730. I, too, am 100% against this amendment. Sisters and Brothers, I love everyone in this organization, whether they're a Past Matron or Past Patron. But, listen, we're having a hard enough time now getting people to serve in offices. And this is not for the betterment of the Order, I don't think, when it gets down to the Subordinate Chapter. So I am against this 100% and hope you are, too. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Harry.

MRS. FREIDA DILLON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Freida Dillon, Past Matron of Channelview Chapter #954. I speak in opposition to this amendment. In these days we are getting many people serving in our line who are new members, who really know nothing about the interaction of this Grand Chapter. And while they are quite willing to labor in our field of labor, I think they need a little more seasoning before they're allowed to vote in this Grand Chapter. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are you speaking for or against?

MRS. MYRA GURDON: For.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. We've had three against.

MRS. MYRA GURDON: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Myra Gurdon, and I'm the current Worthy Matron of San Antonio Radiant #3. I'm a first-time Worthy Matron, and I'm also 24 years old. I have waited four years to get to vote. I want my opinion heard. If you want younger members -- and with the declining population, you're going to need us to vote. [applause] Thank you.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize the Sister in the South. Are you for?

MRS. YVONNE SMITH: I'm for.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right.

MRS. YVONNE SMITH: There are many --

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: State your name and Chapter first, please.

MRS. YVONNE SMITH: Yvonne Smith, Past Matron of Zapata Chapter #1106. I attended Grand Chapter for several years before becoming a voting member. I learned a lot during those four years. I felt that was wonderful. However, we have many members that for whatever reason have been members of the Chapter, have been coming to Grand Chapter for numerous years, but have not served as a Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, for whatever reason. They may be very, very knowledgeable, and much more so than someone that has joined the Chapter and been scooted through the line, passing several stations along the way and become voting members attending their first Grand Chapter and know nothing of what's going on. I am for this amendment so that those that are dues-paying members and take the time and the money and the love of the Order to come to Grand Chapter can make their voices heard. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: All right. Sisters and Brothers, we will call for the vote at this time. This is to amend the amendment by saying “All Elected Officers of the Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction.” So we’re inserting “All Elected Officers of Subordinate Chapters.” All those in favor, would you please hold up your blue card. All those opposed. This is defeated.

Now we go back to the original amendment, which states -- on this one, the original amendment was to allow all members a vote. All those in favor, please hold up your blue card. Down. All those opposed. Motion defeated.

I recognize Brother Garland Rattan.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 7

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: I'm not sure I want to come back! What I would like to say is please don't shoot the messenger this time.

Amendment number 7, Constitutional first reading, Article III. Section 3. Business Headquarters.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: And this is page 71. Are you following in your Advanced Proceedings? Page 71.

[Amendment No. 7 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 7

Constitution (First Reading)
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ARTICLE III. Section 3. BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS.
WHEREAS, the property in Arlington will be sold and it is not known where the Administration Building will be located, the restriction for a specific property designation should be removed.

NOW READS:

SECTION 3. BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS. 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 O.E.S. Home at Arlington, Texas. In this office, all equipment and facilities suitable and necessary for the transactions of the office business of Grand Chapter and for the preservation of its records shall be maintained.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 3, BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS. Permanent Headquarters for the Grand Chapter Office shall be located in Arlington, Texas. In the Grand Chapter office, all equipment and facilities suitable and necessary for the transactions of the office business of Grand Chapter and for the preservation of its records shall be maintained.

Submitted by:
Nell Smith
Darla Dunaway
Cheryl McGee
Zaneta Miller

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 7. Is there any discussion?

MR. RICHARD HANCOCK: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Richard Hancock, Past Patron and Worthy Patron of Bellmeade Chapter. The only objection I have to this, I do object to the Board of Grand Trustees and the Board of Benevolence and whatever being limited to having our office, our Home, in Arlington. In their wisdom, and with our choice, perhaps it is time that we should move our Grand Chapter headquarters out of Arlington into some other central location. At least I think we should have the opportunity to look at it. With this amendment it says that it must be located in Arlington. Therefore, I am against this amendment.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion?

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm a Past Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298, Nelson Campbell. We have signed a letter of intent with the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, and I would hate to think that we would go back on our word to them, as good as they've been to us. Both Boards agreed for us to do this. We just have to stay with that commitment. It's a ten-year commitment. At the end of that time this could come up, but I would sure hate to see this body go back on our commitment to the Texas Masonic Retirement Center, because they are actually going on with plans of building based on our letter of intent. Thank you.

MRS. ALMA CARTER: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Alma Carter, Past Matron of Plano 706. We are chartered by the State of Texas, and our permanent address is Arlington, Texas.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Alma Carter.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes.

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: I'm Darla Dunaway, Past Matron of Mansfield Chapter #876; I'm also employed by the Grand Chapter of Texas in the Grand Secretary's Office. I just want the membership to understand that we do have employees that work there, that travel to that office in Arlington, Texas. Three of us live inside Arlington; one lives in Grand Prairie and one travels from Redoak, Texas. To move that office could mean changing all the workers in the office. So I just want you to consider that not only are we chartered in Arlington, Texas, but that it would affect more than just changing the wording of that. We need to keep it in Arlington, Texas, where our ladies are also.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. We have three for. Does anyone else have any comment on this? Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 7. All those in favor of amendment number 7, please hold up your blue cards. Down, please. All opposed. You have accepted amendment number 7. Thank you.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: The amendment that we just completed will be brought up for second reading at Grand Chapter next year. Amendment number 8 is a first reading, but it's from the Code of Laws. Therefore, if it is passed or defeated -- but if it is passed, it will become effective as a law at the end of this Grand Chapter.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NUMBER 8

MR. GARLAND RATTAN: Amendment number 8, page 67, Article 54.

[Amendment No. 8 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 8

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ARTICLE 54

WHEREAS, the property in Arlington will be sold and it is not known where the Administration Building will be located, the restriction as to a specific property designation should be removed; and

WHEREAS, there is confusion as to the closing of the office for the Christmas holidays, we therefore propose the following amendment:

NOW READS:

ARTICLE 54. OFFICE AND OFFICE HOURS. The Grand Secretary shall keep her office in the Administration Building on the O.E.S. Grounds at Arlington. The office shall be kept open from 8:30 o’clock a.m. to 4:30 o’clock p.m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays and the holidays named below: New Year’s Day, Presidents’ Day, the Friday preceding Easter, Memorial Day, National Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) and Christmas.

BE AMENDED TO READ:
ARTICLE 54. OFFICE AND OFFICE HOURS. The Grand Secretary office shall be located within the designated Grand Chapter office. The office shall be kept open from 8:30 o’clock a.m. to 4:30 o’clock p.m. every day except Saturdays and Sundays and the holidays named below: New Year’s Day, President’s Day, the Friday preceding Easter, Memorial Day, National Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday). Christmas holidays will be determined each year by the Grand Secretary with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Submitted By:
Darla Dunaway
Zaneta Miller
Nell Smith

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the amendment number 8. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of amendment number 8, please hold up your blue cards. Down, please. Opposed. Amendment number 8 has been accepted and will become effective at the end of this Grand Chapter session. Thank you.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 9

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Worthy Grand Matron, you've got the third string in here. Amendment number 9, Sisters and Brothers. If passed by the voting delegates, this amendment to Article 152-E-1, Duties, becomes a part of our Code of Laws immediately upon the close of this Grand Chapter session. This amendment modifies the distribution to every Subordinate Chapter, one copy of the compilation of the changes to the Constitution and Code of Laws at a Grand Chapter session. The Chapter will not receive a copy of the compilation directly from the Grand Secretary's office. In the issue of the Official Bulletin and Advanced Annual Report wherein the amendments and resolutions are printed, the membership shall be advised that the compilations will be printed in the first Official Bulletin following the completion of the Jurisprudence Committee's report, with instructions to be “Read in Open Chapter.”

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and ready for consideration by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 9 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO.9

If adopted shall become effective from and after the adjournment of this Session of Grand Chapter. (Article 152-E-1, Section b. (3), Page 106

WHEREAS, the cost of printing and postage has escalated and since the Subordinate Chapters are requested to read the items in the Official Bulletin that are entitled “Read in Open Chapter”.

WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

NOW READS:

ARTICLE 152-E-1. DUTIES. Special duties relating to compilation of Constitutional Amendments, Changes, Alterations, and Repeal of Laws. Approved Decisions of Worthy
Grand Matron, and Edicts and Resolutions:

a. It shall be the duty of each retiring Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Chapter, immediately following the close of Grand Chapter, to compile separately and in suitable and appropriately arranged form, the following:

(1) All constitutional amendments.
(2) All amendments, alterations, and additions to the Code of Laws for government of Grand Chapter, including all actions of the Grand Chapter in repealing any such laws.
(3) All amendments, alterations, and additions to the Code of Laws for government of Subordinate Chapters, including all actions of the Grand Chapter in repealing any such laws.
(4) All other interpretive or directive actions of the Grand Chapter at said Sessions, including Edicts and Resolutions.
(5) With the assistance of the Grand Secretary, correct any inconsistencies in the wording of the existing laws to correspond with any legislation passed by action of the Grand Chapter.

b. Such compilation shall forthwith be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall then have same printed and distributed as follows:

(1) To the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron, three copies of each.
(2) To every Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron, Installed Floor Officer, Elected Board Member, District Deputy and Deputy one copy each.
(3) To every Subordinate Chapter, one copy which may be reproduced.

c. Whenever any new addition of the Constitution and Laws is printed, all constitutional amendments, changes, alterations, additions and repeal of laws then effective shall be carried into and reflected in the reprint of the Constitution and Laws; but all decisions, and interpretative and directive edicts and resolutions still in effect and not so carried into and reflected in said Constitution and Laws, shall be printed under and appropriate heading under Division V. Chapter 15 of this Compilation of Constitution and Laws governing the Order of this Grand Jurisdiction.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE 152-E-1, DUTIES. Special duties relating to compilation of Constitutional Amendments, Changes, Alterations, and Repeal of Laws. Approved decisions of Worthy Grand Matron, and Edicts and Resolutions:

a. No change
   (1) No change
   (2) No change
   (3) No change
   (4) No change
   (5) No change

b. No change
(1) No change
(2) No change
(3) In the Official Bulletin with instructions to be “Read in Open Chapter”; and further in the issue of the Official Bulletin and Advanced Annual Report wherein Amendments and Resolutions are printed, the membership shall be advised that Compilations will be printed in the first Official Bulletin following completion of the Jurisprudence Committee’s Report.

c. No change

Submitted By:
Nell Smith
Darla Dunaway
Cheryl McGee
Zaneta Miller

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard amendment number 9. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of amendment number 9, please hold up your blue card. Down, please. All opposed. This amendment is passed and will become effective at the end of this Grand Chapter session. Thank you.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 10

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Likewise, amendment number 10, if passed by the voting delegates, the amendment to Article 204, Petitions for Affiliation, becomes a part of the Code of Laws immediately upon the close of this Grand Chapter session. This amendment limits an endowed membership purchased as a memorial to a deceased member of Texas, in good standing at the time of their death. Additionally, a member, as well as the Chapter secretary, may make payment to the Grand Secretary for an endowed membership. To assure that the vital records are maintained, when booklets of 50 stamps are completed or are completed with additional monies, members must fill out the proper information and turn it into the Grand Secretary, who will then record it as payment for the endowed memberships.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and ready for consideration.

[Amendment No. 10 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 10

ARTICLE 204. PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION may be applied for on a DEMIT or GRAND DEMIT or TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP or DUAL MEMBERSHIP. Pg. 143
e. ENDO WED MEMBERSHIP.

WHEREAS, the process of transferring an Endowed Membership has not been easily understood,

WHEREAS, the Endowed Membership is the property of the person rendering payment for said endowment which is to benefit the Chapter of the owner’s choice,

WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:
WHICH NOW READS

e. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP.

(1) ELIGIBLE. A member who has paid current dues may purchase an Endowed Membership or an Endowed Membership may be purchased to honor a member. An Endowed Membership may likewise be purchased as a Memorial for a member who was in good standing at the time of death.

(2) PRICE: Full price is $500.00. If not paid in a lump sum, an Endowed Membership may be purchased as follows:

(a) by the Installment plan adopted by their Chapter. The Chapter Secretary will forward only the full payment to the Grand Secretary.

(b) By purchase of $10.00 special perforated Endowed membership stamps to be placed in a special booklet that will hold fifty (50) stamps. These stamps will be available from the Grand Secretary and through the Subordinate Chapter Secretary. Chapter Secretaries may order as few of these stamps as desired to keep on hand for purchase by Chapter members. These stamps may be given or transferred to other members as gifts. Once a stamp is purchased, there will be no refund. When booklets of fifty (50) stamps are completed, members must turn it in to the Secretary of their Subordinate Chapter, who will then forward it to the Grand Secretary as payment for the Endowed Membership. If the Worthy Grand Matron so desires, she may appoint a special committee to place emphasis on the sale of these stamps.

(c) Holders of an Endowed Membership shall be issued a current “Receipt for Dues” Card each year by the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter; the words “Endowed Membership” shall be entered in place of the dues amount.

TO BE AMENDED TO READ:

(1) ELIGIBLE. A member who has paid current dues may purchase an Endowed Membership or an Endowed Membership may be purchased to honor a member. An Endowed Membership may likewise be purchased as a Memorial for a member who was in good standing in a Texas Chapter at the time of death.

(2) PRICE: Full price is $500.00. If not paid in a lump sum, an Endowed Membership may be purchased as follows:

(a) by the Installment plan adopted by their Chapter. The Chapter Secretary and the purchaser will forward only the full payment to the Grand Secretary.

(b) By purchase of $10.00 special perforated Endowed Membership stamps to be placed in a special booklet that will hold fifty (50) stamps. These stamps will be available from the Grand Secretary and through the Subordinate Chapter Secretary. Chapter Secretaries may order as few of these stamps as desired to keep on hand for purchase by Chapter members. These stamps may be given or transferred to other members as gifts. Once a stamp is purchased, there will be no refund. When booklets of fifty (50)
stamps are completed or are completed with additional monies, members must fill out the proper information and turn it in to the Grand Secretary, who will then record it as payment for the Endowed Membership. If the Worthy Grand Matron so desires, she may appoint a special committee to place emphasis on the sale of these stamps.

(c) No change

Submitted by:
Nell Smith        Darla Dunaway
Cheryl McGee      Zaneta Miller

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 10. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of amendment number 10, please hold up your blue cards. Down, please. Those opposed. Amendment number 10 has passed and will become effective at the end of this Grand Chapter.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 11

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Amendment number 11. If passed, the amendment to Article 204, Petitions for Affiliation, becomes a part of our Code of Laws immediately upon the close of this Grand Chapter session. This amendment specifies the procedure for transferring an endowed membership. The endowed membership may be transferred to another Chapter upon written request from the endowed member and the Chapter secretary, accompanied by payment of a $3 administration fee. If the holder of an endowed membership transfers to another Texas Chapter, the endowed membership shall be transferred to the new Chapter, upon written request of the secretary of the new Chapter, as well as the owner or purchaser of the endowed membership, accompanied by the payment of a $3 transfer fee.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and ready for consideration.

[Amendment No. 11 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 11

ARTICLE 204. PETITIONS FOR AFFILIATION may be applied for on a DEMIT or GRAND DEMIT or TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP or DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

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e. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP.

(5) EFFECT OF DEMIT OR TRANSFER OF AN ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the process of transferring an Endowed Membership has not been easily understood,

WHEREAS, the Endowed Membership is the property of the person rendering payment for said endowment which is to benefit the Chapter of the owner’s choice,

WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

WHICH NOW READS
e. ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(5) EFFECT OF DEMIT OR TRANSFER OF AN ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(a) Should an Endowed Member demit, the Chapter retains all rights to earned interest until such time as the member affiliates with another Texas Chapter. Should affiliation be with a Chapter in another Jurisdiction, the Endowed Membership remains in the Chapter from which Demit was taken. Should the member, at a later date, affiliate with another Texas Chapter, the Endowed Membership may be transferred to that Chapter upon written request accompanied by payment of $3.00 administration fee. If they re-affiliate with the original Chapter, they shall pay no further dues.

(b) If the holder of an Endowed Membership transfers to another Texas Chapter, the Endowed Membership shall be transferred to the new Chapter, upon written request of the Secretary of the new Chapter, accompanied by payment of $3.00 Transfer Fee.

TO BE AMENDED TO READ:

(5) EFFECT OF DEMIT OR TRANSFER OF AN ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP

(a) Should an Endowed Member demit, the Chapter retains all rights to earned interest until such time as the member affiliates with another Texas Chapter. Should affiliation be with a Chapter in another GRAND Jurisdiction, the Endowed Membership remains in the Chapter from which Demit was taken. Should the member, at a later date, affiliate with another Texas Chapter, the Endowed Membership may be transferred to that Chapter upon written request from the Endowed Member and the Chapter Secretary accompanied by payment of $3.00 administration fee. If they re-affiliate with the original Chapter, they shall pay no further dues.

(b) If the holder of an Endowed Membership transfers to another Texas Chapter, the Endowed Membership shall be transferred to the new Chapter, upon written request of the Secretary of the new Chapter and the owner / purchaser of the Endowed Membership, accompanied by payment of $3.00 Transfer Fee.

Submitted by:
Nell Smith  Darla Dunaway
Cheryl McGee  Zaneta Miller

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard amendment number 11. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. All opposed. Amendment number 11 has passed, and this becomes effective at the end of this Grand Chapter session.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 12

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Amendment number 12. If passed by the voting delegates, this amendment to Article 155, page 116 of the Code of Laws, will become effective immediately upon the close of this Grand Chapter session. The Chairmen of the
Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron will prepare a written report of the committee’s activities during the year and submit it to the Grand Secretary in three copies for publication in the Official Proceedings of Grand Chapter. There will be no verbal reports by these committee chairmen during the Grand Chapter session unless approved by a majority of the members present at the Grand Chapter session.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper form and ready for consideration. [Amendment No. 12 reads as follows in its entirety:]

**AMENDMENT NO. 12**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF LAWS**

WHEREAS the time is specified for Grand Chapter by the Constitution and the Code of Laws, and

WHEREAS time is of the essence at Grand Chapter and

WHEREAS the responsibility for written or oral reports by the Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron is not outlined in the Code of Laws,

We propose the following addition to Article 155, page 116 of the Code of Laws as clarification:

c. The Chairmen of the Special Committees of the Worthy Grand Matron will prepare a written report of the committee’s activities during the year and submit it to the Grand Secretary in 3 copies for publication in the Official Proceedings of Grand Chapter. There will be no verbal reports by these committee chairmen during the Grand Chapter Session unless approved by a majority of the members present at the Grand Chapter Session.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Robert H. Parke  Dorothy J. Wade
Carmen M. Penà  Mary Jo Rosamond
Ronny Perry

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard amendment number 12. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of amendment number 12, would you please raise your blue card. Down, please. Those opposed. This amendment passes.

**MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm going to the bench and let another player come up.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Okay. Sister Elsie Paladino.

**REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 13**

**MRS. ELSIE PALADINO:** My turn, my turn. Sisters and Brothers, this is amendment number 13. It is self-explanatory. The duty of the Worthy Grand Matron, as listed in the Code of Laws, Article 22, is to see that the Ritual, Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter are strictly enforced. At General Grand Chapter in 2003 in Portland, legislation was passed raising the contribution to the International Temple Fund from $1 to $5 for each new member -- “new” is the key word -- that is initiated. $5 shall be paid to the International Temple Fund. This is a once-in-a-lifetime. But if you are a member of a
Chapter and dual or affiliate with a different Chapter, you will be required to pay the $5 to each Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper order and ready to be presented to this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 13 reads as follows in its entirety:]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 13

WHEREAS, Legislation was passed at General Grand Chapter Assembly in Portland in 2003 raising the contribution to the International Temple Fund from $1.00 to $5.00;

WHEREAS, this requirement has been placed in the Bylaws of General Grand Chapter Red Book “for the government of Grand Chapters” By-Laws, Page 20a;

WHEREAS, Grand Chapter of Texas, Code of Laws, Chapter 1, “Powers and Prerogatives of Grand Chapter,” Article 1e., “Powers Expressed,” reads: Censure, discipline and suspend Chapters and revoke their Charters for willful violation or infringement of the Constitution, Laws, and Edicts enacted, prescribed or issue by this Grand Chapter or of the Ritual and General Regulations of the Order relating those particulars in which the General Grand Chapter is recognized as supreme:

WHEREAS, DUTIES OF THE Worthy Grand Matron as listed in the Code Of Laws, Article 22, are “to see that Ritual, Constitution, Laws, and Rules and Regulations of the Order are strictly enforced;”

It is recommended Chapter 12, Code of Laws, Article 267, be amended by adding the following:

k. International Temple Fund. The amount of $5.00 SHALL be paid for each new member, at the time of initiation, for the International Temple operational fund. This law means “Once-in-a-lifetime to each Chapter to which a member belongs.” Dual Membership and affiliation into a different Chapter would require the member to pay $5.00 to each Chapter in order that both Chapters might be 100%. This amount will be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at the time of receiving the member in the Chapter. The Grand Secretary will forward the money to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter once a year with the annual report.

Submitted by:
Rennie Ofton  Elsie Paladino
Alma Bane  Henry S. Martin
Garland Rattan

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard amendment number 13. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of amendment number 13, please raise your blue cards. Those opposed. The amendment passed.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 14
MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: This is amendment number 14 concerning the salary raise for the Grand Secretary. It is very simple, Sisters and Brothers. This amendment is proposing that the Grand Secretary's annual salary be increased from $14,500 per year to $18,000 per year. Yes, she gets a raise; no, she don't! It is in proper order and ready to be presented to this membership.

[Amendment No. 14 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 14

ARTICLE 70. CODE OF LAWS - SALARY

WHEREAS, the office of Grand Secretary is a paid position with many faceted responsibilities and,

WHEREAS, the person elected to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary is the legal agent for a multi-million dollar corporation and,

WHEREAS, at the present salary we are not able to elect a member to serve in this capacity that does not have other sources of income due to the lack of monetary compensation and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the person elected to live in the Arlington area or thereabout,

We submit the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

CODE OF LAWS

ARTICLE 70 SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her services. Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($14,500.00) PER YEAR.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

CODE OF LAWS

ARTICLE 70 SALARY. The Grand Secretary shall receive as full compensation for her services. Eighteen Thousand Dollars ($18,000.00) PER YEAR.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelson R. Campbell  Darla Dunaway
Jayne Yenger  Cheryl McGee
Dwayne Maserang  Zaneta Miller
Raul Garcia  A.L. Casparis
Tom Everitt  Jack C. Beall

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you have heard this amendment number 14. Is there any discussion?

MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm a Past Patron of Silsbee Chapter #298. I would like to speak in favor of this amendment. Our Grand Secretary is over the direction of a multi-million dollar corporation. If you figure up her hourly wage, I think it figures up about $6.46 an hour. I can't figure quite as good as Sister Effie Mae
did last night at the banquet, because she could make that increase a lot. But that's a very small amount to pay for what's required. There are some that say we furnish her an apartment, which at the present time we do. But I'm not too sure that we ought not to be paying her to live there as a guard over the property at this time. This is a $3,500-a-year raise, but it still just barely brings the wage up above minimum wage. On a 40-hour week that's what it figures. I've called her quite a bit on off hours. And finally one day a couple of weeks ago she said, “I wish you'd get a paying job so you wouldn't bother me so much,” and she was joking with me. But at any rate we expect a lot of hours from her at the pay she gets. I would urge the members to consider raising the pay of the Grand Secretary. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Do we have any other comment? Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 14. All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. Those opposed. Amendment number 14 passed.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 15

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Amendment number 15 is very similar. It concerns the Grand Treasurer's salary. It proposes that the amendment raise the compensation for services to the Grand Treasurer from $3,900 to $5,000 annually. Worthy Grand Matron, this amendment is in proper order and ready to be presented to this membership.

[Amendment No. 15 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 15

ARTICLE 77. CODE OF LAWS – SALARY AND EXPENSE.

WHEREAS, the Grand Treasurer is elected to serve the Grand Chapter in conjunction with the Grand Secretary in handling the banking and financial matters and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Treasurer is required to keep proper records of all bank accounts and investments for the Board of Directors and also an accurate accounting of the Endowed Members for the Chapters and,

WHEREAS, the financial reporting for a multi-million dollar corporation is a huge undertaking,

We submit the following Amendment:

WHICH NOW READS:

CODE OF LAWS

ARTICLE 77. SALARY AND EXPENSE. The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full compensation for her services Three Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars ($3,900.00) per year. Any necessary administrative expenses in the performance of the duties of the Grand Treasurer will be provided by the Board of Directors by including an amount in the General Budget of the Grand Chapter and paid out on approval by said Board of Directors.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

CODE OF LAWS

ARTICLE 77. SALARY AND EXPENSE. The Grand Treasurer shall receive as full
compensation for her services Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) per year. Any necessary administrative expenses in the performance of the duties of the Grand Treasurer will be provided by the Board of Directors by including an amount in the General Budget of the Grand Chapter and paid out on approval by said Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelson R. Campbell  Darla Dunaway
Jayne Yenger  Cheryl McGee
Dwayne Maserang  Zaneta Miller
Raul Garcia  A.L. Casparis
Tom Everitt  Jack C. Beall

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 15. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. Those opposed. The amendment passed.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 16

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Worthy Grand Matron, this is amendment number 16 concerning the Secret Work. It now reads that the Chapter -- includes three 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 the Grand Chapter. This conforms again to what was voted at General Grand Chapter, that four copies of the Secret Work -- that each Chapter can have four written copies of the Secret Work. This proposes that each Chapter -- one copy to the Worthy Patron, one copy to the Associate Patron, one copy to the Conductress and one copy to the Associate Conductress. As I understand it, this will be written copies of the Secret Work.

This amendment is in proper order and awaits the pleasure of this membership.

[Amendment No. 16 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 16  
CODE OF LAWS  
SECRET WORK

Whereas at the Forty-fourth Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter, OES, held in Portland, Oregon on October 31, 2003 thru November 6, 2003, Resolution #21 proposed and was adopted to change the number of copies of the Secret Work to be provided to Subordinate Chapters;

Whereas, the Grand Chapter of Texas, OES, in allegiance to General Grand Chapter in matters regarding Requirements of Membership, Landmarks of the Order, Secret Work of the Order, Acceptance of the Ritual, and Signet of the Order in our Constitution, Article II, Section 2;

Whereas, the Diagram of the Labyrinth is now a part of our Ritual; and,

Whereas to remain in allegiance to General Grand Chapter, we the undersigned submit the following amendment to our Code of Laws.

Code of Laws, Article 188,
Disposition of Property, a, Page 132 - change to “4 copies”

Which now reads -

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 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.

Be amended to read -

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 other property of the Chapter, including 4 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.

Code of Laws, Article 224, Secret Work and Diagram of Labyrinth, Page 156

Which now reads -

c. Three copies of the Secret Work shall be furnished to each Chapter, one for the use of the Worthy Patron, one for the use of the Associate Patron, and one for the use of the Conductress.

Be amended to read -

c. Four copies of the long form of the Secret Work shall be furnished to each Chapter, one for the use of the Worthy Patron, one for the use of the Associate Patron, one for the use of the Conductress and one for the use of the Associate Conductress.

Code of Laws, Article 224, Secret Work and Diagram of Labyrinth, Page 156

Which now reads -

d. The three copies of the Secret Work shall be delivered to the Secretary by the outgoing Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, and Conductress before the installation of Officers. The Secretary shall furnish the copies to the Installing Officer that she/he may comply with the Ritual work, Page 125.

Be amended to read -

d. The four copies of the Secret Work shall be delivered to the Secretary by the outgoing Worthy Patron, Associate Patron, Conductress and Associate Conductress before the Installation of Officers. The Secretary shall furnish the copies to the Installing Officer that she/he may comply with the Ritual work.

Code of Laws, Article 188.

Disposition of Property (2) (c), Page 133 - change to “4 copies”
Which now reads -

d. (2) (c) That the Charter, Charter Dispensation, Chapter Seal, and three (3) copies of the Secret Work be returned to the Grand Secretary…

Be amended to read -

d. (2) (c) That the Charter, Charter Dispensation, Chapter Seal, and four (4) copies of the Secret Work be returned to the Grand Secretary…

Code of Laws, Article 224,

Secret Work and Diagram of Labyrinth, Page 155, change Title

Title change from Secret Work and Diagram of the Labyrinth

to Secret Work

Which now reads -

a. The reproduction of all or any portion of the Secret Work or Diagram of the Labyrinth, in any way or manner, positively is prohibited.

Be amended to read -

a. The reproduction of all or any portion of the Secret Work, in any way or manner, positively is prohibited.

Code of Laws, Article 224, Secret Work and Diagram of Labyrinth, Page 155

Which now reads -

b. The Grand Secretary shall furnish the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron a copy of the Secret Work for their use during their term of office; said copies shall be returned to the Grand Secretary during the Session of the Grand Chapter.

Be amended to read -

b. The Grand Secretary shall furnish the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron a long form copy of the Secret Work for their use during their term of office; said copies shall be returned to the Grand Secretary during the Session of the Grand Chapter.

Code of Laws, Article 224, Secret Work and Diagram of Labyrinth, Page 156

Which now reads

f. The Secret Work and Diagram of the Labyrinth are copyrighted by General Grand Chapter and all members are forbidden to copy any part or either. Any violation of this law must be reported to the Worthy Grand Matron, and any member found guilty of such violation shall be subject to reprimand by the Worthy Grand Matron, or suspension or expulsion from the Order.

Be amended to read -

f. The Secret Work is copyrighted by General Grand Chapter and all members are forbidden to copy any part or either. Any violation of this law must be reported to the
Worthy Grand Matron, and any member found guilty of such violation shall be subject to reprimand by the Worthy Grand Matron, or suspension or expulsion from the Order.

Code of Laws, Article 224, Secret Work and Diagram of Labyrinth, Page 156

Which now reads -

g. That upon consolidation, demise, or permanent arrest of a Charter, the Chapter will return the three (3) copies of the Secret Work and the three (3) copies of the Diagram of the Labyrinth to the Grand Secretary.

Be amended to read -

g. That upon consolidation, demise, or permanent arrest of a Charter, the Chapter will return the four (4) copies of the Secret Work to the Grand Secretary.

Submitted by,
Rennie Ofton    Garland Rattan
Henry S. Martin  Alma Bane
Elsie Paladino

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 16. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor -- I believe we have someone coming. Do you understand this allows each Chapter to have four written-out copies in long form of the Secret Work instead of the three coded copies?

MRS. BOBBIE DYER: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Bobbie Dyer, Past Matron of Loyal Chapter 648 in Dallas, and I am opposed to this. I do not believe we should have long copies of the Secret Work. They're lost too often and found by the wrong people. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have any further discussion?

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Yes, ma'am. I recognize Sister Joyce.

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: I'm Joyce Nicklas. I am a Past Matron from Mineral Wells Chapter #44. I am in favor of us having these written-out copies. As a Grand Examiner and being in the examining room, we realize that so many of our members have learned the Secret Work wrong. I myself was taught word by word from a Sister, and I was so thankful to have her teach me, I was eager to learn. But all she had was a “t,” which could be “the,” “they,” “then.” But when you get to see the written-out copy you can learn it properly. I've been teaching some girls in my own Chapter the Secret Work. I said, “I want you to learn it right,” and they're really struggling. But if we had the written-out copy that they could look at and see themselves, it would be of great benefit to all of our members. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Joyce.

MRS. OLETA CORNELIUS: Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Oleta Cornelius, Rule Chapter #989, and I am in favor of this. Like she said, we have members and they want to
learn the Secret Work. We have those trying to teach, but they have learned it wrong and they teach it wrong, where if we had the written-out copy, it would all be accurate and right. I definitely am in favor of this. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Any other comments?

**MRS. ANNA VOSS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I'm Anna Voss from Paris #5, and I am also in favor of this. I am a first-time Worthy Matron, and even though I have studied hard to learn the Secret Work, there's still a lot of mistakes that I make. A lot of the Chapters don't have the people in there to teach stuff properly to us younger Worthy Matrons and stuff that are coming in. I think that would be a real asset for our Chapters. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Anyone else? That's three for.

**MRS. BETTIE GARRETSON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Bettie Garretson, Worthy Matron of South Fort Worth Chapter #835. Do you know how many homes have personal copiers, how many copies could be made and then lost? I am opposed to having that many copies written out. When I was taught, I was also asked to go to the Grand Secretary's office to read the long copy. I realize not everybody has access to it as easily as I do, but I realize they have access to copiers. They can have millions of copies made.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. Any other comment? Sisters and Brothers, you've heard the proposed amendment number 16. All those in favor of proposed amendment number 16, which allows the four copies of the long form of the Secret Work, please hold up your blue cards. Down, please. Those opposed. The amendment passed.

I recognize our Grand Secretary to give you some information on this.

**GRAND SECRETARY:** Sisters and Brothers, please don't bombard us Monday morning for copies. We must obtain these from General Grand Chapter, and that will take some time. Also, we will have to pay for them, so this means you're going to have to pay for them. But we're going to try to work out a deal, like if you send in your old coded, you might get a little discount. So give us time to get these in the office, work this out, and I'll put it in the Bulletin when they're ready. Okay? Is that a deal? We've waited this long; I don't think another month's going to hurt.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you.

**REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 17**

**MRS. RENNIE OFTEN:** Sisters and Brothers, we have amendment number 17. This proposed amendment changes the manner in which the reports of the Grand Examiners are forwarded to the Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. At present the reports are sent within 30 days of each district school schedule completion. If this legislation passes, all reports will be held until the completion of all district schools before they are sent to the appropriate Line Officers.

Worthy Grand Matron, this proposed amendment is in proper form and ready for consideration by this Grand Chapter.

[Amendment No. 17 reads as follows.]
AMENDMENT NO. 17

NOW READS

CODE OF LAWS
ARTICLE 85. DUTIES

e. REPORTS. The member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall keep an accurate record of those passing satisfactory examination and receiving Certificates of Proficiency at the schools and at Grand Chapter, and within thirty days after the Eastern Star Schools are completed in a District, the member of the board from that district shall send the Associate Grand Matron, the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress a complete list of members, arranged in alphabetical order, giving mailing address, who have passed satisfactory examination and received Certificates of Proficiency, giving the grade of each Certificate whether “A” or “B”, including the full name of each successful applicant, and the name and number of the Chapter to which she or he belongs stating whether Present or Past Matron or Present or Past Patron or member. Supplemental reports are to be sent as appropriate.

CHANGED TO

CODE OF LAWS
ARTICLE 85. DUTIES

e. REPORTS. The member of the Board of Grand Examiners shall keep an accurate record of those passing satisfactory examination and receiving Certificates of Proficiency at the schools and at Grand Chapter, and within thirty days after the Eastern Star Schools are completed. The member of the board from that district shall send the Associate Grand Matron, the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress a complete list of members, arranged in alphabetical order, giving mailing address, who have passed satisfactory examination and received Certificates of Proficiency, giving the grade of each Certificate whether “A” or “B”, including the full name of each successful applicant, and the name and number of the Chapter to which she or he belongs stating whether Present or Past Matron or Present or Past Patron or member.

Submitted by:
Joyce Nicklas       Betty M. Scott
Vi Griffin          Mary Ruth White
Bess Caldwell       Betty Martin

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you've heard amendment number 17. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of amendment number 17, would you please raise up your blue cards. Down, please. Those opposed. This amendment passes.

REPORT ON AMENDMENT NO. 18

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Amendment number 18. This proposed amendment was brought about when we received the petition from General Grand Chapter after they voted legislation to allow Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters. That is printed in there, and you
can see from that that there is very little information. Because of the comments and questions from our Chapters, the Worthy Grand Matron asked the Jurisprudence Committee to work out a new petition that we could use so that they would have the information, as they do on others. So you see the new petition that was formed. The Worthy Grand Matron approved its use until Grand Chapter when you will be asked to ratify this new form, which can be used for a man or a man, for Rainbow, Job's Daughters. On the back is the information, like we use it in the Grand Chapter of Texas. So what it is is bringing that little form we got from General Grand Chapter into line with the information which we want. This is the new petition which you are being asked to ratify.

Worthy Grand Matron, this proposed amendment is in proper form and ready for your consideration.

[Amendment No. 18 reads as follows in its entirety:]

AMENDMENT NO. 18
CODE OF LAWS
PETITION FOR DEGREES

Whereas to conform to legislation passed at the 2000 General Grand Chapter Assembly, we propose the following amendment to the code of Laws - Forms and Ceremonies, Petition for Degrees, Form S-142, and

Whereas to conform with prior Grand Chapter of Texas Petition for Degrees forms, Petition for Degrees (for Men), Form No. 107-S and Petition for Degrees (for Women), Form 108-S, and

Whereas to include information for Rainbow Girl or Job’s Daughter petitioners, and

Whereas Form 142-S, Petition for Withdrawal of Dual Membership, currently exists, and

Whereas one form for all petitioners would be beneficial, uniform, and cost effective.

We, the undersigned, respectfully propose the following amendment to the Code of Laws - Forms and Ceremonies.

REPLACE

Current Petition for Degrees, Form S-142

WITH

Attached Petition for Degrees, Form S-107.

Respectfully submitted,

Rennie Ofton
Alma Lynn Bane
Elsie M. Paladino
Henry S. Martin
Garland Rattan
FORM S-142
PETITION FOR DEGREES

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of ____________________________ Chapter No. ___________ (city, state province, country) ________________ Order of the Eastern Star. The undersigned respectfully petitions to receive the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star, and become a member of this Chapter. If accepted I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience of the laws of the Order. I have lived within the Jurisdiction of this Chapter (length of time) _____________.

Do you believe in a Supreme Being? Yes ________ No ________

I have not petitioned any other chapter and been rejected within the past two months.

If petitioner is a Majority Rainbow Girl or Job’s Daughter or was active for three years, a copy of the Majority certificate or proof of the three years membership must accompany the petition. Masonic relationship is not required - mark NA in that area.

Masonic relationship ___________ of ______________________________

member of __________________ Lodge, No. ______ of ______________________________

Signed ______________________________

Residence ______________________________

Recommended by: ______________________________

Referral to the following investigating committee

Sisters: ______________________________

Brother: ______________________________

The undersigned, your committee appointed to investigate and report upon the foregoing petition, respectfully state that they have discharged the trust confided to them, and report ______ favorably.

_________________________, 20______

Name ______________________________

Birthday (M/D/Y) ______________________________

Presented ______________________________

Elected ______________________________

Initiated ______________________________

Form S142 Printed by the General Grand Chapter Revised Jan. 2001
FORM S-107

Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star

Petition for Degrees

______ FOR MAN ______ FOR WOMAN ______ FOR RAINBOW / JOB’S DAUGHTER

(Worthy Matron, Officers, and Members of Chapter No. ________, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas. The undersigned respectfully petitions to receive the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star, and to become a member of your Chapter. If accepted, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to the laws of the Order.

1. I believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.

2. Petitioner: Date of Birth ____________________________

A. MAN. I am a Master Mason, affiliated with and in good standing in

_________________________ Masonic Lodge No. ________, A.F.&A.M. in

_________________________.

B. WOMAN. I have attained the age of eighteen years and I am the

of ____________________, a Master Mason affiliated with and in good standing in

_________________________ Masonic Lodge No. ________, A.F.&A.M. in

(If Masonic relative is deceased, add: “at the time of his death”.)

C. RAINBOW / JOB’S DAUGHTER. I have attained the age of eighteen years. I have attached a certified copy of my Majority Certificate or properly documented proof of three years’ active membership in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls or Job’s Daughters.

3. I have resided within the State of Texas six (6) months.

4. Have you ever petitioned any Chapter for the Degrees? ________ If so, when and what Chapter?

5. Give name and address of all subversive organizations to which you belong or have ever belonged. (If none, state none.) Failure to answer this question will be taken as evidence of your membership in such organization.

Recommended by:

Signed: ___________________________  

Petitioner

Residence: ___________________________
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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

To the Worlly Mason, Worlly Patron, Officers and Members of ........................................... .

of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee to which was referred the petition of ........................................... for the degrees of the

Order has made necessary inquiry touching the qualifications, eligibility, character and standing of the petitioner and her / his fitness to

become a member. She / He is ..............................................

The Committee reports ........................................... . Members of this Committee have visited and conversed with the petitioner since said petition was so referred.

(Signed) ........................................... 

(If candidate is ineligible, the report of the Committee will be "ineligible".)
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, amendment number 18 is up for your consideration. Do we have any discussion? All those in favor of ratifying this petition form, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. Those opposed. This amendment has passed. Thank you.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: I will tell you at this time that Resolution No. 5 has been withdrawn.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We will have the rest of them ready for you in the morning.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I want to thank you so much for your patience and staying quiet and staying in here for us to consider all this legislation.

I have an announcement, if all Installed Officers and Pages will meet in back of the stage prior to the Friday evening session.

Sisters and Brothers, we will continue with these resolutions in the morning. If you'll just bear with us a moment and give us time to properly close this afternoon's session. Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to close this afternoon's session, to resume again at 7:30.

GRAND WARDER: [inaudible]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Grand Warder. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.] Brother Ed Warner, would you please give our thanks to the Lord.

MR. ED WARNER: Sisters and Brothers, let's join hands and give thanks for the day. Our Heavenly Father, we're thankful for this day and for Your many blessings, for Your watchful care and Your guidance, for the beautiful day, for Your wisdom, knowledge and patience that You give us. We're thankful for the way that everything has been handled today. Sometime it looked like it wasn't going to be possible, but You saw a way and it was taken care of. We're thankful for Your blessings and for the many ways You help us, if we'll just look to You for those guidances. Forgive us of our weaknesses and be back with us tonight. We pray in Christ's Name, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, I now declare this “Together Everyone Accomplishes More” session closed.
FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

November 12, 2004

“The Joy of Giving” Session

Musical Prelude. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Mrs. Glenda Storey
Joyful Sounds Committee

Call to Order . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Mrs. Elise Hammack
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Joe E. Jeffers
Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Good evening, my beloved Sisters and Brothers. Through the courtesy and graciousness of our Worthy Grand Matron, I am privileged to call to order, this the “Joy of Giving” session of our Grand Chapter with our distinguished Past Grand Patron, Brother Joe E. Jeffers. This is an evening so special with our ESTARL and Memorial programs. We have enjoyed the musical prelude rendered by Mrs. Glenda Storey, a member of the Joyful Sounds Committee. Please join me in thanking her. [applause]

We will again enjoy the Floor Officers’ and Pages’ “Rocking Bluebird” drill under the capable direction of Mrs. Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal. [Drill performed to much applause.] Thank you, Grand Marshal, Officers and Pages. Your drill, as always, was closely observed and enjoyed by all in attendance. Sisters and Brothers, let’s give them one more round of applause. [applause] I hope you get to see it one more time. I’m not in charge!

Sister Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and other 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 and Brothers, please join me in extending Grand Honors to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have been and are revered leaders and have taught us the joy of giving. Your membership holds you dear, and your sweet and loving spirit challenged us to higher goals. May this year afford you a lifetime of sweet memories.

Past Grand Patron, Brother Joe Jeffers, we await your remarks.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Thank you, Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron and my favorite Past Grand Matron for quite some time. She said she was going to call me a “hoot,” so I’m going to tell you I’m going to be an owl. I want to extend to this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron my heartiest congratulations on a beautiful job...
and my deepest thanks for allowing me to be on the stage with this beautiful lady. And to stand in for Brother Wayne Jones is the highest honor that could be accorded me.

I’ve got to tell you just one little story. Pat has a cousin who is a preacher in one of these little white house-type churches up on the side of a mountain in North Carolina. Some of the brothers in that church had a tendency to doze off while he was preaching. One morning he got carried away -- his name is Junior Hunicutt, and he looked just like that sounds. He got carried away, and he started preaching. “Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming.” And one of the brothers on the back row raised up and said, “Tell everybody to look busy.” [laughter]

Sisters and Brothers, it is a distinct honor to be back from Arkansas and be here in this Grand Chapter session and watch the work of the beautiful Grand Chapter Officers as they did their drill. The session couldn’t be better presided over than this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have done. We owe them a debt of gratitude and a debt of honor. My personal thanks are heaped on top of all that. Sister Elise, any time I can be with you, just whistle. Hoot, hoot.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Thank you. This is really a nice place! I love Wayne Jones, but you can’t beat that. Thank you, Brother Joe, and you are a hoot. Pat, it’s no wonder you love him so.

Now, Worthy Grand Matron, the joy is mine to place in your hands the gavel, which is the emblem of your authority. Thank you for this sweet, sweet privilege. You know how I love you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Would the Grand Officers please take their positions in the North and the South on the sidelines where your chairs are.

Sister Elise Hammack, our Past Grand Matron, and Brother Joe Jeffers, that awesome Past Grand Patron, we thank you for opening this Friday evening, “The Joy of Giving,” session. Sister Elise, it was such a wonderful year serving as one of your Elite Ladies and your District 4 Chairman for Founder’s Day for 1981-82. It kept us busy gathering the recipes for that fantastic, best cookbook ever published. You have been a great mentor for many of us.

Brother Joe Jeffers, our awesome Past Grand Patron, it is so special to have you assisting Sister Elise in the opening of this session. I’m sure the membership is so pleased to have you back in the big state of Texas even for a short while. Thank you so much for the service you have devoted to our Eastern Star fraternity and assisting here tonight.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you greet these two special ones tonight.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister Elise Hammack, what a pleasure to have you assist in the opening of this “Joy of Giving” session tonight. Additionally, being from my part of East Texas, this makes it all the more enjoyable. It makes us both remember that we remain under His umbrella. Thank you for being my friend and all that you continue to do for our Order.

Brother Joe Jeffers, it is a pleasure to have you assist in the opening of this session. Thank you so much for the many years that you have devoted to our fraternity, and thank
you for assisting Sister Elise tonight.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.] At this time it is a special pleasure to each one of us to enjoy the musical talent of another one of my Grand Soloists. Sister Doris Jones, who is the Grand Soloist in District 4, would you please come and share your talent with the membership this evening. [applause followed song] What a beautiful way to lead off into going to our Heavenly Father in prayer. At this time I’ll ask Sister Wanda Fairchild, our Past Grand Matron, if she would voice our invocation.

**MRS. WANDA FAIRCHILD:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for asking me to give the opening prayer. Let us bow our heads in prayer. Our gracious Heavenly Father, we are thankful for the privilege of assembling here tonight for this “Joy of Giving” session. Help us to be kind in word, kind in thought, kind in actions, so that everything we may do will be for the good of our Order. We ask Your blessings upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they continue to lead this Grand Chapter session. All these things we ask in our Father’s Name, amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** To Sister Doris Jones, I thank you for sharing your talent with such a beautiful song that we might go into that prayer with Sister Wanda Fairchild. We thank you for that.

I now call this “Joy of Giving” session from rest to labor.

At this time it is with pleasure and joy that each one of you will share this evening from the presentation from our ESTARL Committee. Sister Sylvia Garcia, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Chairman of our ESTARL Committee, will now come forward and present our ESTARL program. Sister Sylvia Garcia, will you please come forward.

**MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters, Brothers and Friends: It is indeed a privilege to welcome you to the ESTARL service and awards ceremony, “Working Together in God’s Service.” The Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership was adopted in Texas at the 1956 Grand Chapter session. ESTARL has been an integral part of our Humanitarian program for 48 years, and we are very proud to assist deserving young men and women to further their religious training. Christ said to His Disciples, “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men. Follow me, tend my sheep, feed my flock. Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” These young men and women whom we honor tonight have heard His call and they are prepared to offer a life of service to Him. Our Worthy Grand Matron has focused on four letters, T.E.A.M., “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.” We have heard her call, and we have rallied together to assist these magnificent students of theology. We started the ESTARL fund for this year with $2,681 that were collected at last year’s Grand Chapter session. Sisters and Brothers, through your generous contributions we were able to amass $27,700. At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Board of Directors made up the difference to enable us to give 28 awards of $1,000 each. I commend you for your generosity and for working together in God’s service.

I have the honor of introducing the five outstanding and devoted Chairmen of the
ESTARL Committee. These Sisters have worked very diligently and have formed close relationships with the applicants from their respective districts. It is my privilege to introduce Sister Diana Fulks, District 1; Sister Cindy Echols, District 2; Sister Sue Lockhart, District 3; Sister Gay Sauer, District 4, and Sister Reverend Georgia Orr, District 5. Let’s show these wonderful, hard-working ladies how much we appreciate them. [applause]

Our invocation will now be given by Jack Womack, a District 4 recipient from the Perkins School of Theology. Please stand as we unite in prayer.

MR. JACK WOMACK: Let us pray. Loving and gracious God, we are honored by Your presence with us here this evening. We thank You for the opportunity to travel from near and far to be in this place. We thank You for Your presence with us as we conduct the business of this wonderful group of people called the Eastern Star. And, Lord, we ask Your blessings on these proceedings that everything we do honors You and reminds us of that trust that Jesus had as You took Him through the grave and into resurrection. Be with us, lead us and guide us through this meeting, and then be with each one here as we travel away again near and far, even though separated, all together in the body of the one we call Christ. In Jesus’ Name, amen.

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: You may be seated. Thank you, Jack. Ronald Bentley and Paul Evans, both from the Perkins School of Theology and recipients from District 5, will bring us their “Harmony of Love.” [applause followed singing] Thank you, Ronald and Paul, for that great harmonizing. Steven Rindahl from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and recipient from District 4 will share the wisdom from His Word.

MRS. STEVEN RINDAHL: After that terrific testimony of the amount that was raised over the course of a simple year, I thought that I should have chosen Proverbs 16:3, “Commit your works to the Lord and He will establish your plans.” But I have another that I think will be just as good for this evening. Romans Chapter 10, beginning in verse 9, “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved, for with the heart man believes resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed, for there is no distinction between Jew and Greek for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call upon Him. For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in Him in whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things.”

And I would like to add one thing to this, how may they be sent unless they are trained. You should all be commended heartily for the many people that you have assisted in their training and sending out into the world with the gospel. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: Thank you, Steven, that was a well-chosen Scripture.

Paul Evans from District 5 will now bring us a solo rendition of “The Melody of Happiness.” [applause followed singing] Thank you, Paul, for having shared your God-given talent with us.
The message for this evening will be brought by Stephen Cottingham, who attends the Perkins School of Theology and is a recipient from District 5.

**MR. STEPHEN COTTINGHAM:** Thank you for having me. I’m normally used to speaking to my church with the people down in the middle of the congregation. So if you wouldn’t mind picking up your chairs and putting them down here, I’d appreciate that! I don’t see anybody moving.

I do want to share my sincere gratification for what the Eastern Star scholarship has done for me. This is my second year of receiving one, and it has allowed me to continue my studies at Perkins. I’m just at the end of my doctoral studies right now at Perkins. I really have benefited tremendously from the Eastern Star scholarship. I’m truly honored to be here. I hope that I’ll be a blessing as much as you-all have blessed my life.

When I was asked to speak this evening, I was told that the title was “Serving Together.” I started searching through the Bible and I went literally from cover to cover, looking for passages that I could speak on about serving together. Most of the Bible talks about division and war -- went through the Old Testament, and all these things that you go through. I literally went page after page. I said, “I’ve got to find something that really ties what we’re talking about here tonight.” And then I came across a passage, and it’s just beautiful that we were talking about Peter who was commanded to feed the sheep. He was the first one that was commissioned.

I found a passage in the Epistle to St. Peter, the first book, second chapter, starting from verse 11. I’m going to read this passage, 11 through 17. He says, “Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the gentiles so that although they may malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. For the Lord’s sake, accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right, for it is God’s will that by doing right you should silence the ignorant and the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people; yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God, honor the emperor.”

Well, this passage shows us a lot about how we can serve together and how we can know that we can be a blessing to others when we’re serving. But not only a blessing to others, but a blessing to the whole world. And in the blessing, we will also be a blessing to God himself. Dr. Albert Schweitzer says this, “One thing I know. The only ones among you who will really be happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.” This is absolutely correct. If you haven’t yet discovered this, you have missed one of the greatest joys of life.

You know, most of us are not born to really appreciate the gift of service. We have to learn it sometimes the hard way. And since this passage was written by the Apostle Peter, he like myself wasn’t born with the gift to serve. He had the dreams, the visions of grandeur, the desire to do something great. But he had to learn the hard way how to really get down and serve people. Peter’s life is a picture of a beautiful transformation. He starts his life as a fisherman. He has a zeal and a desire so strong that when he became a convert
to Christianity, he even walked on water. That’s the only example of someone who walked on water except Jesus himself. But when he took his eyes off Jesus, guess what? He sank.

But at the same time his zeal never died. He was able to go beyond, he was willing to die for his savior. Then when he was really tested for the first time about what he believed, a little girl asked him, “Are you one of those?” And guess what? He said, “No, I’m not.” Immediately the rooster crowed. Not one time, not two times, but three times.

And the question I have for myself and for everyone here, in our service to God and to each other, how many times has the rooster crowed in your service or in my service? Well, as we go on with the passions and dreams that we hold, how do we mold these into humility, into service? This is one of the greatest lessons that I have had to go through in my life. God has shown me that the best way to do it is to stand underneath the authority of someone and to respect authority. Peter started out as a believer. He becomes a servant. This is the next stage in his life. And then as he matures and understands the authority of the Master ahead of him, he becomes more than a servant, he becomes an apostle. There are three major steps -- stages -- in his life.

In his desire to serve -- there’s something that is even more important than one’s desire to serve, and that’s the actions that they present before others. We have weakness, we have timidity, and even sometimes when we’re asked if we’re a member of a community of faith, sometimes under pressure we’ll deny it. Well, Peter had the zeal. And when he was tested the first time, he failed; the rooster crowed. But then as he learned and matured and wept over his failure, we see a whole different Peter in Acts Chapter 2 at Pentecost. We see a Peter who preached probably the greatest message that’s recorded in all of Scripture, full of maturity. He was ready to serve others, he was ready to serve God. In fact, in the Book of Acts we can see that he went all the way to Rome, and he died for his faith. He was so much caught up in the passion to serve His Master that he didn’t want to be crucified, as legend says, the same way Jesus was. He wanted to be crucified upside down.

Well, in my own life I have that same type of thing. I’m not going to say I want to be crucified upside down. I hope I won’t be crucified. But at the same time it has taken me a lifetime to realize what I am about and what a minister -- a messenger of the Gospel, how he should treat people and how he should act. It just really boils down to one thing: When you’re serving God, it’s really not about us. It’s not about me, it’s not about you. We’re doing things because this is what God wants us to do. This is about God; it’s about God in us.

Well, in this text, beginning in verse 12 there’s three major points. The first thing that Peter says is we are to serve God with honor, that the world can see our good deeds, can see our actions, can see the visible signs of something that’s substantive behind us and underneath our faith, that through us God might be glorified. This is the key to the whole thing when we serve together. This is not about our glory; it’s not about anything but God’s glory. Any assembly that gets together in the name of God is to glorify God, to edify the body, edify Jesus Christ. And it’s not, as Peter says, from the desires of the flesh. It’s from the inner workings of our soul. No matter what we do, our service is not about ourselves. Partially it’s about others. And ultimately it is about God. The glory is not ours; it belongs to God; it belongs to others. And ultimately God will be glorified.
Our service will fail if we miss this point. The desires of the flesh, as Peter talked about, wage war against the fruits of the Spirit or the soul. There’s a great conflict that goes on. And sometimes it takes tragedy, sometimes it takes hardship, sometimes it takes turmoil in our lives to realize the conflict is going on. And even though the conflict is a part -- a real reality in our lives, the soul becomes awakened when we run into these things and we find a way to submit our wills to God so that the soul -- our soul can be enriched spiritually. The more we serve in the flesh, the more these roosters will crow.

The second point that Peter talks about -- it goes into verse 15. It is God’s will that by doing right that the ignorance of the world will be silenced. He talks about the ignorance of the world; the foolish will be silent. And what he’s talking about is those who do not believe in God, they will see a witness, a testimony of God himself. In the right frame of mind, with the right motivation, with the right compassion, with the right attitude, with the right compassion of soul, and the spirit of God, our service will transcend beyond ourselves.

The world can see this. The world can not only see it, but the world can feel it when they see our passion. Can you imagine what the Romans thought when they saw Peter crucified? And guess what? In the middle of it God is the one who gets the glory. We’re still celebrating Peter 2,000 years after his death. This is the best witness that one can have, without a doubt. Our passion is still alive; we’ve surrendered ourselves to God and our spirit is alive. God can be seen. Even in the Christian martyrs, this was evident.

The third point Peter talks about is that we full-heartedly are to be servants of God. And in this section in verses 16 and 17, Peter gives us a list of how we can actually be servants of God. He says to live as free people, not obligated to legalism. Free. We live in a free country. We don’t take our freedoms for granted. What a beautiful place to live. I’ve been to places in the world where freedoms aren’t very great. I happen to have visited Russia on several occasions. They still walk around with timidity and fear of somebody going to persecute them. They’re just amazed by the freedoms that we share with them. It’ll take a century to get to a point to really appreciate freedom from where they stand right now. That’s something that we should not take for granted. Even in the church we’re not bound by the law. In the new covenant, we’re not bound under the pressures of the law. We have total freedom, liberty, to do what God wants us to do full-heartedly.

But then he gives a warning. This is the second point. He says be free, live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. This is a real hard thing to do. There’s a true balance we have to play between going legalistic on one side and licentious on the other side. It takes the spirit of God and a committed soul and a committed heart to be able to do that. Quite often we do things in the name of God with a hidden agenda. Have you ever seen this? What you see is not what you get, in other words. There’s a mask that’s on and people have a hidden agenda underlying the motives behind their service, not only to each other but to God. In my experience, I’ve seen this alive in America very well. A lot of America still holds onto the principles of Madison Avenue where what looks good on the outside is a wreck on the inside. That’s really not healthy. We need to bring reality -- who we are from the heart -- or if it’s good or bad we need to see it. We need to present that and not hide it and then deal with it as only God can deal with it.

And then the third point, he says honor everyone. There’s no discrimination with
God. There’s absolutely no discrimination. The message of Jesus Christ is universal to all people. Now that doesn’t mean all people have to accept the precepts of God, but it’s open to everybody to receive. This is absolutely imperative in our service as believers in the world to not discriminate. We’re still learning this in our world.

The fourth thing he says is love the family of believers. There’s a special, special compassion that we have that only the inward working of our souls can connect with, and that is, from one believer to the other believer. There’s something sweet about -- I heard the song, “There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in this place” -- I love that song, because when believers get together and share that, that produces harmony and love and compassion that the world does not understand. It’s beautiful. There’s a special love for the family of those who believe.

The next thing he says is to fear God. He says this in emphatic form, fear God. That means to believe in God and accept God, accept the things of God, be a witness for God, let the world see God in us.

And then finally he says honor the emperor. Now we don’t have an emperor here in America, thank goodness. We have a system of government. But he says clearly to follow the precepts of the government. That is very, very Biblical.

In conclusion, the Apostle Peter has given us a perfect prescription of how we can all serve together, and at the same time to be a blessing to God. Peter learned this the hard way. But, you know, the main thing is to learn it. God wants all of us, like Peter, to learn it. He learned that our service to others and to the world is not about ourselves, it’s about God. It’s about God in us, it’s about God in and through us. It is only when we become humble in our service that others can really see God. Others can receive God’s blessing through us this way. With selfish motives, the blessings of God become blocked. But with unconditional motives, the blessings of God are fully transmitted. This is how we can become servants, literally angels to other people. This is how the world can be silenced. This is how the world might believe in God. This is how the world can see God and to learn, to understand, the ways of God.

Unfortunately, though, most of us hold back our service and become somewhat reserved when we are asked to do something. Instead of allowing God to fully use us and transform us into agents of humble service, we have a tendency to stay behind, stay in the comfort zone. You’ve heard that term. We all want to be in the comfort zone. Peter, Paul, the Apostles, never lived in the comfort zone, and I don’t think God wants us in our fervor and our passion to be inside a comfort zone. He wants us never to lose the zeal or the enthusiasm that we might have, never to lose that.

There’s a passage that I want to close with from former President Teddy Roosevelt, and I will close with this. He’s talking about serving. He says, “Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with these poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray. They live in the twilight that knows not victory or defeat.”

So when we are serving, our challenge is are we going to stay in the gray twilight of the skies, or are we going to take our enthusiasm and our service of God and others as a light of hope to this darkened world that we live in? Thank you very much. [applause]
MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: Thank you, Stephen. What an inspiring message! We all need assistance of some sort to accomplish our goals. Our theme this session has been “Working Together in the Service of God.” What better way can we work together than by providing a little financial assistance to the servants of God. Our Order is dedicated to truth, charity and loving kindness. Let us demonstrate our charitable ways and loving kindness and open our hearts to the students in religious training. Remember that what we give tonight is the beginning of our ESTARL fund for 2005. I ask the Pages, Warders and Sentinels who will assist with the collection to please pick up the boxes on the tables after the offertory prayer. After the collection, please return the boxes to the tables.

Doug Wintermute from District 1 and a student at the Perkins School of Theology will lead us in prayer as we prepare for the love offering. We will also enjoy his musical talent as we take up the offering. Doug.

MR. DOUG WINTERMUTE: Let us pray. Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, tonight we offer our gifts with praise and thanksgiving. Lord, we know that all the blessings in life come from You, and with joyous hearts we return a portion of the gifts you have graciously bestowed upon us. May these gifts that we give be utilized for Your Kingdom here on earth in ways that will warm hearts, stir souls and touch lives through a love that passes all understanding. In the Name of Jesus Christ we pray, amen. [applause following offertory]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: Thank you, Doug, for sharing your God-given talents with us. For the information of this assembly, Doug composed both the music and the lyrics for that song that was so beautiful, “Working Together.” Thank you very much, Doug. [applause] And thank you very much, Sisters and Brothers, for contributing to a very worthy cause.

It is now my privilege to invite the District Chairmen to call the names of the recipients from their respective Districts. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, would you please honor us by presenting the 2004 scholarships to these students who were able to attend the program.

MRS. DIANA FULKS: Thank you, Sister Sylvia. I only have one recipient that’s here tonight and he just sang for us. That was Doug Wintermute. He attends the Perkins School of Theology. He is sponsored by Mike Thomas-Oakcliff Chapter #951.

We had more awards than that that were given out, but for one reason or another they couldn’t attend tonight. I would like to tell you their names at this time. Shawn Baker, Perkins School of Theology, Mike Thomas-Oakcliff Chapter #951.

And, Doug, I did the wrong thing so I’ll correct it in just a minute.

Justin Bass, Dallas Theological Seminary, Plano Chapter #708; Doyle Dietz, Perkins School of Theology, Love Field Chapter #875; Shane Fore, Southwestern Assembly of God, Lancaster Chapter #943; Kevin Jackson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Pine Tree Chapter #1090; Deron Patterson is from Perkins School of Theology, Richardson Chapter #921; Bill Ramsey is from Perkins School of Theology, Henderson Chapter #597; Anthony Lamont Risner II is from the Baptist Missionary Association Seminary, Canton Chapter #667.
I want to correct Doug’s Chapter who sponsored him. Doug goes to Perkins School of Theology, and that’s Paris Chapter #5. I want to apologize for that.

And Christopher Yost, he’s from Perkins School of Theology, Princeton Chapter #1126. That’s all. [applause]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: I recognize Sister Cindy Echols, District 2 Chairman.

MRS. CINDY ECHOLS: Thank you, Sister Sylvia. It is my pleasure to present the District 2 ESTARL recipients. I, too, only have one that was able to attend tonight. That’s Ms. Jodee Helwig, who attends Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and is sponsored by Robert Lee Chapter 187.

The other two District 2 recipients are Mr. Kris Barnett who attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and is sponsored by Friendship Chapter #1008 and Mrs. Janie Noble who attends Perkins School of Divinity in Fort Worth and is sponsored by Dumas Chapter #653. [applause]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: I now recognize Sister Sue Lockhart, District 3 Chairman.

MRS. SUE LOCKHART: Thank you, Sister Sylvia. District 3 is very proud of the following recipients of ESTARL scholarships from this Grand Chapter of Texas: Mrs. Elaine Spurlock, recipient attending Christ for the Nations Institute, sponsored by Polytechnic #420 in Fort Worth, Texas; Mr. Martin Reed attending Howard Payne and Hardin Simmons Universities, sponsored by Coleman Chapter #360 in Coleman, Texas. Unfortunately, Mrs. Spurlock and Mr. Reed could not come to be with us tonight. Our other recipient is Mr. Samuel Brannon attending Southwest Texas State and sponsored by Marble Falls Chapter #435. Happily he joins us this evening for our ceremonies and awards. [applause]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: I invite Sister Gay Sauer, District 4 Chairman.

MRS. GAY SAUER: Thank you, Sister Sylvia. District 4 is very pleased to announce six scholarships. Three of them are here this evening: Rhonda Boehm sponsored by Oak Forest Chapter #1080 attends Perkins School of Theology; Steven Rindahl sponsored by Ganado Chapter #957 attends Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Jack Womack sponsored by Pine Hill Chapter #675 attends Perkins School of Theology. [applause] Our other three scholarship recipients who could not be with us are Rick Anderson, sponsored by Burke Chapter #1098, attends Asbury Theological Seminar; Kimberly Gale Hagedorn, sponsored by Houston Heights Chapter #258, attends Perkins School of Theology; and Stephen Mark Rhoads, sponsored by Houston Heights Chapter #258, attends Southern Methodist University. We’re proud of all six of them. [applause]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: I now call on Reverend Georgia Orr, District 5 Chairman.

REVEREND GEORGIA ORR: I’m real pleased to represent District 5 in presenting the award to six students. Three of them are here with us tonight, and you’ve been privileged to hear them share their talents. The first is Ron Bentley. He’s from Allen, Texas; he goes to Perkins School of Theology, and he’s sponsored by Hondo Chapter 404. Next is Stephen Cottingham. He’s from San Antonio, Texas. He also goes to Perkins School of
Theology, and he is sponsored by Adah Chapter #49. Our third one that’s here tonight is Paul Evans from Caddo Mills. He goes to Perkins School of Theology and is sponsored by Bronte Chapter #1048. [applause]

The three that could not be here with us tonight are Jesus Elizondo from Dallas, Texas. He goes to Dallas Theological Seminary, and he’s sponsored by New Braunfels Chapter 771. Christopher Heinhold from Austin, Texas. He goes to Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest. He’s sponsored by Yorktown #945. And then James Griffin Martin from Waco, Texas. He’s going to Truett Seminary, and he’s sponsored by Round Rock Chapter #316. Thank you. [applause]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: Sisters and Brothers, join me in showing these recipients how proud we are of them and how much we appreciate them. [applause]

We will now have greetings from our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Sister Sylvia Garcia, General Chairman of ESTARL, also the other members of that Committee and, most of all, the recipients who participated and have blessed us with their presence tonight. This was a beautiful report and program. The membership and myself appreciated it so much. Best wishes to each of you in your plans and endeavors for the future.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, how wonderful it is that you have opened your hearts and your pocketbooks to help these dedicated men and women who are offering their lives in service to the Lord. We are delighted in Eastern Star to be a small part in helping these to achieve their goals in feeding his flock. We congratulate each of you, and special thanks to my ESTARL Committee for this beautiful and impressive ESTARL program. Sister Sylvia Garcia, thank you for serving as Chairman. Would these other five ladies join you. Know how much I appreciate the fact that each one accepted this special appointment because I know, I served on it and it was tremendous. I know you feel the same way. I thank you very much, and may God bless you in your service.

To these recipients, please let everyone else know that Eastern Star is there and we do have this program, Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership. Tonight we are so proud that each one of you who came is here with us. I see we have families with some of them. We’re delighted to have you here with us this evening.

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: I invite Jodee Helwig, recipient from District 2 and a student at Wayland Baptist University, to give the response on behalf of all of the recipients.

MS. JODEE HELWIG: On behalf of all the Eastern Star recipients, I would like to say thank you. I consider it a great honor and privilege to be standing here tonight. First of all, I’d also like to thank Cindy Echols. When they were telling how much these ladies put in, the hard work and what all they do, Cindy had to call me on my cell phone all summer, had to make sure I was still around and kept in contact and put up with my ornerness and my smart aleckness that tends to come out every once in a while. So thank you, Cindy.

I’d also like to thank the Robert Lee Chapter for their support throughout my educa-
tion and the continual support that they’ve shown me.

I looked on the Internet last night to get some more information and background of what the Eastern Star is all about. Part of the purpose it said was to help people that they saw, help them in any way that they could, when the opportunity arose. As I sat there at about 2:15 in the morning, still trying to pack, still trying to type out something, still trying to get everything back together with my life, the thing that continued to go through my mind was that there’s this movie and it’s called “Pay It Forward.” I don’t know if you’ve seen it or not, but what this movie is about is the teacher gives an assignment to the class, and the assignment is to come up with something, invent something that makes not only you a better person, but also leaves a mark on the world so the world knows that you were here and what you did.

And so all these students go to their house and they start trying to come up with something and invent something really cool. This one kid just sits back and just starts thinking of what he could truly do to impact the world. And as he thought and thought, the most remarkable thing came into this young boy’s mind. And that was simply to pay it forward, to go to someone and meet the needs that this person had and then simply say, “Pay It Forward.” And this created a domino effect that happened in the student’s life. He went to someone and he did something that’s not normal, that’s not ordinary and just simply gave up part of his life to invest in someone.

And as he did that and he simply said, “Pay It Forward,” that person then went on and did the same thing to someone else, and it continued. And this child, this one child affected and impacted a huge amount of people. And that is simply what you as members have done. You have done something that’s not normal. It’s not normal for 3,000 maybe -- okay, we’ll say 2,800, sounds good. It’s not normal for 2,800 people to come to Corpus Christi, Texas. I don’t come here very often at all. No, sorry. It’s humid here, you know. Huh-uh, I don’t do this. It’s not normal. It’s not normal to see these ladies and these men passing buckets around collecting money to help impact our lives. It’s not normal, but that’s simply what God has called us to do, is to get out of the normal routine, to get out of the everyday thing and simply “Pay It Forward.”

And I know, as I sat back and talked to some of these guys -- and they’ve picked on me and I’ve picked on them and I’ve given them time limits, and, you know, one of them didn’t stay in his time limit at all, but that’s okay. But we’re all here to “Pay It Forward.” I believe -- I haven’t talked to all of the recipients, but I know from what they’re saying and from what they’ve said and what they’ve read from the Scriptures that they’re here because, number one, God has called them. But, number two, there’s a world outside of our little bubble that we tend to get in, which is church, which is the normal day routine, there’s a world out there that needs the love of Christ that we have. That’s the greatest gift that we can share. That’s the greatest thing that we can say, “Hey, here’s Jesus Christ, let me tell you who He is.” This person accepts Christ, and then we tell them simply just “Pay It Forward.” That’s it. That’s what we’re here for. That’s what I’m here for. That’s what these men and women behind me are here for.

But, see, it starts with one person; it starts with one organization that’s willing to say, “Hey, you know what? It’s not normal for me to do this, but because, number one, I love the Lord and I want to make His Name famous, I’m going to do whatever it takes.” And
so I’m here to say thank you, but I’m also here to say, hey, please don’t stop. I didn’t mean it in a smart-alek way, I’m sorry.

But I’m saying what you’re doing is not normal. But what you’re doing is what God has called you to do. So press on. And I know it’s tough, when you don’t even know if you can afford school the next semester, or you don’t know if you can provide food for your family. I worked this summer for an organization that takes high school and college athletes overseas for two and a half weeks. And I didn’t know if I was going to be able to get back to school at all. But the one thing I knew, the day that I got there and I was ready to pack up and leave because I was out of my comfort zone, number one, and I didn’t like it. But God’s faithful and I know that, and I believe that with all that I have. So when times are hard and life just doesn’t make sense, He’s still faithful and He’s still saying, “Hey, ‘Pay It Forward’.” Keep doing what you’re doing because what you’re doing is impacting. It’s impacting churches; it’s impacting people in foreign countries that you don’t even have a clue about. But not all of us are called to go be a youth leader or to go be a pastor like some of these guys, or to go be this or go be that. Some of us are called to give, even when it’s hard.

And I don’t know if I’ve made sense. But keep doing what you’re doing, because you’re on track. You’ve got it down. It takes one person to impact one more person. And because of that first person, what that first person started is going to do things that you have no idea about. You have no clue the lives that you have helped to impact, just by putting a couple of dollars in a bucket.

So I thank you. I know these guys and these women behind me thank you as well. Keep doing it. Keep going because y’all are awesome. And you guys, this Eastern Star organization is making a mark on the world. Whether you know it or not, it’s doing it. So I thank you so much for being faithful even when the times are hard. All I can say is as I “Pay It Forward” in the youth ministry that I work with, the high school and junior high girls, the ADD kids -- I’m trying to “Pay It Forward” because of what you have helped put into my heart and into my life. So thank you and “Pay It Forward.” [applause]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: Thank you, Jodee. Your enthusiasm is certainly refreshing.

Martin Luther once said that prayer is a goodly Christian weapon. Well, we all know that because we know that through prayer comes countless blessings. We have been told that praying together in whatever tongue or ritual is the most tender brotherhood of hope and sympathy that a man can contract in his life. Let us contract that brotherhood tonight as we unite with Sam Brannon from District 3 and a student at the Lutheran Seminary who will bring us our benediction.

MR. SAM BRANNON: I served at a church last year in an internship. Jim became a very good friend of mine. I’ll let him be anonymous. Jim was a Mason and Jim was a Shriner. Jim told me stories of how he would pick up children in his van and take them to the hospital, to the Shriners Hospital, children who couldn’t walk, children who couldn’t feed themselves. And he told me of the joy and the love in those children, and I could see the joy and the love in Jim, because Jim was a servant, nothing more, nothing less. That was who Jim was, and that’s who Jim still is. We begin to serve others from our hearts. If
everyone was happy and safe and secure in the world, then we would not need servants, and we would not need to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But, alas, this is not the world in which we live. So we are called by the Spirit to be menders and to be healers, to be servants. So as you stand in solidarity with the people of this world, may God bless you with discomfort and easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships so that you may live deeply in your heart. May God bless you with anger, anger at injustice, oppression and the exploitation of people so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with tears, tears shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and, in turn, turn their pain into joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can actually make a difference in this wonderful world so that you can do for others what many people say cannot be done. And do this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We thank you, these ESTARL recipients and your families, for being here with us this evening. What a blessing you have been to us. I just went back and asked Jodee if she would like to recruit members for the Order of the Eastern Star. [applause] With the fire, enthusiasm and energy that she has, we’d fill the auditorium the next time we were here I think. But to each one of you, to these young men and women, the ESTARL recipients, how much we appreciate them. As I mentioned, I was ESTARL Chairman; how far reaching this goes out. We helped a recipient, and my secretary was in flight from California. A young woman was on the plane, and they started a conversation. Jean told her that she was from Beeville. And she said, “Well, a lady with Eastern Star helped me get my ESTARL scholarship.” So you never know what lives you’ve touched and where you’ll meet someone like these young men and women here tonight. May God bless you in your service to the Lord. May our paths cross again. If you’d like, you may be excused. Let’s again show these recipients how much we appreciate them and how proud we are of them. [applause]

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: My heart is overflowing with joy. Sisters and Brothers, you have made all of us up here very happy. You have contributed $3,112.48.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: That’s three scholarships for next year. That’s a fantastic beginning.

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: Thank you very much. I commend you for your generosity.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you are to be treated with special music and song by our Grand Organist and Memorial Service as we honor the memories of our departed members. Brother Jerry, may we have that special song, “He Touched Me,” as our Grand Chaplain prepares for the Memorial Service.

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Thank you, Grand Choir, Grand Choir Director and our Grand Organist for the beautiful introductory music.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, my Sisters and Brothers:
It is indeed my pleasure and privilege this evening to welcome you to this Memorial Service. We have gathered here to pay our reverent tribute and upmost respect to the memory of those who have passed through Heaven’s gates and now abide in that home not made with human hands.

We wish to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to every Sister and Brother who has suffered a personal loss and to each Chapter that is bereaved for a beloved member. We ask that God will bless you with peace that passes all understanding. We hope that in this hour of remembrance, you will find strength in your sorrow. May you be uplifted from your grief and have your faith renewed.

Know that you are not alone. We know that God lives. He loves us and cares for us. Let us give Him thanks for the many blessings that have come to us by our association and friendship with those who have passed our way.

Our Invocation will be given by Brother Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Would you bow with me, please, for prayer. Our Father in Heaven and Grand Architect of the Universe, we earnestly pray for Your guidance in the presentation of this Memorial program. Father, we know that our attempts at consolation are all too often inadequate in the face of death. You, Lord, are the Great Physician, and we pray that You would intercede on our behalf and give comfort to the family, loved ones and friends of these who have gone on to be with You. Lord, we pray this program would give some measure of comfort to those most affected by the passing of their loved ones, and, further, that this program would be pleasing in their sight. Amen.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** In Psalm 91:1-4, we read “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty and I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers and under His wings shall thou trust. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.”

And from Psalm 124:7-8: “Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of fowlers. The snare is broken and we are escaped. Our help is in the Name of the Lord who made Heaven and earth.”

This Memorial Service is lovingly dedicated to those who have been delivered from the snare of a frail human body and have departed this world and put on immortality. May the influence that they had on our lives, their constant friendship, the happiness we felt when we were with them, never be forgotten. They are certainly the Wind Beneath Our Wings.

**SOLO:** “Wind Beneath My Wings” Kay Drescher.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will drape the Altar in memory of our deceased members.

**DRAPIING OF ALTAR:** Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Chaplain.

[Soft music played during draping. When draping is complete,]
Prayer by Grand Chaplain:

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the lives of these departed loved ones. We are grateful that our lives were touched by theirs. We humbly ask your blessing on those they left behind. Touch each broken heart with your healing Hand. May we all rejoice in knowing that they are forever in Your Presence and that some day, when our life on earth is done, we will meet them again. For in Thy Holy Name we pray. Amen

SOLO: “Be Still My Soul” Bill Crews

GRAND CHAPLAIN: Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honor you bestowed upon me when you appointed me Grand Chaplain. I am very grateful that you trusted me in this place of service and it is with a very sincere and humble heart that I would like to present this partial report:

During this Grand Chapter year, 1886 members of our Subordinate Chapters have walked through Heaven’s Gates. Over 750 cards of condolence, get well and thinking of you were sent to the membership and we hope that they brought some measure of comfort or cheer.

Eighty-six letters of sympathy were mailed to other Grand Jurisdictions and to General Grand Chapter for:

1 Past Most Worthy Grand Patron
39 Past Grand Matrons
42 Past Grand Patrons
1 Installed Grand Officer (Grand Martha)
2 Grand Treasurers Emeritus
1 Grand Secretary Emeritus

I would like to say a sincere thank you to Sister Nell Smith, Grand Secretary and her staff, who have assisted me. Thank you for your courtesy, speed and accuracy in every-thing I asked.

“Death.” The very word itself means finality and doom. It is what we dread and fear most. Although we don’t want to face our own mortality or that of our family or friends, to each of us is given only a short predestined period of time. When we look into the face of a brand new baby, it is hard to believe that from the time we take our first breath when we are born, so our bodies begin from that moment to die.

Such it is with all of nature. The beautiful flowers and grass that surround us in the Springtime of the year, will begin to fade and wilt in the Fall and die in the Winter. Even the birds who scurry around making their nests and feeding their young are gone in the Winter. This is the plan that God has for us all, both great and small, plants and animals alike.

We know as Christians that death is not the end. It is just the beginning. When we lose someone we love, though, it is hard to remember that during this storm in our life, that God is in control.

I came across a story about how birds handle a storm. Andrea Singbell writes”Did you know that a bird knows when a storm is coming long before it breaks? The bird will
fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm does hit, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm is raging below, the bird is soaring above it. The bird does not escape the storm, it simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring up the storm.”

Isn’t that the way that God helps us handle the storms of life? When problems or sadness arise, we know that by looking to God for guidance and help, we can be lifted by faith above the turmoil. We are not avoiding our sorrow. We are simply on another plane from which we can get a clear view of the situation and know that God is with us to give us guidance in handling it.

Sisters and Brothers, let us pause and pay tribute to those who have gone on before us.

**TRIBUTE TO GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEMBERS**

**Friend’s Garden**

By Sandra Perdue, Grand Chaplain

Our friends, through Heaven’s Gates have gone,  
When their life on this Earth is o’er.  
They have entered a Garden so beautiful,  
Where Pain and tears are no more.  
They walk on the fragrant blossoms,  
And they see trees budding anew,  
Eternal Springtime awaits them,  
In their Heavenly Home, bright and new.

The bird’s melodious voices  
Blend with the angels as loudly they sing  
Forever and ever in praises to  
Our Lord, Our Saviour, Our King.

On January 28, 2004, our hearts were saddened by the loss of Brother Robert L. “Bob” Baker, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron for the 1991-1994 Triennium. He was a Past Grand Patron for the State of Virginia, a 50-year Mason and a veteran who served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He served God, his family, his country and our Order with honor and dignity. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends and a floral tribute is now placed in his honor and in honor of all those Sisters and Brothers of General Grand Chapter who have passed on. This tribute is placed by Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Texas escorted by Brother Raul Garcia, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Mexico and Central America and member of the Board of Directors of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

**TRIBUTE TO GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS MEMBERS**

During this past year we have had many members of our own Grand Chapter called to their Eternal Home by Our Heavenly Father. They were faithful friends and finished their service upon this Earth and gracefully climbed the stairway to Heaven to be welcomed into the open arms of God. We thank Him for their lives and for all they did for
the betterment of our world and the Order of the Eastern Star. We extend to their families our deep condolences and love. We will miss them but although they are gone, they won’t be forgotten. May we be better persons for knowing them.

Floral tributes will be lovingly placed on the Altar in their memory by Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron escorted by Brother Lee Stallings, Director of Vision General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Texas and Sister Elise Hammack Past Grand Matron escorted by Brother Joe Jeffers Past Grand Patron.

**TRIBUTE TO SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS OF TEXAS**

Eighteen hundred and eighty-six members of the subordinate Chapters in Order of the Eastern Star in the state of Texas have been called to their Eternal Home. We honor them with this poem, penned by an anonymous writer:

“As our tribute thus we pay
To those we love who could not stay;
Through golden gates, once more ajar,
We send this greeting from afar.
We know that parting is not long -
We, too, shall join the silent throng.
God closed their eyes to mortal sight,
So tenderly, we say Good Night.”

Though in their passing we experience sadness, we also experience joy in knowing that they are in a better place.

The floral tribute will be placed by Sister Shirley Rattan, Grand Escort to the Past Grand Patron, on behalf of Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron of Texas. She is escorted by Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron.

**MEMORIAL DRILL** directed by Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal

SOLO: “Angels Among Us” by Kay Drescher

**FLAG PRESENTATION** - “America the Beautiful” sung by Brother Bill Crews

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** (Flag is presented behind the Altar)

Sisters and Brothers, you will please stand.

At this time, let us pause to reflect on the men and women who have so valiantly given their lives in the defense of our nation. Without their sacrifice we would not have the freedom to assemble here this evening. Our debt of gratitude goes beyond anything that we could ever repay. We close this service with a memoriam to these honored military dead now departed.

Our beautiful American flag is presented by Technical Sgt. Brett Vestal who was formerly in the United States Air Force and who is currently serving in the Air Force Reserves. He is also our brother and Junior Past Patron of Mesquite Chapter No. 887.

Let us leave this Grand Chapter room tonight with a silent Benediction in our hearts, praising God for the lives of our service men and women, some of whom are our children...
and grandchildren and sincerely praying for the safe return of those who remain in foreign lands. Sisters and Brothers, at the last sound of the trumpet, let us go in Peace. Amen

**TAPS**

Sisters and Brothers, you may be seated.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Sandra Perdue, Grand Chaplain, we thank you and all those who participated in this beautiful and impressive Memorial Service this evening. I so do appreciate your acceptance of serving in this position this year.

Immediately following the close of this session, all those who are participating and serving the Grand Family this year, would you please meet with Sister Karen Morgenthaler and Brother Jerry Martin.

Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

At this time I ask Sister Jane Gregory, our Past Grand Matron, if she will voice our benediction. Thank you, Sister Jane, for talking to God on our behalf this evening.

**MRS. JANE GREGORY:** If you will hold the hand of the one next to you and bow your head, we will go to the Lord in prayer. Gracious Father, Thy love surrounds us as we bow to give Thee thanks at this the “Joy of Giving” session. We come in faith believing that our work is part of Thy divine plan for service to mankind. Our work is consecrated to Thee and Thy Kingdom. If we are serving for self-glory in any way, purge us clean and make our service acceptable. May each of us carry his own part of the work, not turning aside but with firm purpose standing faithful, knowing that Thy will for us is to do our best. We pray in humbleness and with deep sincerity, amen.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I now call this “Joy of Giving” Session closed to reconvene at 8 a.m. Saturday morning.
SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

November 13, 2004

“Peace and Harmony” Session

Musical Prelude ........................................ Mrs. Marilyn M. Lee
General Co-Chairman
Time & Talent Committee

Call to Order ........................................ Mrs. Betty Y. Friend
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Director of the GGC Vision Team
General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Texas

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all: Good morning. Were you awake early enough this morning to see the first light of dawn in the East? What a beautiful sight it has been this week to witness the peacefulness of the water in the bay as inflections of a new day began to appear and creatures of nature began to stir. This morning we had a different experience, didn’t we?

In the book of Ecclesiastes we read: “Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the light of the sun.” Man craves a life that radiates light. And when all is well in the life, peace and harmony will prevail. That is our hope for the Grand Chapter of Texas this morning as we finalize the business of the 122nd “Happiness Is Caring” session here in Corpus Christi, the beautiful city by the sea.

Sister Marilyn Lee has provided a lovely musical prelude for your enjoyment this morning. Soothing music is good for the soul. It helps us concentrate on the moment and the important tasks we face today as we call to order this Saturday morning session called “Peace and Harmony.”

Brother Lee Stallings, my Worthy Grand Patron, I want to tell you how nice it is to be working with you again in the Grand East of the Texas Grand Chapter. Time has flown since the 1999-2000 year, and I often reflect upon that glorious year when we served this Grand Jurisdiction together.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Thank you, Past Grand Matron, Sister Betty Friend. It is indeed a great privilege for me to again be in the East with my Worthy Grand Matron with whom I served this Grand Chapter in the year 1999-2000. Sister Betty and Brother Jack are true and dear friends of the Stallings family. Pat and I love them very much. And, Sister Betty, it’s certainly my honor to open this session with you.
MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Thank you. We’re now ready for the “Rocking Bluebird” Drill by the Installed Grand Officers and their Pages. Sister Grand Marshal, I invite you to lead the Officers in this drill. [Drill performed to much applause.]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, the Grand Officers will enter the Grand Chapter room. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East. [Grand Conductresses presented a sheaf of pink roses to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron before escorting them to the East.]

Sisters and Brothers, it is my distinct pleasure and honor to present to you Sister Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron. You will join me in extending them Grand Honors.

Thank you, Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, for inviting Brother Lee Stallings and me to open the “Peace and Harmony” session this morning. The 122nd session of Texas Grand Chapter has been a phenomenal success, and we are so proud of all the accomplishments that your team has attained.

Brother Jack Guy, this has been a fabulous year in Texas, and we appreciate all of your contributions to make it so. You’ve endeared yourself to the membership of this jurisdiction, and I’m proud to say that I’m among those who have learned to love and admire you tremendously.

Brother Lee.

MR. LEE STALLINGS: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester, thank you for giving me the opportunity in helping Sister Betty open this “Peace and Harmony” session. You and your Officers have had a great year, a year in which the true spirit of the Order of the Eastern Star has shown through. Thank you for your love and commitment to our beautiful Order and for serving this Grand Chapter with joy and happiness.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy, you are a humble, yet very effective, leader. Your actions this year have been guided as you prayed within the Fourth Landmark: lessons Scriptural, teachings moral, purposes beneficent. You have served the membership of this Grand Chapter with honor and dignity.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you have been a team. May the final hours of your years of service be as rewarding and satisfying as this past year has been. May God continue to bless, guide and direct you in all that you do. Thank you.

MRS. BETTY FRIEND: Worthy Grand Matron, I’m happy to present you your gavel. Have a wonderful day! [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: The Grand Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter session.

Sister Betty and Brother Lee, I want you to know how much I appreciate you two opening this session this morning for us. To get to start out in District 4 of the Grand Chapter of Texas, I thought it was appropriate that you should be with us this morning. And to Sister Betty, as I move on in to District 5, I thought you two would be most appropriate to open this session this morning for “Peace and Harmony.” Know how we respect
each one of you for your services to Grand Chapter, Betty, for your continued service in our Chapters and in our Section and in our District and for Grand Chapter. And, Brother Lee -- what a handsome fellow he is, isn’t he? Sister Pat, you had better hang on tight, baby! To Brother Lee, for your dedication to our Grand Chapter, and I’m so proud that Sister Pat and Brother Loyal recognized you for your dedication and service. We commend you for your efforts and we want to support you in your next two years. You’ve completed the first one, but you have two more years to serve in this capacity, and we in Texas are extremely proud of all your accomplishments. So thank you, Sister Betty and Brother Lee, for your dedication.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to greet this couple?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Betty Friend, we could not have had a better person to open this “Peace and Harmony” session as your constant smile and joyful attitude certainly promotes peace and harmony. Your “Seasons of Starlight” session in 2000 certainly is one I will always remember fondly. Thank you for taking part in this session and for being my very good friend.

Brother Lee Stallings, what an example you have been to all of us, assuming a leadership role in our Order. It is most amazing that someone with full-time employment such as you and many other obligations would have the time and desire to give so much to our Grand Chapter, as well as our General Grand Chapter. Thank you so much for the advice and assistance you have given me personally.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we’re about to open this “Peace and Harmony” session this Saturday morning. Direct him to permit no interruptions while we’re thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we’re about to engage in the ceremony of opening this “Peace and Harmony” session, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we are thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, this session is about to be opened and there are to be no interruptions. There will be no interruptions, Sister Grand Warder.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruptions.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Associate Grand Matron.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You will ascertain and report if all present are entitled to be with us in our deliberations this morning.

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: It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.] At this time our invocation will be given by Brother Joe E. Jeffers, Past Grand Patron of Texas. Thank you, Brother Joe, for coming back all the way to this beautiful Lone Star State to be with us during this session. We ask now that you speak on our behalf with our Lord.

MR. JOE JEFFERS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Sisters and Brothers, I will ask you to join hands with the person next to you. And if you can’t hold somebody else’s hand, please hold on to your own. Be mindful of the fact that what you hold in your hand was created by Almighty God just a little below the angels. Let us pray.

Unto Thee God, Father of us all, we come with thanks this morning for this beautiful day and for the opportunities of service that You have offered to us. We thank You for this Fraternity and for what it means to us. We ask that Your love for us and our love for each other will overcome every discord and passion. Lead us, Lord, to let our light shine so that the world will know we work to glorify Your Name. We ask You to be with the leaders of this organization as they continue this session. Let it do for us what it can, and let them do for us what they will. We ask You to be with the election. See over it that it will turn out in Your favor and in our favor. We ask You to bless the troops that we have overseas. Keep them from harm’s way if You can. Protect them and bring them home. Be with the leaders of our nation that they will make the right decisions to glorify Your Name. All these things we ask in Jesus’ Holy Name, amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now call this “Peace and Harmony” session from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel, that this “Peace and Harmony” session is now open.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this “Peace and Harmony” session is now open.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, this “Peace and Harmony” session is now open.

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

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers in the lobby area, those who are entering the Grand Chapter room, would you come in quietly, please.

Sisters and Brothers, we thank you for your cooperation and assistance in conducting the business of this Grand Chapter. We again ask the same of you today. There is still much business and legislation remaining, and we are going to move along as fast as possible. We want to finish all of our business in a timely manner so that Sister Karen and Brother Jerry can have an Installation this evening at 6:30 p.m. I feel quite sure that the Worthy Grand Patron and I will nominate those two at 10 a.m. this morning!

Would the voting delegates please raise their blue cards. We want to know where you are this morning. Deputy Grand Matrons, do you see where these blue cards are?

All Chairmen who have reports to give, please come to the East. All Committee Chairman are to be seated in the East until the reports have been given. I would like the Grand Chaplain and the ESTARL Chairman to come to the East for the adoption of their
Brother Billy Combest, we’d like to hear from you on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

MR. BILLY COMBEST: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron of General Grand Chapter, Sister Pat Rasmusson is very supportive of all the appendant bodies and many of her appointments indicate her support. It is my honor to represent the Most Worthy Grand Matron as Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Members of this committee are charged with informing and educating the memberships of all Grand Chapters about the benefits of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to have this opportunity to inform the membership about Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is a “Masonic Charity”. This charity refers to itself as a “Great Humanitarian Charity” and rightly so, because of its humanitarian endeavors so “that others may see”.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation was founded in 1956 to aid those who need help in the preservation of sight. Since 1956, $81 million has been spent on approved cases. This is for 70,500 people and also $7 million has been given in research grants.

Applications for aid may be made through any Knight Templar of one of the 1,200 constituent commandries in the Grand Encampment.

The mission statement of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation:

To provide assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin. Provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research in curing diseases of the eye.

For additional information, contact me or a Knight Templar. By the way, the members of the General Grand Chapter Committee are selling a beautiful white angel pin for $7.00 and a part of the profit comes back to Texas for “ESTARL”.

Billy H. Combest, Chairman
Knights Templar Eye Foundation
General Grand Chapter

Thank you for allowing me to give this information to you. Contact the Commandry in your area, and they can give you all the additional information you need. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me this time during your busy schedule.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Billy Combest. Let’s show our appreciation to Brother Billy. [applause]

I recognize the Bulletin Committee for your report. Sister Beverly Sinclair cannot be
with us, and we have a substitution for the Chairman.

REPORT OF BULLETIN COMMITTEE

MRS. JEAN HOBBS: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter as the General Chairman of the Bulletin Committee for the 2003-2004 year. It has been an honor and delight for me to have been able to work with these five District Chairmen and it is with great pleasure that I introduce them to the membership:

District One ~ Jan Hall
District Two ~ Sheryl Koltermann
District Three ~ Jean Hobbs
District Four ~ Carolyn Cox
District Five ~ Dorothy Haga

These ladies did a wonderful job, as did all the members on this committee. The top salespersons per District are as follows: District One: Bonita McElroy, Jan Hall, and Mary Jan Defoor; District Two: Jo Dennis, Sheryl Koltermann, and Margaret Berry; District Three: Ruth Smith; Bobbie Mayhen, and Verna Rae Gilbreath; District Four: Carolyn Cox, Mary Gilbert, and a tie for third, Patsy Clark and Beverly Sharp; and District Five: Buddy Eldred, Mickey Gunder, and a tie for third, Oscar Hairrell and Ann McCraw.

Some members sent their subscriptions and renewals directly to Grand Chapter, therefore, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Donna Kirkpatrick for the complete and final report for this committee. On behalf of each member of the Bulletin Committee, I am proud and happy to report that for the year 2003-2004, there were 1,187 renewals and 705 new subscriptions which gives us a total of 2,522 subscribers. There was a total of #38,531.51 collected. We would like to sincerely thank the membership for their response and support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Sinclair, General Chairman
Bulletin Committee

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Bulletin Committee report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Opposed. The report of the Bulletin Committee has been adopted.

REPORT OF CALENDARS FOR TEAM COMMITTEE

MRS. CINDY NEWBURY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East. I’d like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron. I know the Committee Members and myself have been privileged to serve on this Calendars for TEAM Committee for 2003-2004.
Calendars for Team 2003-2004

Monies collected by Grand Secretaries Office $1,927.50
Monies collected from Districts by Cindy Newbury, General Chairman $5,450.00

Total Monies collected for Calendars $7,377.50

I want to thank all the District Chairmen for their hard work:
District I - Mary Ann Edwards,
District II - Estelline Mikeworth
District III - Willie Jo Anderson
District IV - Iris Stone
District V - Doris Urbaneck

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to serve as your General Chairman.

Cindy Newbury

Top Sellers for Districts:
District I - Shannon Love, 80; Jeanine Curry, 20; Mary Lemley, 17
District II - Bettie Cox, 20; Estelline Mikeworth, 18; Nancy Bevill, 15
District III - Donna Herrington, 60; Pat Koehn, 30
District IV - Donna Jane Wert, 45; Linda Malak, 37; Georgia Ptacek, 40
District V - Dorothy Hare, 37

Worthy Grand Matron, I move this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Committee report on the Calendars for TEAM. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. Sisters and Brothers, if you’d like a souvenir, the calendars are out there now for $1. Please help us move the rest of them. Take home a nice clean calendar that you haven’t written all over.

Each one of these top sellers in each category have certificates of appreciation, the names that were called. Would you please check with these General Chairmen and pick up your certificates of appreciation. I thank each of you for serving in these capacities.

I’d like the Titles, Deeds and Property and Development and Marketing Committees to be in the East. Development and Marketing, would you come forward.

REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING COMMITTEE

MRS. LOLA “PEACHES” WALLACE: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other distinguished members, my sisters and brothers. We the members of the Development and Marketing Committee - Shirley Hainline, District 5, Gerry Isaacs, District 1, Michael Schafer, District 4, Alma
York, District 2, and Lola Wallace, Chairman, wish to make the following report:

A letter was written to Governor Rick Perry in June 2004, requesting that he recognize the Order of the Eastern Star in Texas at our Grand Chapter in Corpus Christi. Governor Perry sent “Greetings”, to be presented at the opening of our Grand Chapter Session. Copies were given to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and to this committee.

Some time ago in talking with our Grand Chapter attorney, who was active in raising funds for the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. He impressed upon me that to reach out to our own Membership to provide for the Future of our Order, was our best hope for success. Following his direction and the council of others, we placed in our Official Bulletin, the following article:

“Keep Eastern Star alive for Generations to come!

Do you want the Order of the Eastern Star to be alive and strong for your Children, your Grand Children and your Great Grand Children? Then you need to take a minute NOW to remember our Order and all that it has meant to you.

It’s time to list the Eastern Star in your Will along with all your Treasured Possessions. Make a bequest now to preserve our Eastern Star way of life.

Send a copy of your bequest to the Grand Secretary. If you need help, call the State Office.

In closing this report, I would say to you - “We have a loving and benevolent membership and with our Future in your hands, I know that we shall survive.”

Respectfully submitted,

Lola “Peaches” Wallace, Chairman

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Development and Marketing report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. Motion carried. We did adopt the Development and Marketing report. Thank you so much.

Titles, Deeds and Property, are you here?

Helping Others, would you please come forward.

REPORT OF HELPING OTHERS COMMITTEE

MRS. CHARLOTTE SOAPE: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers All:

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter this year as the General Chairman of HELPING OTHERS COMMITTEE.
I would also like to thank the following District Chairmen and their Committee Members who worked so diligently to sell the bird house sun catchers and the Eastern Star sun catchers.

District 1: Mrs. Anita Brown  
District 2: Mrs. Barbara Reynolds  
District 3: Mrs. Martha Erwin  
District 4: Mrs. Mary Spell  
District 5: Mrs. Kay Lewis

Each of these ladies were instrumental in seeing that the sun catchers were available at chapter meeting, District schools, Founders Day, and other gatherings throughout the state.

Would members of the Helping Others Committee please stand. I want to express my thanks to everyone who served on this committee.

District 1 sold 217 for a total of $1,085.00  
District 2 sold 321 for a total of $1,605.00  
District 3 sold 217 for a total of $1,085.00  
District 4 sold 460 for a total of $2,300.00  
District 5 sold 131 for a total of $ 845.00

Total sales: $6,920.00

Top sellers for each District are:

District 2: Sara Crowder - 68; Gerry Porter - 33; Norma Graham - 30  
District 4: Sharon London - 72; Carolyn Hardin - 48; Mary Spell - 41  
District 5: Catherine Lewis - 32; Avanel Galloway - 26; Elanor Stark - 24

Thank you ladies for a wonderful job well done.

Worthy Grand Matron, once again thank you for a wonderful year and for allowing me to serve as General Chairman of the Helping Others Committee.

I move the adoption of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Soape, General Chairman  
Carthage Chapter 747

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. This report has been adopted. Thank you.

I call on the Chairman of the Reading Is Fun Committee.

REPORT OF READING IS FUN COMMITTEE

MRS. MARGIE DANIEL CURRY: Thank you.
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, other distinguished members, my sisters and brothers. I would like to present the Reading is Fun Committee Report.

The purpose of this committee was to encourage the membership to teach children the joy and reward of reading. A one inch square pin with a boy sitting in a chair reading was offered to the membership for a donation of $5.00. The profit from this project to go to the Scottish Rite Literacy Program.

Total sales sent in through October 22, 2004 were $1,665.00. Additional funds attached that were received this past week totaled $115.00, making a grand total of $1,780.00.

Serving as District Chairmen were:

District 1 - Mrs. Barbara R. Grand-Scott
District 2 - Mrs. Kimi McGee
District 3 - Mrs. Connie Welch
District 4 - Mrs. Brenda J. Pigott
District 5 - Mrs. Viola “Dollie” Pawkett

Top Sellers in each district were:

District 1 - Cindy Brisko, Denton Chapter No. 259
District 2 - Carolyn Simmons, Harmony No. 244; Wallace Hughston No. 1100, El Paso; Jane Ann Roby, Spur #164; Nancy Giddings, Wallace Hughston No. 1100, El Paso; and Tena Powell, Panhandle No. 760 and Amarillo No. 787
District 3 - Don Dirks, Marble Falls No. 435
District 4 - Marie McMurrey, Flatonia No. 183
District 5 - Viola Pawkett, Robstown No 540; Marjorie Fairchild, Waelder No. 1023 and Marilyn Olivarez, Wimodausis No 141, San Antonio

Respectfully Submitted,
Margie Daniel Curry, General Chairman
Reading is Fun Committee
2003-2004

Worthy Grand Matron, I move this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Opposed. This report is adopted.

I recognize the Chairman of the Joyful Sounds Committee.

REPORT OF JOYFUL SOUNDS COMMITTEE

MRS. LILIAN COZBY: Thank you.
Grand Chapter Session - November 11-November 13, 2004

Thank you, Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, for appointing me to this responsible office in Grand Chapter. I also want to thank the District Chairmen on this committee.

The District Chairmen for this committee have been:

District 1 - Mrs. Laverne Cooper
District 2 - A.D. Jackson
District 3 - Mrs. Kathey Crews
District 4 - Mrs. Jeannette Cooper
District 5 - Mrs. Cindy Bausell

The Joyful Sounds committee is the Music committee for 2003-2004. The Worthy Grand Matron’s March is “Blue Birds on Parade”.

485 copies at $5.00 each = $2,425.00

82 copies not sold and returned to Grand Chapter.

485 Sold - 82 Returned - Representing at total of 567 copies of music.

Money sent to Grand Chapter on this Music Project, and representing contribution and/or sale of 485 copies - $2,425.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilian Cozby, General Chairman
Joyful Sounds Committee, 2003-2004

I move that this report be adopted.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. Opposed. Motion adopted. Thank you. We accept the report.

I recognize the Chairman of the Texas-Louisiana Exchange Committee.

REPORT OF TEXAS-LOUISIANA EXCHANGE VISIT COMMITTEE

MRS. BETTY WARLICK: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished East, My Sisters and Brothers. Worthy Grand Matron, Thank you for allowing me to chair the Texas-Louisiana Exchange Visit held at the LaQuinta-Marshall Conference Center in Marshall, Texas April 23, 2004. What a wonderful time we had planning and bringing to fruition the beautiful “Silver Stars and Blue Knights in Texas” Banquet. The Conference Center was beautifully decorated with many glittering stars and sparkling lights. The focal point was a Texas shaped mirror and a large Blue Knight among the silver stars. 155 were in attendance and enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Golden Corral Marshall. The Hospitality Room was provided by the Exchange Committee in the LaQuinta dining area where everyone enjoyed the good
fellowship and food before and after the Banquet. Sister Patricia Neinast, Past Grand Matron of Texas, extended the welcome and Sister Elizabeth Roach, Past Grand Matron of Louisiana, brought the response. A special presentation was presented from Mr. Ed Smith, Mayor of Marshall, to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Entertainment was provided by the River Country Cloggers with toe-tapping dances and the Reunion Trio brought a beautiful message in song that was enjoyed by all.

We were honored with the presence of the Right Worthy Grand Conductress and a Past Grand Matron of Texas, Sister Rennie Ofton. Other honored and distinguished guests were General Grand Chapter Committee members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and many Grand Chapter officers and committee members of both Texas and Louisiana. Special honored guests were Mrs. Audrey Barker, Worthy Grand Matron, and brother J.R. “Buck” Denny, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Louisiana, and our own Sister Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of Texas.

Saturday morning, many made the trip to Louisiana to attend “The Essence of Spring” Louisiana-Texas Friendship Exchange Luncheon at the Isle of Capri Inn in Bossier City, Louisiana. Everyone fully enjoyed this special time with our Louisiana friends. Would all members of the Texas-Louisiana Exchange Visit committee please stand? Thank you, my special friends, for all your efforts and cooperation in making the weekend a beautiful success. And to my co-chairman, Wanda Hollingsworth, thank you for your talents in decorating and making everything beautiful. I appreciate your help in making a special time of fellowship for both the members of Texas and Louisiana.

Financial Report:

Monies Collected (ticket sales) $2,499.00

Expenses $2,500.15

Worthy Grand Matron, this surely was a labor of love.

Betty J. Warlick, General Chairman

I move for the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. All opposed. The report is adopted.

I now recognize Brother Forrest Smith, Chairman of Founder’s Day, for your report.

REPORT OF FOUNDER’S DAY COMMITTEE

MR. FORREST SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

Those assisting me this year on the Founder’s Day Committee were Mr. W. Gail Blackmon and Mr. Allan Dickman, Co-Chairmen and the District Chairmen: Mr. John
Creel, District One, Mrs. Marcia Benton, District Two; Mr. Trey Smith, District Three; Mrs. Janice Stinson and her Co-Chairman, J.J. Singletary, District Four; and Mr. I.H. “Skip” Smith, District Five.

Our Worthy Grand Matron’s special project for our committee was the Angel Pins and Earrings. These items proved to be very popular with the membership and they were purchased as quickly as we received them.

We recognize three from each District performing an outstanding job on this committee:

District One: Jana Lubbers, Barbara Eierbam, Libby Parrish
District Two: Betty Stark, Dona Baucom, Marcia Benton
District Three: Pat Turner
District Four: Heidi Jenkins, Anna Bell England, Barbara Randle
District Five: Art Tolbert, Marvin Spivey, Tracy Gollnick

It is my pleasure to submit the following report:

Donations for Special Project: $38,691.45
204 Chapters 100% $26,239.00
Founders Day $1,400.00
Grand total $66,330.45

I say a heartfelt “Thank You” to each one on this committee, the Chapters of Texas and the Membership for your support of Founder’s Day.

Respectfully Submitted,
Forrest Smith
Founder’s Day Committee
General Chairman

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this Founder’s Day report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down, please. All opposed. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, know how much I do appreciate all the effort of this Founder’s Day Committee. And for everyone of you who bought the angels, who gave them back and we auctioned them off and you gave them back and we auctioned them off again, this also brought in funds to the Cancer Research, not going back into our Founder’s Day. I wish I had a thousand angels! But we have approximately 2700 or 2800 angels in this room today that have registered and I appreciate everyone of you. Give yourself a hand on this. [applause]

I recognize Sister Rennie Ofton with the Jurisprudence Committee.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. We did not get to the resolutions last night, so if you’ll turn to those. As you remember, resolution number 1, number 2 and number 5 were withdrawn. So now we will take up resolution number 3.
REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 3

[Resolution No. 3 reads as follows in its entirety:]

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, at the 113th Annual Session held in 1995, the membership adopted Resolution No. 1 that would allow the restoration of the Eastern Star Home of Texas, and

WHEREAS, to finance this restoration, donations and bequests to the Eastern Star Home of Texas be accepted and placed in a Renovation account and these funds be restricted to maintenance and repair of the Eastern Star Home by adopting Resolution No. 2, and

WHEREAS, the money be managed by the Board of Grand Trustees (now known as the Board of Directors) and deposited in a restricted designated Renovation Account, and

WHEREAS, the membership adopted the Amendment to Resolution No. 1 at the 121st Annual Session to sell the O.E.S. property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Restricted Renovation Funds be transferred to the General Fund under the supervision of the Board of Directors to be used at their discretion toward expenses in completing the sale of the property and relocation of the O.E.S. Business Headquarters and Museum.

Submitted by:
Jerre Lucas Nelson R. Campbell
Gary E. Steele Jack C. Beall
A.L. Casparis Jayne Yenger
Dwayne Maserang

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: This resolution pertains to transferring the restricted Renovation Fund to the General Fund for use in expenses for the move. We have received a request from the Board for an amendment to this resolution.

MR. RAUL GARCIA: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East: We would like to delete the last paragraph and replace it with the following: “Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Restricted Renovation Funds be added to the O.E.S. Endowment Account Trust, the (c)(8)” -- that’s the big Endowment Fund -- “with the interest from the O.E.S. Endowment Account Trust, (c)(8), to be used under the supervision of the Board of Directors, if needed.”

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Worthy Grand Matron, we present this amendment to the resolution for your action.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the amendment to the resolution. Is there any discussion to this amendment to the resolution? All right. We will vote on this. This is for the amendment to the resolution. All in favor, please hold up your blue cards. All opposed. The amendment carried. Thank you.
MRS. RENNIE OFTON: We have a request that it be read again, what we just passed. That’s okay. “Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Restricted Renovation Fund be added to the O.E.S. Endowment Account Trust, (c)(8)” -- that’s the big Endowment Fund -- “with the interest from the O.E.S. Endowment Account Trust, (c)(8), to be used under the supervision of the Board of Directors, if needed.”

This simply transfers it into the Endowment Trust, which we already have, and it will be governed by the laws that we have for the expenditure of those funds, whereas before, the Renovation Fund was just sort of handled to do whatever needed to be done to the Home, to the building. Now it has been added to the Endowment Trust Fund and will add to the interest which we are gaining from that. Are there any other questions?

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Okay. Sisters and Brothers, we will now vote on the amendment as amended. This is resolution number 3. We’ll vote on it as amended. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. This resolution has been adopted as amended.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: I present Elsie Paladino who will present resolution number 4.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 4

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Resolution number 4 is found on page 91 of your Advanced Annual Report. It pertains to the reduction in the per capita tax. With the approval of this 2004 session, starting the year after the sale of the O.E.S Home, the per capita to be paid by all Subordinate Chapters be reduced by $2. At this point in time we pay $11 per capita tax; that would reduce it to $9. This would be one year after, so it would begin in 2006. However, it will be brought back to change the distribution at the next Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, this resolution is in proper form and awaits your pleasure.

[Resolution No. 4 reads as follows in its entirety:]

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, many Chapters are hard pressed to meet higher taxes, insurance and utility costs and are at risk to go under, and

WHEREAS, the membership has been anticipating significant savings from closing the O.E.S. Home, and

WHEREAS, the membership has been seeking relief from the high Per Capita, and

WHEREAS, this loss of revenue to the Grand Chapter will be easily covered by not having to maintain the O.E.S. HOME, currently over $125,000.00 (one hundred twenty five thousand dollars) per year. The interest from the net sale after expenses will provide additional funds to be spent as directed by Grand Chapter.

THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED:
With the approval of this 2004 Session, starting the year after the sale of the O.E. S. Home, the Per Capita to be paid by all Subordinate Chapters be reduced by $2.00 (two dollars).

This 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 nine ($9.00) dollars, to be divided as follows:

1. Three Dollars ($3.00) to the General Fund
2. Five Dollars ($5.00) to the Ladies Retirement Fund
3. One Dollar ($1.00) to the Benevolent Fund

Submitted by:
Raul Garcia Nelson R. Campbell
Dwayne Maserang A.L. Casparis
Jack C. Beall Gary Steele
Jayne Yenger

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve just heard the report on this resolution. Is there any discussion?

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: Good morning, Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize Sister Rosemary Swetland.

MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND: I’m Rosemary Swetland, a Past Matron of Burke Chapter #1098. I am a strong proponent of resolution number 4. In 1995 in Fort Worth, Texas, I was serving as Associate Grand Matron, and at that session I spoke strongly for the per capita increase to $11, knowing full well both sides of that coin. Grand Chapter needed the increase, and our Subordinate Chapters would struggle to meet it, but they rose to the occasion and passed it. Over the years I have asked that our Board of Directors work diligently to appropriate the funds that we need to conduct our finances, and they have done so. Now they are ready to reward this devoted membership by beginning a decrease in the per capita to $9, which we recognize will begin in 2006. I implore this wonderful membership this morning to overwhelmingly pass this amendment with the knowledge that you deserve it and I congratulate our Board of Directors for a job well done. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Is there any other discussion? Sisters and Brothers, those in favor of this resolution, please raise your blue card. Down. Those opposed. This resolution has been adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 6

MRS. PAT NEINAST: Sisters and Brothers, this is resolution number 6, Code of Laws.

[Resolution No. 6 reads as follows in its entirety:]
RESOLUTION NO. 6
CODE OF LAWS

WHEREAS at the 2003 Grand Chapter the membership voted to sell the OES property located at 1111 and 1201 East Division at Arlington, Texas.

WHEREAS the rules and regulations also referred to as the Blue Book has become out dated and no longer applies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as it now reads that it shall be deleted from page 1 through page 9 down to Benevolent Fund Article K, on page 9 through page 10. (Paragraph 1 through 12) SHALL BE MOVED TO PAGE 74 OF THE CODE OF LAWS.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors be directed to follow all guidelines, as referred to in (Benevolent Fund Article K).

Submitted By:
Tom Everitt    Shirley Everitt
Nina Kosner    Charlie E. Ipes
Dona H. Ipes

Worthy Grand Matron, this resolution is in proper order and ready for consideration.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the report on this resolution. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of this resolution, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. This resolution has been adopted.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION NO. 7

MRS. ALMA LYNN BANE: Worthy Grand Matron, I’m here to present resolution number 7, the last resolution, the one found on page 93 of your Advanced Report. This resolution addresses a potential Committee that could be appointed for this incoming term and the term thereafter that would look at very carefully our Code of Laws and the Redbook presented to us by General Grand Chapter. That Committee would come back and make a report at the 2006 Grand Chapter session. This resolution is in proper form and ready for consideration, Worthy Grand Matron.

[Resolution No. 7 reads as follows in its entirety:]

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, The Charter of the Grand Chapter of Texas, granted July 22, 1884 by General Grand Chapter, OES, STATES, IN PART, “That Said (Texas) Grand Chapter shall make no laws which are not in accord with the Ritual, Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter;

WHEREAS, in the Book of Instruction in the Redbook from General Grand Chapter states: “No authority is given any Grand Chapter to adopt its own interpretation of any of the ceremonies included in the Ritual;
WHEREAS, the present General Grand Chapter Law governing the 3 black cubes during a ballot was sponsored by the Grand Chapter of Texas, voted in at the General Grand Chapter Assembly and now we obey it as a part of the General Grand Chapter Laws;

WHEREAS, this jurisdiction uses part of the edicts of the General Grand Chapter Redbook and does not use others;

We, the undersigned propose the following:

A Committee be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron, 2004-2005, to research these matters and said Committee to carry over 2 years to bring a report of the results of this study at the Grand Chapter Session of 2006.

Rennie Ofton   Henry S. Martin
Alma Lynn Bane   Elsie Paladino
Garland Rattan

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard this resolution. Is there any discussion?

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I’m Rennie Ofton, Past Matron of Harlandale Chapter #750. Sisters and Brothers, through the years there were things that were changed, and we were not as active in General Grand. We did not really know about these things. We have continued to do things in our own way. As we attend our General Grand Assemblies now, we begin to learn that we are not doing many of the things which are directed by the Redbook, and in many places it says “shall.” Of course, we have been taught in Texas if it says “may,” we may, but if it says “shall,” our Texas laws expect us to obey. So what we want to do is to take the two books and compare the things that we are doing that are a little different.

General Grand Chapter does give some leeway on traditions and special needs. For instance, we’re the only Jurisdiction which has our Grand Examiners. They have a different role. So that’s all right. That’s our tradition. And there are other things. So what we want to do is perhaps split the traditions from the rules. Now, of course, there is always the question of the Square and Compasses. Kansas and Texas have had these placed on our Altar through the courtesy of our Grand Lodge of Texas, our Masonic Brothers. I do not believe that the General Grand Chapter would do anything to alter our respect for our Masons in Texas. And should it come up, certainly we could always handle it at that time.

In the meantime, no one has challenged us in many, many years. It was challenged once, and it did not materialize. So now as long as our Masonic Brothers here in Texas think enough of the Order of the Eastern Star to permit this, I think surely that we can stand behind that and General Grand Chapter will understand.

So I hope that we can do this. When our visitors come to Texas, they say, “Oh, we don’t do it that way. The Redbook says.” Well, the Redbook says a lot and our book says a lot, so what we want to do, hopefully is have a Committee appointed so that we may compare the shall’s and the may’s and whichever’s, and at least make an effort to get in line with some of the things which are very easy to change. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Rennie.

MR. DUANE BAKER: Worthy Grand Matron.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I recognize this tall fellow over here. Yes, sir.

MR. DUANE BAKER: I’m Buddy Baker, Worthy Patron of Mart Chapter 109. And when we can put it, it will stay on the Altar, I will be 100% behind this, speaking of our Square and Compasses.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Buddy. Is there any other discussion? Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard this resolution. All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All opposed. Thank you. This resolution has passed.

MRS. RENNIE OFTEN: Brother Buddy, I cannot absolutely say yes, but I’ll tell you one thing: I’ll fight harder than anybody else. [applause]

Worthy Grand Matron, this completes the presentation of the amendments and the resolutions. We will give our final report later.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, let’s give a big thank you to this Jurisprudence Committee who have been there all year long for you and for me. Thank you. [applause] Sister Pat Neinast stepped in at the last moment and graciously has been assisting the Jurisprudence Committee at this Grand Chapter session due to the health of Brother Henry Martin. He has worked extremely hard along with this crew. Remember him in your prayers. I have certainly appreciated all the help he has given us also.

Those who will be offering their services to Grand Chapter and the person who will be nominating them, would you come to the East. While you’re doing that, I want to appoint the Election Judge and Assistants and the Tellers. So please listen carefully. Sister Betty Benham is our Election Judge. Those assisting her, at table #1 will be Sister Yvonne Brownfield and Brother Ed Warner; table #2 Sister Jane Gregory and Brother Kenneth Gregory. If you would assume your positions at the table and let me know when we have the table filled with tellers.

At table #1 -- please listen carefully, Sisters and Brothers -- Delores Hartley, Christene Ledbetter -- and as I call your name, please move to the tables. This is table #1. Bill Armstrong, Iris Stone, Eunice Zuckero, Reba Fox, Cindy Echols, Terry Hugo, Patsy Phillips, Mickey Gunder, Wanda Hollingsworth, Andi Martin, Linda Campbell, Wanda Goodson, Beverly Sinclair -- I know she isn’t here -- Madge Middleton, Faye Murphy, Kelly Kilingback, Carolyn Cox, Peggy Blackmon, Pat Archer. Would you go to table #1.

Table #2, Benita McElroy, Chris Puckett, Doris Moore, Dwight Phillips, Bobbie Dyer, Susan Bigham, Lou Weitz, Judy Sadberry, Irene Stafford, Gloria Bennett, Sula Riley, Peggy Ledinski, Diane Davidson, Ann Bailleaux, Carlotta Fairchild, Mary Calvert, Evelyn Berry, Martha Heffington, Eva Burlin and Jana Waclawczyk.

Table judges, let me know when your table is filled.

Operating our computers today will be Brothers Mark Dieckman as Chairman, Don Donnenwerth and Jack Friend. If you will get your equipment ready.
For those who are offering their services for the unexpired term in District 4, would you please come and meet with my secretary in the East. For those who will be nominated, after you’re nominated you may return to your place in the Chapter room or remain in the East. That’s up to you.

Sisters and Brothers, I want to advise you again. Make sure that you don’t mess up your ballots. Don’t mark anything until you’re directed. Deputy Grand Matrons, would you pick up the boxes and get in position around the Chapter room.

While this is being done, we’ll continue with reports. I call on the Chairman of the Labels and Worksheets Committee.

REPORT OF LABELS AND WORKSHEET COMMITTEE

MRS. DARLA DUNAWAY: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Distinguished Guests:

We, the members of the Labels and Worksheets Committee thank you, Sister Doris and Brother Jack for giving us the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter for the 2003-2004 Fraternal Year.

Total money raised through the sale of Labels and Worksheets: $1,083.00

Total money raised through sale of Business Cards, Ode Books, and various custom printing: $932.50

For a Grand Total of $2,015.50

This project was budgeted to bring in revenue of $750.00. I would again, like to thank this committee for their hard work and the membership of Texas for their support of this project.

Respectfully Submitted:

Darla Dunaway, General Chairman
Betty Crow, District I
Shirley Scholl, District II
Etta Jean Moore, District III
Marilyn B. Knowlton, District IV
Betty L. Sidebottom, District V

The top sales were Darlene Ward, Jeanette Lowe and Marilyn Knowlton.

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt this report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. All those opposed. This report has been adopted.

Sister Millie Sikes, would you go to table #2. Janie Edwards, would you go to table #1.
I recognize the Chairman of the Happy Times Committee for their report.

**REPORT OF HAPPY TIMES CREDIT CARD COMMITTEE**

**MRS. VICKI SMITH:** Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Grand Chapter this year by serving as the General Chairman of the Happy Times Credit Card Committee. You provided seventy-eight very capable members to the committee and they were lead by five dedicated District Chairmen.

Our year started a bit late because we did not receive our credit card applications for a while due to a delay by the financial institution. When those applications were received, they were distributed to all members of the committee for the membership. As you know, we are not advised when an applicant receives their credit card, it is not possible to determine which member lead the team in ‘sales’ or the number of approved credit cards, which was to be our criteria. For this reason, I declare that we have an eighty-three person tie. All the members of this committee served and sought customers to apply for credit cards with equal vigor. We distributed more than three hundred applications and I know for a fact that credit cards were applied for, received and many have been used.

I want to thank the District Chairmen: Brother David Dibrell; District I Chairman, Sister Chris Puckett, District II Chairman; Brother Joseph Koonce, District III Chairman; Sister Ann Bailleaux, District IV Chairman; and Sister Ann Stuart, District V Chairman. They were patient, but ready to work and they maintained the communication with the committee members in their districts.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Smith
General Chairman, Happy Times Credit Card Committee

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the Happy Times Credit Card report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. Now then, raise your blue cards everyone who has a Texas Eastern Star credit card. Some of you did not raise your cards, so you need to pick up an application. For each one you turn in and it’s approved, Grand Chapter receives $20. It doesn’t cost you anything; you don’t even have to put a stamp on it. Every time you renew it we get $1. See, ladies, if you had that Eastern Star credit card, you could go out there and really shop!

I recognize the Chairman of the Kritters for Kids Committee.

**REPORT OF KRITTERS FOR KIDS COMMITTEE**

**MRS. GAIL SMITH:** Thank you.
Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my sisters and brothers;

The Kritters For Kids Committee promoted love and caring throughout our state.

Those serving as District Chairmen this year were: Debra Mulholland, District 1; Jane Ramos, District 2; Connie Smith, District 3; Bart Henderson, District 4; Tinnie Riggs, District 5.

Many members of this committee stated how much they enjoyed collecting and distributing these Kritters. They were donated to hospitals, churches, fire departments, police departments, EMS Units, Ronald McDonald House and many other organizations. Certificates of appreciation go to:

District 1: Jo Williams, Laverne Gattis, Debra Mulholland
District 2: Lula Mae Wilson, Jane Ramos
District 3: Betty Rose, Josie May Cox, Sandra Carr
District 4: Hazel Smith, Isadora Thomas, Gail Smith
District 5: Carmen Pina, Phyllis Jameson, Omega Johnson

A total of 7,646 Kritters were collected for Kids of all ages.

Worthy Grand Matron, serving on this committee has afforded each of us with much pleasure knowing we brought a smile to many faces.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Smith
Kritters For Kids
General Chairman

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the report of the Kritters for Kids. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Those opposed. Thank you. Thank you, too, the membership of Texas, for collecting these kritters and taking them around to places they were needed. It was tremendous. Thank you. Let’s give everyone a big hand. [applause]

I need one more on table #2. Sister Jane Wert, would you please go to table #2, and then we’ll have them filled.

I recognize Sister Phyllis Macon to give our Huntington’s Disease report.

REPORT OF HUNTINGTON’S DISEASE COMMITTEE

MRS. PHYLLIS MACON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of serving as General Chairman of the Huntington’s Disease Committee. This was, indeed, a most gratifying place of service.

I would like to thank those serving as the District Chairmen:
Karen Louton, District I Chairman; JaNet Lindsay, District II Chairman; Jean Hunt, District III Chairman; Sharon Mosmeyer, District IV Chairman; Billye Carrington, District V Chairman

These Chairmen did a wonderful job, as did all the members of our committee. Would all the members of the Huntington’s Disease Committee present please stand.

I respectfully submit the following report:

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@ $5.00 ea. **$5,115**

In addition to the pin sales, $3,316.04 has been received in donations, many of which are attributable to our Worthy Grand Matron through her tireless efforts on the School schedule and Past Grand Matron Yvonne Brownfield and Brother Kenneth Gregory at their recent Roundup.

To date this Fund has received $8,431.04

We expect more sales and donations to be reported after the Grand Chapter Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Macon, General Chairman

**TOP SALES PERSONS**

District One: Karen Louton, D-1 Chairman (70); Julia Hill (75); Roy Shipley (30)
District Two: Ella Mae Fry (57); Donald Berry (13); Richard Sanford (7)
District Three: Adele Isaacs (20); Katherine Rose (13); Sherry June Cates (12)
District Four: Sharon Mosmeyer, D-4 Chairman (35); Janice Hoffman (37); Marcia Jerrels (25); Jimmie Small (20)
District Five: Chloe Riddle (47)

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the report of the Huntington’s Disease Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed. The report of the Huntington’s Disease Committee has been adopted. Sister Phyllis Macon, I’m happy to present this Committee the check for Huntington’s Disease. Would you please take care of this?

**MRS. PHYLLIS MACON:** It is indeed my honor to accept this donation on behalf of the Southwestern Medical School for Huntington’s Disease Research which has been established in honor of our Sister Virginia Lynn Green, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas. This money will be presented to the doctor making the most progress in research for Huntington’s. As you know, Sister Virginia is unable to be in attendance at
this session, but she wanted me to relay to you how appreciative she is to this Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for having the Huntington’s Disease Committee, and to each member who participated in any way in raising funds and awareness of this disease. I will see that Southwestern Medical Foundation receives this donation. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I want to thank each of you personally for assisting with this. Sister Virginia Lynn was my Worthy Grand Matron as District Deputy Grand Matron. I saw the talent and the love for the Order from this beautiful lady. Thank you so much. And, remember, this is an ongoing established thing at the Medical Center. So any time you’d like to contribute to this, we’d be happy.

Brother Dewey Teague, are you in the room? If so, please go to table #2. We need one more.

While we’re waiting, Titles, Deeds and Properties, would you come forward.

**REPORT OF TITLES, DEEDS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

**MR. RONALD ZIPP:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of this committee.

A letter was sent to all committee members for any helpful ideas that could benefit the Order of the Eastern Star as it relates to our particular committee.

A letter was referred to our committee and forwarded to Mr. James Rippey from District 4 about a parcel of property offered to the Order of the Eastern Star by a member. Mr. Rippey analyzed the property and recommended that the property not be accepted. This recommendation was submitted to the Board of Directors at their July 17, 2004 meeting. Mr. Rippey’s letter and recommendation were accepted by the Board of Directors. This property was not accepted.

Our committee, Miss Jo Dibrell, Mr. Murray Watson, Jr., Mrs. Bonnie Ericson and Mr. James Rippey thanks the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Zipp
Chairman
Titles, Deeds and Properties

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the report of Titles, Deeds and Properties. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. The report of the Titles, Deeds and Properties Committee has been adopted. Thank you very much.

We have been asked where you can get the credit card applications, and we have some. We’ll get them out for you.
I recognize the Secretarial Committee.

REPORT OF SECRETARIAL COMMITTEE

MRS. JEAN THOMAS: Thank you.

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

The Secretarial Committee consisted of Sue Shoemaker, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron; Betty Fogarty, Vickie Hertenberger, Secretaries to the Associate Grand Matron; Karen Wright, Secretary to the Associate Grand Patron; Lou A. Lewis, Secretary to the Grand Conductress; Shirley Meerscheidt, Secretary to the Associate Grand Conductress; and Ann Kelly, Secretary to the Board of Directors, and myself. It has been our pleasure and honor to serve as Secretaries for the line officers and Board of Directors of Grand Chapter, and to fulfill our duties.

As Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, I was responsible for her correspondence, and traveled with her on the school schedule to do my duties, which included selling Grand Chapter Supplies thus making them available to the membership, and also the committee Merchandise. I attended 41 of the schools but became ill and could not continue. Sister Sue Shoemaker, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron filled in for me to complete the school schedule, helping the Worthy Grand Matron. I, and the Worthy Grand Matron appreciate her taking over in my absence. She was a great asset. Sister Freida Dillon, Grand Martha, and her page Lynda Wilkins managed the sale of the Committee Merchandise. For this I am grateful, also.

Being Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron was a great experience, and the rewards were many, such as being able to meet the membership of Texas, forming new friendships, and great memories. I shall always cherish my experience, and thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris, for the opportunity.

Grand Chapter Supplies Sold on:

- School Schedule and at Deputy’s Conference $7,699.50
- Committee Merchandise Grand Chapter 2003 2,744.00
- Committee Merchandise School Schedule 4,234.00

Grand Total $14,677.50

Jean Thomas
Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to accept the Secretarial report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. Of course there’s none opposed.

I want to thank these Secretaries personally because you don’t know how much work these Secretaries have had to do, and some of them for four years, especially mine. But to each one of these beautiful ladies, I thank you personally for your time and all that you have done for Grand Chapter and for your Grand Line Officers. It has been tremendous. I
I recognize the Grand Historian Committee.

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN COMMITTEE

MRS. LESLIE LOWRY: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of all the members of this committee, we THANK YOU for the privilege of serving Grand Chapter on the Grand Historian Committee for the 2003-2004 Grand Chapter year. It is with pleasure that I present to you the District Chairman: Mrs. Karen McSween, District 1; Mr. Al Koltermann, District 2; Mrs. Wilma Faye Long, District 3; Mrs. Lavigne Larkin, District 4; and Mrs. Scott Poenish, District 5.

This committee sold forty-one (41) books and thirty-nine (39) sets of updates for previous years for a total of one Thousand One Hundred and Three dollars ($1,103.00)

Committee members attended several schools to assist in selling the Historical Highlight books and accept orders for updates.

Those members that have earned the distinction of being the “Top 3” sellers in each district are as follows:

**District 1:**
First: Brother Lowell Pahl; Gun Barrel City Chapter #1114; 3 Recorded Sales
Second: Sister JoGwen Bayless; Worthan Chapter #96; 2 Recorded Sales
Third (Tie): Sister Janice Corley; Rose Garden Chapter #975; 1 Recorded Sale
Sister Eloise Flanagan; Beckville Chapter #273; 1 Recorded Sale

**District 2:**
• We only had three (3) committee members in this district and only one (1) with any recorded sales:
First: Brother Albert Koltermann; Abilene Chapter #30; 1 Recorded Sale

**District 3:**
• Only had six (6) committee members in this district and only two (2) with recorded sales.
First: Brother Vernon Bracewell; Hamilton Chapter #215; 18 Recorded Sales
Second: Audrey Geron; Wedgewood Chapter #756; 2 Recorded Sales

**District 4:**
First: Sister Alney Wright; Houston Heights Chapter #258; 7 Recorded Sales
Second: Sister Susan Selzer; Alvin Chapter #15; 5 Recorded Sales
Third (Tie): Sister Kathleen Robinson; Sour Lake Chapter #75; 2 Recorded Sales
Sister Melynda Giesenschlag; Somerville Chapter #245; 2 Recorded Sales

**District 5:**
First: Sister Scott Poenish; Jourdanton Chapter #581; 19 Recorded Sales
Second: Brother Leonard Leverington; Bronte Chapter #1048; 6 Recorded Sales
Third (Tie): Brother Billy R. Tims; Port Lavaca Chapter #373; 1 Recorded Sale
Brother Bruce Heard; Alice Chapter #61; 1 Recorded Sale
Sister Nettie Cargill: Fidelis Chapter #963; 1 Recorded Sale
Sister Sue Ainsworth; Harlingen Chapter #461; 1 Recorded Sale

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie Lowry
General Chairman

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. Your report has been adopted, Sister Leslie. Thank you so very much.

I would like the Credentials and Registration Chairmen to please come in. I need your report.

I recognize the Chairman of the Time and Talent Committee.

REPORT OF TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

MRS. KATHY CREEL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members:

The Time and Talent committee was honored to host 5 parties on your behalf at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington.

We joined Mr. Kirby Rudisill and the York Rite Masons on December 14 for their annual Christmas party, complete with a band and all the refreshments. District 3 participated in this well attended party, with over 130 residents joining the festivities. Every resident of TMRC received a beautiful red poinsettia plant and a mini basket filled with holiday candy and a pen. Unfortunately, Hulene Womack, District Chairman, was unable to attend due to health reasons.

Our hearts were warmed by the love and affection received from the residents at our Valentine’s party on February 2. Mrs. Margaret Walters, District 5 Chairman, and her committee, gave each resident a candy filled Valentine coffee mug.

April brought not only showers and flowers, but also our Easter party on the 4th, hosted by District 2 and Mrs. Mae Naylor, District Chairman. The party room was filled with Easter baskets, egg shaped candles, and candy, which was given to the residents.

Stephanie Hall, District 4 Chairman, and her committee, had the party room looking like spring had sprung at our Mother’s Day party on May 2 as they decorated with birdhouses and greenery, and treating everyone to ice cream sundaes.

A baseball themed party concluded our year on September 12, as our coach, Linda Mason, District 1 Chairman, presented the Worthy Grand Matron with a whistle to start the “game”. The United States flag was presented by Michael Nyikos, son of Kelly Nyikos, followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Ricky Mason, Linda’s grandson. Texas Rangers items and other baseball related items were given to the attendees.
Delicious refreshments and wonderful entertainment were enjoyed at each of our parties, while door prizes, consisting of note cards, pens, stamps, dominoes, bath accessories, jewelry, jewelry boxes, socks, men’s leather wallets, women’s leather gloves, and Mikasa picture frames were distributed. Every attendee received at least two door prizes during the year.

The Time and Talent committee accepted a $1 donation for a pink rose sticker for a total of $2,612. We received $737.09 in donations from Chapters and members for a grand total of $3,349.09. After expenses for the door prizes, decorations, refreshments, and favors, the Time & Talent committee netted $2,133.69.

The top 3 salespersons for the year are Stephanie Hall, District 4; Betty Truelock, District 2; and Cora Chasteen, District 5. My congratulations to them for selling the most pink rose stickers.

This committee owes its gratitude to Mr. Kirby Rudisill, Superintendent, Mrs. Ginger Hardesty, Activities Director, and all the staff at TMRC for their continued support of Eastern Star and assistance with our parties.

Thank you to all the Chapters who donated funds that allowed us to distribute door prizes to the residents as the gifts were well received.

A personal note of thanks to all the District Chairmen and their committee members for attending and serving refreshments at our 5 parties. A special thank you to Kelly Nyikos, Lewisville Chapter #935, and her son, Michael, for helping at 4 of our parties this year even though she is not on our committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to chair this wonderful committee, to work with the District Chairmen, and to share in the delight of the residents of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Creel
General Chairman
Time and Talent Committee 2003-2004

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the Time and Talent report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Those opposed. The Time and Talent Committee report is adopted.

I want to thank you and all the rest of the Committee and the other members across the State of Texas for assisting in these fantastic parties at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center for all residents. I thank you so much.

I recognize Sister Betty Benham for the instructions for our elections today.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. We have a very large attendance. That’s always a surprise on
Saturday morning, isn’t it? Worthy Grand Matron, I would ask, before I give instructions to the membership, if you would have your Credentials and Registration reports so we will see that we have a quorum and the number we have present.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The rest of you have been in here enjoying the session all this time. Before they even give their report, would you give this hard-working crew a big thank you for me. I’d appreciate it so much. [applause] Sister Joann, may we have your report.

**REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**MRS. JOANN DRESCHER:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

On behalf of the Registration Committee, I offer sincere thanks to you for the opportunity of serving our Grand Chapter.

We trust our best services have proven acceptable and worthy.

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- TMRC: 2
- MWGM & MWGP: 0

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS WITH FEES: 2,390

Total Registration Fees Collected:

2,390 x $10.00 = $23,900.00

TOTAL MONIES DEPOSITED: $23,900.00

Respectfully submitted:

District #1 - Kay Drescher, Co-Chairman & Kathy Ables
District #2 - Jeannine Atkisson & Dottie Hoock
District #3 - Patsy Hewlett
District #4 - Susie L. Cohen & Jacqueline A. Pierce
District #5 - Sandra Zipp
Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

Joann Drescher
Chairman, Registration

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second that we adopt the Registration Committee report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. You have adopted the Registration report.

Thank you again, Sister Joann, and your crew. I owe you an apology. We said we’d try our best to get them in for some legislation. We moved so rapidly that I forgot them. I’m sorry. But since you’re finished with your work now, just move in and find you a front row seat and enjoy the legislation and the business this morning. Thank you so much. [applause]

I recognize Sister Mary Jo Rosamond on Credentials and your Committee.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

MRS. MARY JO ROSAMOND: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. It is my pleasure to thank you for appointing us to this Committee and to present these members of the Credentials Committee: Mrs. Doris Clay, Co-Chairman, District 5; Mrs. Pam Dean, District 1; Mr. Gary Drescher, District 1; Mrs. Marty Drescher, who went and hid, District 1; Mr. Larry Bigham from District 2; Mrs. Susan Dormandy from District 2; Mr. Jimmy Williams, District 3; Mr. C.B. “Cliff” Mayben, District 3; and Mr. Ronnie Perry, District 5. They’re a wonderful crew.

To the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, it is with pleasure that we present the following report: Total number of Chapters represented - 385; total number of voting delegates registered - 1818; number of one-vote ballots issued - 1363; number of two-vote ballots issued - 335 for a total of 670 votes; number of three-vote ballots issued - 120 for a total of 360 votes. The total ballots issued - 1818. Total number eligible votes issued - 2393.

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

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard the motion and a second that the Final Report of the Credentials Committee be adopted. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of accepting this report, your blue cards, please. Down. Those opposed. The report of the Credentials Committee has been adopted.

And to this special crew, I know you’ve been working long and hard. You’ve thought about it all year and worried to make sure that we had an accurate report. I certainly do appreciate each one of you. [applause]

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, you are to be commended for a very smooth-running Grand Chapter. Wouldn’t you agree? [applause] There’s no reason why it should not continue during our elections. I want to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Sisters and Brothers, for your
attentiveness. I do want to go over our Code of Laws on the specific instructions for elections. Let me quote again that for nominations, only the name of the candidate and the name, number and location of the Chapter to which the candidate belongs, and the office for which nominated shall be given. No member of this Grand Chapter shall be nominated for more than one office at any one session of Grand Chapter. If only one candidate is nominated, the election may be by acclamation. And this is by a voice vote. If two or more candidates are nominated, the election may be by ballot upon the official forms furnished to you, the voting delegates, during your registration, and that was in your packet.

A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If on any ballot, no candidate has received a majority vote, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. In case two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, and there are at least two other candidates receiving a higher number of votes, then all candidates tied for the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. Subject to these regulations, the election shall proceed until some candidate receives a majority of all votes cast. The result of the votes shall be declared by the presiding officer.

And some additional instructions. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels have been instructed according to our law that no one is allowed to enter or leave the Grand Chapter room while a ballot is being taken, unless it is deemed an emergency. Please be cooperative and understanding in this regard, and know that if you are caught outside during a ballot and are denied admission, that our people are only faithfully performing their duties which they have been assigned to perform. Nothing personal.

Do not leave your seat without your credentials. This includes your ballot and your signed envelope, your badge and your current dues card. You will need these to re-enter the Grand Chapter room. I would like to remind the Pages that all votes must be deposited inside the Grand Chapter room. Members caught outside the Grand Chapter room after the ballot has been declared open will not be allowed to reenter until the ballot is closed. The Assistant Grand Sentinels must step inside the room to cast their ballot. The ballot boxes must not leave the Grand Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside the door where they are stationed. The Assistant Grand Warder in each case will open the door when the Teller approaches, and the Assistant Grand Sentinels will be allowed to step inside and deposit their individual ballot in the Teller’s box and then return to their station outside the door.

We do have our main entrance, which is to my right. This will be the main in-and-out entrance. To my left is an entrance and you may enter and leave outside those doors only. Now behind us we have the curtains. It would be fine if the Sentinels outside would not allow those members just to come in through the division of the curtains. Let’s make sure it is our designated entrance on my left and right. Any confusion?

The Registration and Credentials Committees may vote. As I say, the main entrance, the second entrance and the two back doors. Those doors will be opened by the Assistant Grand Warder, and the Tellers will approach the doors, remaining always inside the Chapter room. Only the members of the Registration and Credentials Committee may be allowed to step inside the door, deposit their ballot in the Teller’s box and step back outside the Chapter room. The Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels will ensure that no one else is allowed to enter or leave the Chapter room while the ballot is open.
In your registration packet you did receive pencils. First of all, I want you to know that your vote is very important to you, to your Chapters, to the candidates and most of all to our Order. Do not mark any ballot until you are instructed to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron. She will announce the number of the ballot to be marked and will declare the ballot open. Then, Sisters and Brothers, you mark your ballot using your #2 pencil that has been provided to you to mark your ballot. Do not use ballpoint pens as the machine will not count your vote.

Now I have to add a very positive note of our Worthy Grand Matron. You know, there are two kinds of pencils: one with an eraser that allows us to erase our mistakes. Well, our Worthy Grand Matron was positive. Did you notice we have a pencil without an eraser? She is positive that we’re going to do it right. If there is any question -- accidentally you have marked two boxes, then you do have to erase it totally, completely. Now I may have the only pencil in the room with an eraser on the end. I don’t believe I’m going to be able to share that one. So again, Sisters and Brothers, it’s very important to listen to the instructions of the Worthy Grand Matron and mark your ballots accordingly.

To vote, you must carefully blacken the rectangle box to the left of the candidate’s name of your choice. To write in the name, you blacken the rectangle to the left of the line, and you may write the name of your choice in that space provided for that purpose. Now the machine will not read the name, but it does indicate the black shading. And if there is a question, then we will count it individually.

If you vote for two candidates in one position, then your vote for the race will be voided. Please also do not fold your ballots. When the ballots are collected, we would ask that you simply place your ballot face down in the ballot box from the Teller. The Pages at this time will pick up their ballot boxes. Also, we are short on Pages, I believe in talking to the Worthy Grand Matron, and we have asked that Deputies also assist in this.

Another thing that our Worthy Grand Matron has kindly allowed. Our aisles are pretty narrow. Our instructions are normally that the ballot box never leaves the Page’s hands. In some cases we use common sense. The ballot box can be passed down the aisle. The Pages will be monitoring it and watching as you do pass it from one to the other. This will save confusion, time and not falling over one another. And we know that everybody here is honest. So, again, you can release and pass the ballot boxes down the aisle. And, again, simply place your ballots face down.

One other thing. We would ask that the Pages are the only ones to be in the aisles during the collection of the ballots so there will be no falls or anyone going in and out at that time. We will not open the doors until all the Pages have returned to the arena floor, and to my left are the Teller tables. This is where the ballots, after the ballot has been closed, that the Pages will take the ballot boxes.

Since we have the tables to the left and we have our monitors to our right, we have asked that we have two, you might say, runners. I’ve asked Sherry Dieckman and Pat Stallings to be our runners. They will stay inside the Chapter room. As the ballot boxes are collected, our Tellers are placing the ballots even, right up where the machine will pick it up correctly, they will pass in back of us on stage to pass it to our monitors. And the monitor table judges are Mark Dieckman and Jack Friend. They will observe the
processing of the ballots.

The scanner system will be used to tabulate the ballots. And in the case of a ballot that is rejected, we will review the ballot at that point in time. We will attempt to determine what you intended to do. And as an example, Sisters and Brothers, someone may mark a ballot for one candidate and then change their mind and vote for another candidate and then try to erase the first mark, it may not have been erased enough. The machine will not look at it and we will.

Again, on the write-in ballot, I think I explained that. Mark to the left. Write in the candidate. And if one or more positions require a second ballot, the voting delegates will be directed as to which ballot to use, and the name of the remaining candidates will be given.

Worthy Grand Matron, I assume that voting delegates and non-voting delegates are all seated together. And I think that is good.

Worthy Grand Matron, we are ready for the election. We wish all of you good luck, and we are now ready for balloting. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Grand Warder and Brother Grand Sentinel, you will inform the Assistant Grand Warders and Sentinels that we’re starting our ballot and the doors will be secured.

Those who are standing in the doorway, you need to find a place to be seated. And I would ask at this time that you please turn off your cell phones.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we are about to begin balloting. You are to inform the Assistant Grand Warders, Sentinels and Pages that the doors are closed and there will be no interruption.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, the election is fixing to be opened. You are to allow no one to enter or leave the doors during this process. There will be no interruption.

**GRAND WARDER:** Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruption.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I want to be sure that those in the First Aid Department in back of the East are inside the Grand Chapter room. If you do not have a patient, make sure you’re inside.

Worthy Grand Patron, would you preside momentarily, sir?

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Patron and the members of this Grand Chapter, I am Doris Hester, a Past Matron of Beeville Chapter #422. It is with pleasure and pride that I place the name of Sister Karen Morgenthaler, a Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065, for the office of Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Sister Karen Morgenthaler has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Matron. Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Karen Morgenthaler for the office of Worthy Grand Matron say aye. Those opposed no. Sister Karen Morgenthaler, you’ve been elected Worthy Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Worthy Grand Patron, I do accept. Sisters and Brothers, thank you for your faith in me. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you. Worthy Grand Matron, I return your gavel.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: I asked the Worthy Grand Matron for permission -- she did name the table judges, but in case you didn’t hear them, I do want you to know and it to go on record. Our table judges at tables 1 and 2 are Jane Gregory, Kenneth Gregory, Ed Warner and Yvonne Brownfield. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Betty Benham.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Nominations are now open for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I recognize Brother Jack Guy.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jack W. Guy, a Past Patron of Jacksonville Chapter #377. I place the name of Brother Jerry Martin, a Past Patron of Travis Chapter #472, for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Jerry Martin has been nominated for the office of Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Brother Jerry Martin for the office of Worthy Grand Patron, please say aye. All those opposed no.

Brother Jerry Martin, you have been elected Worthy Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON: Worthy Grand Matron, with a heartfelt thanks to this membership, I do accept.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Jerry. Let’s give him a hand. [applause]

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 am Karen Morgenthaler, a Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065. I would like to nominate Sister Nancy Brown for the office of Associate Grand Matron. She is a Past Matron of Castleberry Chapter #1028.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Nancy Brown has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Matron. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will
proceed to elect by acclamation. All in favor of Sister Nancy Brown for the office of Associate Grand Matron, please say aye. Those opposed no.

   Sister Nancy Brown, you have been elected as Associate Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

   GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. I wish to thank the membership for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in this position. Thank you. [applause]

   WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

   MRS. BARBARA GANT: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Barbara Gant from Silsbee Chapter #298, Associate Matron and Chapter Representative for Silsbee Chapter. I have the honor of placing the name of Brother Nelson R. Campbell, Past Patron three times and Endowed Member of Silsbee Chapter #298, for the office of Associate Grand Patron for the ensuing year.

   WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Nelson Campbell 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 Brother Nelson Campbell for the office of Associate Grand Patron say aye. Those opposed no.

   Brother Nelson Campbell, you have been elected Associate Grand Patron of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

   MR. NELSON CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, with a deep sense of humility, I accept this nomination. Thank you. [applause]

   WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Secretary. I recognize Sister Brenda Smith.

   MS. BRENDA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, my name is Brenda Smith. I am Worthy Matron of Bandera Chapter #643. It is my pleasure to nominate Sister Nell Smith, a Past Matron of Bandera Chapter #643, for the position of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

   WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Nell Smith has been nominated for the office of Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Nell Smith for the office of Grand Secretary, please say aye. All those opposed no.

   Sister Nell Smith, you have been elected to the office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

   GRAND SECRETARY: Worthy Grand Matron, I humbly accept this position. I thank you, membership, for your confidence in me and my staff. We will continue to keep the “f” in “flexible.” Thank you. [applause]

   WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Treasurer. I recognize Sister Pat Archer.
MRS. PAT ARCHER: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Pat Archer, Past 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 Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: 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 those in favor of Sister Betty Prater for Grand Treasurer please say aye. All opposed no.

Sister Betty Prater, you have been elected Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

GRAND TREASURER: Worthy Grand Matron, with a very humble and grateful heart, and a loving heart for this membership, I accept [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Grand Conductress.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Nancy Brown, a Past Matron of Castleberry Chapter #1028. It is with pleasure that I nominate Sister Geraldine “Gerry” Dusek, a Past Matron of Harlingen Chapter #641, for the office of Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Geraldine “Gerry” Dusek has been nominated for the office of Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Geraldine “Geri” Dusek for the office of Grand Conductress, please say aye. All opposed.

Sister Geraldine Dusek, do you accept this position?

ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. And I sincerely express my appreciation to the membership for their trust in me. Thank you. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Nominations are now open for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. These members have drawn for positions to be nominated. I recognize you in that order.

MRS. SYBLE YOST: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Syble Yost. I am a member of Princeton Chapter #1126. It is my pleasure to nominate Sister Joyce Gilbert for the office of Associate Grand Conductress for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Joyce Gilbert has been nominated for the office of Associate Grand Conductress. Do we have other nominations?

MR. THOMAS GRIFFIN: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Thomas F. Griffin, a Past Patron and current Worthy Patron of Anahuac Chapter #649. It is my pleasure to place in nomination Sister Vi Griffin, a Past Matron and current Worthy Matron of Anahuac Chapter #649, for the office of Associate Grand Conductress of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed, and we will proceed to elect. Would these two ladies please come forward. Sisters and Brothers, it is with pride and joy that I introduce to you these two nominees: Joyce Gilbert and Vi Griffin. Thank you, my Sisters.

I want to remind the Warders and Sentinels that no one is to enter or leave at this time. Sisters and Brothers, would you please take your ballot B. I called B, I like it, let’s use it. Make sure you don’t get ballot A. I called ballot B, and we’re going to use it. You have your ballot B. Please, as the Election Judge told you, mark your ballot with your pencil for Associate Grand Conductress. Your two nominees are Joyce Gilbert and Vi Griffin. Officially I declare it open. I hope you have that marked by now.

MRS. BETTY BENHAM: There has been a question. Do you pass that one ballot in and get it back? No. The Worthy Grand Matron will call for all ballots to be marked. Then we will pass the ballot box. Is that clear? All right. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have those instructions from your Election Judge. Sisters and Brothers, it has been brought to my attention that we have a young child who is over two in the Grand Chapter room. Our law states that in a closed Chapter meeting, up until two they can remain in the Chapter room. That same law applies to our Grand Chapter. So those who have the small child in the West, I’m sorry, but we have to have that young fellow leave the Grand Chapter room. If you would take care of that at this time, please.

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors from District 4.

MR. CURTIS ROSE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I’m Curtis Rose, Worthy Patron of Northside Chapter #651. I am pleased to nominate Margaret Faircloth, Past and Present Worthy Matron and Endowed Member of Northside Chapter #651, for the office of Board of Directors, District 4, for the ensuing term.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have other nominations?

MRS. OLENE LOCKHART: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Olene Lockhart, and I’m the Worthy Matron of Corrigan Chapter 631. I have the pleasure to nominate Jim Pierce, Past Patron of Trinity Chapter 186 and Past and Present Patron of Corrigan 631, for the Board of Directors, District 4. And he is an Endowed Member.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations?

MR. RAY CAMPBELL: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Ray Campbell. I’m Worthy Patron of Pearland Chapter #1065. It is with pleasure that I nominate Sister Mickie Todd-Campbell, Past Matron of Pearland Chapter #1065, for the Board of Directors, District 4.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Would these three please come forward. Are there other nominations? It is my pleasure to introduce to you these three that have been nominated for the Board of Directors from District 4: Margaret Faircloth, Jim Pierce, Mickie Todd-Campbell. Thank you. Sisters and Brothers, mark your ballot B for this position.

Nominations are now open for the office of unexpired term of the Board of Directors
from District 4.

**MR. JACK RAY:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jack Ray, Worthy Patron of Spring Chapter 1105. I place in nomination the name of Toby Lytle, Past Patron of Pearland Chapter 1065 and Spring Chapter 1105, for the Board of Directors, District 4, for the unexpired term.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Are there other nominations?

**MRS. MELYNGA GIESENSCHLAG:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Melynda Giesenschlag, Worthy Matron of Somerville Chapter #245. I place in nomination the name of Brother Forrest Smith, a Past Patron of Somerville Chapter #245, for the office of Board of Directors, District 4, unexpired term.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Are there other nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed, and we will proceed to elect. Sisters and Brothers, look for ballot C. Make sure you write in the name and color the rectangular space to the left of the number. Write in the name of your choice. I’ll repeat the names again. It’s Toby Lytle and Forrest Smith. The names are on the board. Just write the last name, Lytle or Smith -- I stand corrected. Write them in the order they were given, both names -- I didn’t introduce these two fellows. Would you please come forward. But we’re going to use that ballot C. Print in the name, both of these nominations, and then you color the one of your choice.

We have Toby Lytle and Forrest Smith. Thank you two very much. You’ll use your ballot C, both of these names. Write them in the order they were introduced, Toby Lytle, then Forrest Smith. And then mark in the rectangular block beside the one that you are voting for.

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** Since there’s a little bit of confusion, how many have already marked your ballot C? All right. What we can do on this, when we turn in the ballots on this, we will hand count it. We will go by your names written down. Is that agreeable? [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Have all of you marked your ballots? That’s on ballot C. Write in the name. Deputies, you will pick these up. Has everyone finished with your ballot? I now declare the ballot closed. Deputies, would you pick up those ballots. That’s the only one that will be picked up because we’re not through with the other one. We’ll pick up ballot C. When you put them in the box, turn them face down.

**MRS. BETTY BENHAM:** Sisters and Brothers, from our monitor judges, it has been brought to my attention, on writing in the name on this ballot, please make sure you either darken the rectangle box beside the name and write the name of the person or circle that box. This is important for the counting. Is that understandable?

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Have all ballots been picked up? Grand Choir, while they’re doing this, would you sing us a song?

I am permitting Sister Joann Drescher to get a calculator from her desk. She is the only one that will be allowed to leave this Grand Chapter room at this time.

We’re going to proceed now with ballot B. You should still have it in your hand.
Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Directors, District 5.

**MRS. JUDITH GOLDMAN:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Judith K. Goldman, Past Matron of Cuero Chapter #618. It is with pleasure that I place the name of Lori M. Goldman in nomination for the office of Board of Directors, District 5.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Lori Goldman has been nominated. Are there other nominations for the Board of Directors from District 5? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. Sister Lori Goldman, would you come forward so I can introduce you to this membership. Sisters and Brothers, this is Sister Lori Goldman, a Past Matron of Cuero Chapter. She has been nominated for the office of the Board of Directors from District 5. We will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Lori Goldman for the Board of Directors from District 5, would you please say aye. All opposed.

Sister Lori Goldman, you have been elected to the Board of Directors for District 5. Do you accept?

**MRS. LORI GOLDMAN:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is with much anticipation and excitement that I do accept. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** At this time we will proceed to elect the Board of Grand Examiners from District 4. I invite those to be nominated. Do we have nominations?

**MR. JOE JEFFERS:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Joe Jeffers, a Past Patron of Alvin Chapter #15 and Friendswood Chapter #1131. I am honored to place in nomination the name of Sister Christine Armstrong, a Past Matron of Alvin Chapter #15, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 4.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Are there other nominations?

**MRS. ILENE JONES:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ilene Jones, Worthy Matron, Spring Chapter #1105. I place in nomination the name of Mary Brown, Past Matron of Mary Martha Chapter #981 and Spring Chapter #1105, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 4.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Are there other nominations for Grand Examiner, District 4? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect. Please mark your ballot B, continuing on the same ballot. I’d ask that Christine Armstrong and Mary Brown please come forward.

Sisters and Brothers, it’s with pleasure that I introduce to you these two Sisters: Christine Armstrong and Mary Brown. Thank you, ladies. Sisters and Brothers, please mark your ballot B.

I declare the ballot closed. Has everyone finished with that one? We will proceed with the next one on ballot B.

Nominations are now open for the office of Board of Grand Examiners from District 5. Do I have nominations?

**MRS. JANLEN WACLAWCZYK:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am Jan Waclawczyk, a
Past Matron of Bexar Chapter #616. I place in nomination the name of Sister Janell Trees, a Past Matron of Bexar Chapter #616, for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 5.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Do we have other nominations?

MRS. FLORENCE MOSS: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Florence Moss, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter #911. I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Jerre Lucas, a Past Matron of Schertz Chapter 911, for Grand Examiner, District 5. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Are there other nominations? I declare the nominations closed, and would these two ladies, Janell Trees and Jerre Lucas, please come to the center of the stage. Sisters and Brothers, it’s with pleasure that I introduce to you Sister Janell Trees and Sister Jerre Lucas. Thank you, ladies. Sisters and Brothers, please mark your ballot B under the Board of Grand Examiners for District 5.

All right. Deputy Grand Matrons, would you please pick up the ballots. This is ballot B. Sisters and Brothers, put them in the boxes face down. We want to make sure that we have them all.

I want to thank Brother Mark and Sherry Dieckman for printing the ballots. This was a courtesy from them and I certainly do appreciate it. And I know you the membership of Texas do also. Would you show your appreciation to them for doing this courtesy to the Grand Chapter. [applause] We didn’t get a bill for them either! We have so many wonderful people who dedicate and contribute and assist us in many, many ways. We appreciate everyone of them.

Have all ballots been picked up? If anyone still has a ballot, hold it up.

Okay. We now have nominations for Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

MRS. DIANE BURN: Worthy Grand Matron, my name is Diane Burn. I’m Worthy Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter #1086. I place in nomination the name of Betty M. Scott, a Past Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter 1086, Affiliated Past Matron of Pine Tree Chapter 1090, for the office of Board of Grand Examiners, District 1.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Betty Scott has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of electing Sister Betty Scott to the Board of Grand Examiners, District 1, please say aye. All opposed no.

Sister Betty Scott, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners of District 1. Do you accept?

MRS. BETTY SCOTT: Worthy Grand Matron, with a grateful heart I accept. And know, membership, this is an honor and a privilege. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Betty. Let’s give her a hand. [applause]

Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Do we have nominations?
MRS. AUDRA ROWE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Audra Rowe, 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 Chapter #1072, for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2, for the ensuing year.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Bess Caldwell has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 2. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Bess Caldwell for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 2, would you please say aye. All opposed no.

Sister Bess Caldwell, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners of District 2. Do you accept?

MRS. BESS CALD WELL: Yes, Worthy Grand Matron. It is with a humble heart that I accept this position.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Sister Bess. Let’s give her a hand. [applause]

Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 3. Do we have nominations?

MRS. VICKI TUGGLE: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Worthy Matron of Mineral Wells Chapter 44. I have the pleasure of placing in nomination the name of Joyce Nicklas, Past Matron of Mineral Wells Chapter 44, for Board of Grand Examiners, District 3.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Joyce Nicklas has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 3. Are there other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Joyce Nicklas for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 3, would you please say aye. Those opposed no.

Sister Joyce Nicklas, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners for District 3. Do you accept?

MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS: Yes, ma’am, Worthy Grand Matron. And thank you, membership of Texas, for the opportunity of serving. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. Nominations are now open for the Board of Grand Examiners at Large. Do we have nominations?

MRS. RUTH GOLLRAD: Worthy Grand Matron, I am Ruth Gollrad. I am presently Worthy Matron of Ransford Chapter #135. It is my honor to place in nomination the name of Mary Ruth White for the office of Grand Examiner at Large.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Mary Ruth White has been nominated for the Board of Grand Examiners at Large. Do we have other nominations? Hearing none, we will proceed to elect by acclamation. All those in favor of Sister Mary Ruth White for Grand Examiner at Large say aye. All opposed no.

Sister Mary Ruth White, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners at Large. Do you accept?

MRS. MARY RUTH WHITE: Worthy Grand Matron, yes, I accept. And I consider
it a blessing to be allowed by this Grand Jurisdiction to serve in this capacity for the third year. Thank you each and everyone. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It has been a tremendous joy to have traveled this past year with these Grand Examiners. For those who are continuing to serve, I know you appreciate their service in working with you in the examining room to earn your certificate. I do appreciate them. We had lots of fun.

If you need to leave the Grand Chapter room, you may do so at this time. But I have something special coming up very shortly, so hurry and get back to this Grand Chapter room.

At this time I will go forward and let’s take another report.

**REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MRS. EDNA JEFFERIES:** Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to introduce the District Chairmen of the Membership Committee:

Joe Blair, District 1; Myrtle Stages, District 2; Betty Pettke, District 3; Jean Stapeles, District 4; Vickie Mathews, District 5.

Will all the members of the Membership Committee please stand with us for the reading of the report?

1008 Mugs distributed to the committee. 930 were sold. 78 Mugs remain to be turned in.

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The following members have earned special recognition for the majority sales in their districts:

- **District 1:** (1) Joe Blair (2) Carol Coleman (3) Sandra Adams
- **District 2:** (1) Cecil Laws (2) Myrtle Stages (3) Kathryn Fentress
- **District 3:** (1) David Campbell (2) Betty Pettke (3) Shirley Martindale
- **District 4:** (1) James Pierce (2) Joseph White (3) Jean Staples
- **District 5:** (1) Vickie Mathews (2) Juanita Williams (3) Loretta Johnson

We wish to express our appreciation to Sister Doris Hester for the privilege of serving this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edna Jefferies
General Chairman Pro-tem

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

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.
WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Membership Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue card. Down. All opposed. We accept your report. Sister Edna Jeffries, thank you very much for filling in with this. We certainly appreciate it. For those of you who have the mugs, we need those turned in. Those who have funds out, we need that immediately. So, please, Sisters and Brothers, cooperate with us on this.

I recognize Sister Carolyn Shannon, the General Chairman of Karing for Kids.

REPORT OF KARING FOR KIDS COMMITTEE

MRS. CAROLYN SHANNON: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers all. I am Carolyn Shannon, Past Matron of Port LaVaca 373. It has been a privilege for me to serve as the General Chairman of Karing for Kids for Sister Doris Hester for 2003-2004.

District 1 Mrs. Marion Pierce Wolfe City
District 2 Mrs. Verla Carpenter Midland
District 3 Mrs. Billie Boatman Axtell
District 4 Mrs. Elva Burlin Beaumont
District 5 Mrs. Nancy Peikert Inez

A total of 931 pins were sold across the state of Texas to benefit The Ronald McDonald Houses of Texas and those funds were remitted to the Grand Chapter Office. The following items were delivered to The Ronald McDonald Houses of Texas: 2,074 quilts, 9,090 stuffed animals, 3,921 3/4 pounds of pull tabs, $2,251.52 in case and 475 assorted items such as caps, booties, etc.

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The total Dollars collected for this project was $5,536.32

TOP SELLERS OF PINS:

District 1: Marion Pierce, 25; Sherrie Fowler, 15; Katherine Mueller, 10; Ramona Newton, 10
District 2: Verla Carpenter, 46; Jane Womack, 20; Marjorie Evans, 11
District 3: Helen Gregory, 20; Pat Hancok, 20; Billie Boatman, 20
District 4: Nina Jones, 30; Alene Hall, 20; Betty Murrell, 20
District 5: Tommye Tims, 40; Nancy Peikert, 32; Jean Payton, 25

I have to add to this report. Sister Doris mentioned the other day to Ronald McDonald that we had 82 pounds of pull tabs, 68 quilts and 500 caps. But if you’ll go back there and
look, there’s probably about 300 quilts, probably closer to 200 pounds of pull tabs. I talked to the Arrangements Committee, Brother Hank and Brother Drew, and I hope they will deliver those items to the Ronald McDonald House in Corpus Christi sometime next week.

Worthy Grand Matron, I appreciate you allowing me to serve on this. I have to say, it was such a privilege to be in the Ronald McDonald House in Corpus. Our Worthy Grand Matron was there, and she got to be on television. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to accept the report of the Karing for Kids Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Opposed. This report is adopted. Thank you, Sister Carolyn and all those who have worked so hard on this Karing for Kids Committee, to go state-wide. Through these efforts we have obtained a member from the Ronald McDonald House in Austin. We gained one by just working on this project alone. Brother Hank said he would take the items to the Ronald McDonald House, and I appreciate that.

I recognize Sister Marjorie Errington-Haynes.

REPORT OF PROFICIENCY COMMITTEE

MRS. MARJORIE ERRINGTON-HAYNES: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Would the Proficiency Committee members please stand. I would like to introduce the District Chairmen and the amounts donated. We submit the following Report of the Proficiency Stickers that were offered to those receiving their Proficiency Certificates A or B:

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We wish to thank the Grand Examiners of each District in their assistance to the Committee Chairman and Members of this Committee.

Total Received: $2,348.00
Less Expenses for Stickers ($232.00)
Grand Total $2,116.00

Marjorie Errington Haynes
General Chairman

I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: You have a motion and a second to adopt the report.
of the Proficiency Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Those opposed. Thank you, Sister Marjorie and your Committee, for working with the Grand Examiners on this Proficiency Committee. We do appreciate it so much. This report has been adopted.

I recognize the Let’s Get Acquainted Committee.

REPORT OF LET’S GET ACQUAINTED COMMITTEE

MRS. LISA AMBROSE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers:

I am Lisa Ambrose, Junior Past Matron from Mesquite Chapter #887 and a member of the “Let’s Get Acquainted” Committee. I am honored to present this report on behalf of the committee.

Our project was to sell name badges and in the process promote visitation and fellowship amongst the membership. With over 100 members serving on the committee, I am pleased to report that we sold a grand total of 241 name badges.

I am happy to have served Grand Chapter this year and move that this report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ambrose, Jr. Past Matron
Mesquite Chapter #887
District 1

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to accept this Let’s Get Acquainted Committee report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. This report has been accepted. Thank you, Sister Lisa. The purpose of this was for you to wear a name badge so when you visit people would know who you are, and when I visit, I could get a chance to -- hey, I know you. Thank you so much, Lisa. Would all my Junior Past Matrons who served on this Let’s Get Acquainted Committee stand. Thank you so much. [applause]

I recognize the On-Line Youth Committee.

REPORT OF ON-LINE YOUTH COMMITTEE

MRS. LINDA HENDERSON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Online Youth. What were your thoughts the first time you heard this committee name? Like many, you may still be a little confused. The world today is so high-tech and so high-geared, that it is frightening to think that the Youth of today, really have it over us.

Online Youth was created to represent the modern age of computers. OK, so computers equals using a mouse, and I don’t mean Mickey Mouse. That mouse has to run around on something to make it work, and to keep the desktop from being scarred up. Our Worthy Grand Matron, Doris Hester, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Jack Guy, came up with a most functional idea to raise money in which to support our youth groups in Texas.
Guess what, A MOUSE PAD! You can’t get much more functional that that these days. The pads depict our Eastern Star and the Square and Compasses of our Masonic Heritage. The motto for this year “T.E.A.M.” - Together, Everyone Achieves More - is shown on the pads for all to see and share with the world.

The money raised was marked for donations to the Masonic Youth of the state of Texas: DeMolay for boys, Job’s Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls. If you were here for the formal opening of this Grand Session, you heard each state youth leader express the fact, that these Masonic Youth Organizations are the future for the Blue Lodge, Eastern Star, Amaranth, and all the other appendant bodies that meet in Texas. DID YOU BUY YOUR MOUSE PAD THIS YEAR?

For clarification, let me share with you my thoughts on purchasing one of these mouse pads. Most of us, and myself included, have always purchased something with our hard earned money that will satisfy us in some way, or be useful in our everyday lives. Many of you may have said that you don’t NEED a mouse pad because you do not work on a computer or don’t know how to even turn one on. OK, that is a fair statement. But, did you stop to consider that the money, the $6.00 you would donate to purchase one of these mouse pads, was going to be used for a better cause? Let me ask you to think about it another way. Purchase a mouse pad, because one day, that $6.00 may just help some young person participate in a life changing activity like Grand Assembly, Conclave or Rally, that otherwise they may not have been able to because of the lack of funds in their family. The donation received from this Grand Chapter goes into a fund for each group, and is used to assist the Organization in the best way that the individual Organization sees fit. You are not purchasing a mouse pad just because you want to own one, no, my sisters and brothers, it goes a lot further.

Many of you know that Bart and I do not have children of our own. Trust me my friends, we have had many “children” in which to call our own because of what we have gotten out of working with them in these groups. They will never know that they, the youth, have planted seeds in our lives and we, in turn, have been able to share with other young people along the journey of life.

My first realization of the power of young people was taught to me by my cousin, Kelley Leger. Now, he was only four years old at the time and it was six months before Bart and I were to be married. Kelley’s father was out flying one afternoon, near Romar, Texas. His wife, my cousin Gay, was at home preparing for him to arrive home so that the family could go to a revival service. I am here to witness to you, that the hardest thing in the world is to tell a loved one in your family, that their spouse, their everlasting, had been killed in a plane crash. The tragedy of that loss alone was truly devastating. As I mentioned, Kelley was only four years old at the time. Once my cousin was able to pull herself together, she knew in her heart, that she had to find a way to explain to this child of hers, that his father was now gone. She did her best through her tears. When the time came to go to the funeral home, before the visitations began, Kelley, his Grandfather and I drove to the funeral home, for Kelley to say goodbye to his dad. We talked and visited all the way there, and talked about what had happened and what Kelley might expect. I cannot explain to you, the clarity that that little four year old boy had regarding death. The four of us went into the room where his father lay and, wow, did God talk to me through
this experience.

Gay explained to Kelley that the body there was only the shell of his father, and Kelley finished the sentence by adding, “and God has taken my daddy to heaven and so there is nothing to worry about.” He kissed him and said he would see him later. Remember, only four years old. That night I learned the most valuable lesson I think I could ever have learned about young people. God taught me that when we are born, we are at our absolute smartest. We think and love unconditionally, and give to everyone around us. As we grow older, we, as I like to say, “become dumber.” There is a fear and doubt that overcomes us and we grow, that builds a wall to trust, love and other aspects of our lives.

All of this is said to you, to make you stop and think about how you see your support for the youth of the state of Texas. They are so unconditionally giving of themselves and so far ahead of us. We need to cultivate them and show them ways to appreciate the Masonic orders that are eagerly awaiting their arrival.

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR MOUSE PAD TO HELP SUPPORT THE MASONIC YOUTH OF OUR STATE? Well, it’s not too late. Look for the booth in the hall, and give your $6.00 in support of our youth.

I want to introduce to you, the workers that agreed to help sell mouse pads and support our Masonic Youth:

Would all those on the Online Youth Committee please stand:

The District Chairmen for this Committee this year include:

District 1 - Eve Dehart; District 2 - Peggy Ledinski; District 3 - Sissy Furrie; District 4 - Martha Derbonne; District 5 - Janlen Waclawczyk.

I received directly from the Chairmen a total of $5,842.00 which was forwarded to the Grand Secretaries office. A total of $1,656.00 was contributed through the schools and other functions that the worthy Grand Matron attended. The expenses for the purchase of the mouse pads was $6,020.00 and my personal expense for mailings is $82.83, given as a donation to the committee.

The profit for this committee, at this time is $1,478.00

Thank you for your support of the Masonic Youth of Texas.

Sincerely,
Linda Henderson, Past Matron Houston Heights #258
General Chairman
Online Youth Committee
### ONLINE YOUTH

Linda Henderson, General Chair

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| 11/10/04 | 216.00 | 18.00 | 198.00 |

| **Personal Expense** | **216.00** |

| Dist. 1 | 1,905.00 | Grand Chapter office sales | 5,842.00 |
| Dist. 2 | 930.00   |                                  |          |
| Dist. 3 | 1,037.00 | Miscellaneous                  |          |
| Dist. 4 | 1,190.00 | [School sales, individual money sent in to Office] |          |
| Dist. 5 | 830.00   |                                  |          |
| Misc.   | 150.00   |                                  |          |
| **5,842.00 TOTAL MONEY TO DATE 10/26/04** | **5,842.00** |

| **Personal Expense** | **216.00** |

| **Shipping** | **51.10** |
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Worthy Grand Matron, I move for the adoption of this report as presented for the Proceedings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, we have a motion and a second to adopt this On-Line Youth Committee report. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All opposed. You have adopted this report.

But I want to tell you: There’s a bargain going on out there on those mousepads. You now only have to donate $5, and we’ll let you take as many as you’d like. We have some left. So as we say, please support our youth, they are our future. And besides that, it’s a good souvenir. Someone said you could use them for kneepads when you’re mopping or waxing or whatever! Or for a coaster!

I’m going to give everyone outside about 15 minutes to come in because I have an important announcement to make. Please, Sisters and Brothers, assume your positions on the Grand Chapter floor because I want you in here.

I recognize Endowed Membership Stamp Committee.

REPORT OF ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP STAMP COMMITTEE

MRS. SUSAN BIGHAM: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving as the General Chairman of the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee.

Those serving as District Chairmen were: Ms. Kim Hensley, District 1; Mrs. Sue Phares, District 2; Mr. Jesse Carden, District 3; Mr. Walter Bartlett, District 4; Mrs. Sharon Pensyl, District 5.

This is the Endowed Membership Stamp Committee Report for 2003-2004:

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Unknown purchasers: 367 Stamps

Totals for the State of Texas:

Stamps purchased this period: 4,811

Endowed Members this period: 352 for a total of $176,000.

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

Mrs. Susan Bigham
General Chairman
Endowed Membership Stamp Committee
WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sisters and Brothers, you’ve heard this tremendous report from this Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. All those opposed. Thank you. This report is adopted. Sisters and Brothers, you don’t know how proud we are for all of those who purchased their Endowed Membership this year. In fact, we haven’t closed this Grand Chapter session. If you would like your Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s name on your Endowed Membership, the Grand Secretary has some on hand. We encourage you to come and deposit your $500.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: She’s saying she doesn’t have any.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We can take their money anyway, and you can get their certificate to them later.

I recognize Sister Sylvia Garcia, General Chairman, ESTARL Committee.

MRS. SYLVIA GARCIA: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers: It is with pleasure that I introduce the ESTARL Committee for 2003-2004. From District 1, Sister Diana Fulks who could not be with us this morning because of her father being critically ill; Sister Cindy Echols, District 2; Sister Sue Lockhart, District 3; Sister Gay Sauer, District 4; and Reverend Georgia Orr, District 5. Worthy Grand Matron, we join in thanking you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and the Grand Chapter of Texas. Thank you very much. We started the year out with a love gift of $2,681, which was collected at last year’s ESTARL service. We received $25,076.41 from the Humanitarian program and other donations made throughout the year to ESTARL, for a grand total of $27,959.41. At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Board of Directors made up the difference to complete 28 scholarships of $1,000 each. Last night we received a very generous donation of $3,112.48 to start the ESTARL fund for the year 2004-2005.

The ESTARL Committee truly appreciates the generosity of our membership and applaud its desire to assist those who are in the service of the Lord. A list of the ESTARL recipients for 2003-2004 is attached.

2003-2004 ESTARL RECIPIENTS

1. Anderson, Richard
2. Bakker, Shawn
3. Barnett, Kris
4. Bass, Justin
5. Bentley, Ronald
6. Boehm, Rhonda
7. Brannon, Sam
8. Cottingham, Stephen
9. Dietz, Doyle D.
10. Elizondo, Jesus
11. Evans, Paul
12. Fore, Shane
13. Hagedorn, Kimberly
14. Heinhold, Christopher
15. Helwig, Jodee
16. Jackson, Kevin
17. Martin, James Griffin
18. Noble, Janie
19. Patterson, Deron
20. Ramsey, Bill
21. Reed, Martin
22. Rhoads, Stephen M.
23. Rindahl, Steven G.
24. Risner II, Anthony Lamon
Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of this report and the ESTARL Program as presented last evening.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of our ESTARL Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Opposed. The ESTARL Committee report has been adopted. I want to commend last night. We had a fireball group up here on the ESTARL Committee that did a fantastic job for our recipients. If we’d just put all those on the payroll, I bet we could double this Eastern Star business. That gal was something else, wasn’t she? Thank you, the Committee, for selecting those recipients. And thank you, the membership, for your generosity in allowing us to be able to have the funds to present those ESTARL scholarships.

You know what I was just told? I asked Jodee last night after she made her fantastic presentation would she like to go to work and recruit for Eastern Star. Well, she has Masonic affiliations!

Sister Sandra Perdue.

**GRAND CHAPLAIN:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East: I move the adoption of the Grand Chaplain’s report as given in its entirety last night during the “Heaven’s Gate” memorial.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Second.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have a motion and a second to accept our Grand Chaplain’s report and presentation last evening. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Those opposed. Thank you.

Sister Sandra Perdue, you’re a talented lady and a special friend for a long time. That was the most beautiful presentation I have ever seen last evening. It was fantastic, right? [applause] I know you put so much effort into that, and it was tremendous. And I thought we had a gorgeous angel Sister Lori Goldman last night, didn’t you? [applause]

I recognize Brother Dwight Phillips who will give a report.

**REPORT OF VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**MR. DWIGHT PHILLIPS:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all: I am Dwight Phillips, District 4 Chairman of the Volunteers in Service Committee. It is my pleasure to bring this report on behalf of our Chairman, Ettie Mae Hubbard and the following District Chairmen: Sister Ann L. Finch, District One; Sister Virginia Logsdon, District Two; Sister Grace Aderholt, District Three; Brother Dwight Phillips, District Four; Sister Helen Hare, District Five.

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star exhibited their love by volunteering many hours of service to others. They have always been a loving and caring group, always
there offering their services to those in need.

This report reflects only a small portion of the number of hours that you spent volunteering in nursing homes, hospitals, schools, senior citizen and youth groups and many other worthy causes and personal attention to those in your community. You have responded to national and worldwide emergencies such as those effected by the recent hurricanes.

We regret that we do not have an accurate accounting, as most of you did not report your hours of service. We commend you for all that you have done to benefit mankind. God bless you one and all.

My report is as follows:

District One
Total Hours: 4,400
No. Chapters Participating: 3
Top Three Volunteers:
1. Ann L. Finch  Duncanville #1014  1500
2. Roxie Whitt    Duncanville #1014  1500
3. Lois M. Hill   New Boston #700   400

District Two
Total Hours: 17,912
Chapters Participating: 5
1. Peggy Wright A.E. Shirley #986  4680
2. Brenda Stewart A.E. Shirley #986  2600
3. Mac Benton    A.E. Shirley #986   1260

District Three
Total Hours: 1914
Chapters Participating: 10
1. Betty Garretson South Fort Worth #835  161
2. District 3, Section 9 Kay Swain, Leader 1753
   (This group together as a T.E.A.M. to make and deliver 1753 Valentine treats to the elderly and disabled)
3. Members So. Ft. Worth #835 Grace Aderholt, Leader
   (Collected $3,850 for funeral of one of its members. Contributed $932.00 for other Charitable Projects. Contributed toys for 150 children)

District Four
Total Hours: 28,944
Chapters Participating: 28
1. Sharon Adams Bluebell #856  1251
2. Blanche Maples Bluebell #856  734
3. Dian Mosley Garrison Chapter #192  647

District Five
Total Hours: 10,114
Chapters Participating: 9
1. Camile Clay Creedmoor #607  1102
2. Mary Bouldin Fidelis #963  573
3. Helen Hare Mission #527   534

Total Hours for 2003-2004: 63,284
Respectfully submitted:
Ettie Marie Hubbard
General Chairman
Volunteers of Service Committee
Worthy Matron, I move the adoption of this report.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt the report of the Volunteers in Service. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Opposed. The report is adopted. Brother Dwight, I appreciate you giving this report. And thank each one of you so much. I know, Sisters and Brothers, most of you don’t feel like you need to be recognized and have not reported your hours. But we do want to thank you for your continued benevolent work in the communities, all that you do. Please continue to do so. Thank you.

I’m going to ask for Jurisprudence, Sister Rennie. You have a final report.

FINAL REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you.

Worthy Grand Matron, the Jurisprudence Committee has completed its work.

Amendments #1 through #4 were presented for second reading and passed.
Amendment #5 was tabled until next Grand Chapter.
Amendment #6 was defeated.
Amendment #7 was approved on first reading.
Amendments #8 – #18 passed.
Resolutions #1, #2, and #5 were withdrawn.
Resolution #3 was amended and approved, along with #4, #6, and #7.

The Board of Directors has concurred in the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Purposes and policies Committee and the Texas Cardinals, Inc., Financial Report which were referred to them.

To this wonderful membership, with pride in your active an attentive participation, we say thanks so much.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we have been pleased to be a part of your TEAM. We trust that our service has been of assistance to you in making your decisions. Your and Jack’s leadership this past year has written a fine record for the history of our Grand Chapter.

Your Jurisprudence Committee:
Rennie Ofton, Chairman
Henry Martin, District 1
Patricia Neinast, Substitute District 1
Garland Rattan, District 2
Alma Lynn Bane, District 3
Elsie Paladino, District 4

You know, we have a computer science teacher -- or she was a teacher at Tarleton
University, and she’s pretty smart and that computer behaves when she gets hold of it. So I have for you the Compilation.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** How about that! Thank you. [applause]

To this Jurisprudence Committee -- would you please stand -- I want you to know how much the Worthy Grand Patron and I appreciate your service this year. Every time I had a question, you were always there for us, to work with your District and the areas that we needed at that time. Know how much I appreciate your dedication, your love for the Order and your love for the membership of Texas. Thank you, Sister Rennie, and the others on our Jurisprudence Committee. Please, Sisters and Brothers, help me show how much we love and appreciate these Past Grand Matrons and Patrons. [applause] Please continue to keep Brother Henry Martin in your prayers.

Since my Deputies are not busy at this time, would the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Matrons please make your way to the East. These have been 55 terrific gals that have worked this year for you, the membership, in preparing for their Schools.

We need the membership in here. I don’t want to hold up the announcement of any election, and we have one. Remember, Sisters and Brothers, to be kind. We all can’t be a winner and be elected, but you’ve won because you’ve offered your services. At this time I would ask that Brothers Forrest Smith and Toby Lylte please come to the front. Sisters and Brothers, this is the report of this election. Number of votes cast - 1917; number of votes to win - 959. Candidate #1, Toby Lylte - 802 votes; candidate #2, Forrest Smith - 1115 votes. You have elected Brother Forrest Smith to serve the unexpired term from District 4. We congratulate both of you. These are two fantastic gentlemen. Let us make welcome Brother Forrest Smith to the Board of Directors from District 4 for the unexpired term. Brother Forrest, do you accept this position?

**MR. FORREST SMITH:** Worthy Grand Matron, I’m honored to accept this. I would like to thank the membership for their trust and ask for God’s blessing and your help. Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** District Deputy Grand Matron of District 1, would you start out this proceeding here?

**REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 1**

**MRS. LINDA JAY “DOC” PUCKETT:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

I gratefully thank you for the privilege of serving the membership in this exciting role this year. It is indeed my honor, my pleasure to present the District I Annual Report for 2003-2004, and, to present “Doc’s Flock” - the ten dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons of District I who served in an outstanding manner for the “Good of the Order”. Their devotion, loving outreach, and learned experience was a prominent measure of excellence.


Sister Virginia Wolfrum, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 9: “God’s Feathered Friends” Eastern Star School of Instruction, March 2, 2004, in Atlanta, with 14 Chapters and 161 in attendance.

Sister Pat Grayson, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 10: “Springtime Serenade” Eastern Star School of Instruction, March 4, 2004, in Quitman, with 10 Chapters and 172 in attendance.

Sister Jane Clabaugh, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 8: “Let’s All Flock Together” Eastern Star School of Instruction, March 9, 2004, in Carthage, with 10 Chapters and 154 in attendance.

Sister Dorothy Morton, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 6: “Meeting of the Minds” Eastern Star School of Instruction, March 11, 2004, in Frankston, with 8 Chapters and 115 in attendance.

Sister Barbara Cockerell, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 7: “BlueBirds in the Knight’s Forest” Eastern Star School of Instruction, March 13, 2004, in (Gresham) Tyler, with 10 Chapters and 235 in attendance.


Sister Diana Lee Ray, Deputy Grand Matron, Section 4: “By His Hands We All Are Fed” Eastern Star School of Instruction, March 20, 2004, in Dallas, with 11 Chapters and 176 in attendance.

Total attendance for the schools in District I was 1764

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This Grand Chapter Year began with 118 Chapters.

**In Section 2:**

Ector Chapter No. 905 demised on May 10, 2004

**In Section 7:**

Rose Garden Chapter No. 975 consolidated with Bullard Chapter No. 972, on May 31, 2004

District I now has 116 Chapters.

The ten outstanding Deputy Grand Matrons of District I for 2003-2004 join me in extending our deep and sincere appreciation to:

Sister Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron: I personally thank you from the very bottom of my heart for the honor you bestowed upon me and on Garland Chapter No. 156 by selecting me to serve in this esteemed place of service, District Deputy Grand Matron of District I. Your Deputy Grand Matrons, each selected for their dedication and outstanding service, also extend to you their heartfelt gratitude for the honor of serving in your Grand Family as your representatives. “Doc’s Flock,” all eleven of us, have been filled during the year with a great deal of awe and admiration for your ‘gift to our Order’ - a renewal of spirit and bonding. We have been proud to represent you and District I this special year.

Brother Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron: It was a wonderful experience to be in association with you - a true Gentleman in all regards - a Gallant Knight to the membership of our Order. It was indeed my pleasure to serve in close association with you this year as we worked to achieve the goals of the Grand Family. You were also so warm, friendly, kind, and assuring to all.

Sister Linda Guy, Grand Esther: Thank you for the friendship and many kindnesses you extended to me and to my “Flock” this year. I treasure this experience of being with you and cultivating our friendship.

Sister Betty Scott, Grand Examiner, District I: It was an honor to serve alongside of you this year. I greatly admire your proficiency and professionalism. Your service to our Order is both beautiful and appreciated.

Sister Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner At-Large: When a time of family loss and grief came for our District I Grand Examiner, you immediately stepped into our School Schedule and performed with outstanding proficiency. I truly enjoyed traveling with you and express to you our District’s gratitude for your service.

Sister Peggy Daniels, Humanitarian Chairman, District I: Thank you for the touching, beautiful Humanitarian Program at our Schools this year. Your talent is well-known, and you used that talent so inspiringly to enhance the Worthy Grand Matron’s Humanitarian Program.

Sister Lesa Smith, General Chairman, Humanitarian Committee: District I extends to you our grateful appreciation for the assistance you gave us when our District Chairman became very ill. You personally traveled many miles to present the Humanitarian Program
for several of our early Schools and we appreciate your expression of love for us and dedication to service.

Sister Jean Thomas, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron: There are not enough words of praise and love that I can give to you - you were always there to support, encourage and praise, comfort, and guide us. Thank you for your loving ways, an extremely big heart, and devotion to our Order. You are indeed the epitome of TEAM.

Membership of District I: In three words - I love you! The members of District I eternally exhibit that uplifting spirit of bonding-in-love and enthusiasm that is so outreaching. The service and dedication that exists in District I is highly esteemed and “top of the mountain.” District I Membership - you are TOP OF THE MARK! District I is Number 1! You are a blessing in my life and in the lives of ‘Doc’s Flock.’

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Jay ‘Doc’ Puckett
District Deputy Grand Matron
District I

It is with pleasure that I now present my friend, and District Deputy Grand Matron, District II, Sister Jerri Young.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 2

MRS. JERRI YOUNG: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my distinct pleasure to present the report of District 2. This year of service has been enhanced by Fraternal love, support and cooperation. The ten “Golden Girls” of District 2 shared this experience and it is indeed an honor to recognize these who skillfully and lovingly organized the 2004 Schools of Instruction for District 2

Mrs. Patricia Arnold, along with the four Chapters of Section 1, held the “Bluebirds On My Shoulder” School of Instruction on January 13, 2004 in Borger with 59 in attendance.

Mrs. Peggy Wright, along with the six Chapters of Section 2, held the “Everything’s Coming Up Roses” School of Instruction on January 10, 2004, in Amarillo with 99 in attendance.

Mrs. Judy McAdams, along with the five Chapters of Section 3, held the “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” School of Instruction on January 8, 2004, in Hereford with 60 in attendance.

Mrs. Angel Clevenger, along with the eight Chapters of Section 4, held the “Nurturing the Flock” School of Instruction on January 17, 2004 in Lubbock, with 148 in attendance.

Mrs. Dorothy Hodges, along with the six Chapters of Section 5, held the “Moonlight Among Magnolias” School of Instruction on January 15, 2004, in Childress, with 87 in attendance.

Mrs. Polly Pate, along with the eight chapters of Section 6, held the “Bluebirds on
Parade” School of Instruction on January 6, 2004 in Wichita Falls, with 95 in attendance.

Mrs. Jan Clower, along with the nine Chapters of Section 7, held the “Bluebirds in the Big country” School of Instruction on January 27, 2004, in Abilene, with 138 in attendance.

Mrs. Ina Stewart, along with the nine Chapters of Section 8, held the “Knowledge on Wings of Bluebirds” School of Instruction January 20, 2004, in Big Spring, with 124 in attendance.

Mrs Radean Hodges, along with the three Chapters of Section 9, held the “Flowers of Friendship” School of Instruction January 21, 2004, in Fort Stockton, with 60 in attendance.

Miss JoLen Confer, along with the four Chapters of Section 10, held the “Bluebirds on the Border” School of Instruction January 24, 2004, in El Paso, with 75 in attendance.

Total attendance for the Schools in District 2 was 947.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT 2
Chapters Assigned ................. .62
Chapters Consolidated ............... .2
Chapters Demised .................... .2
Chapters Instituted ................... .0
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Schools Attended Unofficially ......... .52
Letters Written ...................... .1163
Miles Traveled ....................... .27,900

District 2 began the year with 62 Chapters and ended the year with 58 Chapters.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 demised June 1, 2004
Haskell Chapter No. 892 demised June 1, 2004
Grandfalls Chapter No. 744 consolidated with Monahans Chapter No. 561 June 1, 2004.
Shallowater Chapter No. 1134 consolidated with Lubbock Chapter No. 561 June 8, 2004.

The ten dedicated Deputy Grand Matrons of District 2 join me in extending our heartfelt appreciation to:

Mrs Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron: It is with a grateful heart that we say “thank you” for allowing us the privilege of serving in your Grand Family for District 2. Your untiring energy and enthusiasm has been most contagious! It was an honor to share this special time with you.

To Mr. Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron: We have really enjoyed your wit as well
as your wisdom! Your attendance at all our Schools, along with your lovely wife Linda, our Grand Esther, made our District 2 Schools just the more special. Your support and understanding will always be remembered with sincere appreciation.

To Mrs. Bess Caldwell, Grand Examiner, District 2: Thank you for being there with your kindness and encouragement. You seemed to always know just the right words to say to lift our spirits. You made our Schools complete with your beautiful renditions of the Secret Work. You are a very special Christian friend.

To Mrs. Evelyn Berry, Humanitarian, District 2: Your sincere, unique presentations at each School were always met with our attention and appreciation. Your programs were truly meaningful and the sacrifices you made in performing your tasks have been greatly appreciated. Congratulations on the results of all your hard work!

To Mrs. Jean Thomas, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron and Mrs. Sue Shoemaker, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron: You have been such a pleasure to travel with and work with this year. Your constant dedication to our Beautiful Order is remarkable.

The Membership of District 2: None can compare to you! You truly worked as a T.E.A.M. all year long. Your smiles were constant encouragement as we traveled from the Big Skies to the rolling Plains and Mountains of this vast District. The Deputy Grand Matrons join with me in our sincere appreciation for your attendance, the many courtesies and especially for your love.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrianne Young
District Deputy Grand Matron
District 2

It is with pleasure that I recognize my dear friend Mrs. Annette Curry, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 3.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 3

MRS. ANNETTE CURRY: Thank you, Jerri Young, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 2.

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Doris Jean Hester, the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District Three join me in expressing our love and appreciation for the honor bestowed upon us for this very special place of service. It is with much pride that I introduce “Curry’s Worries”, the Deputy Grand Matrons of District Three and give this report.

Laura Geyer, Section 1: The “Cowtown Goes Blue” school was held February 20 and 21, in Fort Worth, Texas with an attendance of 381.

Doris Huckabee, Section 2: The “Cream of the Crop” school was held February 13 and 14, 2004 in Stephenville, Texas. I looked out the window at 5 a.m. on the 14th to see everything covered in a blanket of snow. We were able to conduct the school and had 84
in attendance.

Nancy Armstrong, Section 3: The “Over The Rainbow” school was held January 28 and 29, 2004 in Graham, Texas with 88 in attendance.

Judy Burchard, Section 4: Judy is unable to be here, her husband is ill and she needs to be with him. The “Everything’s Comin’ Up Roses” school was held February 2 and 3, 2004 in Cisco, Texas with 99 in attendance. A special honor was the initiation of 3 new members by the Grand Officers during the Fraternal visit.

Molly Cliett Steelman, Section 5: The “Seeds of Knowledge” school was held February 4 and 5, 2004 in Brownwood, Texas with 97 in attendance. We were honored to initiate 2 new members during the Fraternal visit, again, by the Grand Officers.

Nettie Oma Carpenter, Section 6: The “Central Texas Bluebird Symphony” school was held February 9 and 10, 2004 in San Saba, Texas with 104 in attendance.

Jean Krempin, Section 7: The “Piecing It Together” school was held February 18 and 19, 2004 in Hamilton, Texas with 109 in attendance.

Kerry Campbell, Section 8: The “Enduring Freedom” school was held February 11 and 12, 2004 in Killeen, Texas with 113 in attendance.

Linda Hugo, Section 9: The “On The Wings Of Love” school was held February 6 and 7, 2004 in Waco, Texas with 254 in attendance.

Priscilla Locke, Section 10: The “Wings of Knowledge” school was held January 30-31, 2004 in Glen Rose, Texas with 172 in attendance.

A complete report of District 3 is attached and will be printed in the Proceedings.

Total attendance: 1,501
Chapters assigned: 87
Chapters demised: 1
Chapters consolidated: 2
Chapters inspected: 85
Schools conducted: 10
Schools attended officially: 20
Schools attended unofficially: 72
Letters written: 949
Miles traveled: 63,393

Worthy Grand Matron, traveling with you across District 3 gave me many wonderful memories that I will always cherish. Your dedication to our Order and your commitment to Teamwork has endeared you to the membership of Texas. Thank you for allowing me the high honor of serving as District Deputy Grand Matron of District 3.

To our Worthy Grand Patron, Jack W. Guy, you truly are a “Gallant Knight”. The Deputy Grand Matrons and myself were proud to have you in attendance at each of our schools in District 3. To Linda, Grand Esther, thank you for sharing Jack with the membership and for being such a supportive wife to our Worthy Grand Patron. You both are very special to me and you truly are a beautiful “Queen Esther.”
To our Grand Examiner of District 3, Joyce Nicklas, your perfect renditions of the Secret Work and your kindness, love and knowledge shown in the examining room is appreciated by the membership. You were a wonderful traveling companion and roommate. Your gentle and kind ways make you such a good friend.

To Sue Shoemaker, secretary to our Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for adding so much to our TEAM. I treasure our friendship.

To Jean Thomas, secretary to our Worthy Grand Matron. I find it difficult to put into words my love and appreciation for you. Your devotion and faithfulness to our Worthy Grand Matron is beyond compare and I know the membership loves you for that. You are a very special lady and I count you as my very dear friend.

To the membership of District 3, the Deputy Grand Matrons and myself, thank you for your love and support and for every kindness extended to us this year. You have given us many memories that we will always cherish. Thank you for making our TEAM complete.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Curry
District Deputy Grand Matron
District 3

It is with pleasure that I introduce Christine Armstrong, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 4

MRS. CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Sister Annette Curry, my dear friend.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, distinguished members, my sisters and brothers all.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the honor accorded to the Deputies of District Four and myself.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to bring the report of the Deputies of Grand Chapter for District Four. Words cannot express our appreciation to you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Jean Hester for the honor of representing you this year. It is an experience that we will always cherish.

It was our pleasure to have our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack W. Guy and his lovely wife Linda at each of our schools. We will always treasure your friendship and the love we received from you and Linda.

It is indeed an honor to present the Deputy Grand Matrons, also known as “Chris’ Misses” of District Four.

Sister Brenda Stephens and the fourteen (14) Chapters of Section One hosted the “Bluebirds Across Texas” School of Instruction in Lufkin, Texas on November 25, 2003 with 192 in attendance.
Sister Melody L. Haynes and the seventeen (17) Chapters of Section Two hosted the “Bluebirds Bathing in Knowledge” School of Instruction in Beaumont, Texas on December 9, 2003 with 174 in attendance. At this school, we held an initiation for three new members.

Sister Joanne Barrett and the ten (10) Chapters of Section Three hosted the “Gathering of the Bluebirds” School of Instruction on December 2 in Livingston, Texas with 138 in attendance.

Sister Terri Rozell and the fifteen (15) Chapters of Section Four hosted the “Yesterdays Foundations and Today’s Visions is Tomorrow’s Possibility” School of Instruction on January 3, 2004 in Humble, Texas with 254 in attendance.

Sister Sherry Dieckmann and the twenty (20) Chapters of Section Five hosted the “T.E.A.M. Houston” School of Instruction on December 20, 2003 in Houston, Texas with 305 in attendance. At this school, we initiated four new members.

Sister Debbie Mitchell and the eight (8) Chapters of Section Six hosted the “Bluebird of Friendship” School of Instruction held on December 30, 2003 in Bryan, Texas with 135 in attendance.

Sister Vi Kramer and the thirteen (13) Chapters of Section Seven hosted the “The Blue Birds Have Landed” School of Instruction held on December 11, 2003 in Willis, Texas with 186 in attendance.

Sister Rita Lynn Dickman and the seven (7) Chapters of Section Eight hosted the “Christmas in the Lost Pines” School of Instruction on December 18, 2003 in Bastrop, Texas with 101 in attendance.

Sister B.J. Corwin and the five (5) Chapters of Section Nine hosted the “Enchanted Garden” School of Instruction on December 16, 2003 in El Campo, Texas with 89 in attendance.

Sister Patricia Stallings and the twelve (12) Chapters of Section Ten hosted the “Bluebirds On The Bayou” School of Instruction on December 13, 2003 in Alvin, Texas with 233 in attendance.

DETAILED REPORT OF DISTRICT 4 – 2003-2004
Chapters Assigned .................121
Chapters Demised or Consolidated .0
Chapters Inspected .................121
Chapters not Inspected ............0
Schools Conducted ..................10
Schools Attended Officially .......20
Schools Attended Unofficially ......66
Letters, Cards Written ............391
Miles Traveled ....................96,129

Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you so much for your confidence that I had the ability to perform my duties as District Deputy Grand Matron. My year has given me ten new friendships, my “Chris’ Misses” that I will always cherish; the opportu-
nity to touch the lives of many, and memories that I would not have had the chance to make. And thanks for serving me hot chocolate in bed on those cold evenings and mornings we experienced on our travels.

Brother Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, thanks for your assistance in teaching the schools, but most of all for being the loving and delightful person you are. The Deputies and I were most pleased having you at each of our schools.

Sister Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner, thank you for your words of encouragement and being such a great roommate. Your beautiful and perfect renditions of the secret work made our schools complete. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sisters Jean Thomas and Sue Shoemaker, thank you for your friendship and helping hand. We appreciate the support and love you showed to each of us.

My complete detailed report will be printed in the proceedings. It is my pleasure and honor to introduce Sister Lori Goldman, District Deputy Grand Matron, District Five.

Fraternally Submitted,

Christine Armstrong
District Deputy Grand Matron
District Four

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON, DISTRICT 5

MS. LORI GOLDMAN: Thank you, Sister Christine Armstrong, District Deputy Grand Matron, District 4, and my very special friend.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers all.

What a wonderful year this has been. I cannot express my sincere gratitude to our Worthy Grand Matron for selecting me to represent her. A year as District Deputy Grand Matron is one that is full of growth, leadership, and understanding. By allowing me to hold this position, I have had the privilege to meet the membership of Texas and to get to know 10 wonderful ladies that you selected to be your Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5.

It is with pleasure that I give the final report for District 5 and introduce the Deputy Grand Matrons of District 5, also known as Lori’s Glories.

Mrs. Jeffie Roberts of Section 1, who hosted the “Concho Valley County Fair” School of Instruction in San Angelo on April 1, 2004 with a total of 135 in attendance.

Mrs. Janey Lindsey of Section 2 hosted the “Thornbird” School of Instruction in Ozona on March 30, 2004 with total attendance of 66.

Mrs. Roberta Lloyd of Section 3 hosted “A Stitch in Time” School of Instruction in Boerne on April 6, 2004 with 119 in attendance.

Mrs. Sue Kinsey, Section 4, hosted “Joyful Memories... Warm Our Nests” School of Instruction in Del Rio on March 25, 2004 with total attendance of 91.
Mrs. Mary Qualls, Section 5, hosted “Bluebirds in the Brush Country” School of Instruction, in Pleasanton, on April 8, 2004, with 130 in attendance.

Mrs. Jane Hudson of Section 6 hosted “Springtime in the Capital” School of Instruction in Austin on March 27, 2004, with 274 in attendance.

Mrs. Jane Warden of Section 7 hosted “Bluebirds at the Alamo” School of Instruction in San Antonio on April 3, 2004, with 247 in attendance.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Geffert, also known as Aunt Dorothy, of Section 8, my home section, hosted “The Joy of Giving” School of Instruction in Beeville on April 17, 2004 with 322 in attendance.

Mrs. Patsy Schmedt of Section 9 hosted the “Birds of a Feather” School of Instruction in Corpus Christi on April 15, 2004 with 132 in attendance.

Mrs. Kay Green of Section 10 hosted the “Bright as a Bluebird” School of Instruction in Weslaco on April 13, 2004 with 85 in attendance.

The total attendance for the 10 schools of District Five was 1,501. Each of the district 5 Schools of Instruction were unique to their area and were lots of fun. Thank you, the membership, for taking an interest in the work of the Eastern Star, your attendance and participation was greatly appreciated.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR DISTRICT FIVE

Chapters Assigned ................. 82
Chapters Demised or Consolidated ... 2 *
Chapters Instituted .................. 0
Chapters Inspected ................. 82
Chapters Not Inspected ............. 0
Schools Conducted ................... 10
Schools Attended Officially ........ 20
Schools Attended Unofficially ...... 81
Letters Written .................... 2,019
Miles Traveled ..................... 54,813

* The Chapters Demised or consolidated listed above was through August 2004.
There was one more Chapter that consolidated after the annual reports were turned in, therefor the number of Chapters Demised or Consolidated as of Grand Chapter were three.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Jean Hester, what a privilege it has been this Grand Chapter year to travel and converse with you over the many miles we traveled. We have known each other for many years and this year of service together, I believe has brought us even closer. I cannot express the extreme gratitude that I feel for your selecting me as District Deputy Grand Matron. Your confidence in me is greatly appreciated. My wish for you and Johnny is a healthy, happy long life together. Thank you once again, I am truly honored.
Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack W. Guy, we have known each other since Linda and I served on registration together and you were so kind to get us where we needed to be. You are the epitome of a true gentleman. I would like to express my appreciation to you for your assistance and support at the District 5 schools. I know that you were unable to attend two of them, but you were most definitely there in spirit. I look forward to seeing you and Sister Linda, our Grand Esther for many years to come.

To Betty Martin, Grand Examiner of District 5, what an exciting year. I appreciate you showing me the ropes and boosting my confidence in the Schoolroom. You and Jerry, our Associate Grand Patron are true treasures.

To Sister Jean Thomas, the Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, what hard work you have done this year. We started out with a bang, and I know you wish you could have continued along the District 5 School Schedule with us. Please know you were there in thought and spirit.

To Sue Shoemaker, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, you are a real champ. Thank you for traveling with us. You kept me smiling and made life just plain fun! I know that our friendship will continue to grow as the years pass by.

To the membership of District 5, what can I say, but you are the best! Your support, friendship, laughter and kindness cannot be compared. You the membership are what this year as District Deputy Grand Matron so very special. Thank you.

Finally, to my family, thank you cannot express my appreciation of your love, and support. Regardless of the decisions I have made in my life, you have always been there to support and uplift me. Thank you for enabling me to become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. I love you more than words can say.

May each of you find “Friendship… one of life’s treasures.”

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori M. Goldman
District Deputy Grand Matron
District 5

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the five District Deputy Grand Matron’s Reports.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Second.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: We have a motion and a second to adopt all five District Deputy Grand Matrons’ reports. Is there any discussion? All those in favor, please raise your blue cards. Down. Opposed. The reports are adopted.

I’m proud of everyone of you. To these 55 fantastic ladies, know how much I appreciate you. The Deputy Grand Matrons, would you please go back to the election tables and pick up your ballot boxes.

I told you I would not hold an election, but I ask that you stay in the Grand Chapter room because we have several more special things to take care of. Would those that were nominated for Associate Grand Conductress -- Sister Joyce Gilbert and Sister Vi Griffin -
- please come to the East. We do have an election, and let’s be considerate, Sisters and Brothers. Number of votes cast - 2243; number of votes to win - 1122. Sister Joyce Gilbert - 1163; Vi Griffin - 1080. Sister Joyce Gilbert has been elected Associate Grand Conductress. Sister Joyce Gilbert, do you accept?

**MRS. JOYCE GILBERT:** Worthy Grand Matron, I accept. And thank you, sweet membership. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We do have an election for the Board of Grand Examiners of District 4. Number of votes cast - 2223; number of votes to win - 1112. Christine Armstrong - 1255; Mary Brown - 968. Sister Christine Armstrong, you have been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners of District 4. Do you accept?

**MRS. CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept. I want to thank the membership for their trust and confidence in me.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sister Mary Brown, would you come up here with Sister Christine. I’m sorry I didn’t call both of you up here. Both of these ladies are very deserving and they’re talented and offered their services. To each one of you, we commend you for your service. Thank you both. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** The other election that we have is for the Board of Grand Examiners, District 5. Number of votes cast - 2219; number of votes to win - 1110. The votes cast are this way. Janell Trees - 966 votes; Jerre Lucas - 1253. Would you two ladies please come to the center. Sister Jerre Lucas has been elected to the Board of Grand Examiners of District 5. To you special two ladies, thank you so much for offering your services. Sisters and Brothers, let’s congratulate them.

For the Board of Directors, District 4, we do not have an election. The number of votes cast - 2218; number of votes to win - 1110. Margaret Faircloth - 774 votes; Jim Pierce - 512 votes; Mickie Todd-Campbell - 921 votes. Would those three come to the center? We will drop the lowest one, and that’s Brother Jim Pierce. Sisters and Brothers, we will have another ballot at this point in time. Those names are Margaret Faircloth and Mickie Todd-Campbell. Sisters and Brothers, you will use ballot A.

Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, the doors will be closed and you’ll not allow anyone to enter or leave at this time. Brother Grand Sentinel, would you so direct.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, this assembly room is closed for the purpose of election. No one is to leave or come in or cause any interruption. Thank you.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** We have the doors secured. I now declare the ballot open on ballot A. Sisters and Brothers, you will vote Margaret Faircloth or Mickie Todd-Campbell. Only mark in one block on that ballot A. This is for the Board of Directors, District 4.

Deputy Grand Matrons, are you in position to pick up these ballots at this time?

Sister Jerre Lucas, I failed to ask if you wanted to accept this position. Do you accept?

**MRS. JERRE LUCAS:** Worthy Grand Matron, with an humble heart and mixed
emotions about leaving one Board, I am very pleased and thank this membership for their confidence. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, we do appreciate your attention. It has been tremendous today and all this time at Grand Chapter. I thank you for staying quietly in your places so that we can take care of our business because we want to have an Installation tonight.

I believe we have all of the reports, except the Poet Laureate, Sister Pat Edwards. Brother Charles is having to start chemo again. Please, Sisters and Brothers, keep this nice couple in your prayers. I know they covet that. Her report will be submitted to the Grand Secretary. She has had some beautiful poetry in the Bulletin; I hope you read it.

**WRITTEN REPORT OF POET LAUREATE**

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

What an awesome privilege it has been for me to serve as Poet Laureate for this Grand Chapter year. It was my honor to have twelve poems published in The Bulletin.

It is my hope that these words may have touched someone or brightened the day for someone along the way.

Due to family health concerns, I have been unable to travel and attend gatherings as I would have liked to do. I do appreciate my dear friend, our Worthy Grand Matron, for her concern and her efforts to include me when I couldn’t attend many functions.

A collection of poems has been compiled and presented to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for the honor of serving in this position this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Edwards
Poet Laureate

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Does anyone have a ballot that has not been picked up? All right. I now declare the ballot closed. You will deposit the ballots on the tables over here, please.

I hope we have everybody back in the Grand Chapter room because I have something special. Would the following people please go to the Grand Sentinel’s station: Dorothy White, Brenda Smith, Johnny Hester, Nanette Gwaltney, Jean Thomas, Sue Shoemaker, Benita Bassett, Drew Terry, Freida Dillon, Fran Reedy, Lanell Hendricks, Linda Roy and Linda Guy. I want you lined up in that order. And, Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you assume your stations.

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you please present this group of Sisters and Brothers in back of Esther’s Station. If the Grand Representatives who are now serving would like to form a line in the North and South and welcome this group, I think that would be quite an honor.

**GRAND CONDUCTRESS:** Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present
these members: Sisters Dorothy White, Brenda Smith, Brother Johnny Hester, Sisters Nanette Gwaltney, Jean Thomas, Sue Shoemaker, Benita Bassett, Brother Drew Terry, Sisters Freida Dillon, Fran Reedy, Lanell Hendicks, Linda Roy and Linda Guy.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

Everyone of you have been special to me for a long, long time. You are dedicated Sisters and Brothers. And, yes, I waited until today to make these commissions possible because I wanted the membership of Texas to recognize you at one time. Some could have been given out earlier, but to me this is a special time for the rest of those that I have been able to offer these commissions to. The others have gone to their Grand Jurisdictions and they tell me they’re having a ball. I wish I could go with everyone of you. Can I, honey? He didn’t hear me.

Anyway, I hope you have some vacation time coming up soon because many of you will be traveling I hope. Everyone of you please represent Grand Chapter of Texas in your Grand Jurisdictions and make us mighty proud and I know they will.

I will read the first one. “The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star brings greetings. Whereas, the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Texas and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Alabama, seeking to promote fraternal relations between their Grand Jurisdiction and believing 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 reception of Grand Representatives from each of the aforesaid Grand Chapters to the other, therefore, be it known that as evidence of this trust and confidence by these presence do constitute and appoint Sister Dorothy White, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, near the Grand Chapter of Texas, for the purposes aforesaid. In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of the Grand Chapter to be hereunto affixed and attested by the signature of our Grand Secretary at Prattville, Alabama, Grace K. Eddins, Worthy Grand Matron, and Johnnie Burden, Grand Secretary.” Sister Dorothy to Alabama. [applause]

As most of these state the same thing, I’m not going to read each one individually until I get to a certain one. But the Grand Chapter of Arizona brings greetings to Sister Brenda Smith, Grand Representative to Arizona. Thank you, Sister Brenda. [applause]

This one I am going to read. “Order of the Eastern Star” -- maybe I won’t. The United Grand Chapter of Australia to Brother Johnny Hester, but you will take me. No fishing trip or hunting during that time.

To this lady who took us on a cruise, to Nanette Gwaltney, to Brazil. [applause] Plan a trip, baby! We want to go.

To Sister Jean Thomas, let’s go to Manitoba. [applause]
To Sister Sue Shoemaker, our secretary, let’s go to the state of Montana. [applause]
To Sister Benita Bassett, let’s go to Nebraska. [applause]
To the State of North Carolina, Brother Drew Terry. [applause]
To the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, Sister Freida Dillon [applause]
To South Carolina, Sister Fran Reedy. [applause]
To the State of South Dakota, Lanell Hendricks. [applause]
To the State of Tennessee, Linda Roy. [applause]
To our Grand Esther, Linda Guy, to the grand State of Vermont. [applause]

Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you present these special Grand Representatives to the East.

Sisters and Brothers, how pleased I am as Worthy Grand Matron to present these commissions to these hard-working and dedicated Sisters and Brothers. They have served Grand Chapter, their Chapters and you the membership well, and especially this one on Arrangements. He has been busy!

To each one of you: Know how special you are to the membership of Texas. Sisters and Brothers, let’s salute these Grand Representatives with Grand Honors. I know by the expressions on your face that you’re happy, and we’re not going to ask for greetings from each of you. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, would you see that these members go back to work where they’re supposed to be!

As soon as we get this group seated, we’d like your presentation, Sister Karen. And after she has completed that, I’d like my Arrangements and Executive Committee in the West. Grand Choir, let’s have another beautiful selection from you.

I recognize Brother Ray. And I think we’re Mardi Gras-ing. Tellers, you are dismissed. Your job is finished. Thank you, Assistant Judges, and Sister Betty Benham. Know how much I appreciate it. Deputy Grand Matrons, you’ve done a fantastic job, and we certainly do appreciate it. Now let’s enjoy this Mardi Gras.

MR. RAY HERTENBERGER: Sisters and Brothers, are we ready to Mardi Gras?

First, I want to thank Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester and our Worthy Grand Patron Brother Jack Guy for giving me the privilege of serving on their Arrangements Committee and for allowing me the opportunity to extend this invitation today.

We are presently enjoying the hospitality and fellowship of the 122nd Grand Chapter Session, and in a short nine months we will be meeting in Galveston, Texas for the 123rd Grand Chapter Session.

I want to congratulate Sister Brenda Smith, and her Executive and Arrangements Committees for a job well done here in Corpus Christi. Anyone who has been involved with the planning and execution of a Grand Chapter Session can appreciate the challenges that pop up almost daily and this group has passed these challenges with an A++.

Although the theme of our Grand Chapter Session coming up in August of 2005 is not Mardi Gras, you will find the Mardi Gras spirit is year round in Galveston, Texas. Let’s face it, you go to Galveston to have fun. Attending our Grand Chapter Session in Galveston will not be an exception to that rule.
We have miles of sandy beaches for your strolling pleasure. We have shopping that is guaranteed to outlast your checkbooks and Eastern Star credit cards. And, we have fine dining that we are sure everyone who attends will be able to find something that will delight their taste.

The Grand Chapter sessions will be held in the newly remodeled Moody Gardens Convention Center and the headquarters hotel will be the five star Moody Gardens Hotel. If you have seen the Moody Gardens facilities within the last year, please raise your hand. Now, I want you to let everyone around know what we have in store for them next year.

We invite you to come to Galveston, Texas to have the time of your life and please set aside a little time to attend the Grand Chapter meetings.

I would like to introduce the Executive Committee and Arrangements Chairmen for the 123rd Session.

Executive Committee:
Brother Oscar Moser - Executive Co-Chairman
Sister Bettye Murrell - Secretary
Sister Gene Griffin - Treasurer
Brother Joseph White - Auditor

Arrangements Committee:
Brother John Elkinton - Arrangements Chairman
Brother Dwight Von Heeder - Arrangement Co-Chairman
Sister Shirley Meerscheidt - Arrangements Secretary

On behalf of this crew, I want to thank our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Karen Morgenthaler and our Associate Grand Patron, Brother Jerry L. Martin for affording us the opportunity to serve this terrific membership with them for the next year.

As we leave, I want to leave you with the catch phrase for the next year which is: “Laissez les bons temps rouler”

For our non-French speaking friends, this means: “Let the Good Times Roll.”

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you again for allowing us the time to make this presentation.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I thank you for that special invitation. The membership of Grand Chapter, do you accept this invitation to go to Grand Chapter in Galveston next year? Let’s hear it then.

VOICES: Yes. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Karen and Brother Jerry, I think you’re going to have some people wanting to come to Galveston to join you.

If you’ll be seated, we’ll finish with our business at hand.

We have another very special and dedicated group this year that has served well in their capacities. I want the Executive and Arrangements Committee to meet in the West. Sisters Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present my
Executive Committee and Arrangements Committee in the West.

GRAND CONDUCTRESS: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present your Executive Committee and your Arrangements Committee.

WORTHY GRAND MATERON: Thank you so very much. I don’t know what I would have done -- all of us here at Grand Chapter -- without this fantastic crew. Last year at Grand Chapter you presented a rip-roaring invitation for the membership of Texas to come to Corpus Christi. I knew we had something going because I saw Sister Rosemary Swetland out there dancing! When we got to that point, I knew we were on the way to Corpus Christi. That celebration and presentation that you presented at Grand Chapter last year was a tremendous thing for me. When you started to work, you haven’t slowed down. You have been special along the way. Every thing that we have asked you have provided. It’s just unreal, really! I know we started out as friends. Before this is over tonight and we’re cleared out, we may not be anymore. But I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sister Brenda Smith, Chairman of the Executive Committee: You and you Committee have been so dedicated in working for our Grand Chapter, to watch our finances and to make everyone do so. You do know how to get the most out of each nickel. All of you were so special, and I thank you.

Brother Drew Terry and all of your team, I am so pleased you accepted this tremendous task. You have guided each one in their respective jobs. Each of you has been an excellent team member from the beginning until now. I know I can depend on your team to get us out of here, with everything cleared out, with the assistance of the Arrangements team for 2004-2005. And, Brother Ray, your work starts this evening. I wish for each of you the very best as you continue serving our Order.

Sisters and Brothers, please join me in giving them a great big Texas thank you. [applause]

Worthy Grand Patron, would you like to express your appreciation to this group?

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. What a wonderful group of people back there in the West. To Sister Brenda Smith and all the Executive Committee members: You’ve done wonders this year and I applaud all of your efforts.

For the work and dedication of the Arrangements Committee, Chairman Drew Terry and Co-Chairman Brother Hank Knepp and all their Committee members, I thank you and am so grateful. Unless you have served and helped put on a Grand Chapter session, as this group has, you cannot realize how much work is required. They start way before you even get here, and I’m sure will probably be working after you’re gone.

Please help me again show this group our gratitude. [applause] Thank you for all that you do.

WORTHY GRAND MATERON: To this Arrangements Committee and my Executive Committee again, know how much I appreciate you and all that you do. Brother Drew, if you’ll get with Brother Ray and you make all the arrangements for tonight for
their assistance. Sisters and Brothers, again thank you so very much.

Grand Choir, would you give them a toe-tapping tune to get back to work.

Sisters and Brothers, all the reports have been given except one, and that’s the Board of Grand Examiners. They asked if you would allow them to present their report to the Grand Secretary to go in the Proceedings. Do I have your permission for the Board of Grand Examiners to do this?

**VOICES:** Yes.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. That report will be filed with the Grand Secretary.

Sister Karen Morgenthaler, do you have any announcements you would like to make?

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, to the membership that’s going to be participating in the Installation tonight, we would like to have you here at 5:30 so we can take pictures, the Floor Officers, everyone at 5:30.

Worthy Grand Matron, we’d also like to remind the Executive and Arrangements Committee -- we’re going to leave everything as is for this evening, we’ll make no changes in the room.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** See, you’ve got out of a job already. You can just work afterwards.

At this time, Sister Linda Guy, would you come back to the East. Brother Johnny Hester, would you quit hugging all the ladies and come join me.

**ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do want to let your Arrangements Committee know that my Arrangements Committee will be here to help them tear down.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. We appreciate it.

Worthy Grand Patron, before we go into the closing and make the other final announcement, would you like to bring greetings to the membership at this time.

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers: This has been a year of more than 12 months, but it has passed so fast. It seems only yesterday that Sister Doris and I were installed in Fort Worth. That was October 25, 2003. And here it is November 13, 2004, as our year draws to a close. I thank Sister Doris and Brother Johnny Hester for inviting Linda and I along on this trip, and I thank you, the membership, for the vote of confidence and approval.

I was advised by more than one of our Past Grand Patrons that the membership of our great fraternity would amaze and overwhelm me with their love and generosity. These statements have been proven many times over. As I have stated numerous times and been reminded of through words and actions, the membership is what makes our Order unique and worthwhile. Any accomplishments and success -- and I feel we have had much success -- is directly due to you, the membership. All across the State I’ve been made to
feel welcome and at home. I thank each of you for every courtesy shown to me personally and to the office of Worthy Grand Patron.

I love each of you and our Order, and I hope that I can continue to be of service, as I know each of you will also. Thank you again.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron. Let’s show our appreciation to this dedicated and loving couple. [applause]

I asked Johnny to join me here. Johnny and I have been a good team for many years, and I want you by my side at this special time. You have given much to me during our Eastern Star years of service, and it is proper that you should be here while I thank this great membership of Texas for all the wonderful memories I will have to cherish for the rest of my life.

In just a short time our leadership will change. As we come to the close of the business of our 122nd Grand Chapter session, it is with joy and happiness that we pass on the leadership to Sister Karen and Brother Jerry. I wish the very best to you, Sister Karen and to Tom, and to Brother Jerry and to Betty, and their Officers for the coming year.

This has been a fantastic year of team work, enthusiasm, love and dedication among the membership. I hope and pray that this will continue as your plans and dreams unfold. Brother Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, and Sister Linda, Grand Esther: You have given so much to Grand Chapter, your Chapter and to the membership. You have been special friends to Johnny and I. We thank you for agreeing to serve by our side. Very soon now you will have time to plant your peas, fish, hunt and get reacquainted with your family, friends and church. May God continue to bless you, and thanks for being a big part of our memories. Thank you, Brother Jack and Sister Linda. We love you both. Thank you so very much. [applause]

**MRS. JEAN THOMAS:** Would Grand Electa and Grand Martha please stand. Brother Johnny, this has been a long road, but we’re here almost at the end. I know that you’ll be able to go do what you want to do. And from Doris’ former Pages, we thank you for being a lovely, loving and patient man. We love you. It says “Johnny’s gone fishing.” [applause]

**MR. JOHNNY HESTER:** They’re going to let me talk a little bit. I don’t know what to say. I’m still in shock. But let me tell you a little story. We were at the Grand Chapter office. One of the ladies up there wanted to know which one of these ladies was my wife. She said, “Everyone of them tells you what to do.” And there was about four of them right there: Jean, Dorothy, Freida, Doris. And we got ready to leave, and she said, “Have a good Mormon’s Day.” Thank y’all. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** This was the lady who works at our Eastern Star Home. She still wants to know about the Mormon wives. It threw her when I told him to please get the car. She looked around, she was really amazed. There’s a lot of good fun and fellowship in Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers, we do have an election. Would Margaret Faircloth and Mickie Todd-Campbell please come to the center of the stage. Sisters and Brothers, let’s remember our Sisters and Brothers with love. The number of votes cast - 1916; number of
votes to win - 959. Margaret Faircloth - 779 votes; Mickie Todd-Campbell - 1137 votes. Mickie Todd-Campbell, you have been elected to the Board of Directors for District 4. Do you accept?

**MRS. MICKIE TODD-CAMPBELL:** Worthy Grand Matron, I do accept this awesome job. Thank you, membership. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Sisters and Brothers, I don’t know what the record is for setting the time frame for Grand Chapter, but I want you to know how much your Worthy Grand Patron and I thank you for your special attention, consideration and staying with us. If you’ll remain seated for just a few more minutes, we can close this Grand Chapter session and get ready for Installation tonight.

It has been a fantastic session. You have worked well and diligently together, and we appreciate that, your consideration and patience along the way. To Mark Dieckman and Jack Friend, we thank you for your fast service and all that preparation ahead of time. It has been tremendous. Let’s show them our appreciation. [applause] It went so smoothly. To my Deputies and Tellers, thank you very much. And Brother Don, thank you -- this trio.

Sisters and Brothers, again thank you so very much for your consideration and time. Would the Floor Officers make sure you turn your badges in to the Grand Secretary before you leave.

Sister Grand Warder.

**GRAND WARDER:** Worthy Grand Matron.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** You will inform the Grand Sentinel that we’re about to close the 122nd Grand Chapter session and direct him to permit no interruptions while we’re thus engaged.

**GRAND WARDER:** Brother Grand Sentinel, we’re about to close this 122nd session of Grand Chapter, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we’re thus engaged.

**GRAND SENTINEL:** Assistant Grand Warders and Grand Sentinels, this session is about to be closed, and there will be no interruptions.

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

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** I am pleased to ask now that Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, please come and voice our thanksgiving for this successful Grand Chapter session.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** Please join me as we praise Father God. Gracious and loving Father, You have looked down on this Grand Chapter for the past four days. Your Spirit has flowed through these sessions. There has been peace; there has been unity; there has been harmony, very little confusion and a spirit of team effort. I give You the glory. It is Your Star that we follow in the East. Let us be reminded, Father, that You have given us freedom of choice. You have given us a democratic society. You have allowed us to make decisions. With regard to those decisions, Father, may they be in Your will and be pleasing to You. Let us continue to be united as a fraternity with one purpose,
that is, to be a servant to one another. Thank you, Father, for loving us just as we are at this moment with all of our frailties, knowing that Your love is unconditional. Now, Father, thank You for a wonderful session, two wonderful leaders, a magnificent membership. And one last petition, that You continue to flow through us tonight as our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron step forward and bring their Officers into play and we have another new year. We pray that You go with us through that year, to our homes. Guide and protect us. Our lives, our nation, our world, we owe it all to You. In the Name of Your Son Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar. [The Holy Bible was closed.] I now call this “Happiness Is Caring” 122nd session of the Grand Chapter of Texas from labor to rest until 6:30 p.m. this evening at which time we will have the Installation of Officers for 2004-2005.

Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that this Grand Chapter session is now closed.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, this 122nd session is now closed.

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WRITTEN REPORTS

Tri State Exchange visit

July 9th - 10th

Texarkana, Texas

Friday - July 9th. Hospitality Room. The membership from Texas and Arkansas (Oklahoma did not participate due to a previous commitment) were greeted by Registration Committee. Along with Krew of Tri Committee, Mardi Gras Wreaths were hung on Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron doors. Welcome bags filled with wonderful items from all three states were given. The room was decorated with a Mardi Gras Theme. Everyone had a great time with delicious food and fellowship.

Avery Chapter #252 volunteered to serve as Hospitality Krew. They provided and served all foods for Friday and lunch on Saturday. This group out did themselves. The membership is still complementing them.

Friday Evening -- Arkansas hosted the “Angels in the Outfield” Dinner. This was a fun night. Everyone dressed in a favorite baseball team outfit (there were many teams represented.) The Chairman of the event was Past Grand Matron Elisabeth Coney. Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas, Barbara L. Gadbury along with Worthy Grand Patron Ray Boswell welcomed everyone. The banquet room was decorated as a baseball field. This set the tone for a fun filled night. After dinner, the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of both states were invited to compete in a ball game. Our Worthy Grand Matron Doris Hester was first at bat followed by Worthy Grand Patron Jack Guy. The membership cheered them on. Then, Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas stepped up to the plate followed by Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas Ray Boswell. I think it ended a tied ball game. Everyone had a great time.

Saturday - July 10th. Vision for Texas and Arkansas conference. The Chairmen were Past Grand Patron of Texas, Henry Martin, Vision for Texas General Grand Chapter Committee and Past Grand Matron of Arkansas, Roberta Fooks, Vision for Arkansas General Grand Chapter Committee. Every reservation was taken, with as many late requests that could be accommodated.

Saturday Evening - Formal Banquet, Texarkana College, Truman Arnold Center.

Guests were greeted by The Krew on Lagniappe “Section 9 Members” and The Krew of Tri Theme. There were 176 people in attendance. A party atmosphere was enjoyed by everyone. The night began with the entrance of Past Grands of both States - Right Worthy Grand Conductress Rennie Often, General Grand Chapter, followed by Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas Barbara Gadbury, escorted by Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas Ray Boswell; Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, Doris Hester, escorted by Marlin Fox, Past Patron of Linden Chapter; and Worthy Grand Patron Jack Guy escorted by Grand Esther Linda Guy. Following this group was the “Krew Tri State” committee and Krew of Lagniappe “volunteers.”

Attached is a program for the evening.

Reba Fox, Chairman
Abi Freeman, Co-Chairman
MARDI GRAS “TEXAS STYLE”

Masters of Ceremony
Reba fox and Abi Freeman
Tri-State Exchange Visit, Co-Chairs

Invocation
Maude Ann Smith
Tri-State Exchange Visit

Welcome
Alma Carter, Registration Committee
General Grand Chapter Committee and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Response
Roberta Fooks
Vision for Arkansas,
General Grand Chapter committee and
Past Grand Matron of Arkansas

Dinner
Program - Joyce Gilbert
Tri-State Exchange Visit

Introductions
Letha West
Tri-State Exchange Visit

Vision Report
Henry Martin
Vision for Texas,
General Grand Chapter Committee and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Greetings
Rennie Ofton
Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress,
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Ray Boswell
Worthy Grand Patron of Arkansas

Jack Guy
Worthy Grand Patron of Texas

Barbara L. Gadbury
Worthy Grand Matron of Arkansas

Doris J. Hester
Worthy Grand Matron of Texas
Benediction

Clyde Kelley

Tri-State Exchange Visit

Special Thanks to…
Krew of Tri- Tri-State Committee
Krew of Hospitality - Avery Chapter No. 252
Krew of Lagniappe - ALL those helpers not assigned to our Committee
Bayou Band - Daughters of the Nile, Tyler, Texas
Musical Selections by Marilynn Lee

Tri-State committee Members

Linda Bagley    Rhonda Sumner Holland    Dee Rosamond
Evelyn Boone    Clyde Kelley            Juanita Sharp
Mary Calvert    Pattie Kelley           Maud Ann Smith
Janet Gilbert   Mary Marble             Bonnie Stanley
Joyce Gilbert   Bobbie Paul             Marilyn Walters
Jennifer Gayle Hamrick Maudeen Peters   Sheryl Wards
Gemmie Harpold  Sandra Power            Letha West
Barbara Hill    Sula Reilly             Ann Wilkinson
                Ardeena Wood
REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINER
DISTRICT 1

MRS. BETTY M. SCOTT: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

The Report of the Board of Grand Examiner of District One is possible not only because of the hard work of the membership of District One, but also the work of our Grand Examiner At Large, Sister Mary Ruth White, who served as my substitute during my time of distress. I sincerely appreciate all that she and our other members did to ensure that the work of the examining room would continue until I could rejoin the School Schedule. 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 loving and caring people. All of this is such an humbling experience.

It is with great pride in the membership that I submit the following report of Certificates of Proficiency earned and the amounts collected for Proficiency Stickers for District One for the Grand Chapter year 2003-2004:

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY - PROFICIENCY STICKERS

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“B” Certificates Earned ............... 0
Total Certificates Earned ............. 799
Number of Proficiency Stickers Sold 540

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.

As a special project to generate money for the American Cancer Fund, each member of the Board of Grand Examiners had a “special” apron available at their respective
District Schools. For a donation of $1.00, members signed the aprons and then, the aprons were sold by auction at Founder’s Day. From the donations and the auction, the District One apron generated $500.00 for one of the Worthy Grand Matron’s benevolent projects - the Cancer Fund.

Sister Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, it was a distinct honor and pleasure to travel with you on the District One school schedule. Being with you and Brother Johnny on various occasions was most enjoyable and gave me many treasured memories. Throughout the year you emphasized that “Together Everyone Accomplishes More.” How true this has been! The benevolent work accomplished this year will long be remembered. It was a pleasure to be on your TEAM.

Brother Jack Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your dedication and constant service to the Grand Chapter of Texas. Your and Sister Linda’s love and service of our Order has been felt by the entire membership of our Grand Jurisdiction. The two of you certainly complete a “Dream Team."

Sister Linda Puckett, District Deputy Grand Matron, the ten very competent Deputy Grand Matrons of District One, Sister Jean Thomas, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Sue Shoemaker, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron, thank each of you so very much for each and every kindness. I will treasure my time with each of you and will continue to cherish our friendships.

My Co-Workers, it has been a wonderful experience serving with you again 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, you have greatly enriched my life by allowing me to serve you another year. Thank you so very much and always remember:

_There ever walks beside you a Friend!_

Betty M. Scott
Board of Grand Examiners
District One

It is my pleasure to recognize the Grand Examiner of District Two, my friend, Sister Bess Caldwell.
REPORT OF THE GRAND EXAMINER
DISTRICT 2
2003 - 2004

MRS. BESS CALDWELL: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

What an exciting year of service this has been. It has been a delight to serve another year as Grand Examiner for District Two. Thank you for that honor and privilege.

A special thank you to Sister Jerri Young, District Deputy Grand Matron and the ten Deputy Grand Matrons of District Two. My dear friend Sister Jean Thomas, Traveling Secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron and Sister Sue Shoemaker, Secretary to the Worthy Grand Patron. Thank you for always being so understanding and for your Encouragement and many acts of kindness.

Worthy Grand Patron, what an honor it was for you to make all ten of the schools in District II, for your support I say thank you. Sister Linda, I appreciate your hugs and the many kind words you are truly a lovely lady.

Worthy Grand Matron, it was a pleasure to travel with you on the school schedule this year. Thank you for your support, encouragement and love that you freely gave to me.

Members of District Two, thank you for all of your hard work and support. I will always treasure your friendship. This has been an unforgettable year of service as Grand Examiner. I appreciate each one that helped in any way to make this report possible. I am honored to present this report for District Two.

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“A” Certificates Earned ............... 392
“B” Certificates Earned ............... 1
Total Certificates Earned ............ 393

There were 8 “First Timers” who earned their first Certificates of Proficiency in the District Two Schools.

A detailed report by Chapters is on file in the Grand Secretary’s office. Each Chapter
has been forwarded a list of their members earning Certificates of Proficiency.

A total of $198.00 was turned in for the donation of Proficiency stickers. Also $460.00 for the Grand Examiners Apron Project went into the Worthy Grand Matron’s Cancer Fund.

It is now a pleasure to introduce my co-worker and friend, Sister Joyce Nicklas, Grand Examiner of District Three.

Thank you Sister Bess Caldwell my co-worker and friend.

**REPORT OF DISTRICT THREE MEMBER, BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS**

**MRS. JOYCE NICKLAS:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy for your support and encouragement this year. Sister Linda Guy, you were a joy to be around, you were always happy and had a smile for everyone.

A special thank you to Sister Annette Curry, District Deputy Grand Matron and the 10 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.

Sister Jean Thomas and Sue Shoemaker, traveling secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for your support and prayers. You were both always willing to help where needed, I cherish our friendship.

I especially thank the membership of this great order for 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.

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**Total “A” Certificates .................. 627**  
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**Total Certificates ..................... 627**

There were 48 “First Timers”, those who earned their first “A” Certificate of
Proficiency in the District Three Schools.

This year 511 proficiency stickers were earned in the exam room. $511.00 was turned in to Brother A.J. Barry District Three Chairman of Proficiency.

The Worthy Grand Matron allowed the Board of Grand Examiners to have a project to raise money for one of her benevolent projects. The Board members selected an apron to carry to each section school. For a donation of one dollar, the membership signed the aprons. District III earned $535.00. At our Founder’s Day Banquet, we auctioned our aprons and another $275.00 was raised. Thank you, Sister Annette Curry for winning the bid. The money raised from this project went to our Worthy Grand Matrons Cancer Research project. Thank you membership for all of your help.

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
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS
DISTRICT 4

MRS. VI GRIFFIN: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished Members all:

This report is given with heartfelt gratitude to the Many Sisters and Brothers who have assisted in so many ways to make it possible. Through your diligence and assistance, I am pleased to submit the following report for District Four.

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B Certificates: None

Nineteen members of District Four earned their A Certificate for the first time. Congratulations!

A more complete report, by chapters in on file in the Grand Secretary’s Office.
I was blessed to have the District Four Proficiency Chairman, Sister Joy Bentley in attendance at every school and she handled all the Proficiency Stickers in a most proficient manner.

Our special project for Cancer Research, the “autograph aprons” were a fun project for us this year. Your autographs increased the value of the District Four Grand Examiner’s apron (and chef’s hat) to $510.00. Brother Nelson Campbell bought it at auction for $130.00 - so that was a very lucrative project and I thank each of you who participated.

I shall fondly look back on these years of service and cherish these memories you have given to me. Through your loving assistance and prayers and the Grace of God, I have been blessed beyond measure. Thank you seems so inadequate to express what is in my heart, though sometimes, the simple words are the best.

I love you.

Now, it is my distinct honor to introduce Sister Betty Martin, Grand Examiner, District Five.

REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS
DISTRICT 5

MRS. BETTY MARTIN: Thank you Sister Vi Griffin, my special friend.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, my Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to present the final report of the Grand Examiner of District 5 for the Grand Chapter year 2003-2004.

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I am proud to report that there were 53 first timers that earned an “A” certificate and 2 first timers that earned a “B” certificate.

The Grand Examiners had a special project to collect donations for the Worthy Grand Matron’s Cancer Research Project. Each of us had an apron which the membership had
the opportunity to sign their name and donate to cancer research. At the Founder’s Day banquet, the Worthy Grand Matron auctioned the aprons. I am proud to report that from signatures and auction, District 5 donated $542.00 to the Cancer Research Project. Additionally, I personally collected $433.00 in donations for Proficiency stickers during the District 5 Schools of Instruction.

This is my last report as Grand Examiner of District 5. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the membership of this great Order for allowing me to serve. I appreciate every courtesy extended to the office of Grand Examiner and to me personally. Thank you Sister Lori Goldman, District Deputy Grand Matron, and your ten Deputy Grand Matrons for furnishing the examining room and assistance at the District 5 schools. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it was my pleasure to serve with you this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Martin
Grand Examiner, District 5

It is my pleasure to present Sister Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner at Large.

REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF GRAND EXAMINERS
GRAND EXAMINER AT LARGE

MRS. MARY RUTH WHITE: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members, my Sisters and Brothers:

As Grand Examiner at Large, it is my duty to serve when needed in all Districts. I was called by our Worthy Grand Matron to serve District I during the hospitalization and later death of the father of my dear friend Sister Betty Scott, Grand Examiner of District I. I was saddened that my service was needed for such a sad reason, but honored to serve such a sweet and loving District. I served District I at the schools for Section 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. At these seven (7) schools a total of 559 “A” Certificates were earned and issued. These totals were included in the District I report given by Sister Betty Scott.

At the request of the Worthy Grand Matron I attended a Conference in April at which time a member from District I earned and was issued an “A” Certificate.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Hester, thank you for your leadership this year as you lead our membership TEAM to accomplish more together. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack Guy, thank you for your encouragement and kind demeanor as our “Gallant Knight” this year and Sister Linda Guy, thank you for your sweet kind smiles.

To the membership of this wonderful Grand Jurisdiction I thank you for the privilege of serving as Grand Examiner At Large. The friendships formed and renewed during the past two years have immeasurably enriched my life.

To the members of District I, I will never forget you. At all of the schools that I served, I was received in such a gracious and loving manner that I felt as if each of you were my life long friends. I will never forget your love and hospitality.

To my five co-workers of the Board of Grand Examiners, I thank you for the friend-
ships we have formed and the experiences we have shared. It has been a joy working with each of you.

A special thanks to all that have assisted me this week in the Examining Room. Thank you for your dedication to our Order and for making it possible for those who have come to the examining room to earn their Certificates of Proficiency during this Grand Chapter Session.

It is with pride that 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: 15

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.

Worthy Grand Matron, I move the adoption of the combined reports of the Board of Grand Examiners.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mary Ruth White
Board of Grand Examiners
Grand Examiner at Large
GLADYS BRUCE COX
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Texas City, Texas 77591-2409
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November 24, 2004

Mrs. Nell Smith, Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter of Texas, O.E.S.
1111 E. Division
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Nell:

Pursuant to our conversation at the Fraternal visit November 20th I am listing the amounts of money sent you from the sale of “Bugs Great Adventure” books.

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The money was raised for Breast Cancer Research during Sister Doris Hester’s year. The book was donated to our Order by Marie Tybor, a non-member for this purpose. I was not part of the Breast Cancer Research committee but I was a committee of one for the sale of these books.

Sister Karen has requested I continue to sell these books during her year. Please make sure this money was given for its intended purpose and is recorded in the final proceedings. Thank you for the service you give to our Grand Chapter.

Fraternally,

Gladys Bruce Cox
The Grand Chapter of Texas
Order of the Eastern Star

Presents

The One Hundred Twenty-Third
Installation of Grand Officers
2004-2005

“Setting Sail Into The Future”

Corpus Christi Bayfront Convention Center
Corpus Christi, Texas
November 13, 2004
6:30 P.M.

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler                  Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Worthy Grand Matron                       Worthy Grand Patron
Honored Guests

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron
2003 - 2004

Texas’ Own General Grand Chapter Officer
And Committee Members

Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Right Worthy Grand Conductress
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Director of the General Grand Chapter
Vision Team
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Mr. Henry S. Martin
Vision for Texas
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Mrs. Alma Carter
Registration Committee
Past Grand Matron of Texas

Mr. Billy H. Combest
Knights Templar Eye Foundation
Committee, Chairman
Past Grand Patron of Texas
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Texas

Mrs. Lallah Mae Vollus          Mr. Richard T. Porter
Mrs. Mary Katharine Smith      Dr. O.C. Christian
Mrs. Molly Goodpasture         Mr. Murray Watson
Mrs. Mildred Sharpe            Mr. Wayne Jones
Mrs. Nancy Bailey Allen        Mr. B.F. Hutson
Mrs. Katherine Harbour         Mr. Harry G. Cunningham
Mrs. Patricia Major Neinest    Mr. Joe Jeffers
Mrs. Joyce Roberts             Mr. Graham H. Childress
Mrs. Mary Brown                Mr. Glenn Whitaker
Mrs. Rennie Ofton              Mr. Garland W. Rattan
Mrs. Lena Mae Cook             Mr. Leland G. Benefield
Mrs. Elise Hammack             Mr. Charles Morris
Mrs. Beulah Speer              Mr. Billy H. Combest
Mrs. Elsie Paladino            Mr. Richard Ochs
Mrs. Betty Phillips Benham     Mr. Kenneth R. Gregory
Dr. Effie Mae Davis            Mr. Henry S. Martin
Mrs. Jane Gregory              Mr. H. Lee Stallings
Mrs. Virginia Lynn Green       Mr. Duane “Buddy” Baker
Mrs. Wanda Fairchild           Mr. Harold Trammell
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland         Mr. Ed Warner
Mrs. Alma Carter               Mr. Jack W. Guy
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield         
Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane            
Mrs. Betty Y. Friend           
Mrs. Naomi Wolfe               
Mrs. Jimmie Lee McMahon        
Mrs. Sharon Fentress           
Mrs. Doris Jean Hester        

Note to all Distinguished Guests 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

General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees
Present and Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons
Of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Visiting Grand Officers

Right Worshipful Elmer Murphy, III
Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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

Mrs. Linda Henderson
Texas Jurisdictional Guardian
International Order of Job’s Daughters

Mr. Weldon Clampitte
Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas
Texas DeMolay

Special Guests
Worthy Grand Matron’s Family
Worthy Grand Patron’s Family
Pearland Chapter No. 1065
Travis Chapter No. 472
New Braunfels Chapter No. 771
Installation Program

6:30 p.m.

Musical Prelude  Mrs. Rosemary Swetland  Past Grand Matron

Master of Ceremonies  Mr. Lee Stallings  Past Grand Patron

Assisting Grand Marshal  Mrs. Betty Benham  Past Grand Matron

Call to Order  Mrs. Doris Jean Hester  Worthy Grand Matron  Mr. Jack Guy  Worthy Grand Patron

Processional  General Grand Chapter Officers and Committees

Present and Past Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions

Texas’ Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons

Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron

Masonic Dignitaries

Distinguished Guests

Presiding Officers of Appendant Bodies
Presentation of Grand Officers of 2004-2005

Mrs Betty Jo Dean
Grand Chapter Sweetheart
Escorted by Mr. David Dean

Mrs. Ella Summers
Grand Chapter Mom
Escorted by Mr. Michael Summers

Mr. Henry Schlitzkus
Grand Chapter Dad
Escorted by Mrs. Bettie Schlitzkus

Board of Grand Examiners

Mrs. Betty M. Scott, District 1
Escorted by Mr. Andrew N. Scott

Mrs. Bess Caldwell, District 2
Escorted by Mr. Alvin “Al” Caldwell

Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, District 3
Escorted by Mr. David Nicklas

Mrs. Christine Armstrong, District 4
Escorted by Mr. Don Armstrong

Mrs. Jerre Lucas, District 5
Escorted by Mr. Robert Lucas

Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner at Large
Escorted by Mr. Joseph White

Board of Directors

Mr. Jack Beall, District 1
Escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall

Mr. Gary E. Steele, District 1
Escorted by Mrs. LaJean Steele

Mr. Dwayne Maserang, District 2
Escorted by Mrs. Flora Maserang

Mr. A.L. Casparis, District 2
Escorted by Mrs. Nell Casparis

Mrs. Jo Ann Snow, District 3
Escorted by Mr. Charles Snow

Mrs. Jayne Yenger, District 3
Escorted by Mr. Paul W. Yenger

Mr. Forest Smith, District 4
Escorted by Mrs. Gail Smith

Ms. Lori Goldman, District 4
Escorted by Mr. Mike Goldman

Mr. Raul Garcia, District 5
Escorted by Mrs. Sylvia Garcia

District 5

Mrs. Judy Northrup
Fraternal Correspondent
Escorted by Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Mr. Winifred Whitlock  
Grand Sentinel  
Escorted by Mrs. Daphine Whitlock

Mrs. Edna Marsh  
Grand Warder  
Escorted by Mr. L.P. Marsh

Mrs. Donna Herrington  
Grand Electa  
Escorted by Mr. Bill Herrington

Mrs. Heidi Jenkins  
Grand Martha  
Escorted by Mr. Richard W. Jenkins

Mrs. Betty Martin  
Grand Esther  
Escorted by Mr. Jack Friend

Mrs. Leah Hayes  
Grand Ruth  
Escorted by Mr. Paul Hayes

Mrs. Marie Adamson  
Grand Adah  
Escorted by Mr. Irving G. Adamson

Mrs. Susan Smith  
Grand Organist  
Escorted by Mr. Richard Smith

Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer  
Grand Marshal  
Escorted by Mr. Gary V. Mosmeyer

Mrs. Lillian Travis  
Grand Chaplain  
Escorted by Mr. Paul Romine

Mrs. Joyce Gilbert  
Associate Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. Jimmie Gilbert

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek  
Grand Conductress  
Escorted by Mr. Hubert Dusek

Mrs. Betty Prater  
Grand Treasurer  
Escorted by Mr. Mike Biddler

Mrs. Nell Smith  
Grand Secretary  
Escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley
Associate Grand Patron  Mr. Nelson Campbell
          Escorted by Mrs. Georgia Campbell

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

Mr. Jerry L. Martin  Worthy Grand Patron
              Escorted by Mrs. Janice Thompson

Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler  Worthy Grand Matron
            Escorted by Mr. Tom Morgenthaler

**Star Point Presentation**

**Narrator**  Mrs. Elise Hammack
            Past Grand Matron

**Adah**  Mrs. Alma Carter
            Past Grand Matron
            Escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs
            Past Grand Patron

**Ruth**  Mrs. Molly Goodpasture
            Past Grand Matron
            Escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt
            Grand Escort

**Esther**  Mrs. Alma Bane
            Past Grand Matron
            Escorted by Dr. Bill Bane
            Grand Escort

**Martha**  Mrs. Jane Gregory
            Past Grand Matron
            Escorted by Mr. Glen Whittaker
            Past Grand Patron

**Electa**  Mrs. Betty Friend
            Past Grand Matron
            Escorted by Mr. Jack Friend
            Grand Escort
Presentation of the Bible and Bible Marker
Miss Kiley Lossen

Presentation of the Square and Compasses
Miss Katelyn Lossen

Flag Presentation

United States
Mr. Art Brunet
Past Patron

Canadian
Mr. Garland Ratan
Past Grand Patron

Texas
Mr. Buddy Baker
Past Grand Patron

Christian
Mr. Ray Hertenberger
Chairman, Executive Committee

Eastern Star
Mr. Harry Cunningham
Past Grand Patron

Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Lee Stallings
Past Grand Patron

The National Anthem
In Unison

Opening of the Bible
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Grand Conductress

Invocation
Dr. Effie Mae Davis
Past Grand Matron
Presentation of
Installing Grand Officers

Installing Grand Officer          Mrs. Elsie Paladino
                              Past Grand Matron

Assisting Installing Grand Officer          Mrs. Rennie Ofton
Right Worthy Grand Conductress
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Chaplain          Mr. Kenneth Gregory
                              Past Grand Patron

Installing Grand Marshal          Mrs. Betty Benham
                              Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Organist          Mrs. Rosemary Swetland
                              Past Grand Matron

Installing Grand Secretary          Mrs. Naomi Wolfe
                              Past Grand Matron

Installation of Officers
Closing of the Holy Bible

Mrs. Geraldine Dusek
Grand Conductress

Greetings

Mr. Frederick Clarke
Worthy Grand Sentinel
General Grand Chapter and
Past Grand Patron of
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Greetings

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

Greetings

Right Worshipful Elmer Murphy, III
Deputy Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Greetings and DeMolay Presentation

Mr. Weldon Clampitte
Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas

Bible Presentation to Worthy Grand Patron

Mr. Zane Whitney
Illustrious Knight Commander
Texas DeMolay

Flower Talk Presentation

Mr. Chris Kircher
State Master Counselor
of Texas DeMolay Association

Presentations

Worthy Grand Matron’s Jewel

Mrs. Doris Jean Hester
Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Patron’s Jewel

Mr. Jack Guy
Past Grand Patron

Past Grand Matron’s Jewel

Mr. Johnny Hester
Grand Representative of Australia

Past Grand Patron’s Jewel

Mrs. Linda Guy
Grand Representative of Vermont
Message and Dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield
Past Grand Matron

Message and Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron
Mr. Billy H. Combest
Past Grand Patron

Presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron’s and Worthy Grand Patron’s Year
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield
Past Grand Matron

Presentation of Aim, Colors and Flowers

Presentation of Motto and Theme
Mrs. Mary Brown
Past Grand Matron

Presentation of Scripture and Emblem
Mrs. Yvonne Brownfield
Past Grand Matron

Dedication and Presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron’s Music
Mrs. Rosemary Swetland
Past Grand Matron
and Composer

Dedication and Presentation of the Worthy Grand Patron’s Music
Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder
Composed by
Mrs. Delphia Von Heeder
and Mrs. Rosemary Swetland
Past Grand Matron

Special Music
Mrs. Melissa Simonton
Grand Soloist
Mrs. Lesa Smith
Past Matron

Presentation of Humanitarian Program
Mrs. Sharon Fentress
Past Grand Matron
Address
Mr. Jerry L. Martin
Worthy Grand Patron

Address
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Worthy Grand Matron

Benediction
Mr. Ed Warner
Past Grand Patron

RECESS

Call from Rest to Labor
Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler
Worthy Grand Matron

Proving of the Grand Chapter
Mrs. Nancy Brown
Associate Grand Matron

Closing of the Bible
Mrs. Geraldine Dusek
Grand Conductress

Presentations
Chairman, Board of Directors

Announcements

Ritualistic Closing of Grand Chapter
Members Only

Closing Ode: “How Great Thou Art”
In Unison

Mizpah Benediction
Announcements

The breakfast honoring the newly elected Associate Grand Conductress will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Bayfront Omni Hotel, Sunday, November 14, 2004.

The School for the Deputies will begin at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, November 14, 2004 at the Corpus Christi Omni Marina Hotel. Past Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron, Installed Grand Officers, and Elected Board Members are invited to attend.

Invitation

Pearland Chapter No. 1065
Cordially invites you to attend the
“Sailing On the Mystical Sea” Banquet and
Fraternal Visit
of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron,
The Banquet will begin at 4:30 p.m. and
the Fraternal Visit at 7:30 p.m.
South Shore Harbour Hotel,
2500 South Shore Blvd.
League City, Texas.
(281) 334-1000 (Mention OES) (Room Rate $99.00 + Tax)
Ticket Chairman: Mrs. Shirley Hadley (281) 489-7205
Tickets $29.00
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MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Welcome to the 123rd Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. On behalf of our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect, Sister Karen Morgenenthaler, and our Worthy Grand Patron-Elect, Brother Jerry L. Martin, I extend their sincere appreciation to each of you for your presence tonight. The lovely piano music that we heard earlier this evening was provided by Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron of Texas. Sister Rosemary, thank you for sharing your God-given talents with us tonight. [applause]

Our 122nd Grand Chapter Session has been one that underscores the statement that "Happiness Is Caring." It is with pleasure that I invite our Processional Marshal to present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris Jean Hester, escorted by her husband, Brother Johnny Hester, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jack W. Guy, escorted by his wife, Sister Linda Guy, to the East.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: I now call this 122nd Session for Installation open.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Sister Assisting Grand Marshal, you will present the following Distinguished Members to the East: the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, the Past and Present Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions, Texas' own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Masonic Dignitaries, Distinguished Guests and Officers of Appendant Bodies.

At this point we will have the presentation of our Grand Chapter Sweetheart, Grand Chapter Mom and Dad. It's with pleasure that I introduce Mrs. Betty Jo Dean, Grand Chapter Sweetheart, escorted by Mr. David Dean. Mrs. Ella Summers, Grand Chapter Mom, escorted by Mr. Michael Summers. Mr. Henry Schlitzkus, Grand Chapter Dad, escorted by Mrs. Bettie Schlitzkus.

The 2004-2005 Members of the Board of Grand Examiners: Mrs. Betty M. Scott, District 1, escorted by Mr. Andrew "Andy" Scott; Mrs. Bess Caldwell, escorted by Mr. Alvin "Al" Caldwell, District 2; Mrs. Joyce Nicklas, District 3, escorted by Mr. David Nicklas; Mrs. Christine Armstrong, District 4, escorted by Mr. Don Armstrong; Mrs. Jerre Lucas, District 5, escorted by Mr. Robert Lucas; Mrs. Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner at Large, escorted by Mr. Joseph White.

The Members of the Board of Directors of Grand Chapter for 2004-2005 are: Mr. Jack Beall, District 1, escorted by Mrs. Charlotte Beall; Mr. Gary E. Steele, District 1, escorted by Mrs. LaJean Steele; Mr. Dwayne Maserang, District 2, escorted by Mrs. Flora Maserang; Mr. A. L. Casparis, District 2, escorted by Mrs. Nell Casparis; Mrs. Jo Ann Snow, District 3, escorted by Mr. Robert Brownfield; Mrs. Jayne Yenger, District 3, escorted by Mr. Joseph Yenger; Mrs. Mickey Todd Campbell, District 4, escorted by Mr. Ray Campbell; Mr. Forest Smith, District 4, escorted by Mrs. Gail Smith; Mr. Raul Garcia, District 5, escorted by Mrs. Sylvia Garcia; Ms. Lori Goldman, District 5, escorted by Mr. Mike Goldman.

Our Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and Worthy Grand Patron-Elect have selected members from our five districts to serve as the Installed Grand Officers and Fraternal Correspondent for Grand Chapter for 2004-2005. Our Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Judy Northrup, escorted by Mr. Ray Hertenberger. Grand Sentinel, Mr. Winifred "Windy"
Whitlock, escorted by Mrs. Daphine Whitlock. Grand Warder, Mrs. Edna Marsh, escorted by Mr. L.P. Marsh. Grand Electa, Mrs. Donna Herrington, escorted by Mr. Bill Herrington. Grand Martha, Mrs. Heidi Jenkins, escorted by Mr. Richard Jenkins. Grand Esther, Mrs. Betty Martin, escorted by Mr. Jack Friend. Grand Ruth, Mrs. Leah Hayes, escorted by Mr. Paul Hayes. Grand Adah, Mrs. Marie Adamson, escorted by Mr. Irving Adamson. Grand Organist, Mrs. Susan Smith, escorted by Mr. Richard Smith. Grand Marshal, Mrs. Sharon Mosmeyer, escorted by Mr. Gary Mosmeyer. Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Lilian Travis, escorted by Mr. Paul Romine. Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, escorted by Mr. Jimmy Gilbert. Grand Conductress, Mrs. Geraldine "Gerri" Dusek, escorted by Mr. Hubert Dusek. Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Betty Prater, escorted by Mr. Mike Biddler. Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nell Smith, escorted by Mr. Claude Lindley. Associate Grand Patron, Mr. Nelson Campbell, escorted by Mrs. Georgia Campbell. Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Nancy Brown, escorted by Mr. Gayle Brown. Worthy Grand Patron and Mariner, Mr. Jerry L. Martin, escorted by Mr. Janice Thompson. Worthy Grand Matron and Sea Treasure, Mrs. Karen Morgenthaler, escorted by Mr. Tom Morgenthaler.

It is with pleasure that I present Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron of Texas, for the presentation of our Star Point Emblems. [applause]

MRS. ELISE HAMMACK: Our Star Point Emblems will be placed by Past Grand Matrons and their Escorts: Electa's Emblem is presented by Mrs. Betty Friend, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Jack Friend, Grand Escort; Martha's Emblem is presented by Mrs. Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron, escorted by [Mr. Derrell Fogarty] -- I don't know, a fine gentleman, I know that; Esther's Emblem is presented by Past Grand Matron Mrs. Alma Lynn Bane, escorted by Dr. Bill Bane, Grand Escort; Ruth's Emblem is presented by Mrs. Molly Goodpasture, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Bill Wyatt, Past Patron; Adah's Emblem is presented by Mrs. Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron, escorted by Mr. Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron.

Not far from the city of Jerusalem is the Mount of Olives. Many historical events occurred from this mountain, one of which was the ascension of Jesus. Also, it was from here that Jesus delivered the Beatitudes. Each of the heroines of our Order of the Eastern Star exemplify these lessons. As we present the Emblem of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, let us remember the last of these Beatitudes, "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven."

The Emblem of Adah is the sword and veil which represents right and the revelation. Right courses of action may be followed when the Word of God is revealed or made known to the individual and is accepted by the individual. Jephthah vowed unto God that if he returned victorious from the battle with the children of Ammon that whomsoever would come from the door of his house upon his return would be surrendered as a burnt offering. On his return, Jephthah was dismayed when his only child ran out to meet him. Adah expressed her love and fidelity both to her father and her God by telling her father he must keep the vow he had made. The sword and veil united represents a lesson on the integrity and fidelity of Jephthah's daughter. Adah, so trustfully looking upward, while silently breathing her prayer, as her father, with an almost broken heart, prepared to surrender her life to God. Sister Adah, portraying a lesson on the fidelity of Jephthah's
daughter, this Grand Chapter through you presents this Emblem, the sword and veil united, symbol of truth and filial devotion. To be faithful to right and duty, Adah's sword and veil remind me my life should be pure and loving to honor and glorify Thee.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

**MRS. ELISE HAMMACK:** When we think of Ruth, we remember, "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go and where thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." So devoted to Naomi, Ruth resorted to gleaning in the fields of Boaz to provide for her. The lesson of Ruth includes the admonition that by gathering here a little and there a little, we can provide for the infirmities of age. The sheaf of barley represents virtues of loyalty and industry. The story of Ruth, meekly gleaning in the fields, is one of the most beautiful stories ever written. Her devotion to Naomi turned this menial task into a labor of love. The sheaf of barley is the emblem of Ruth. It represents the collective worth of many small deeds of kindness which are done for the sake of another. It also represents the fact that through patient industry a substantial reward may be achieved. Sister Ruth, emblematic of a constant devotion to a righteous purpose, this Grand Chapter through you presents this emblem, the sheaf of barley, to remind us of those attributes so necessary to all. The sheaf reminds me that my deeds shall not go unrewarded, and even the smallest of services shall not go unrecorded.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

**MRS. ELISE HAMMACK:** Esther represents the ideal wife because she not only succeeded in fulfilling her duties to her husband, but also maintained her high standards and performed her duty to God and her nation. Esther, whose name means "star," was a Jewish damsel. Esther discovered that her exemplary conduct helped the king to act in a fashion more in keeping with the higher, finer and inner man. As a result of Esther's influence and example, the king used his power and authority to save the whole Jewish race from extinction. Esther was chosen as the most beautiful woman in the realm to be the queen. The king loved Esther above all women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight. The king had asked Esther to wear her queenly apparel when she sought his favor. When she interceded to save her people from death, she wore the robe and the crown the king had requested her to wear. The king said to her, "What wilt thou, Queen Esther, and what is thy request? It shall be given thee, to the half of the kingdom." The crown and scepter united represents the elegance and splendor of the reigning queen who was compelled to offer even her life to save her people from death. Sister Esther, your lessons tell of courage, of justice and of purity. The Grand Chapter through you presents this emblem, the crown and scepter united, symbol of light, purity and joy. Esther's crown and scepter are an emblem of royalty and power. I should emulate her virtues as I live from hour to hour.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

**MRS. ELISE HAMMACK:** Martha represents the ideal sister. "Martha" meaning fortitude, abiding and instructed by Christ, assumed the responsibility for the care and comfort of her brother Lazarus and her sister Mary in their parentless home. Lazarus was
taken ill, and his sisters urged Jesus to come to heal him. In a short time, however, he died, but Jesus told them their brother would rise again. Martha's devoted sisterly love for her brother contributed to the circumstances that led to the resurrection of Lazarus by Christ. The emblem of Martha is the broken column. Martha's faith in God's promise of eternal life through faith in Christ remained even when her brother's life, like a broken column, was broken off by a mortal death. Therefore, the broken column is an expressive emblem of the trustful faith that is greater than knowledge. How frail we mortals are, but what strength we receive from the reassuring words, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." We walk by faith not by sight. Sister Martha, you signify life, hope and faith, the faith of Martha which sustained her when she had lost a beloved brother. This Grand Chapter through you presents this emblem, the broken column, symbol of uncertainty of human life. Martha's broken column tells that while in sorrow I trod, the deepest sorrow is relieved by a trustful faith in God.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

MRS. ELISE HAMMACk: Electa represents the ideal mother because she sacrificed everything to establish a Christian heritage for her children and because she fully accepted the responsibility for the spiritual welfare of her children. The cup is the emblem of Electa. It represents one's allotted portion of life's joys and sorrows. Electa found that although the bitterness of her life situation might appear to be a cup of sorrow, through love and faith, she could accept her tribulations as a cup of joy achieved through unwavering testimony to her love of Christ. It is appropriate that Electa, the mother, should be associated with love, love for her children, kindred and friends, and love of God. She was able to withstand persecution because she loved those who persecuted her. Your virtues of fortitude, steadfastness, love and kindness are represented by the cup. Never faltering, Electa loved her Savior so much she was willing to lay down her life, if necessary. Sister Electa, preeminent in charity and heroic in endurance, under the wrong of persecution, this Grand Chapter, through you, presents this emblem, the cup, symbol of charity and hospitality. The charitable cup of Electa represents hospitality and teaches us to love on earth for a glorious eternity.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

When the Bible is open on the Altar, it symbolizes the spirit of God in the human heart. In the sphere of Masonic endeavors, Hiram Abiff's perfect construction of the temple of King Solomon used as its basic design the square. The sides of this square represent the four precepts of the Brotherhood. Two sides of a perfect square form a 90-degree angle. This forms the compasses of honor and virtue. The combination of the square and compasses form the insignia for the Masons. We consider it a great honor that the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, has consented to let us use the square and compasses on the Holy Altar in Subordinate Chapters in the State of Texas. One of the most beautiful rituals performed in the Order of the Eastern Star is the opening of the Book of Books and placing the insignia of our Masonic Brothers upon its open pages. The Bible and Bible Marker used tonight belong to Sister Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron, and were used in this Grand Chapter Session. Sister Karen and Brother Jerry feel that by
using them tonight, it closes this session for the Grand Chapter year of 2003-2004. The
Bible and Bible Marker are presented by Miss Kiley Lossen, the granddaughter of Sister
Karen and Brother Tom Morgenthaler, and the Square and Compasses are presented by
Miss Katelyn Lossen, granddaughter of Sister Karen and Brother Tom Morgenthaler.
[applause]

For centuries groups of individuals have shown allegiance to a common cause or
purpose and chosen banners to represent their united efforts. We will have the presenta-
tion of our flags at this time. Would you please stand.

We as Americans show our love and support of our nation and proudly present the
flag of our country, the Stars and Stripes. Our nation's flag is presented by Mr. Art Burnett,
Past Patron.

Our Sisters and Brothers who stand guard on our northern border in the jurisdiction
of Canada are very special to each of us. The Canadian flag is being presented by Brother
Garland Rattan, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

We as Texans show our pride in the heritage of the Lone Star State in recognition of
those who sacrificed all that we might know freedom. Our state flag is presented by Brother
Duane "Buddy" Baker, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

We as Christians show our belief in the Christian religion and stand by our faith in
the Word of God. Our Christian flag is presented by Brother Ray Hertenberger, Chairman,
Executive Committee.

We as Eastern Stars show our fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith and love in our daily
lives and proudly proclaim that we are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Our
Eastern Star flag is presented by Brother Harry Cunningham, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our nation's flag, the Stars and Stripes.

We will now sing our National Anthem.

Please be seated.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will attend at the
Altar. [The Holy Bible was opened.]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Our invocation will be given by Sister Effie Mae
Davis, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

DR. EFFIE MAE DAVIS: Our Father in Heaven, we pause at this moment in time
to remember the past years of service given in Thy Holy Name by members of the Grand
Chapter of Texas. We ask that Thy blessings be on each member of our Order for the work
they do to make the world a better place to live and to honor Thee, our Lord. May we be
ever mindful of the freedom we enjoy as Americans, standing here this evening with heads
bowed as we pray and call upon Thy Holy Name. May the leaders of our country be
granted continued wisdom to find ways of peace for our nation. Father, as we face the
beginnings of a new Grand Chapter year, we know not what is before us, but we claim
now Thy promise that with Thee all things are possible. We ask now, we need You to look
on each new Officer, help them serve with wisdom and understanding in the days ahead.
Strengthen them according to their weaknesses. May we leave this evening and seek to walk through the wide door of service that is open for each one of us as members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Father, help us and strengthen us as to our daily needs so that we may serve Thee with happiness and with joy in our hearts. Amen.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Please be seated.

The selection of an Installing Grand Officer is the privilege of the Worthy Grand Matron-Elect and is someone in whom the greatest degree of respect and highest level of trust is felt. It is my honor to present Sister Elsie Paladino, Past Grand Matron of Texas, who will serve as our Installing Grand Officer for this 123rd Installation of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. And what a privilege it is to serve as Installing Grand Officer this evening for this wonderful Installation. No one performs this task alone, and the Associate Grand Matron has selected a wonderful group to assist. As I call your name, would you please stand. Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Texas, is Assisting Installing Grand Officer; Mr. Kenneth Gregory, Past Grand Patron, Installing Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Betty Benham, Past Grand Matron, Installing Grand Marshal; Mrs. Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron, Installing Grand Organist; Mrs. Naomi Wolfe, Past Grand Matron, Installing Grand Secretary.

At this time there will be a short recess to prepare for the Installation.

[Installation of Officers]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress, you will close our Holy Bible. [The Holy Bible was closed.]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Texas is very fortunate and proud to have Sister Rennie Ofton, our number one Redbird, who now serves the General Grand Chapter as Right Worthy Grand Conductress, and who will be our Most Worthy Grand Matron in 2009. We're also proud and fortunate to have the gentleman who she affectionately calls "her fellow" who will serve as the Most Worthy Grand Patron in 2009 with us. It is with great personal pleasure that I introduce Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a Past Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, who will bring us greetings at this time.

MR. FREDERICK CLARKE: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: We in the General Grand Chapter family extend our greetings and wish you well, a year filled with harmony and good will. Sister Karen and Brother Jerry, your course has been charted, and you are setting sail into the future. The keel has been laid; the crew has been selected; the ship is about to be launched and the sails ready to be unfurled. You have a compass to guide you on your journey. May you always have fair winds, calm seas and the sun always shine on you throughout the year, and may the wind be always at your back. When you drop anchor in Galveston in August 2005, the member-
ship will say, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant." May you chart many treasured memories.

It was great to have Brother Jerry, Worthy Grand Patron, sail into the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia last year where he presented me with a certificate making me an honorary Texan, which I'm very proud of.

Again, we wish you well. We wish you and your Officers a year of happiness and love. Thank you for all courtesies. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Our ties with the General Grand Chapter are strengthened by the active participation of the Texas Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in the endeavors of our Order internationally. We're pleased to have with us this evening Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter and a Past Grand Matron of Texas. She will bring us greetings from the General Grand Chapter. It is my privilege to introduce her now.

MRS. RENNIE OFTON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all: This beautiful Installation is the start of another year and will have the record of our Grand Chapter placed upon its pages. Each page that is filled here will reflect on General Grand Chapter. Our General Grand Chapter organization relies upon the 50 Grand Jurisdictions and the 118 Chapters throughout the world. The work that we do is from the very same Ritual. It is a product of the very same principles which we find, and, most of all, it is a family of Sisters and Brothers. Within General Grand Chapter in the last triennium we raised over $7.8 million for charity. A lot of it went to the ESTARL program, which is our scholarships for religious students, but much went to cancer research and many of the dread diseases, such as heart, MS and different ways that we feel that we might be able to help in some way. And, Sisters and Brothers, throughout the world there is a need for assistance in the research for all of these dread diseases which we have. So if our dollar that we give here in Texas can float out into either the missionary fields through ESTARL or if it can become a part of the research which may bring an end to some of the diseases which disrupt the lives of so many, aren't we proud that we can do it? Whatever we give here might be small, but when you add it to the entire amount which is given throughout the world, what a force we can be for the betterment of mankind, but, more importantly, doing what God has commanded us to do.

I am very proud that I have a Mariner. Now we're going to have a Mariner here. So with all this ship-sailing around, maybe we'll cover enough shores throughout the world and throughout Texas to bring in many, many sea treasures, which your Worthy Grand Matron has said are very important in her year. We wish them both much luck, good health and most of all, the wisdom and strength that comes from our God above. May God bless you both. You have our sincere wishes for a wonderful year. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Our Order is the direct result of the efforts and support of the Masonic Fraternity and the Grand Lodge of Texas. It is my privilege to introduce Right Worshipful Elmer Murphy, III, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, who will bring us greetings at this time.

MR. ELMER MURPHY: It is my honor to be here this evening. As we all know,
each of us is a member of the Texas Masonic Family. I've had the opportunity, the honor over the last two years to be involved in the Texas Masonic Family Counterparts, where all of the Grand Line Officers of all the Masonic Family have been present. We've had the opportunity to get to know each other better and to plan such silly little things as a common calendar that hopefully will be able to assist the Lodges and the Chapters in our planning for the future.

But the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Masons in the room absolutely are aware that we will not be successful without the support of our ladies. If the tradition prevails and I have the honor of being installed as Grand Master of Masons in Texas, it will be my honor to have Jerry and Karen present because they're part of our Masonic Family, as are you. Each one of the ladies present can assist us and assist Masonry by bringing to us those Masons, those men -- those non-Masons, excuse me, of high caliber, high character that we want to be Masons. We all believe, and you believe, that character is what counts. That's where it starts and that's where it ends. So as your year progresses and you find that young man out there, a more mature man who ought to be a Mason, please use your influence. Please bring him to our Masonic Family. Introduce him to us.

And on behalf of my wife and myself and all the Masons of Texas, I would like to invite each one of you to be present on December 4th at 2 p.m. in the Grand Lodge Building to join with us in the Grand Lodge Installation. I recognize there is no such thing as "my year." In fact, it's just the opportunity to serve Masonry in Texas and all the Texas family for 12 months. And, hopefully, in that 12 months we'll accomplish more. But I do not want any of you to worry about Masonry in Texas. It's in great hands. We're initiating all kinds of young Masons, all throughout the State. If you ever were worried about it, please don't worry anymore. We're going forward. Masonry will always be strong in this state. Why? Simply because the people in this room love our fraternity, and we're here to serve. We thank you for the opportunity to serve. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: DeMolay in Texas is alive and well. It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Weldon Clampitte, Executive Officer in Texas of DeMolay International. Brother Weldon will introduce the representative of Texas for their presentations.

MR. WELDON CLAMPITTE: Thank you for being allowed to come speak to you again. In the last few years, like Worshipful Elmer Murphy, I've come to know a lot of ladies in the Eastern Star during our Counterparts meetings which are going on three, four times a year. It has been very enlightening to be able to talk and meet together. During the four years that I've been Executive Officer of DeMolay in Texas, undoubtedly Eastern Star and DeMolay have come a lot closer together than it has in the past. I appreciate that.

DeMolay of Texas appreciates the Eastern Star. You have worked with us so well through the last few years. DeMolay has two tiers. One is called the DeMolay Chapter, and the older boys have what we call the Priory, 16 through 20. They're all under the auspices of the State Master Counselor, but the Priory has a separate head and he is called the Illustrious Knight Command. The Illustrious Knight Commander this year is from Corpus Christi. His name is Zane Whitney. I'd like to introduce him now, and he will present our new Worthy Grand Patron with a Bible.
MR. ZANE WHITNEY: Brother Martin, when undertaking such an important position as the one you are now entering, you will certainly need the assistance of everyone and everything to guide you during this important time. As in all of your Masonic teachings, this old Bible has been your guide through all of your Masonic life. It has been your faith and practice, your guiding light, and the rule and guide to your Masonic career. And now in this auspicious hour, surrounded by all of those who have put their trust in you to guide them through this next year, let me impress upon your mind that this old Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation and the happiness of believers. It is furnished to you to prepare you for the judgment that will assist you in the government of this great body. Read it to be wise and believe it to be safe. Practice its teachings, and it will furnish you the light to govern those under you in the future.

On behalf of the Order of DeMolay in Texas and on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star, I wholeheartedly congratulate you on being installed as Worthy Grand Patron and present you with this Holy Bible. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you so much. I can think of no more appropriate gift than this Word that I hold in my hands. [applause]

MR. WELDON CLAMPITTE: It's now my honor to introduce to you the State Master Counselor of DeMolay, Chris Kircher. At the request of our Grand Matron, he has consented to do the Flower Talk that's normally given to brand new DeMolays when they are raised. It's a very moving ceremony, and I hope you pay attention. Those who have never heard it before, I'm sure you will enjoy it very much. Chris.

MR. CHRIS KIRCHER: 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 show our great regard for you and the Order of DeMolay. The Order of DeMolay is an organization of men with values and character. We together share many of those goals, and you have learned the seven precepts. your purposes will guide your development into the highest type of manhood.

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 that virtue which has been given first place among the jewels adorning the crown of youth: filial love. For my purposes now, this Altar is dedicated to our mothers whose love never fails. You may rise to a position of great influence in commercial, political or professional life. But you can never reach the heights of your mother's secret hopes for you. You may sink into the lowest depths of infamy and degradation, but never below the reach of her love. The memory of it will always stir your heart. There is no man so entirely base, so completely vile, so utterly low that he does not hold in his heart a shrine sacred and apart for the memory of his mother's love.
Were I to draw you a picture of love divine, it would not be that of a stately angel with a form that is full of grace, but of a tired and toil-worn mother with a grave and tender face. It was your mother who loved you before you were born, who carried you for long months close to her heart, and in the fullness of time took God's hand in hers and passed through the valley of the shadow to give you life. It was she who cared for you during the helpless years of infancy and the scarcely less dependent years of childhood. As you have grown less dependent, she has done the countless thoughtful, trouble-healing, helpful and encouraging things which somehow only mothers seem to know how to do.

You may have accepted these attentions 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 completely 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? Because of all that I have done, remember me in life, son. Keep that proud body fine and fair for 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 the 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. Her heart is flower-fragrant as she prays. Aquiver like a candle flame, each prayer takes wing to bless the world you work among, to leave the radiance of the candles 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 quicken you anew in your efforts to be worthy of her hopes and aspirations for you. If your mother is still living, you will choose a 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 have 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 comprehension of any son.
We would ask you to please choose a red or white flower from this 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.

Worthy Grand Matron, on behalf of Texas DeMolay and all DeMolays in Texas, we hope that you will also accept these roses because by elevating yourself to this position, you have now become a mother for all of the Masonic youth in Texas. Thank you.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Brother Weldon Clampitte, Brother Chris, Brother Zane, on behalf of the Texas Grand Chapter, we would like to present this gift to you from us. Keep up the work that you are doing with these very fine gentlemen so that we may have our future in Masonry with them. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: At this time we will have the presentation of the Worthy Grand Matron's jewel. Presenting the traveling Worthy Grand Matron's jewel is Sister Doris Hester, Past Grand Matron.

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Thank you, Brother Lee Stallings. That's the first time I've officially been called that, and I thank you -- I think. I know I do.

Sister Karen, this beautiful jewel, it is with pleasure that I present it to you. It has traveled many miles across the State of Texas, out of the state, to multi states, to Louisiana and to other areas. I've enjoyed every moment that I have worn it. And today it has ended a beautiful, beautiful year of service to Grand Chapter as the Worthy Grand Matron. I hope you have as much success this coming year with peace and harmony prevailing, as you meet with the membership of Texas and your plans and your dreams come true. So it is with pleasure and honor that I present to you this Worthy Grand Matron's jewel for the Grand Chapter of Texas.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Doris Hester, you and I go way back. I'm very honored to have you pin this pin on me tonight.

To the membership of Texas, I wear this pin proudly because you are the ones that helped make it possible. Thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Sister Doris, before you sit down, the Junior Past Grand Matron's jewel will be presented to you by your husband, Johnny Hester, Past Patron and Grand Representative of Australia.

Now we know who's in control!

MR. JOHNNY HESTER: My Sisters and Brothers, you'll never know how much joy this gives me! I'll bet she can't find it in that purse. I might have time to go dancing with Matilda. Now don't holler if I stick you.

MRS. DORIS HESTER: Sister Rennie Ofton, would you come up here, please. This pin was presented to me from Sister Rennie Ofton. It was designed and made by Brother Paul Ofton. It is with pride and honor that I wear this pin. It means much to me. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Presenting the traveling jewel of the Worthy Grand Patron will be Brother Jack Guy, Past Grand Patron.
MR. JACK GUY: Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry Martin, it gives me great pleasure and much honor to be able to present you with this Grand Patron's jewel. I'm told that this jewel is 122 years old, and I know that you will enjoy wearing it this year as much as I have. Congratulations. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Brother Jack. 122 honorable men have worn this badge before me. It is my prayer that when I return it to the next person that it will still be 123 honorable men. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and thank you, Brother Jack. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: At this time we'll have the presentation of the Junior Past Grand Patron's jewel by Linda Guy, Past Matron and Grand Representative of Vermont.

MRS. LINDA GUY: Past Grand Patron, doesn't that sound great? Jack, you and Sister Doris have had a wonderful year. I might be just a little bit prejudiced, but I think you made a wonderful Worthy Grand Patron. [applause] Now I would like to put this Past Grand Patron's pin on you and tell you, "Let's go home." [applause]

MR. JACK GUY: Thank you so much, Linda, my wife and my helpmate and my friend. Thank you so much. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: At this time we have a presentation that we'd like to make to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. If they would stand with me, please.

"The State of Texas, Office of the Governor. October 19, 2004. Greetings to Karen Morgenthaler. Congratulations on your installation as Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star. As you assume this role, the ceremony provides an outstanding opportunity to extend appreciation to outgoing officers as you celebrate your accomplishments and plans for the future. The Order of the Eastern Star in Texas has touched the lives of many people throughout the years. I commend you for dedicating your time and energy to providing care for people of all ages. Through your generosity and commitment to helping others, you have demonstrated to us all how caring citizens can make a difference in the lives of their fellow Americans. Anita joins me in sending best wishes on this special occasion. Sincerely, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas."

Karen, we have one for you. And Brother Jerry, Worthy Grand Patron, we also have one for you. [applause]

Are there any other presentations at this time?

The Dedication of the Worthy Grand Matron for the 2004-2005 Grand Chapter year will be given by Sister Yvonne Brownfield, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: The Worthy Grand Matron has lovingly dedicated her year to the Deputies of Grand Chapter for 2004-2005. With their dedication and help, they will make this year of "Spinning Toward the Future" a success. To the five District Deputy Grand Matrons, we could not have made this special year without each of you. Thank you for all that you have done. To the 49 Deputies, the success of this year will be determined by your combined leadership and by the love that each of you have for
our membership. We're all linked together; no one stands alone. The happiness we give to others comes back to enrich our own. We look forward with anticipation to our year with each of you. The dedicated service you give this year I know will continue in the future to make this Order a greater one than it already is. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: The Dedication of the Worthy Grand Patron for 2004-2005 Grand Chapter year will be given by Brother Billy H. Combest, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

MR. BILLY COMBEST: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies, H. Lee Stallings, Past Grand Patron and Visioneer Director for General Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Patron wishes to acknowledge that it is God that has allowed him to be at this point at this time in his life. He also acknowledges that his wife is a constant aid and support to him. He thanks Sister Karen Morgenthaler for selecting him when so many capable Brothers were available. He has chosen to thank God for this year and his wife for all her support, and Sister Karen for selecting him, but he wishes to dedicate this year to each of you, the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Without the membership, there is no order, and no need for presiding officials. He is grateful for all of the love and support you have given him in the past and for all that he knows you will give him in the coming year. He also dedicates this year to Freemasonry, because without it, and the virtuous morals it teaches, the Order of the Eastern Star would not exist.

The message he wishes to bring to you tonight is one of hope and promise for the future of our Order and Freemasonry. In this next year, he will be concentrating his efforts on the winds of change and what is has done, and can do for our Order. The world is constantly changing and whether we like it or not, it affects our Order.

To quote Carlyle, “Today is not yesterday; we ourselves change, how can our works and thoughts if they are always to the fittest, continue always the same? Change, indeed, is painful; yet ever needful; and if memory has its force and worth, so also has hope.”

Reverent T. Jones once said, “Many do with opportunities as children do at the seashore; they fill their little hands with sand, and then let the grains fall through, one by one till all are gone.” Sisters and Brothers, let us pledge to not let this opportunity to change pass us by and become opportunity lost.”

The Worthy Grand Patron thanks you for being here tonight and for your attention to this dedication and message.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing me to be part of your Installation. May God bless. [applause]


MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: The year 2004-2005 will be a very unique year.
As we all know, our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron will only serve a nine-month year. They've been challenged, and they will meet this challenge to the best of their ability. In place of 50 schools, they will have 17 conferences, and the Deputy Grand Matrons will each host section workshops.

Their special projects are worthwhile projects. Star Search for a Cure, selling of a beautiful pin for breast cancer research. Pillows of Support, making heart-shaped pillows for cancer patients. Grand Chapter Yearbook 2005 is the very first Grand Chapter yearbook. There are other special projects our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have this year, but the above are very close to their hearts.

Sisters and Brothers, please give our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron a show of support for the year of "Spinning Toward the Future." [applause]

The aim, color and flowers of our Worthy Grand Matron are as follows. The Aim is “Spinning Toward the Future.” A world that is standing still will soon be falling behind. However, the world that we live in today is constantly turning, constantly changing. If we want our beautiful Order to continue to be a part of this world, we must keep our ideas and our goals spinning toward the future.

The Colors: Vibrant colors of the sea.

The Flower is the Dogwood. Now the legend of the dogwood is as follows. At the time of the Crucifixion, the dogwood was the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen for the timber for the cross. To be thus used for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree and Jesus nailed upon it. Since this, and in His gentle pity for all sorrowing and suffering, said to it, "Because of your regret and pity for my suffering, I make you this promise: Never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth, it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross, two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal, there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red. And in the center of the flower, there will be the image of the crown of thorns. And all who see it will remember that it was once upon a dogwood tree I was crucified. And this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of my death upon the cross."

At this time, Sister Mary Brown, Past Grand Matron, will present the theme for our Worthy Grand Matron. [applause]

MRS. MARY BROWN: Thank you, Sister Yvonne, for presenting me.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is indeed a pleasure and an honor for me to have this part at your Installation. Their theme is "Treasures of Life." The membership of the Grand Chapter of Texas: The true treasures of life are buried safely within our hearts. Stashed away there is our love of God, our love of our family and our love for each other.

That is a beautiful theme, and thank you, Sister Karen, again for allowing me to present this to the membership. [applause]

MRS. YVONNE BROWNFIELD: Sister Elise Hammack, Past Grand Matron,
present the emblem and the Scripture for our Worthy Grand Matron.

**MRS. ELISE HAMMACk:** The Sand Dollar is the Emblem our Worthy Grand Matron has selected for the year. The story of the sand dollar is a very impressive legend of the birth and death of our Savior.

*The Legend of the Sand Dollar*

There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell of the birth and death of Jesus found in his lovely shell. If you examine closely, you'll see that you can find here four nail holes and a fifth one made by a Roman spear.

On one side, the Easter lily. In its center is a star that appeared to the shepherds and led them from afar. The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side reminds us of His birthday, our happy Christmas tide.

Now break the center open and you will release the five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol Christ left for you and me to help us spread His gospel through all eternity.

The Scripture that has been chosen by Sister Karen is Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." [applause]

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** Music soothes the soul and fills our life with melodies. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have special music which has been written for each of them. To present our Worthy Grand Patron's music, "March of the Mariners," for 2004-2005 is Sister Delphia Von Heeder, Past Matron and co-composer with Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron.

**MRS. DELPHIA VON HEEDEER:** I would like to dedicate the Worthy Grand Patron's march to our number one Mariner. Now for Olive Oyle that's Popeye, but for the Grand Chapter of Texas, that's Brother Jerry Martin. I appreciate so much Sister Rosemary Swetland's assistance in helping me to compose this. I would now like to play for you "March of the Mariners." [applause followed music]

**WORTHY GRAND PATRON:** Thank you.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:** To present our Worthy Grand Matron's music, "Karen's Treasures," for 2004-2005 is Sister Rosemary Swetland, Past Grand Matron of Texas and the composer.

**MRS. ROSEMARY SWETLAND:** To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Karen, what a delightful honor it was when you asked me to compose your march. I've only done one other one for the Grand Chapter of Texas, and that was the year I served. I dedicated it to the members, and it was called "A Peaceful Journey." So in deciding the name for yours, with all of those treasures, you told me there were a couple of things that were
important to you. One, "I Believe," and the other, "You'll Never Walk Alone." So "Karen's Treasures" is her belief in Father God, love for her family and country, dedication to the Order of the Eastern Star and the knowledge that she will never walk alone. I do want to thank Sister Gladys Bruce Cox who helped me get this on the computer. We've made it simple enough that any organist over the State of Texas, Karen, will be able to play your march. Now it won't sound like what this is fixing to sound like. Okay? I love you, honey.

[applause followed music]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Each Grand Chapter year our Humanitarian program is the focal point of our benevolent endeavors. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have developed a Humanitarian program that will arrive as a high tide to bring you the LURES of the seas in 2004-2005. Presenting our Humanitarian program is Sister Sharon Fentress, Past Grand Matron of Texas.

MRS. SHARON FENTRESS: Our Worthy Grand Matron has prepared a beautiful Humanitarian program for this year. It is titled "LURES of the Sea." From the beginning of time the sea and all of its enchantment has drawn man to its shores and beyond. We depend on the sea for work, for pleasure and for our survival. Some even believe that man evolved from the depths of the oceans. Tremendous vessels sail the seven seas to transport their goods, whether their cargo is passengers or commodities. We fish the coastal waters around the world for fun and for profit. We even drill into the floors of the deepest seas for oil and gas. The mysteries of the oceans have been the inspiration of writers and poets, both men and women, young and old. Countless words have been used to describe the oceans, the shores, the sea life and the men and women who lived and died at the hands of the mysterious waters. There is a word that describes the draws or attractions of one person or one object to another, and that word is "lures." The fisherman uses lures to attract a fish to his hook. A merchant uses sales and enticing displays to lure us into their shops. The Eastern Star uses love, fellowship and commitment to lure us to each other. It is this lure of the Eastern Star that has sustained our fraternity for generations past, and we hope for generations to come.

For the Eastern Star year of 2004-2005, we break down the word "lures" as follows.

L - Represents the loving ladies in the Texas Masonic Retirement Center and our commitment to see that they receive all of the love and care that they need. Our Eastern Star heritage extends from their hearts to ours.

U - Represents understanding that our Grand Chapter exists for the service of our Subordinate Chapters, that Grand Chapter needs funds to continue to provide the necessary materials and services to help our Subordinate Chapters in their everyday operations. We set aside this portion for our General Fund.

R - Represents remitting to our membership the necessary assistance to help them through times of hardship. The benevolent aid that we send to our less fortunate members can help ease the physical burdens of life, but the love which is sent helps to heal the emotional pain.

E - Represents ESTARL, providing scholarship funds for theology students as required by the General Grand Chapter. Their dedication to God and His ministry will help ensure that we will continue to have the guidance to keep our faith on firm grounds.
S - Represents scholarships, scholarships for our members and their families who are continuing their education past high school. Knowledge is the greatest tool and best investment for the preservation of our Order and our communities.

Through the generosity of our membership and our community, we may provide mutual assistance for our members, our families and our neighbors. The principles of our Order, as set forth by our founder, provides us with a firm foundation upon which to build our moral future. It is up to us to see that our Eastern Star structure is strong, sturdy and financially secure today and in generations to come. The Humanitarian program was established to support the benevolent programs of our wonderful fraternity. Chapters are encouraged to remember these worthy causes and designate funds to the project of their choice. Every contribution is appreciated. Karen Morgenthaler, your Worthy Grand Matron, our Worthy Grand Matron, and Jerry Martin, our Worthy Grand Patron.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this beautiful privilege. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Our Worthy Grand Patron has selected a special song. Presenting this very special song is Sister Melissa Simonton, Grand Soloist.

MRS. MELISSA SIMONTON: Worthy Grand Patron, I want to explain the meaning of the song before I sing it. The name of the song is "Dreams." Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have a short nine months to make a year's worth of dreams and hopes come true. I know the membership is going to work very hard to make all their dreams come true. So this is a thank you to the membership from the Worthy Grand Patron. [applause followed singing of "Dreams."]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: It is my privilege and with much pleasure that I present our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Jerry L. Martin, for greetings.

WORTHY GRAND PATRON: Thank you, Master of Ceremonies.

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Installed Grand Officers, Elected Board Members, Honored Guests, Friends and Visitors: I am honored and graced that you have chosen to be a part of this special night for Sister Karen and myself. Before going any further, I want to thank everyone who has participated in this Installation tonight. You have all performed admirably and will be a part of my memories of this special night forever. I will not try to name you all because surely I would forget one, and then I would be so sad.

I have some family here that I would like to acknowledge. Of course, my lovely wife Betty. I have my niece who escorted me tonight, Janice Thompson, and her husband, Martin Thompson, from Fort Worth. I have my parent Chapter, Travis Chapter, here in number, and my dual Chapter, New Braunfels Chapter. I want to thank you all so much for being here tonight and how very special you all are to me. [applause]

There is one other group that I would like to acknowledge. I have many, many visitors and friends and co-workers from other parts of the country, but there is one special delegation from Virginia here that I believe brought about 12 members down. We befriended these folks a few years ago, and they are almost like second family, and I would like to acknowledge the Virginia delegation. I love you, too. [applause]
This is the start of a new year. We have the opportunity to make this next year anything we set our hearts to do. I see this year like an artist with a blank canvas on which to paint. We also have a new palette of fresh colors to brush upon that canvas. The first color that I would brush upon that canvas is gold to represent what the current members and members of the past have built into this special Order. And then we should stroke on some red for the fervent feelings of care that we all share for our Order.

But, alas, some say that I should paint most of the canvas gray because looking over the membership, most of you are beginning to look a lot like me, with a little gray up here. And there are some who say that I should paint a corner of that canvas black and maybe with some protruding edges, black because the membership continues to decline and the protruding edges because our future might be becoming dark. The last two generations have, for the majority, passed our Order by. For whatever reasons we failed to reach them and to convince them of the worth of belonging to our organization. Some would say we face a great adversity and cannot compete with the modern day lifestyles, that we are slowly drowning. I say to them, God brings people into deep water not to drown them but to cleanse them. We should now be renewed, ready to swim to shore, dry ourselves off and remember the words of Colton who said, "Times of great calamity and confusion have ever been productive of the greatest minds. The purest ore is produced from the hottest furnace, and the brightest thunderbolt elicited from the darkest storm."

I look at the colors left on the palette, and I see large lumps of the color green, green to represent new growth that I know we can paint on our canvas during this next year and for generations to come. We have the right brushes with which to put on this paint of growth. They are called the brushes of change, and I am looking at a lot of those brushes in this audience tonight.

Work with us this next year and watch the fresh young green sprouts begin to grow on the tree of our Order. Our Order is not alone in this struggle. All of our Masonic Appendant Bodies and youth groups face this challenge. We have been honored tonight to have with us the Most Worshipful Elmer Murphy, III, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Texas, who, when tradition is upheld in just a few weeks, will be the Master of Masons in Texas. He shares our quest to reach the generation of today and let them all know what we stand for, what we have and what we are willing to share with them. He is one of the founders of the Texas Masonic Family Convention and a strong supporter of our Order. He and the other leaders of the Masonic Family in Texas are committed to the support of each other and the growth of our individual fraternities. Thank you, my Brother and new friend, for being here and for your participation and support.

My Sisters and Brothers, we have been privileged to become part of this great Order. It was given to us to enjoy by those who worked hard in the past to preserve the institution. We should endeavor to keep it alive for our grandchildren and their grandchildren and on and on. Let us embrace the changing world and change with it. One of the things I want to paint on that canvas is a bright future for our Order. All year long you will hear me asking for ways, and suggesting ways, we can change to make others want to be a part of us, part of a great Fraternal Family that gives millions to charity every year.

William Arthur Ward said, "The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. And the realist adjusts his sails." Let's all adjust our sails for
improving our Order and the Texas Masonic Family as we set sail into the future with Sister Karen Morgenthaler this year.

Thank you all for your attention and your attentive ears. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Our Worthy Grand Matron has selected a song that is very special to her. Presenting this very special song is Mrs. Lesa Smith, Past Matron.

MRS. LESA SMITH: Worthy Grand Matron, you didn't ask me personally to sing this song, but I thank Brother Keith for his confidence in me to allow me to sing it for you. Now I heard this song sung earlier this week and you cried, so you can't look at me and I'm not looking at you! You have to come behind me or I'll never get through it and neither will you. I can call Keith Brother Keith because he is a pastor and he is our Grand Choir Director for next year. If you have not heard him sing -- I can't do anything close to what he can do because he has a wonderful baritone voice, and we'll enjoy that next year. [applause followed singing]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: It is now my privilege to present to you, Sister Karen Morgenthaler, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, for her greetings. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you, Brother Lee.

To the Distinguished East, to the beloved membership that sits out in this audience tonight, you have made a very special evening come true. Before I begin tonight, there are some things I would like to say. A very special thank you to all who assisted in this Installation. Many were out there behind the scenes working to make everything go smooth. A Worthy Grand Matron could not have asked for anything better than what we have seen tonight.

I would like to ask Sister Elsie Paladino if she would stand with me at this time.

MRS. ELSIE PALADINO: Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to ask all of those who participated in any way in the Installation, who are on the program this evening, would you please stand. What an honor was ours to have a part in this very special evening in your life. Know that we shall be there to support in any way, even for lots of advice, whether asked probably or not. But we do want you to know that the gifts you receive come with loving hearts from each one who participated. [applause]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Thank you. A very special thank you to Brother Weldon, Brother Zane and Brother Chris. I do appreciate your taking the time out of your very busy schedules, being here tonight not just for only Brother Jerry and myself, but for the membership of Eastern Star here.

To Brother Elmer Murphy, would you join me for a moment, please. Sisters and Brothers, a Worthy Grand Matron, to have a counterpart such as the fine gentleman that's standing by my side this night, who will very soon be the Grand Master of all Texas Masons, I feel very honored that the past two years I have gotten to know him extremely well. We look forward to serving both organizations and make us united, because we have such a wonderful fraternity. We have told him we will work very hard for the Texas Masonic Family Weekend, and he in turn will support Eastern Star. We cannot ask for a
better united. I just want to say thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule, for being here tonight, and we will definitely be there in December for you.

**MR. ELMER MURPHY:** Thank you. [applause]

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** There are a few introductions I would like to do at this time. And, number one, I'm going to ask Brother John Elkington if he would join me. Brother John is very special because he just happens to be Past Patron of Pearland Chapter #1065, which is my home Chapter; he just happens to be my Arrangements Chairman for 2004-2005. But he also at this time is serving as Supreme Watchman of Shepherds, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. Sisters and Brothers, would you please join me in extending a warm welcome to such a fine gentleman. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, family plays such a very important part in our lives. I think my daughter has left with the two little ones. Her son was acting up, so she decided to take him outside. I haven't figured out if she has gone back to the hotel or if she's outside and they're sound asleep because they drove in today. I'm very proud of her. She's my middle daughter. My oldest daughter was not able to be here because of the illness of her husband. Our youngest daughter is working; she works a lot of hours and she could not be here. Our son was not able to be with us because he is serving in Iraq in the United States Marine Corps. [applause]

But I do have sisters. Now these sisters are not Eastern Star Sisters. They are my sisters, and I would like for you to meet them at this time. These two are not members, but they can come to open meetings. I am so proud of them, and I'm so glad that they were able to be here tonight. I would like to introduce to you my sister Ann Palms and my other sister Deborah Takas. Thank you very much for being with me. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, there's that very special one in our lives, especially to us, because we could not be members of this organization if we did not have that special guy in our life. I'd like to introduce to you now my husband, Tom Morgenthaler. [applause] He doesn't like me to draw attention to him, but tonight I was going to do it, because without his help, his support and his love and his dedication, I would not be standing here amongst all of you. I love you. [applause]

Sisters and Brothers, the teachings of our Order have a stabilizing force, and they serve as a rock in the storms of life we each must face. We search for the meaning of life, the alpha and the omega of our existence. We find if we live within conformity to God's laws and in harmony with nature and our fellowman, life has a greater depth and meaning. It's a personal thing, those little deeds accomplished, although unnoticed by the world, are appreciated by those affected by them. The kind, friendly acts of Sisters and Brothers travel as do the circles from a pebble in a body of water, ever circling and reaching further into the distance. St. Paul describes love in the 13th Chapter of Corinthians, one of the greatest love poems ever written. "Love suffers long and is kind. Love envies not, seeks not her own, thinketh no evil, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, and love never fails."

Sisters and Brothers, we do have a challenging year. It's a year that I call "Spinning Toward the Future." We've already begun that spin by what we did yesterday morning, but we have a lot more to accomplish. We have many goals and challenges that we must reach.
We will not reach those in nine months, but we'll reach them because of the future that we see by the election of the Grand Line that you have done tonight. With their goals and their ideas working for the betterment of the Order of the Eastern Star, we will become the best organization in the world, because we are that charitable, that benevolent organization, and we strive to be even better.

Sisters and Brothers, give Brother Jerry and I a chance to make the new challenges work, and then you will see even more new challenges coming to the future.

We thank you. We appreciate the time that you have given to us tonight. We'll be closing this open session and we will shortly be going into our ritualistic closing. I ask at this time that those who are not members of the Order of the Eastern Star will retire. Those who of you who are members, please remain seated so we may be able to close this 122nd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Good night and thank you. [applause]

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Our Installation will be closed by a benediction by Brother Ed Warner, Past Grand Patron of Texas.

MR. ED WARNER: Sisters and Brothers, let us join hands. Heavenly Father, we thank You for this beautiful day that You have given us, for Your love and the spirit that we've had today that You've shown and given us throughout the day and especially tonight in this Installation service. We're thankful for Your wisdom, Your patience, Your understanding with all of us. We pray this next year, Lord, that our Members and our Officers will look to Thee for all understanding, for love, for wisdom. We pray, Heavenly Father, that we'll always remember that Your all-seeing eye is upon us and that Your hands are extended waiting to help us through all the trials and difficulties we might come upon, if we just call upon You. We pray for forgiveness of our weaknesses. We ask now that You go with us on our separate ways. Bless us till we meet again. Amen.

[Pause to prepare for ritualistic closing.]

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Warder, you will inform the Grand Sentinel that we're about to call this Grand Chapter from rest to labor and direct him to permit no interruptions while we're thus engaged.

GRAND WARDER: Brother Grand Sentinel, we're about to call this Grand Chapter session from rest to labor, and you are directed to permit no interruption while we're thus engaged.

GRAND SENTINEL: Assistant Grand Warders and Assistant Grand Sentinels, we're about to call this Grand Chapter Session from rest to labor. You will permit no interruption while we're thus engaged.

Sister Grand Warder, your order has been obeyed.

GRAND WARDER: Worthy Grand Matron, your order has been obeyed and there will be no interruption.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON: It is well. Sister Associate Grand Matron, you will ascertain and report if all present are members of the Order.

ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON: Sister Grand Conductress and Associate Grand
Conductress, you will ascertain 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:** It is well. Sister Grand Conductress, you will open the Holy Bible on our Altar.

I declare this 122nd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas called from rest to labor. Sister Grand Warder, you will so inform the Grand Sentinel.

**GRAND WARDER:** Worthy Grand Matron, there will be no interruption.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** It is well. We will have a presentation by Brother Jack Beall, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

**MR. JACK BEALL:** Would the Board of Directors please stand with me. As I'm but one member of this Board, the Board of Directors would like to present to you the keys to the Grand Chapter van, which is parked in this parking garage in the Worthy Grand Matron's space. Use it wisely. Save us money!

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON:** Thank you. I have two announcements. Tomorrow morning in honor of our newly elected Associate Grand Conductress, she has a breakfast at the Omni Bayfront at 8:30. Sisters and Brothers, if you're able to be there tomorrow morning, I know she would appreciate seeing each of you. And to my 49 Deputies sitting over there and my 5 DD's, I will see you at 10 o'clock at the Marina Hotel. I also extend an invitation to our Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, our Board of Directors and our Board of Grand Examiners to join us at 10 o'clock for the conference. We would love to see each of you there.

Sister Grand Marshal, you will retire the flag of our country.

[ritualistic closing]

I now declare this 122nd Session of the Grand Chapter of Texas closed. Sisters and Brothers, a safe journey to each of you. To the Arrangements Committee of 2004-2005, please assist the current Arrangements Committee in tearing down.
RECAP ON ELECTIONS

ELECTED

Worthy Grand Matron ........................................... Karen Morgenthaler
Worthy Grand Patron ............................................ Jerry Martin
Associate Grand Matron ........................................ Nancy Brown
Associate Grand Patron ........................................ Nelson Campbell
Grand Secretary .................................................... Nell Smith
Grand Treasurer .................................................... Betty Prater
Grand Conductress ............................................... Geraldine (Gerry) Dusek
Associate Grand Conductress ................................... Joyce Gilbert
Board of Directors District I ................................. Jack Beall
                               Gary Steele
Board of Directors District II ................................. Dwayne Maserang
                               A.L. Casparis
Board of Directors District III ............................... JoAnn Snow
                               Jayne Yenger
Board of Directors District IV ................................. Forrest Smith
                               Mickie Todd Campbell
Board of Directors District V ................................. Raul Garcia
                               Lori Goldman
Board of Grand Examiners District I ....................... Betty Scott
Board of Grand Examiners District II ....................... Bess Caldwell
Board of Grand Examiners District III ..................... Joyce Nicklas
Board of Grand Examiners District IV ....................... Christine Armstrong
Board of Grand Examiners District V ....................... Jerre Lucas
Board of Grand Examiners-at-Large ......................... Mary Ruth White

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ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS
Joyce Gilbert ................................. 1163
Vi Griffin ................................. 1080

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Margaret Faircloth ......................... 779
Forrest Smith ............................. 1115
Toby Lytle ................................. 802

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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, 2004 and 2003, and the related statements of activities and statements of cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements 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.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, 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 collections 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, referred to in the preceding paragraph, were received and recorded in the accounts, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph 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, 2004 and 2003, and the changes in their net assets and their 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 conducted 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, except for the effect, if any, of the matter discussed in the third paragraph, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

George Morgan, CPA

Weatherford, Texas
December 22, 2004
GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS
October 31, 2004

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GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS

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| Administrative fees | | 7,700 | |
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| Auto | 6,002 | | 64,131 |
| Chapter benevolence | | | |
| Depreciation | 11,294 | 12,925 | |
| Funeral | | 5,499 | |
| Grand officer's examiner's &amp; committee expenses | | | |
| Grand Session expense | 64,751 | | |
| Past Grand Matron jewels | 1,650 | | |
| Insurance | | | |
| Property and casualty, directors liability and vehicles | 13,880 | | |
| Accident disability/worker comp/omissions | 1,104 | | |
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR INDIVIDUAL FUNDS
October 31, 2003

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Year Ended October 31, 2003

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Year Ended October 31, 2003

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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE TRANSFERS

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Exhibit 6

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF TEXAS
DETAIL OF HUMANITARIAN / SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2004

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Grand Chapter of Texas - Order of the Eastern Star

November 10-13, 2004

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**Net Profit:** 159,258.36
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# 122nd Grand Chapter Session - Profit & Loss

Grand Chapter of Texas - Order of the Eastern Star  
November 10-13, 2004

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ANALYSIS OF THE
122ND GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 10-13, 2004

INCOME:
Grand Chapter of Texas $ 20,000.00
Social Division/Banquets 104,597.00
Bus Passes 22,543.00
Exhibitors 20,169.70
Hotel Subsidy* 1,389.05
ESTARL Donations 3,117.48
Secretary Association Dues 66.00
Interest Income $ 1.34

TOTAL INCOME $171,883.57

EXPENSES
Executive Committee $ 1,123.31
Secretary Association Dues 66.00
ESTARL Fund 3,117.48
Social Division/Banquets 86,768.98
Systems Division 3,759.66
Services Division* 12,902.62
Security Division 61.90
Exhibits Division 4,577.64
Arrangements & Facility Rental $ 12,302.64

TOTAL EXPENSE $124,680.23

NET INCOME $ 47,203.34

*Includes receivable and payable of $975.00 from Hotels as of January 31, 2005.
To be forwarded to Grand Chapter of Texas upon receipt.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda A. Smith
Executive Committee, General Chairman

Karen Curry Graham
Executive Committee, Auditor
NOTES
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Photos from the Installation Ceremony of Doris Jean Hester Worthy Grand Matron & Jack W. Guy Worthy Grand Patron
Flag Presentation
Fred Clarke,
Right Worthy Grand
Sentinel, General Grand
Chapter and Past Grand
Patron Nova Scotia and
Prince Edward Island;
Henry S. Martin,
Visioneer of Texas, General
Grand Chapter of Texas and
Past Grand Patron of Texas

Altar Presentation ~ Amy Hester, John L. Hester, Jr., Brook Hester
INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS AND ESCORTS

LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW: Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron; Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron; Nell Smith, Grand Secretary; Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress; Sandra Perdue, Grand Chaplain; Delphia Von Heeder, Grand Organist; Frances Reedy, Grand Ruth, Freida Dillon, Grand Martha, Christolene Dickson, Grand Warder; Judith K. Goldman, Fraternal Correspondent.


INSTALLED GRAND OFFICERS, ESCORTS AND SPECIAL ANGEL

LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW: May Pearle Earnst, Special Angel; Jerry Trees, Grand Sentinel; Dorothy White, Grand Electa; Linda Guy, Grand Esther; LaNelle Hendrix, Grand Adah; Geraldine Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron; Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron.

Second Row, Escorts: Janell Trees, Carl White, Terry Guy, Marvin Spivey, Robert Coursey, Hubert Dusek, Betty Martin, Cindy McIntyre.
**Board of Grand Examiners**

*Left to Right:* Betty Scott, District 1, Bess Caldwell, District 2, Joyce Nicklas, District 3, Vi Griffin, District 4, Betty Martin, District 5, Mary Ruth White, At Large.

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Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron escorted by Johnny L. Hester, Sr.

Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron escorted by Cindy McIntyre
Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron, escorted by Tom T. Morgenthaler.

Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, escorted by Betty Martin.

Nell Smith, Grand Secretary, escorted by Paco Moore.

Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer, escorted by Don Prater.
Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress, escorted by Gayle Brown.

Geraldine Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress, escorted by Hubert Dusek.

Sandra Perdue, Grand Chaplain, escorted by Eddie Perdue.

Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal, escorted by Robert Coursey.
Delphia Von Heeder, Grand Organist, escorted by Dwight Von Heeder.

LaNelle Hendrix, Grand Adah, escorted by Martin Spivey.

Frances Reedy, Grand Ruth escorted by Wes Campbell.

Linda Guy, Grand Esther, escorted by Terry Guy.
Freida Dillon, Grand Martha, escorted by Carl Starkey.

Christolene Dickson, Grand Warder, escorted by George Shaffer.

Dorothy White, Grand Electa, escorted by Carl White.

Jerry Trees, Grand Sentinel, escorted by Janell Trees.
Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, 
Elsie Paladino, Installing Grand Marshal.

Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron, 
Elsie Paladino, Installing Grand Marshal.
Alma Carter, Past Grand Matron; Richard Ochs, Past Grand Patron

Brooks Speer; Beulah Speer, Past Grand Matron

Charles Morris, Past Grand Patron; Wanda Fairchild, Past Grand Matron

Jane Gregory, Past Grand Matron; Glenn Whitaker, Past Grand Patron

Raul Garcia; Nancy Bailey Allen, Past Grand Matron

Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar with the DeMolay Flower Talk.
**DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS, DISTRICT 1**

Standing, Left to Right: Rita Green, Section 1; Ruenell Jarriel, Section 2; Mary Ann Ivy, Section 3; Dina Lee Ray, Section 4; Linda Turner, Section 5; Dorothy Morton, Section 6; Barbara Cockerell, Section 7; Jane Clabaugh, Section 8; Virgina Wolfrum, Section 9; Patricia Grayson, Section 10.

Seated, Left to Right: Betty Scott, Grand Examiner; Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron; Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron; Linda Puckett, District Deputy Grand Matron.

**DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS, DISTRICT 2**

Standing, Left to Right: Peggy Wright, Section 2; Judy Head, Section 3; Angel Clevenger, Section 4, Dorothy Hodges, Section 5; Polly Pate, Section 6; Jane Clower, Section 7; Radean Hodges, Section 9, Jolen Confer, Section 10.

Seated, Left to Right: Bess Caldwell, Grand Examiner; Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron; Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron; Jerri Young, District Deputy Grand Matron.
DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS, DISTRICT 3
Standing, Left to Right: Laura Geyer, Section 1; Nancy Armstrong, Section 3; Doris Huckabee, Section 2; Judy Burchard, Section 4; Molly Cliet, Section 5; Nettie Oma Carpenter, Section 6; Jean Krempin, Section 7; Kerry Campbell, Section 8; Linda Hugo, Section 9; Priscilla Locke, Section 10.
Seated, Left to Right: Joyce Nicklas, Grand Examiner; Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron; Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron; Annette Curry, District Deputy Grand Matron.

DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS, DISTRICT 4
Standing, Left to Right: Brenda Stephens, Section 1; Melody Haynes, Section 2; Joanne Barrett, Section 3; Terry Rozell, Section 4; Sherry Dieckmann, Section 5; Debra Mitchell, Section 6; Vi Kramer, Section 7; Rita Lynn Dickman, Section 8; B.J. Corwin, Section 9, Patricia Stallings, Section 10.
Seated, Left to Right: Vi Griffin, Grand Examiner; Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron; Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron; Christine Armstrong, District Deputy Grand Matron; Mary Ruth White, Grand Examiner At Large.
DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS, DISTRICT 3
Standing, Left to Right: Jeffie Roberts, Section 1; Janey Lindsey, Section 2; Roberta Lloyd, Section 3; Sue Kinsey, Section 4; Mary Qualls, Section 5; Jane Hudson, Section 6; Jane Warden, Section 7; Dorothy Geffert, Section 8; Patsy Schmedt, Section 9; Kay Green, Section 10.
Seated, Left to Right: Betty Martin, Grand Examiner; Doris Hester, Worthy Grand Matron; Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron; Lori Goldman, District Deputy Grand Matron.
Photos from the
“Happiness is Caring”
122nd Session of the
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Doris Jean Hester
Worthy Grand Matron
&
Jack W. Guy
Worthy Grand Patron
Front Row, Left to Right: Benita Bassett, Grand Marshal; Nancy Brown, Grand Conductress; Nell Smith, Grand Secretary; Jerry L. Martin, Associate Grand Patron; Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron; Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron; Karen Morgenthaler, Associate Grand Matron; Betty Prater, Grand Treasurer; Geraldine Dusek, Associate Grand Conductress; Sandra Pendue, Grand Chaplain.

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Jack W. Guy escorted by Tonya Foster
Karen Morgenthaler,
Associate Grand Matron,
escorted by Tom Morgenthaler

Jerry L. Martin,
Associate Grand Patron,
escorted by Betty Martin

Nell Smith,
Grand Secretary,
escorted by Claude Lindley

Mrs. Betty Prater,
Grand Treasurer,
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Grand Martha
escorted by Carl Starkey

Dorothy White,
Grand Electa,
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Christolene Dickson,
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Jerry Trees,
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escorted by Janell Trees
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Fraternal Correspondent
escorted by Mike T. Goldman

Mae Pearl Ernst
Special Angel
escorted by Johnny L. Hester
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Blue Bird Drill Formation
Grand Officers Banquet

“Fun Night at the Beach Party”
General Banquet
“LaNotte Bella”
District 5 Banquet

“The Blue Birds Have Landed”
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“Mornings Are For the Birds” Breakfast

“Kaleidoscope of Stars” Banquet
“Bluebirds of Happiness” Luncheon

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“Yellow Brick Road”
District 3 Banquet

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