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AND
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

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JULY 8, 9 and 10, 2013

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FLOWERS: The Red Rose of Love, the Yellow Rose for Friendship
with Babies Breath and Greenery

FUN SYMBOLS: **W.G.M.:** Bells
W.G.P.: Cats

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:
W.G.M.: *Climb Every Mountain* *Precious Memories*
Amazing Grace *He Touched Me*
Because He Lives
W.G.P.: *I Walk With His Hand in Mine*
I Know Who Holds Tomorrow
One Day at a Time

FUN SONGS: *Alley Cat*
What's New Pussy Cat?

INFORMAL OPENING
MONDAY EVENING, July 8, 2013

6:30 P.M. EMBLEM CEREMONY

Narrator: Sister Edith Conrod P.G.M. (61)
Bible: Sister Irene Johnson, P.M. (48)
Sword & Veil: Sister Ann Ross (19)
Sheaf: Sister Joanne Giffin(40)
Crown & Sceptre: Sister Michele Gallant (52)
Broken Column: Sister Mona Rand (2)
Cup: Sister Christine Eidt (49)

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.: "PRECIOUS EMBLEMS"

The teachings of the Order of the Eastern Star are all derived from the Holy Bible, the Word of God. The messages of all our heroines are found on its sacred pages, teaching us the way of life and guiding our footsteps in ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. As we place our Emblems this evening, let each of us listen quietly, for each has a story to tell.

I am the symbol of God's Word.
I am the **Bible**.
I am always -- and above all -- the Truth.
To the weary pilgrim I am a strong staff,
To one who sits in gloom I am a glorious light,
To those who stoop beneath heavy burdens, I am rest.
To him who has lost his way I am a sure guide,
To those hurt by sin I am a healing balm.
To those discouraged I whisper glad messages of assurance,

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To those who suffer in lonely solitude, I am a cool hand on a fevered brow,

To those who mourn I am comfort and hope,
Oh, child of man to best know me, to best defend me --- Just use me.

The **Bible** is presented by Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. of Laurel Chapter No. 67.

I am the symbol of Fidelity, the **Sword and Veil** of **Adah**, the daughter, who saw the duty which was hers and faced it with courage, to keep her father's vow.

The **Sword and Veil** is presented by Sister Tricia Duncan of Queen Esther Chapter No. 61.

I am the symbol of Constancy, the Golden **Sheaf** of the humble widow **Ruth**, the Gleaner, obedient to honour and justice, in her lowly estate.

The **Sheaf** is presented by Sister Darlene Fudge-Richards of Ruth Chapter No. 57.
I am the symbol of Loyalty, the **Crown and Sceptre** of **Esther**, risking her life to secure a pardon for her people.

The **Crown and Sceptre** is presented by Sister Shirley Daine of Halifax Chapter No. 7.

I am the symbol of Faith, the **Broken Column** of **Martha**, speaking of the uncertainty of human life, and the hope of a life hereafter.

The **Broken Column** is presented by Sister Wanda Sutherland of Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter No. 20.

I am the symbol of Love and Charity, the **Cup** of **Electa**, teaching Loyalty to convictions of Truth, even in the face of persecution.

The **Cup** is presented by Sister Shirley Estey of Emerald Chapter No. 58.

We are your precious Emblems, the basis of all our teachings. May each of us be the means of encouragement to you to be a living example, a living symbol of all our principles.

INFORMAL OPENING

Sister Edith Conrod P.G.M and Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier P.G.P. (27) were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

Sister Edith Conrod P.G.M.:

Good Evening, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. This is a real

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honour for me to be able, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand matron and Worthy Grand patron to call to order this Informal opening of the 66th session of our Grand Chapter. It is an added pleasure to be able to share the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ted Caulier.

To each of you I extend a sincere welcome to the "Country Friendship" Session of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward island being held in the beautiful town of Truro, known as the hub of Nova Scotia. We look forward to the Informal opening where we enjoy the formations, wonderful decorations, formal attire, the presence of Distinguished guests and the opportunity to renew old friendships, and the joy of meeting new friends.

We are honored to have with us this evening

It is a distinct pleasure, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to call to order this informal session!

To each of you I extend a very sincere and loving welcome to this "*Garden of Love and Friendship*".

We are so happy you have joined us. Thank you for sharing this evening and we know because of our ritualistic teachings and the many bonds of friendships that we share, that it will indeed prove to be a wonderful experience for each of us.

We look ahead to each exciting day of our session, but this informal opening always seems extra special...and tonight will be no different. We so enjoy the formations, the lovely decorations, and our opportunities to renew our friendships and make new friends; all this adds to our excitement and joy.

We are honoured to have General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, and other distinguished guests and visitors. Please know that your presence adds many special blooms to this 'garden'. We wish you to have pleasant hours and days here in our province's capital, taking home many happy memories of your time spent with us. You are most welcome!

To our Honoured Dignitaries, who are not yet members of our Order - your presence here tonight has brought us added joy and we sincerely hope you will enjoy this time with us and hopefully you will gain some insight into our dedication to this wonderful Order of the Eastern Star to many of us feel blessed to have our lives enriched by our membership.

To each of our own members, who are here this evening, you are appreciated for all you do for this Order, and I extend to you a most loving welcome. Enjoy your

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session.

Brother Allison, Past Grand Patron, it is with a feeling of pride, mingled with much joy, that we share the east together to call to order this informal opening of the "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" session. We have enjoyed many special occasions over time, and tonight we will add yet another.

I am pleased to present Brother Allison, Past Grand Patron for his message of welcome.

Brother Allison Mitchell, P.G.P.:

Good evening, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. A warm and sincere welcome to the members and visitors to the 56th annual session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

An added pleasure is mine to share the east tonight with my wife, Sister Eleanor, our Ambassador to Southern Italy for the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter. I extend a most sincere welcome to our General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members, Ambassadors, Angel in Disguise, Visiting Worthy Grand Matrons, Worthy Grand Patrons, and all of our own and Visiting Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and all our members.

To our Masonic Brethren and our Civic Leaders, we are pleased you are here and it is our wish that you have an enjoyable evening.

Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.: I now call to order the informal opening of this 56th annual Grand Chapter Session, "*The Garden of Love and Friendship*".

It is the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron that we remain seated during the processional so that all may see the formations - which will be narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman, Past Grand Matron.

Grand Marshal - you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, Grand Choir, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Grand Representatives, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Flag Bearers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

The Grand Choir sang "*I Don't Know About Tomorrow*" as the Grand Officers entered.

"Garden of Love and Friendship" Processional

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.:

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*This year we planted a garden
Where only beauty grows. -
A "Garden of Love and Friendship " -
Baby's breath, the red and yellow rose -
Each seed was sown with KINDNESS
Nurtured with CARING each day.
Then we shared that beauty with others
Who passed along our way.
In our garden of beauty
BELLS rang out, so sweet and clear,
Peeling forth the message
Of this special "Garden" year.*

Like the bells, each of our formations brings a message - a message of LOVE and FRIENDSHIP that, if reflected in our lives. will make us living examples of the teachings of our Order.

Entrance of Grand Officers:

The Grand Officers have formed the **CUP**, emblem of our Honour Station, Electa.

The cup, an emblem of charity and hospitality, denotes a filled receptacle overflowing with **LOVE** and good. It reminds us of the outpouring of God's love into our lives and admonishes us to let the knowledge of His love overflow into our lives in deeds of love and service to others. Fields of service do await us. How unworthy of us if we fail to respond with **LOVE** and **CARING** for others.

"This is my commandment, that we love one another." John 15:12

During this year of service our Grand Officers have reaped the rewards of the seeds of **LOVE** and **FRIENDSHIP** they have sown throughout this jurisdiction.

Entrance of District Deputy Grand Matrons:

The District Deputy Grand Matrons, each carrying a yellow rose of friendship, have formed a **GOLDEN ARCH OF FRIENDSHIP**.

With their friendly smiles, their kind words of encouragement, their enthusiasm and their dedication to their duties, our District Deputy Grand Matrons have indeed been "yellow roses of friendship."

"A friend loves at all times." Proverbs 17:17

Entrance of Grand Pages:

The Grand Pages - our belles in blue - have formed the **BELL**, one of our Worthy

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Grand Matron's symbols.

One of the oldest and loveliest ways to send a message is by the ringing of bells. Their melodious sound has echoed through the centuries. This year the joyful sound of bells has echoed through our Chapter rooms, bringing a message of **LOVE** and **FRIENDSHIP** and reminding us of the lessons of our Star.

Entrance of Grand Guards:

The Grand Guards have formed the **TROWEL**.

The trowel is used symbolically by each Master Mason to spread Brotherly Love, the first great tenet of Freemasonry. Through Brotherly Love the Master Mason practices outside his Lodge the lessons taught within.

The members of our Order share with our Masonic Brothers in promulgating this principle of Brotherly Love. Thus, we demonstrate the relationship of the great fraternity of Freemasonry and the Order of the Eastern Star - two separate organizations with the same great principles.

Entrance of Chapter Electas:

The Chapter Electas., each carrying a red rose of love, have formed the **CROSS**, the symbol of our, and Electa's, Christian faith.

The study of the lesson of Electa is a study of the symbolism of the Cross. It was the Cross, an emblem of eternal life and love, that sustained our Elect lady in her hour of trial.

*The flower chosen for our Electa
Was the beautiful rose of red,
To symbolize Electa's love for others
As by the Cross she was led.*

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34

Entrance of Grand Representatives:

The Grand Representatives have formed the **Letter "C" for Caring**, one of our watchwords.

*Without Caring - there is no Love.
Without Caring - there is no Friendship.
Without Caring - there is no Garden.*

Sisters and Brothers, as we live by the teachings of our Order, let us each resolve to:

*Make our life a "garden"
Ever conscious of what we sow.
Fill each space with Love and Kindness*

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And watch the seeds of Friendship grow.

The Grand Officers formed the hollow square.

Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress --you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister June, W.G.M. and Brother George, W.G.P. - thank you for the honour and privilege of sharing the east with Brother Allison, P.G.P. - my husband, this evening and the added pleasure of being the first to welcome you to your “Garden of Love and Friendship” session. My congratulations on your accomplishments during your year of service.

Sister June, you have proven to be a steadfast and loyal member of this Order over many years. And your service this year is another example of your devotion to the work of this Order. I only hope that when your tasks as Worthy Grand Matron are over you will take the opportunity to relax and reflect on your many accomplishments during your term of office and know the warmth and fraternal love extended to you by your sisters and brothers. I have been proud of your sincerity and your dedication in performing your many duties. It is with love and pride I welcome you this evening.

Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron -- you now stand on the threshold of your “Garden of Love and Friendship” session - I hope with a feeling of satisfaction knowing you have been faithful to your duties. We enjoyed your humor and ‘special verses’ on many official visits and commend you for your faithful service.

To you both - may you always remember: ‘happiness is the seed; happiness shared is the flower’.

Brother Allison Mitchell, P.G.P.: Sister June, W.G.M. and Brother George, W.G.P. – It is my privilege to add my welcome to you both as you are about to begin your session. I commend you both for your dedication to the Order and I am pleased to add my congratulations. I have known each of you for many years and admire your zeal for this Order and at this time, I wish you well in the days ahead. Thank you for this courtesy of assisting in the opening of this Grand Chapter session.

Sister June and Brother George were escorted to the East by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and both were accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M.: Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron - it is with pleasure that I present your gavel, your emblem of authority.

As you enter upon the business of your “Garden of Love and Friendship” session,

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may God be with you and may your watch words: **kindness, caring, and love**, prevail throughout this Grand session.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

RIBBON CEREMONY

The Worthy Grand Matron and four Past Grand Matrons of New Brunswick performed a most impressive Ribbon Ceremony around the Altar and formed a Star with the appropriate coloured ribbons.

Sister June Macdonald, W.G.M.: Sister Eleanor and Brother Allison I sincerely thank you for calling to order the Informal Opening of the 56th Grand Chapter Session: **"The Garden of Love and Friendship"** Session. Both of you are very special. Our Order is blessed with your dedicated service.

Thank you Sister Eleanor for presenting me with my gavel. Please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.

Brother George Crouch, W.G.P.: Sister Eleanor and Brother Al, I'm so happy to have you presiding for the Informal Opening of our "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session and to have such dedicated Past Grands participate. I've known you both for many years and our friendship has always been a most pleasant one. Bro. Al please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.

The **Invocation** was given by **Brother James Estey, P.P. (58), Grand Chaplain:**

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for allowing the Sisters and Brothers of our Order who are gathered here for this fifty-sixth annual session of our Grand Chapter, to help us write into our history another page and to plan for the future welfare of this organization.

Please watch over all the members and guest's who have travelled near and far to be with us, and to see that they return safely to their loved ones. We gather not alone for pleasure and entertainment, but to legislate wisely for the good of our Order. And may the fraternal love we hold within the Order of the Eastern Star be worthy of your continuing care and favour. All of which we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Informal Opening of the 56th Annual Grand Chapter Session, *"The Garden of Love and Friendship"*, called to order.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

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(under the direction of Brother James Dickie, P.G.P.)

Sister Mary Crouch (15) presented the Canadian Flag. The tribute was given by Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10) followed by the singing of "*O Canada*".

Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P.:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. I have the honour and the privilege to pay tribute to our Canadian flag. This evening, we will listen as our flag tells its own story.

"I am the Canadian flag; my official name is the National Flag of Canada. I became my country's symbol on February 15, 1965. Before that time, there were previous flags that had the distinction of symbolizing Canada. These include the St. George's Cross, an English flag of the 15th century; the Fleur-de-lis, the symbol of French sovereignty in Canada, and the Union Jack, Britain's flag, first flown over Canada in 1621. From about 1870, various forms of the Canadian Red Ensign, as well as the Union Jack, were used on land and sea as Canada's unofficial flag. In 1945, the Canadian government authorized the use of the Red Ensign on all federal buildings. These flags have served my country well.

However, early in 1964, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson informed the House of Commons that his government wished to adopt a distinctive national flag to promote national unity and to have it in time for the 1967 centennial celebration of Confederation. Two names stand out in my evolution. Mr. John Matheson, a Member of Parliament from Ontario, was one of my strongest supporters and played a key advisory role. The other, Dr. George Stanley, put forth the design based on a strong sense of our Canadian history. He chose to place a red maple leaf in a white center bordered by red panels. Dr. Stanley knew that my red maple leaf symbolized the land and its people as early as 1700, and that King George V designated red and white as Canada's colours in November of 1921.

What many of you may not know is the name of Joan Donovan. She was the daughter of Ken Donovan, the assistant purchasing director for what we know today as the Department of Supply and Services. Prime Minister Pearson wanted prototypes of the proposals for the new flag to take to his new residence at Harrington Lake where he would study the three designs before making a selection.

A major complication was that the design samples existed on paper only; Mr. Donovan and his team of designers met this challenge and assembled the flag prototypes in a few hours. Since no seamstress could be found, the flags were sewn together by the young Joan Donovan, the first Canadian flag seamstress known today as Joan O'Malley! Little did she realize that as she sewed these flags she was participating in an important event in Canadian history.

The ceremony marking my official inauguration as the new Canadian flag was held in Ottawa on February 15, 1965. In attendance were Governor General Georges

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Vanier, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, members of the Federal Cabinet, and thousands of Canadians. I watched as the Canadian Red Ensign was lowered, and then, on the stroke of noon, I was raised as Canada's official flag. The crowd sang 'O Canada' followed by 'God Save the Queen'. I can still recall the words spoken by the Speaker of the Senate, 'The flag is a symbol of the nation's unity, for it, without any doubt, represents all the citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief, or opinion.'

May I always serve as a symbol of peace, love, freedom, and justice throughout my country and throughout the world."

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for this privilege of paying tribute to our flag.

Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (2) presented the Union Jack followed by the singing of "*God Save The Queen*".

The Stars and Stripes was presented by Brother Frank M. Smith, P.P., Georgia. The tribute was given by Sister Martha C. Smith, P.M. of Georgia, followed by the singing of the "*Star Spangled Banner*".

Sister Martha Smith: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron - thank you for this honour.

I am the symbol of the living America, the badge of its greatness, the emblem of its destiny.

I am faith. It is I who keep men mindful of their priceless heritage, life, liberty, the right to pursue happiness.

I am hope. I represent the land of promise wherein, already, man's loftiest dreams have approached closer to realization than ever before elsewhere on this earth.

I am love. Each strand and fibre of my being is a memorial dedicated to the sacrifices of all those strong men and steadfast women who have lived and died in the Nation's service, that it might live forever.

I am tolerance. So long as I shall wave, all people under my protection may freely worship, think, write, speak, undaunted by the shadow of fear.

I am justice, tempered with mercy, for I am friend to the oppressed and downtrodden of every land.

I am a sign of the future. I wave over schoolhouses throughout the Nation, and in them the Nation's future is molded.

I am the Flag of the United States of America. I am the Star-Spangled Banner. Oh! long may it wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The flag presented tonight is a gift to Nova Scotia Grand Chapter from my husband Frank and myself. It was flown over our Nation's Capitol on June 11, 2000.

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The Nova Scotia flag was presented by Brother Gordon Bragg, P.P. (1) and the Prince Edward Island flag was presented by Brother Charles Graves, P.P. (1 PEI)

The Christian flag was presented by Brother Ray Zinck, P.P. (40) and the Eastern Star flag was presented by Brother Garry Hope, P.P. (24)

Sister June, W.G.M.: Good Evening Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished and Honoured Guests.

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to each of you on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island . We are honoured to have with us this evening many distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. We trust your stay with us will be most enjoyable. To the members of this Grand Jurisdiction - welcome to your Fifty-Sixth, Grand Chapter Session. May this Session be filled with Love and Friendship.

Brother George, W.G.P.: We welcome you, our guests, and are happy to have you share in our "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. I hope you can find the time to enjoy the many venues our historical city has to offer, and share our hospitality which we consider second to none. Do come back at any time. To the members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Grand Chapter, and all those present - it is an honour to welcome you and I do so from the bottom of my heart. Sisters and Brothers all - do enjoy your time with us.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICER

Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee of General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; was presented at the Altar, introduced and welcomed:

Sister June, W.G.M.: It is indeed an honour for me to welcome you to our 56th "Garden of Love and Friendship" session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We in this jurisdiction are very proud of our own Brother Fred for all his accomplishments in our Order.

*May precious memories make your days complete,
And the coming years bring blessings ever sweet.*

Brother George, W.G.P.: General Grand Chapter Elected and Appointed Officers. It is always an honour to have you at our sessions and this year is no exception. Welcome to our Garden of Love and Friendship Session. I hope your time with us will be a most enjoyable one.

Brother Fred, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee. We all are very proud of you and your accomplishments. You have served us well and are now destined for higher honours. I know you will accept your new duties with the same dedication you have always shown. We hope that your "mythical trip" on the Bluenose to

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Texas - the land of the Cardinals will be smooth sailing. Welcome.

Brother Fred was escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**(INCLUDING OUR OWN SISTER VIOLET E.R. BLAIR, CREDENTIALS;
BROTHER KENNETH C. SMITH, MEMBERSHIP;
SISTER MARGARET A. CLARKE, SHRINER'S HOSPITAL (CANADA);
SISTER ELEANOR J. MITCHELL, AMBASSADOR FOR THE M.W.G.M.
IN SOUTHERN ITALY)**

Ten General Grand Chapter Committee Members and **Six** Ambassadors were presented and introduced at the Altar:

CREDENTIALS: Sister Violet E.R. Blair, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; and Brother John Thompson, Past Grand Patron of Iowa; EASTERN STAR JOURNAL: Sister Rose Scott, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick; JURISPRUDENCE: Brother Michael Berry, Past Grand Patron of Kentucky; MEMBERSHIP: Brother Kenneth C. Smith, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; PUBLIC RELATIONS: Brother Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron of California; SHRINER'S HOSPITAL (CANADA): Sister Margaret A. Clarke, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; WELFARE: Sister Morag O'Hara, Past Grand Matron of Ontario; YOUTH: Brother Don Heiser, Past Grand Patron of Wyoming; AMBASSADOR FOR THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON: Sister Eleanor J. Mitchell to Southern Italy, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister June, W.G.M.: General Grand Chapter Committee Members:

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island welcome. We are truly honoured to have you with us and hope you enjoy your stay in our beautiful city.

A special welcome to our very own Sister Violet, Brother Kenneth, Sister Margaret, and Sister Eleanor, Ambassador to Southern Italy. We are all very proud of you.

Brother George, W.G.P: General Grand Chapter Committee Members -

I welcome you to our "Garden of Love and Friendship" session. To be chosen as General Grand Chapter Committee Members it shows how much General Grand is aware and selects only the best. We are all very proud of you. I've witnessed each of you performing your duties and it was always executed in an excellent manner. Brother Ken, Membership, Sister Vi, Credentials, Sister Margaret, Chairperson Canadian Shriners Hospitals, and Sister Eleanor, Ambassador to Southern Italy. I congratulate each of you and please enjoy your time with us. A sincere welcome to

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all of you.

The Response was given by **Brother Dennis Jordan**, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Public Relations and Past Grand Patron of California.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honoured Members, Sisters and Brothers, I am most humbled and honoured to have been asked by Sister June Macdonald, to give the response to the General Grand Chapter Committee Members at this “Garden of Love and Friendship” session.

The majority of my fraternal life has been spent in California on the other side of this great continent. However, as I have traveled through the Provinces of your great nation and the states of my own beloved country, I have found that we indeed are sisters and brothers in the light of our Star. I have found love and friendship in every session as sisters and brothers reach out to greet, to encourage, to share, and to fellowship with each other.

I have found this to be true of the members of the great jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. As one of your distinguished guests I thank you for your kindness. Having the privilege of conveying the gratitude of my fellow General Grand Chapter Committee members is special indeed. All of us thank you for opening your arms and your hearts to make us feel an integral part of your family.

We join with all of you in this grand jurisdiction in the excitement that is yours in having Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, chosen to become our Most Worthy Grand Patron in 2009-2012. This fine Masonic gentleman and his Margaret will serve with distinction and humility, further binding our two great countries together in true fraternalism.

So, our best wishes to you, Sister June and Brother George as you complete your year of leadership in this “Garden of Love and Friendship” session. May your joy be complete and may your plans for this session be realized to the full. Thank you, and may God bless everyone.

The General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassador were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

Sister June, W.G.M.:

We are honoured to have with us tonight two special Guests.

Provincial Greetings: The Honourable Ronald S. Russell, C.D., M.L.A., Deputy Premier of Nova Scotia, on behalf of the Premier of Nova Scotia.

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Civic Welcome: Councillor Jerry Blumenthal on behalf of Mayor Peter Kelly, Halifax Regional Municipality.

Sister June, W.G.M. extended a welcome to each of these distinguished guests and invited them to address the assembly.

The Honourable Ronald Russell:

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of Premier John Hamm, I'd like to extend warm greetings to you from the Government of Nova Scotia. For those of you who have come to Nova Scotia for this event, please accept our heartiest of welcomes.

I would like to extend the Province's condolences to your Order on the death of your Most Worthy Grand Matron, Dorothy Dewing. It is also my understanding that congratulations are in order, as well. You must be very proud to have Fred Clarke as your first elected member of the General Grand Chapter. I know he will promote Nova Scotia and the Order of the Eastern Star with great dignity and diplomacy.

The hard work that community volunteers in Nova Scotia - like Fred Clarke - perform, does not go un-noted - and that includes the hard work of your Order.

In 1876, Rob Morris, the Poet Laureate of Masonry, founded the Order of the Eastern Star with the organization's purposes being stated as charitable, educational, fraternal and scientific. These goals are noble. In fact, they are much like the efforts that many of us put forward in our own lives. It is through such fraternal groups as yours that many people dedicate their volunteer time, efforts and talents.

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Through organizations such as the Order of the Eastern Star, Nova Scotia and Nova Scotians are able to benefit from activity, work, initiative and enthusiasm in our communities.

With 49 chapters associated with this Grand Chapter in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, many communities are able to benefit from your presence.

The Order of the Eastern Star makes valuable contributions to a number of worthy charities, helps young people in many training and leadership ways, and considers and thinks of the needs of the aged. This sort of work is among the many types of community involvement that are truly appreciated in Nova Scotia and provide a valuable complement to the work conducted by government.

On behalf of the Premier and our government, I would like to thank you all very much for your hard work and your commitment to our communities. I wish you all the best and may you have a very productive - and enjoyable - series of sessions here in Halifax. Thank you.

CIVIC WELCOME

Mr. Jerry Blumenthal brought greetings to the members on behalf of the Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality. In his remarks he thanks Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. for introducing him to Masonry. In closing he thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of welcoming the Grand Chapter Session to the city.

The response was given by **Brother Allan Conrad, Grand Sentinel**:
Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the honour of responding to the gracious welcome of these distinguished gentlemen. I thank each of you on behalf of the members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for your sincere welcome. We realize that you are very busy people in your various levels of government and we thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to welcome the Sisters and Brothers gathered here for the next few days.

Mr. Blumenthal, we appreciate the time you are taking to welcome us to this City of Halifax and The Halifax Regional Municipality. We have much history here and I know the Sisters and Brothers will enjoy our beautiful city.

To the Hon. Ron Russell, Deputy Premier, it is an honour to have you on behalf of the Government of this Province to welcome our Sisters and Brothers to this our Fifty-sixth Grand Chapter Session and to Nova Scotia.

I know that the Sisters and Brothers from our other Provinces and from the United States will enjoy the hospitality and beauty of this beautiful Province. Thank you.

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Mr. Guido Kerpel, the General Manager and Area Director of the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel spoke briefly and welcomed the Order of the Eastern Star to the Westin Hotel and thanked the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, for choosing The Westin to host “The Garden of Love and Friendship” Grand Chapter Session.

MASONIC GREETINGS

Brother George, W.G.P.: This being one of my most pleasant duties, I welcome the highest officers of the Masonic Fraternity in our jurisdiction. The Most Worshipful The Grand Master of Nova Scotia Brother G. Shane MacFarlane and The Most Worshipful The Grand Master of Prince Edward Island Brother Wayne Newson. Congratulations to you both on your elevation to your important office. You are very deserving Brothers and I know you will fill your office with dignity and decorum.

Brother George, W.G.P.: Brother Shane may we hear from you.

Most Worshipful Brother G. Shane MacFarlane stated that it was a pleasure to attend this Informal Opening and extend warm fraternal greetings on behalf of Freemasonry in Nova Scotia. He wished the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and all members a successful Grand Chapter session and thanked Sister June and Brother George for the invitation to be present this evening.

Brother George, W.G.P.: Bro. Wayne may we hear from you.

Most Worshipful Brother Wayne Newson brought greetings to the Grand Chapter from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. He also thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the invitation to attend this Informal Opening of Grand Chapter. In his message he stressed the need to build bridges to keep our organizations strong and healthy.

The **response** was given by **Brother Allen Denton, Associate Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers and Visitors.

It is my privilege on behalf of all members of this Grand Chapter to respond to the Masonic Greetings extended to us from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

We congratulate you both on your recent elections and wish you both every success in your ensuing year.

Our Sisters and Brothers are often reminded of the fraternal ties between Grand Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star, and we sincerely hope that these good relations continue to exist for years to come.

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We sincerely appreciate your coming to us this evening and extend to you our very best wishes at this "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron , Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the greetings from these Distinguished Masonic Brothers.

PRESENTATION TO BONNY LEA FARM

Sister June, W.G.M.: Now Sisters and Brothers, comes the special part. First of all I would like to thank each and every one of the members who supported our **Special Project, Bonny Lea Farm.**

But before I introduce our next very special guest I would like to tell you a little about this Special Lady.

We have present, this evening, to receive our donation is Dr. Alberta Pew Baker, Founding Director, and Member of the Board of Directors of Bonny Lea Farm. An introduction of Dr. Baker was provided to me by the Reverend Doctor M. Allen Gibson, who was Chairman of the Board of Directors for more than twenty-five years, and who is a close, long-standing friend of Dr. Baker and her family and he has said:

Alberta Pew Baker is a daughter of the late Joseph N. Pew and his wife, Alberta Hensell. Mrs. Baker first came to Chester with her parents, following a tradition established by her mother for whom Chester long had been a summer home. Her family has had a long association with Chester, her mother being among those who, on the afternoon of Sunday, August 24, 1913, participated in services marking the laying of the cornerstone of the present United Baptist Church.

Mrs. Baker received her education in the United States and is an alumna of Sweet Briar College in Virginia. In more recent years, she has studied education in Halifax where her academic achievements include an honorary degree from St. Mary's University. She was honoured in 1992 as a recipient of the Commemorative Medal marking the 125th anniversary of the confederation of Canada.

Mrs. Baker is the mother of six children, one of whom, her elder son, David, died in January 1975.

Her vision and leadership have given Nova Scotia a position of leadership in the education of the handicapped. After half a century, Nova Scotia is widely recognized as a leading center in the education of the handicapped. It is a work conceived of and pioneered by Mrs. Baker and its widely recognized successes are a tribute to her vision and leadership.

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Brother George, W.G.P.: Dr. Alberta Baker, it is so nice having you with us, representing Bonny Lea Farm. Sister June and I, when choosing our special project for this year, felt that the physically and mentally challenged persons would be a most deserving charity. Over the years Cancer, Heart and Stroke etc., have taken priority over other charities. We trust this donation will help in some way to further your goal in the rehabilitation of your residents.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Mrs. Baker, it is indeed with so much pleasure that I can present you with a cheque in the amount of **\$32,414.00**. And there will be more coming over the next few days which we will pass over to you later. We would very much like to have you speak to us at this time.

Dr. Alberta Baker, Founding Director of Bonny Lea Farm, gratefully accepted the most generous donation and expressed her thanks on behalf of Bonny Lea Farm and the Board of Directors. This money will certainly assist in the programs set up for the residents of Bonny Lea Farm.

Sister June, W.G.M.: At this time any Distinguished Guests who wish , may leave; but if you would like to remain we would love to have you stay.

Musical Selection: Sister Sharon Ward, P.M. (24) sang "*Climb Every Mountain*".

**WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS
OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

Three Worthy Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Claire Wilder, Massachusetts; Sister Leitha Holmes, New Brunswick and Sister Janet Noland, New Hampshire.

Three Worthy Grand Patrons were presented: Brother Robert McDuffie, Massachusetts; Brother Ronald Jagoe, New Brunswick and Brother James Nelson, New Hampshire.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons, we are so happy to have you at our "Garden of Love and Friendship" session. We hope that you will enjoy your stay with us.

*"A special greeting just to say
How much we think of you.
And how we hope you'll always find
Real happiness your whole life through."*

The **response** was given by **Sister Leitha Holmes**, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, all Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

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It is an honour for New Brunswick, and myself, to be invited to respond on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions to your warm and gracious welcome into your "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. We have been looking forward to coming to your Session.

Sister June and Brother George, it's wonderful to be coming as friends - not as strangers. You have both scattered seeds of friendship sprinkled with love. They fell to earth, we know where, right here in the hearts of some very dear friends, blossoming in the rays of your friendly smiles and putting down deep roots of friendship by your kindness.

In our O.E.S. Friendship Garden there are riches untold. Sister June and Brother George, keep planting those seeds sprinkled with your warm smiles. We know your Sessions are going to be a rewarding culmination and a beautiful bouquet for you to treasure as you continue to walk through the blossoms of your year.

The Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Nineteen Past Grand Matrons were presented:

Sister Megan Church, Sister Jessie Nutter, Angel in Disguise of the Most Worthy Grand Matron; Sister Helen Connors, Sister Ruth Waterbury, Sister Edna Harding, Sister Eleanor Freeman, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Barbara Bowser, Sister Dora Turnbull, Sister Mildred Denton, Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Evelyn Thompson, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Marian Durling, Sister Cheryl Denton, Sister Joan Campbell, Sister Carol Clark and Sister Isabelle Pearson.

Seventeen Past Grand Patrons were presented:

Brother Bruce Atkinson, Brother Charles Thompson, Brother Cyril MacIntosh, Brother Lawrin Armstrong, Brother Neil Archibald, Brother Keith Pettigrew, Brother Reginald MacRae, Brother Vincent Ells, Brother William Clark, Brother Allison Mitchell, Brother Adrian Pearson, Brother James Dickie, Brother Howard MacInnis, Brother David Waterbury, Brother William M. Thompson, Brother Murray Gardner and Brother William A. Thompson.

Sister June, W.G.M.: What a beautiful sight you are! It is with extreme pride and deepest admiration that I welcome you to your Grand Chapter Session. You understand as no other group can, all the joys and difficulties that come to a Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, and of the rich reward of love and friendship of our sisters and brothers as well. The standards you have set are an inspiration to all of us. Each of you, through your individual leadership, have made a significant contribution to the history of this Grand Chapter and we thank

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you.

Brother George, W.G.P.: Past Grand Matrons and our Angel in disguise, Sister Jessie and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I feel very proud to welcome you to our "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. It has been a great experience travelling the O.E.S. trail to various Chapters on our official visits. Seeing so many of you being presented at the Altar was such a good feeling, knowing that you are such dedicated members. I've said before that you hold a wealth of knowledge in your ranks and share it so freely. Thank you so much. Sister June and I are about to join you and trust we will be able to offer some assistance. Welcome.

The **response** was given by **Sister Carol Clark:** Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, all Distinguished Guests. Sisters, Brothers and friends:

On behalf of those who have served this beautiful Order in the same position you now hold, I thank you for the sincere welcome to this your "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session.

You both have served our Grand Chapter well, having gone that extra mile in the performance of your duties and we congratulate you for the leadership that you have given this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year.

Our sincere wish is that this Session will be the perfect fulfillment of your fondest hopes and dreams and we look forward to welcoming you to the ranks of the Past Grands.

Thank you once again Worthy Grand Matron for extending to me this honour of responding on behalf of the Past Grands of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and on a personal note, Brother Bill and I are very pleased and happy to be back home again.

The Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Thirteen Past Grand Matrons presented were: Sister Kathleen MacDonald, California; Sister Sue Mason, Georgia; Sister Virginia Charles, Maine; Sister Margaret Dyer, Maine; Sister Gretchen Brisette, Maine; Sister Jean DeSisto, Massachusetts; Sister Constance Vick, Massachusetts; Sister Judith Fenner, Massachusetts; Sister Cynthia Salisbury, New Hampshire; Sister Jan Hanna,

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Oklahoma; Sister Bette Macintosh, Ontario; Sister Flora Whalen, Ontario and Sister Ferne Launius, South Carolina.

Fifteen Past Grand Patrons presented were: Brother Lee Hamblin, Kentucky; Brother Ronald "Pete" Forest, Maine; Brother Robert W. McBournie, Massachusetts; Brother Irving Nicholl, Massachusetts; Brother Healy A. Nowe, Jr., Massachusetts; Brother Loren Sandler, Massachusetts; Brother Lloyd Williams, Massachusetts; Brother Daniel Drew, Massachusetts; Brother David Goodrich, Massachusetts; Brother Paul Francis Hunt, Massachusetts; Brother Peter Colton, New Brunswick; Brother Carr Graham, New Brunswick; Brother Joseph Holmes, New Brunswick; Brother Doug Swan, New Brunswick and Brother Owen Major, Oklahoma.

Sister June, W.G.M.: We appreciate the effort you have made to be with us and to share with us in our "Garden of Love and Friendship" session, and hope you will enjoy our hospitality so much that you will want to return to visit us many times.

Sister Judith Fenner, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts gave the **response:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George: Thank you for the honour you have bestowed upon the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and me by inviting me to give this response.

We, the visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons thank you for the warm welcome that those of us who have been here before know always awaits us at the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. You make us feel like part of the family and we thank you for all the courtesies extended to us.

Sister June and Brother George, the Nor'easters among us who have already "graduated" will be pleased to welcome you to our ranks on Wednesday night when you will receive your "diplomas" and join the ranks of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

On a personal note: I am delighted to be back in Nova Scotia once again. My roots are deep in your soil and I always enjoy greeting cousins and old friends again. It truly feels like a homecoming. May your "Garden of Love and Friendship" session be all that you dreamed it would be. Thank you from all of us.

The Visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

WELCOME ON BEHALF OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Welcome by Sister Edith Conrod, P.M. (61), Chairperson of Hostess Chapters 2003: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters,

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Brothers and Friends.

It is with great pleasure as chairperson on behalf of the seven Hostess Chapters: Evangeline #15, Hon. Joseph Howe #20, Maple Leaf #23, Scotia #49, Elmsdale#55, Ruth #57, Queen Esther #61 that I extend to each of you a warm and heartfelt welcome to this our 2003 Grand Chapter Session, *"The Garden of Love and Friendship"*.

Over the past three years many enjoyable hours have been spent planning and preparing for this Grand Session. The Hostess Chapters have strived to do our best and hope that we have met with the expectations and needs of our Grand Chapter. To those from other Grand Jurisdictions who have travelled great distances we welcome you to our beautiful city and hope you will enjoy the hospitality prepared for all present. May you take home happy memories of your visit with us.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, I thank you for the privilege of extending this welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters. As I extend to you and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George, fraternal love my wish for you both is that *"The Garden of Love and Friendship"* session will be successful and harmonious.

The **response** was given by **Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Grand Conductress**: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. It is my pleasure to respond to the Hostess Chapters welcome.

Having participated in several Hostess Chapters, I can appreciate the hard work, love, support and dedication of the members of the chapters. Each year it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise the necessary funds to hold the Grand Chapter session.

You the members of Hostess Chapters 2003, have helped to make the dreams of our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron come true. Well done!!

**PRESENTATION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

Twenty-four Sisters and Brothers were presented: Sister Marjorie Colton, Associate Grand Matron, New Brunswick; Brother Evan Thomas, Associate Grand Patron, New Brunswick; Brother James Grabau, Associate Grand Patron, Massachusetts; Sister Norma Crabtree, Grand Conductress, Maine; Sister Donna Allen, Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Sister Bonnie Zumalt, Associate Grand Conductress, Massachusetts; Sister Martha Smith, Grand Trustee, Georgia; Sister Nancy Watson, Grand Chaplain, Connecticut; Brother Joseph DeSisto, Grand Chaplain, Massachusetts and Grand Representative of Oklahoma; Sister Martha Rudell, Grand Marshal, Arkansas; Sister Susan Kilborn, Grand Marshal, Massachusetts; Sister Charlotte Leavitt, Grand Marshal, New Hampshire; Sister

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Laurie Eaton, Grand Adah, Massachusetts and Grand Representative of Virginia; Sister Evelyn Bogue, Grand Esther, Massachusetts; Sister Margaret Jagoe, Grand Esther, New Brunswick; Sister Sandra Walsh, Grand Esther, Ontario; Sister Patricia Donovan, Grand Martha, Massachusetts and Grand Representative of New Brunswick; Sister Corinne Greeley Smith, Grand Martha, New Hampshire; Sister Olive Brinson, Grand Martha, Ontario; Sister Barbara McDuffie, Grand Electa, Massachusetts; Sister Mary DuManoir, Grand Electa, New Brunswick; Sister Chris Dow, Grand Electa, New Hampshire; Brother Kenneth Sargent, Grand Warder, Massachusetts and Brother George Flanders, Grand Warder, New Hampshire.

Sister June, W.G.M.: We welcome you to our "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. Your interest in promoting fraternal love and friendship from your Grand Jurisdiction to other Grand Jurisdictions has gained for you this place of honour. We thank you for coming and hope you enjoy yourselves and do come again.

Sister Mary DuManoir, Grand Electa of New Brunswick gave the response: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you Sister June, for giving me the privilege of responding to your warm welcome. It has been our privilege and pleasure to serve in our appointments this year, throughout our Grand Jurisdictions.

In the heart of Electa, was the hope that she could teach charity and loving kindness to others, by her own courageous example in spite of persecutions and trials. There is no exercise, better for the heart, than reaching down and lifting people up.

We congratulate you on a most successful year and wish you continued success in your "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session of kindness, caring and Love for others.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers you will extend a hearty welcome to the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS
OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
VISITING DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS
AND DEPUTY GRAND OFFICERS**

The following were introduced: Sister Edna MacVicar, District No. 1; Sister Anna Horne, District No.3; Sister Janet Merry, District No. 4; Sister Vicki Perry, District No. 5; and Sister Joan Ross, District No. 6 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Visiting District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Rita Lytle, Texas; Sister Barbara Nakai, Deputy Grand Lecturer, Delaware; Sister Armelia Cameron, Deputy Grand Marshal, Massachusetts; Sister Judith Downs, Deputy Grand

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Matron, Massachusetts and Grand Representative of New Hampshire in Massachusetts; Sister Donna Jane Wert, Deputy Grand Matron, Texas and Sister Valerie Layman, Assistant Lecturer, Virginia.

Sister June, W.G.M.: One of my greatest pleasures is to welcome you and thank you for the loving services you have given to your chapters. To our Visiting District Deputy Grand Matrons I hope you will enjoy your stay with us. To our own little birds you have fulfilled your duties with dignity and honor. It was a pleasure to work with each of you and I will have many treasured memories which time cannot erase.

*In making a lovely garden
It takes rain, sun and dew.
To make a Grand Chapter Session
It takes lovely girls like you.*

I am glad that you are with us.

The **response** was given by **Sister Janet Merry, P.M. (27):** Worthy Grand Matron,
Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East - Sisters, Brothers and Friends -

For the District Deputy Grand Matrons it is a pleasure for me to respond to your warm welcome.

We, District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you for our appointments - - an honour to ourselves, to our respective Chapters and is an honour to serve our beautiful Order.

We were welcomed with Love and Friendship as we visited our respective Chapters to carry out our official duties. These Chapters will always have a warm spot in our hearts.

ESTARL givings were up considerably this year, due to your encouragement for some change. For this we are grateful for the generosity of our members and friends.

Sister June and Brother George - God Bless you both as you guide this Grand Jurisdiction through your Garden of Love and Friendship Session.

Finally Sister June - - A special Thank You from your five 'Yellow Birds.'

The District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Officers were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
IN NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

The following **thirty-seven** Grand Representatives were introduced: Sister

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Marianna Hope, Alberta; Sister Irene Beeler, Arizona; Brother Bruce Langille, Arkansas; Sister Elsie Brinkshulte, Australia; Sister Cora MacKay, British Columbia and Yukon; Brother Howard Spence, California; Sister Marion Buchan, Colorado; Brother Allister Thompson, Delaware; Sister Carolyn Matthews, Florida; Sister Edith Conrod, Georgia; Sister Elinor Sanford, Idaho; Brother Richard Haynes, Indiana; Sister Georgie Dewey, Iowa; Sister Beulah Lynch, Kansas; Brother Dale Ross, Kentucky; Brother Morley Robinson, Louisiana; Brother Edward Grant, Maine; Sister Amelia Whalley, Maryland; Sister Annie Drover, Minnesota; Brother Daniel Campbell, Missouri; Brother Peter Kay, New Brunswick; Sister Constance MacDonald, New Hampshire; Sister Patricia Wambolt, New Mexico; Brother Robie Horne, New York; Brother Richard Pineo, Ontario; Brother Cyril Marsters, Oregon; Sister Doreen Gillespie, Pennsylvania; Sister Melda Johnston, Puerto Rico; Sister Carol Nielsen, Quebec; Sister Myrna MacPherson, Rhode Island; Brother Owen Baker, Saskatchewan; Brother Charles Paterson, South Carolina; Sister Irene Johnson, Vermont; Brother Glenn MacAdam, Virginia; Sister Claudette Smith, Washington; Sister Hazel Wagner, Wisconsin and Sister Gail Rafuse, Wyoming.

Sister June, W.G.M: extended a warm welcome and was so pleased to have such a large number of Grand Representatives present. She wished them all the best as they visit with their counterparts. She also expressed her pleasure at being able to present so many commissions during her year.

Response given by Sister Marianna Hope: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:
On behalf of the Grand Representatives of this Jurisdiction, I would like to thank you for your sincere welcome to this Grand Chapter Session. The appointment of Grand Representative gives us the opportunity to lengthen our fraternal bonds globally. Making friends is what Eastern Star is all about!

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George, I wish you both a very rewarding session.

Sister June, I thank you for my commission and the honour you gave Westville Chapter No. 24. I will make every effort to fill my duties to the best of my abilities.

The Grand Representatives were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Twenty-five Grand Representatives were introduced: Sister Julia Ewing, Alberta;

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Sister Doris Kreugen, Arizona; Sister Betty Studer, Arkansas; Sister Dorothy Cairns, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Donna Haas, Colorado and Grand Secretary Emeritus; Sister Brenda Stineman, Delaware; Sister Gloria Sue Biggs, Florida; Sister Colee Mauney, Georgia; Sister Carol Kammerer, Illinois; Brother Doug Seelye, Iowa; Sister Eva Mae Combs, Kentucky; Sister Beverly Geisler, Maryland; Sister Carol Orsborn, Michigan; Brother Gregory Learning, Missouri; Brother John Dow, New Hampshire; Sister Peggy Dettmer, New Mexico; Sister Louann Major, Oklahoma; Sister Joyce Saunders, Ontario; Sister Marian Mephram, Oregon; Sister Dorothy Brant, Pennsylvania; Brother Doyle Launius, South Carolina; Sister Toby Lytle, Texas; Sister Marjorie Brooks, Virginia; Sister Wanda "Midge" Swegle, Washington and Sister Eunice Heiser, Wyoming.

Brother George, W.G.P.: Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions -

It is an honour and pleasure to welcome you to our "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. May your visit to our beautiful province of Nova Scotia be a memorable one and a highlight to your commission. I hope someday you will return. A hundred thousand welcomes.

The **response** was given by **Sister Colee Mauney**:

I bring greetings from my home state of Georgia and we are so happy to be in Nova Scotia. Sincere thanks to you, Sister June, for giving me the honour to respond to the welcome to all Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions.

On behalf of all Grand Representatives here today, we truly appreciate the many courtesies, kindnesses and cordial welcomes extended to us everywhere we go in your beautiful area. We were really looking forward to our journey to this Grand Jurisdiction and we have not been disappointed!

Our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen R. Cox, had planned to make the trip with us but was unable to do so because of recent health problems. However, Sister Helen asked us to extend her warm wishes to you for a wonderful session. Our thanks to you and sincere good wishes for this session also.

The Grand Representatives were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Nine Sisters and Brothers were introduced: Brother Russell Cutter, Alberta in Massachusetts; Brother John Howard, Florida in Massachusetts; Brother J. C. Christy, Louisiana in Georgia; Brother Marvin Holmberg, New Brunswick in California; Brother Bobby Jenkins, New Brunswick in Georgia; Brother George Leavitt, Oklahoma in New Hampshire; Sister Elizabeth Winter, Saskatchewan in British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Janice Hamblin, Washington in Kentucky and

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Sister Marion Ewell, Wisconsin in Massachusetts.

Sister June, W.G.M.: You have come from far and near, North, South, East and West to cement the bonds between your Jurisdiction and ours. I am so very pleased to have you here with us, and extend to you a most cordial welcome. You will now be escorted to the Grand East.

The Grand Representatives were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

PRESENTATION OF EMERITUS GRAND OFFICER

Sister Hazel MacLeod, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented, introduced and welcomed by **Brother George, W.G.P.:**

Sister Hazel, it is an honour to welcome you to our "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. Seeing you here means that you still have an interest and love for our beautiful Order. Thank you so much for being here and please enjoy your time renewing old acquaintances and making new.

Sister Hazel was escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Twenty-nine Grand Chapter Committee Members of this Jurisdiction and **Six** Visiting Grand Chapter Committee Members were introduced: Brother Phillip Beeler, **Finance**; Brother Frank Cullen, Sister Barbara Falkenham, Brother John Patterson, Brother Rev. Charles McPherson and Sister Phyllis Munroe, **ESTARL**; Sister Leda Graham and Sister Rhoda Tupper, **Credentials**; Sister Linda Foote and Sister Dorothy Matthews, **Crafts and Treasures**; Sister Lucinda Josey and Sister Noreen MacInnis, **W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project**; Sister Shirley Conrad, Sister Betty Smith and Sister Anna Carr, **Reception Arrangements for General Grand Chapter, 2003**; Sister Mary Lou Higgins and Sister Marion Tizard, **Eastern Star Journal**; Sister Shirley MacLean, **Arrangements for General Grand Chapter**; Brother Donald Cooke and Sister Barbara Crosby, **Temple Fund**; Sister Evelyn Blair and Brother Ray Zinck, **Publicity**; Sister Carol MacLellan and Sister Jean Coombes, **Courtesy**; Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, Sister Carol Little, Sister Freda Ells, Sister Evelyn Aulenback and Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, **M.W.G.M.'s Triennial Pins**; and Sister Clara Page, Artificial Flowers, Arizona; Sister Alica Hofer, Youth, Iowa; Brother Gerry Orsborne, Masonic Relations, Michigan; Sister Donna Schmoutz, Homes, Pennsylvania; Brother Harold Wert, Texas and Sister Bonnie Bennett, Star of Humility, Georgia.

Brother George, W.G.P.: I welcome you our Grand Chapter Committee Members. You are what makes Grand Chapter work. Thank you so much for

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accepting your appointments and for carrying out your duties so efficiently.

The Grand Chapter Committee Members were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

Nineteen Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and **One** Visiting Chapter Secretary were presented, introduced and welcomed by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary: Sister Joan Ross (1); Sister Marian Durling (3); Sister Barbara Myles (7); Sister Edna MacVicar (14); Sister LaVerne Porter (15); Sister Leda Graham (20); Sister Maxine Horncastle (22); Sister Anna Carr (1 PEI); Sister Isabelle Pearson (25); Sister Sheila MacDonald (26); Sister Mary Zinck (40); Sister Hazel MacLeod (45); Sister Barbara Crosby (47); Sister Evelyn Thompson (52); Sister Edna Harding (54); Sister Ethel Brown (55); Sister Doreen Edgar (58); Sister Alena Buchanan (69); Sister Anna Ford (71) and a Chapter Secretary, New Jersey.

Sister Betty Ann: Sister Secretaries, I am pleased to have this opportunity to welcome each of you to the "Garden of Love and Friendship" Grand Chapter Session.

Your dedicated service to our Order and, in particular, to your own Chapter, plays an important role in keeping our Order running smoothly. I hope you will enjoy this session - because you don't have to write up any minutes.

*"Friendship is like a garden of flowers, rich and rare
It cannot reach perfection except through loving care
Then new and lovely blooms with each new day appear
For Friendship, like a garden, grows in beauty year by year."*

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for allowing me to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries. May your cup be overflowing with happy memories of this session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Barbara Myles**, P.M., Secretary, (7):
Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries I thank you most sincerely for your warm and most gracious welcome.

It is a pleasure for the Secretaries of this Grand Jurisdiction to work with you. Your courteous and efficient manner in handling our questions and request is always appreciated by your Subordinate Chapter Secretaries as we make every effort to perform our duties. Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary, we appreciate your helpfulness.

Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honour to myself and to my

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Chapter, Halifax Chapter #7, for allowing me to respond to the welcome of our Grand Secretary. We wish for you and Brother George a very successful "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. May your Session be truly one of Love and Friendship.

The Secretaries were escorted to the East and extended a warm welcome.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

Nine Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented and welcomed by Brother Cecil Decker, P.P. (55), Grand Treasurer: Sister Evelyn Blair (3); Brother Howard MacInnis (7); Sister Elinor Sanford (22); Brother Allison MacDonald (1 PEI); Brother Allister Thompson (24); Sister Caryl Yates (26); Brother Robie Horne (55); Sister Doris Hillier (58) and Sister Dorothy Matthews (61).

Brother Cecil: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers: Thank you for the honour of welcoming the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers.

The office of Treasurer is one of trust and responsibility and your presence here indicates your acceptance of that trust and responsibility and of your interest in the Order. I trust that our Sessions will be beneficial to you and that your good service will continue through the years.

*Service is working and giving and never counting the cost.
It is knowing and understanding that no good deed is lost.
Service is thinking of others not just of ourselves, instead.
To serve for the love of serving, with our hearts as well as our head.*

I congratulate you on your record of service and I am proud to welcome you to this Grand Chapter Assembly.

The **response** was given by **Brother Allister Thompson**, P.P., Treasurer (24):

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Chapter Treasurers to thank Brother Cecil, Grand Treasurer, for his words of welcome and greetings to us. We wish you well as you continue to serve Grand Chapter.

I also would like to thank Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George for the honour given to Westville Chapter #24 and to myself to respond. All the Chapter Treasurers wish your Dreams and Hopes be realized as continue your sessions in the "Garden of Love and Friendship".

The Treasurers were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

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**PRESENTATION OF 2002-2003
WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS**

Thirty-three Worthy Matrons and **Seventeen** Worthy Patrons were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

Worthy Matrons: Sister Winna Smith, Port Royal #1; Sister Mabel Haynes, Mayflower #2; Sister Marianne MacMillan, Cedar #3; Sister Louise Seeley, Keystone #5; Sister Noreen MacInnis, Halifax #7; Sister Carolyn Matthews, Grace #8; Sister Carol Wooster, Evangeline #15; Sister Muriel Toye, Britannia #18; Sister Christene MacLeod, Victoria #19; Sister Rosamond Campbell, Hon. Joseph Howe #20; Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, Myrtle #21; Sister Ruth Bond, Fairfield #22; Sister Colleen McPherson, Harmony #25; Sister Mildred Wagner, Amethyst #28; Sister Emily White, Arbutus #30; Sister Margaret Fisher, Queens #34; Sister Mildred Denton, St. Mary's #35; Sister Shirley Haugen, Mae #38; Sister Elizabeth Morash, Mystic Star #40; Sister Helen Hazeldine, Armcrest #45; Sister Carol Little, Scotia #49; Sister Marilyn Lisk, Regent #52; Sister Ruth Digdon, Faith #54; Sister Karyn Grant, Elmsdale #55; Sister Claudette Smith, Ruth #57; Sister Elizabeth Seymour, Emerald #58; Sister Arlene Antle, Shoreham #59; Sister Julia Dunn, Queen Esther #61; Sister Elizabeth Langille, Atlantic #65; Sister Kay Horton, Starlight #66; Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, Laurel #67; Sister Marjorie Aitken, Montague #69 and Sister Patricia Wamboldt.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Richard Haynes, Mayflower #2; Brother Walter Blair, Cedar #3; Brother Fred Wooster, Evangeline #15; Brother Bryan Campbell, Hon. Joseph Howe #20; Brother Cyril Marsters, Fairfield #22; Brother Zeke Eaton, Crystal #1 PEI; Brother Rev. Charles McPherson, Harmony #25; Brother Kenneth Smith, Kwebec #27; Brother Charles Teal, Mae #38; Brother James Coolen, Mystic Star #40; Brother Carson Jackson, Armcrest #45; Brother Donald Cooke, Scotia #49; Brother Jacob Hillier, Ruth #57; Brother Reginald Gamache, Emerald #58; Brother George Buckler, Atlantic #65; Brother Ray Horton, Starlight #66 and Brother Stewart Fader, Pearle #71.

Six Visiting Worthy Matrons and Two Visiting Worthy Patrons were also introduced: Sister Diane Jones, Santa Clara #195, California; Sister Treasure Benson, Alpharetta #311, Georgia; Sister Barbara Jenkins, Edith Cavell #193, Georgia; Sister Joann Seelye, Sterling #354, Illinois; Sister Nancy Jackson, Edith Cavell Sombra #2, Ontario and Sister Pamela Brooks, Montrose #176, Virginia. Brother Charles Biggs, Jasper #199, Florida and Brother Ron Hofer, Clinton #65, Iowa.

Sister June, W.G.M.: I shall always remember the warm welcome given to Brother George and I when we visited your Chapters. You made us feel at home and I thank you all. I shall always have very happy memories. I hope you enjoy your Grand Session.

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Brother George, W.G.P.: It is an honour to welcome the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons this evening - you are very special to me. On each official visit I had the time of my life cavorting with all the Sisters and Brothers. The warm hospitality and courtesies afforded me will be fondly remembered. Thank you so much. I felt I was a part of each Chapter and never a stranger. For all the special gifts and the fun we shared - from this "Ole Tomcat" thank you for a most memorable year.

The **response** was given by **Sister Shirley Haugen, Chairman**, Grand Pages (38).

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were escorted to the East and extended a hearty welcome.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER ELECTAS

Eleven Subordinate Chapter Electas were presented and welcomed by **Sister Irma Maxwell, Grand Electa:**

Sister Mildred Denton, Port Royal #1; Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Acadia #4; Sister Mary Ramirez, Keystone #5; Sister Susan Wroe, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Ruby MacKenzie, Evangeline #15; Sister Muriel Toye, Britannia #18; Sister Constance MacDonald, Crystal #1 PEI; Sister Geraldine Moll, Amethyst #28; Sister Mary Perry, Mystic Star #40; Sister Marian Durling, Queen Esther #61 and Sister Linda Foote, Laurel #67 .

The **response** was given by **Sister Geraldine Moll, Electa** (28):
Worthy Grand Matron Sister June; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George; Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers. It is an honour to respond on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Electas to the gracious welcome extended by our Grand Electa, Sister Irma Maxwell. We have been privileged to serve with you this year and to tell the beautiful story of Electa's love.

Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, may you have a successful and rewarding "Garden of Love and Friendship" session.

The Subordinate Chapter Electas were escorted to the East and extended a warm welcome.

PRESENTATION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS CONVENORS AND HOSTESS CHAPTERS MEMBERS

Twenty-three Hostess Chapters Convenors and members were presented and

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welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers, please accept my thanks for all the hard work you all done and the long hours you put in to insure that we have a successful session. You will never know how much I appreciate the many hours spent planning and preparing for this Grand Session. Welcome to this your “Garden of Love and Friendship” Session, and hope you will enjoy it as well.

Brother George, W.G.P.: Behold our Hostess Chapter members. You have been a fun group to be with and have worked very hard and many hours to make this Grand Session a success. This Grand Session has been made possible only because each and everyone of you have done your jobs well. I am truly appreciative of all your efforts to make this a special occasion for Sister June and I. I love you all and God Bless.

The **response** was given by **Sister Carol Nielsen, P.M (20), Co-Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors. It is with pleasure that I respond on behalf of our Chair, Sister Edith Conrod and the members of the Hostess Chapters, to your kind welcome.

The experience of working as one unit within our district has fostered new relationships and friendships and has been a rewarding experience in itself. It is our sincere hope that our preparations and participation in this Grand Chapter Session will contribute to a successful, pleasant and memorable session for each and everyone here.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, and Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for all your support to the Hostess Chapters, in its many forms and all the best to you both as you preside over this Grand Chapter Session.

As well, I would like to thank you for the opportunity and honour of responding to your welcome.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Lets have a big hand for them.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Grand Conductress you will attend at the Altar informally.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Grand Marshal - You will proclaim this Grand Chapter called from labour to rest, to reconvene Tuesday, July 8, 2003 at 8:45 a.m.

**FORMAL OPENING
TUESDAY MORNING, July 8, 2003**

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8:45 A.M.: Placing of Emblems:
Narrator: Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71)
Bible: Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67)
Sword & Veil: Sister Tricia Duncan (61)
Sheaf: Sister Darlene Fudge-Richards (57)
Crown & Sceptre: Sister Shirley Daine (7)
Broken Column: Sister Wanda Sutherland (20)
Cup: Sister Shirley Estey (58)

This ceremony was carried out in the same manner as during the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

9:00 A.M.: The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Margaret Clarke, G.G.C.C.M. (67) and Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (58).

Sister Margaret Clarke, G.G.C.C.M.: GOOD MORNING!!!!

Welcome to the Formal Opening of the 56th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" session. We are delighted to welcome our Distinguished Guests. We trust that you will enjoy the fellowship of our members and have some time to see some of the beauty of our two Provinces as well. It is also a pleasure to greet our faithful members who come year after year to participate in our deliberations. May we be determined to meet the challenges of the present and be hopeful for a bright future as we ALL continue to work together reflecting Love, Kindness and Caring. Let us remember that the deeds of today make tomorrow's history. Once again it is my honour to welcome Brother Fred Clarke, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees of General Grand Chapter to your own Grand Chapter. Your term on the Board is almost completed and we pledge our support and love as you embark on another new venture. I know that Sister Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, is thinking of us now and wishing that she could be here. To our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Violet Blair, Credentials and Brother Kenneth Smith, Membership; Ambassador to Southern Italy, Sister Eleanor Mitchell and Sister Jessie Nutter, Angel in Disguise; our time is coming to a close. I know that our beloved Sister Dorothy was proud of each of you as you worked for the good of our Order.

I am delighted once again to be sharing the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Howard MacInnis. Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for this opportunity. Brother Howie may we hear from you at this time.

Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P.: Good morning Sisters and Brothers.
Through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June and our Worthy

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Grand Patron, Brother George, I have been given the privilege of opening this "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" Session with my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Margaret.

To our Distinguished Guests, a very warm welcome; we hope you are enjoying our Nova Scotia hospitality, and do come back again.

To our own General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Fred Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees, our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Violet Blair, Brother Kenneth Smith and Sister Margaret Clarke and our Ambassador to Southern Italy, Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Sister Jessie Nutter, Angel in Disguise - a special welcome to your own Grand Chapter Session. We in this Grand Jurisdiction are very proud of you; you have represented our Jurisdiction well.

To you, the members of this Grand Chapter, a sincere welcome and trust that each of us will benefit from the experience of being present at this Fifty-Sixth annual session.

To all, have a safe journey home.

Sister Margaret, G.G.C.C.M.: I now call to order the Formal Opening of the 56th Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" session.

The **Grand Choir** sang "*Morning Has Broken*".

Sister Margaret, G.G.C.C.M.: Grand Marshal: You will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Grand Representatives District Deputy Grand Matrons and Sister Electas to enter the Grand Chapter Room. It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the formations, which will be narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71) narrated the formations as the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives and Sister Electas entered the Grand Chapter Room. This was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

Sister Margaret, G.G.C.C.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June Macdonald and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Crouch at the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister June, thank you for the honour you have given me in sharing the East with Brother Howie, my Worthy Grand Patron, on this occasion. I congratulate you on a

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wonderful year of service to this Grand Chapter. The road to this point in time has not always been easy for you but your determination to your duty has shone through. May you reflect many times on the memories of your year and I know the many friendships formed will show love in those memories. I trust that your "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" will fulfill all your highest hopes and deepest dreams.

Brother George, "Our Shining Star", how quickly time has gone since you sat on the back porch and wondered what was going on at your neighbors house, with all those people coming and going in long dress and white jackets. Your year as Worthy Grand Patron has covered many miles and has brought a lot of Love to each of your visits. Your devotion to your Worthy Grand Matron has been outstanding. In a few short days you will be able to enjoy that swing on the back porch again, relax and share these memories with Sister Mary.

Sister June and Brother George:

*Life brings us much that is lovely to brighten every hour
So much to make us happy in spite of cloud and shower
And best of all is Friendship, the kind that is true
That's why I'm thankful I had the opportunity to share with each of you.*

Brother Howie, P.G.P.: Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron. My congratulations to each of you. During this past year you have served our Order well. You have shown Kindness, Courtesy, Thoughtfulness and greatly enriched the goodwill and harmony in our Chapters.

May you have many beautiful memories of your year in the Grand East.

I thank you both for giving me the pleasure and honour of welcoming you to your "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" Session.

Sister Margaret, G.G.C.C.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and our Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sister June and Brother George were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Sharon Ward, P.M. (24) and **Brother William Allen, P.P. (24)** sang "*I Come to the Garden*" to Sister June and Brother George.

Sister Margaret, G.G.C.C.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, I present you with your Gavel that you may preside. I know that you will use it wisely and with caring for

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your members.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Sister, Margaret, I thank you most sincerely for calling to order our 56th Grand Chapter Session. I truly appreciate all your kind words. And Brother Howard, thank you. What would we ever do without our Past Grands. Thank you, Sister Margaret, for presenting me with my Gavel. Please accept this little gift as a token of my appreciation.

Brother George, W.G.P.: Sister Margaret and Brother Howie -
What an honour to have you, Sister Margaret and Brother Howie, preside at the Formal Opening of our "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" Session on this beautiful morning. Your enthusiasm for our Order still shows just how much you enjoy the many pleasures associated with this Fraternity. I will cherish your friendship and assistance always. Brother Howie, please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.

Sister June, W.G.M.: The Officers will take their respective stations and prepare for the active duties of this Grand Chapter.

Grand Marshal you will proclaim this Grand Session called from rest to labour.

The Grand Chapter was proved, and opened in Ritualistic form.

The Opening Ode: "*Amazing Grace*" was sung.

The Grand Marshal, Brother Kenneth Conrod, presented the Canadian Flag and "*O Canada*" was sung.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers. I hope every one had a good rest, and are ready to take care of the Grand Chapters business. Thank you Grand Choir for your beautiful start to the day; and a hearty welcome to you. I hope you enjoy your stay with us at our "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" Session.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

The following Grand Chapter Committee Members were introduced: Sister JoAnne Newell, Librarian; Sister Iris Newman, Crafts & Treasures; Sister Phyllis Veinot, Reception Arrangements for General Grand Chapter, 2003; Brother Richard Haugen, Publicity. Also introduced were: Sister Elizabeth Wambolt, Worthy Matron, Kwebec Chapter No. 27 and Sister Helen Legge, P. M., Treasurer, Amethyst Chapter No. 28. All were graciously welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron, escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

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RULES OF ORDER

Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15), Parliamentarian 2003:
Sisters and Brothers:

1. The order of business shall be as the Worthy Grand Matron directs.
2. The votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up her/his voting card, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost. If two members demand that the vote be counted, the same shall be counted by the Conductresses.
3. A motion, when stated by the chair, shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Grand Chapter but may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the seconder and of Grand Chapter at anytime before being put to the vote of Grand Chapter.
4. A motion to amend, until decided, shall preclude all other amendments to the same motion.
5. An amendment to an amendment may be moved, but until disposed of, no further amendment shall be in order.
6. The Worthy Grand Matron or Presiding Officer shall be entitled to one vote and, in addition, shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.
7. Unless by special permission of the Worthy Grand Matron, each speaker, other than the mover of a motion, shall conclude her/his remarks two minutes.

Brother David reminded the members to use courtesy at all times.

ADOPTION OF 2002 MINUTES

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary moved the adoption of the 2002 minutes as printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40). On the question, Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25), reported that Sister Isabelle Pearson, P. G. M. (25), omitted a donation of \$1200.00 received

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from Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28) in the Report of the Worthy Grand Matron
of 2002. Brother Adrian Pearson moved that the minutes be amended to include
this amount. This was seconded by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.G.T. The motion
was carried with this correction.

REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2002-20023
SISTER JUNE M. MACDONALD

Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer and Committee Members,
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers
of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

This "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" Session of Grand Chapter brings to a close
one of the happiest and busiest years of my life. You, my Sisters and Brothers, are
what has made it so special. When I visited in your Chapters, you made me feel so
welcome and I felt your love and friendship.

I have given my best and you have supported me in all my endeavours. My faith
has guided me safely through all deliberations. It has been a wonderful year, busy
but fulfilling. You, my Sisters and Brothers, have given me your co-operation,
encouragement, care and concern, but most of all your love and friendship. I thank
you from my heart for the honour of being able to serve you this year as your
Worthy Grand Matron.

Welcome

It is a pleasure to welcome you and thank you for attending our "*Garden of Love
and Friendship*" Session, the 56th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova
Scotia and Prince Edward Island. May you enjoy the time we spend together and
leave with renewed enthusiasm to carry out the purpose of our Order.

Dedication

The "*Garden of Love And Friendship*" Session year was lovingly dedicated to the
Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, to my husband Brother Scott - due to
health reasons he was unable to travel with me, but his love and support was
always with me; and to Sister Mary, wife of our Worthy Grand Patron, whose love
and understanding has made this year possible, and to the members of Hon. Joseph
Howe Chapter No. 20 and Evangline Chapter No. 15 for their support and
encouragement in all our endeavours.

Bible & Marker

My Bible was given to me by the members of Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter No. 20,
along with the beautiful handcrafted case by Brother Charles Dewey, Century
Chapter No. 10. The Bible Marker which rested between the pages was made and

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presented to me by Sister Shirley Daine, Halifax Chapter No. 7. It has been an honour for me to carry this Bible on my Official Visits throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Each Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of 2002-2003 signed the Bible at the end of the evening, and it is now resting upon the Altar of this 56th Grand Chapter "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" Session.

Gavel

My Gavel was presented to me by my first Worthy Patron, the late Brother Clarey Theakston, in 1967. I was honoured to have each Worthy Matron preside with it at the Official Visits.

My Travelling Emblem

The Cup, which rests on the Pedestal at Grand Electa's station was a gift from Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Mary Crouch. This beautiful Cup was used at each Official Visit to the Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction.

Travelling Fun Symbol and Carrying Case

At each Chapter where I made my Official Visit sat my beautiful Red Rose and hand crafted case. These were given to me by my Chapter, Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter No. 20, which I will always treasure.

Appointed Grand Officers

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| Grand Chaplain | James Estey (58) |
| Grand Marshal | Kenneth Conrod (20) |
| Grand Organist | George Hill (67) |
| Grand Adah | Annie Mae Backman (8) |
| Grand Ruth | Mary Smith (57) |
| Grand Esther | Margaret Allen (3) |
| Grand Martha | Darlene Amirault (49) |
| Grand Electa | Irma Maxwell (15) |
| Grand Warder | John Walley(35) |

District Deputy Grand Matrons

District:

1. Edna Mac Vicar (14)
2. Inez Daye (27)
3. Anna Horne (25)
4. Janet Merry (27)
5. Vicki Perry (59)
6. Joan Ross (1)
7. Marylyn Swinamer (2)
8. Marion Miller(1 PEI)

Schools of Instruction

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On July 11th, 2002 a short meeting with the Grand Officers was held in the Masonic Hall, Westville, to go over any questions the Grand Officers had.

In accordance with our C.L.&R. a School of Instruction was held July 27th within two weeks of Grand Chapter, for the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. An invitation was extended to the Jurisprudence Committee to be in attendance. All Grand Officers were present with the exception of the Associate Grand Conductress. They did a excellent job of the Ritualistic work for the District Deputy Grand Matrons. We thank the members of Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter No. 20 for providing a beautiful lunch.

There were Three Schools of Instruction held.

First: September 7, 2002. Hosted by Mae Chapter No. 38, Bridgewater, District No. 5. All Grand Officers were in attendance with the exception of Grand Treasurer. All Ritualistic work was exemplified by the Grand Officers.

Second: Was hosted by Regent Chapter No. 52, Central Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, on September 14, 2002.

Third: Was held in Baddeck, Nova Scotia, on September 28, 2002, and hosted by Victoria Chapter No. 19. The Jurisprudence Committee were in attendance at all three Schools. These Schools were well attended by the members. Questions and discussions were very informative for all. I thank each Chapter for hosting the Schools and for the beautiful lunch served to us. You all put a lot of work into it. Thank you.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Matrons

District No. 1 - Sister Edna MacVicar, D.D.G.M. visited all 7 Chapters in her district and reported a very good atmosphere in all Chapters. Some Chapters struggling due to lack of membership. She witnessed the initiation of three new members and four affiliations.

District No. 2 - Sister Inez Daye, D.D.G.M. visited all 6 Chapters in her district and was warmly received. The Ritualistic work was very well done in all Chapters. She witnessed 3 new members initiated. 2 were husband and wife.

District No. 3 - Sister Anna Horne, D.D.G.M. visited all 7 Chapters and found every one very friendly. She witnessed the initiation of two new members. Sister Anna made and donated a beautiful Cushion for each Chapter to sell tickets on for ESTARL, and by all reports they were well received. Thanks Sister Anna.

District No. 4 - Sister Janet Merry, D.D.G.M. visited all 6 Chapters and found the work very well done. One petition read for affiliation in one Chapter and 4 read for new members in another Chapter. She found a couple Chapters need all the

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help we can give them. But all in all work done well and she enjoyed her visits to each Chapter.

District No. 5 - Sister Vicki Perry, D.D.G.M. visited all 7 Chapters and found Ritualistic work done well. She witnessed the initiation of two new members. Examination of a visitor work very well done by the Chairman in one Chapter. She was very proud of her district.

District No. 6 - Sister Joan Ross, D.D.G.M. visited all 5 Chapters and was well received. She witnessed all Ritualistic work. One Chapter had a petitioner who failed to show up, so a courtesy candidate was used. The Initiation did take place the next month.

District No. 7 - Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Grand Conductress, visited 6 Chapters in her district and found the Ritualistic work done well. One Chapter had a lot of pro-terns due to a lot of sickness, but all in all work well done. She was very impressed by some fairly young members and how well they knew their work. She witnessed the initiation of 4 new members.

District No. 8 - Sister Marion Miller, Associate Grand Conductress visited all 6 Chapters and really enjoyed visiting these Chapters as every one made her very welcome and did their very best. Two petitions for affiliation were received. All work well done. Sister Marylyn deputized Crystal Chapter as Sister Marion was Worthy Matron in her own Chapter.

Irregularities

1. Too many rituals open in the Chapter room and more than one prompter.
2. Copying from the ritual.
3. Elected officers on the auditors committee.
4. All copies of the secret work not available for the District Deputy Grand Matrons on their visits.
5. Examination of a Visitor poorly done in some Chapters. The proper manner described on page 7, Article 6, in the C. L. & R.

Recommendations

That the Chapters look into changing their By-Laws to accommodate changes due to holidays or change of time to hold Installations, or any other special meetings at a special time.

At the "Hearts in Harmony" Session in 2002, I was asked to look into reviewing the boundaries of the current Districts and I have done that. I recommend that our Jurisdiction be divided into 7 Districts from 8, to take effect for the 2004-2005 Grand Session.

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Appointments

Financing Of Grand Chapter.

At the Grand Session in 2002, I was asked to set up a Committee to look into the financing of Grand Chapter, which I did. Chairman - Brother Neil Archibald, P.G. P., Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. and Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. On February 22, 2003 a joint meeting of the Grand Council and the Committee appointed was held at my home. The Chairman, Brother Neil, explained the purpose of the meeting, which that Committee will report on.

Grand Representatives

One of the privileges that a Worthy Grand has is being able to recognize the faithful service of our deserving members by giving them a Grand Representative appointment. The many beautiful notes I received gave me much joy reading them. It was a pleasure to honour these members. As well as their Chapters by recommending the following Commissions. I know that each will serve with love and friendship as they journey in our Fraternal world. The following 31 appointments have been made.

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| Arizona | Irene Beeler | (1) |
| Arkansas | Bruce Langille | (65) |
| New York | Robie Horne | (55) |
| Indiana | Richard Haynes | (2) |
| Missouri | Daniel Campbell | (7) |
| Quebec | Carol Nielsen | (20) |
| Florida | Carolyn Matthews | (8) |
| Iowa | Georgie Dewey | (10) |
| Massachusetts | Jack Wheeliker | (12) |
| Ontario | Richard Pineo | (15) |
| Kentucky | Dale Ross | (18) |
| Australia | Elsie Brinkschulte | (20) |
| Montana | Trudy Johnson | (21) |
| Idaho | Elinor Sanford | (22) |
| Alberta | Marianna Hope | (24) |
| Nevada | Alex Nicholson | (26) |
| Minnesota | Annie Drover | (58) |
| Kansas | Beulah Lynch | (28) |
| West Virginia | Edward Backman | (30) |
| Wyoming | Gail Rafuse | (7) |
| Virginia | Glenn MacAdam | (34) |
| North Carolina | Linda MacDonald | (47) |
| British Columbia & Yukon | Cora MacKay | (48) |
| Saskatchewan | Owen Baker | (49) |
| Oklahoma | Eileen Paul | (50) |
| District of Columbia | Alexander MacLeod | (19) |

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| Maine | Edward Grant | (54) |
| Puerto Rico | Melda Johnston | (52) |
| Colorado | Marion Buchan | (67) |
| New Jersey | Hayward Meisner | (70) |
| New Mexico | Patricia Wambolt | (71) |

It is with pleasure to have endorsed through the Grand Secretary the appointments of the following Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions:

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| Missouri | Gregory Leaming |
| Arizona | Doris "DJ" Krugen |
| New Hampshire | John M. Dow |
| Tennessee | Mary Fortner |
| Saskatchewan | Jack Pinnow |
| Kansas | Judith Bush |
| Wyoming | Eunice Heiser |
| West Virginia | Sheila Redman |
| Colorado | Donna Haas |
| Texas | Toby Lytle |
| Pennsylvania | Dorothy L. Brant |
| South Carolina | J. Doyle Launius |
| Minnesota | Helen Mehus |
| Quebec | Adelaide Lanktree |
| Wisconsin | Craig Wepprecht |
| New Brunswick | Shirley Furge |
| Vermont | Donna Wyman |
| Idaho | Leah Smith |
| New Mexico | Peggy Dettmer |
| Arkansas | Betty Studer |
| North Carolina | Marjorie B. Smith |
| New Jersey | Eileen Drache |
| Alabama | David Jordan |
| Utah | Maurine C. McKellar |
| North Dakota | Frances Greer |
| Illinois | Carol Kammerer |
| Manitoba | Nancy Hamilton |
| Australia | Blanche Watt |
| Kentucky | Eva Mae Combs |
| Virginia | Marjorie T. Brooks |
| Ohio | Lamyra Rinard |
| Mississippi | Maurice Laird |
| Puerto Rico | Zaida Cardona de Egea |

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Dispensations

26 Dispensations were sent out to the following Chapters in all.

To change their meeting to accommodate the District Deputy Grand Matron:

1. Century # 10 from October 22nd to October 15th, 2002.
2. Elm# 48 from October 8th to October 16th, 2002.
3. Munro #26 from November 7th to November 5th, 2002.
4. Keystone #5 to change September meeting from September 10th, at 3:00 P. M. to September 14th, at 2:00 P.M.

1. Hon. Joseph Howe #20 to hold special meeting May 5th, 2003 to deal with problems within the Chapter.

To change their meeting to accommodate the Worthy Grand Matron: Official Visit.

1. Acadia #4 to hold meeting in the Lawrencetown United Baptist Church Hall, July 15th, 2002.
2. Cedar #3 to change date from 13th to July 19th, 2002. Also to move Paraphernalia to High School.
3. Crescent #70 to change from 4th Monday, Aug 26th to Aug. 12th, 2002.
4. Faith #54 to change from 21st Aug. to Aug. 28th, for Official Visit. 2002.
5. Cape Breton #12 to change meeting from October 14th to October 7th.
6. Keystone #5 to change the time and day of stated meeting in November from November 12th at 3:00 P. M. to November 9th, at 2:00 P. M.
7. Cobequid #39 to change meeting from 25th of November to the 18th of November.
8. Munro #26 to change meeting from October 3rd to October 8th, 2002.
9. Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 to change meeting from 2nd Thursday, March 13th to 4th Tuesday, March 25th, 2003.
10. Amethyst #28 to change meeting from 4th Thursday, Jan. 23rd to the 5th Thursday, Jan. 30th, 2003. Also change of venue to Bedford Masonic Hall.
11. Montague #69 to change meeting from April 14th to April 24th, 2003.
12. Crystal #1 P.E.I. to change meeting from April 18th to April 25th, 2003.
13. Regent #52 to change meeting from April 15th to April 26th, 2003.

Change their December meetings because meetings were so close to Christmas:

1. Britannia 18 from December 26th to December 19th, 2002.
2. Cobequid #39 change their meeting from December 23rd to December 16th, 2002.
3. Crescent #70 change their meeting from December 23rd to December 9th, 2002.

Late Installation:

1. Armcrest #45 to install Associate Matron to the Office of Worthy Matron, March 5th, 2003, as the Installed Worthy Matron did not show up for 6 months. A Dispensation was granted and approved by the Jurisprudence Committee.

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Change time of meetings for January, February, and March:

1. Acadia #4 to change meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the months of January, February, and March, 2003.
2. Evangeline #15 to change meeting time for Installation from 7:30 p.m. to 6:30p.m.
3. Fairfield #22 to change time of meeting from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for Open Installation.
4. Emerald Chapter #58 to hold Open Installation Sunday afternoon June 15th, 2:00 p.m.

Official Visits

The Official Visits for the year started with Acadia Chapter #4. The first one, July 19th, 2002 and ending April 28th, 2003 in Sunrise Chapter #50, Pugwash, N. S.

The Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Mary Crouch accompanied me on all Official Visits. We had wonderful support from the Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons and all members from this Jurisdiction which I appreciated greatly at all 49 Official Visits. Following is my Itinerary: (2002-2003)

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| July 15/02 | Acadia | #4 | Lawrencetown, N. S. (Change) |
| July 19/02 | Cedar | # 3 | Wallace, N.S. (Change) |
| Aug. 12/02 | Crescent | #70 | Lockeport, N. S. |
| Aug. 14/02 | Mae | #38 | Bridgewater, N. S. |
| Aug. 19/02 | Port Royal | # 1 | Annapolis Royal, N.S. |
| Aug. 28/02 | Faith | #54 | Mulgrave, N. S. (Change) |
| Sept.5/02 | Arbutus | #30 | Milton, N.S. |
| Sept. 12/02 | St. Mary's | #35 | Digby, N. S. |
| Sept. 17/02 | Shoreham | #59 | Chester, N.S. |
| Sept. 26/02 | Pearle | #71 | Caledonia.,N. S. |
| Oct. 7/02 | Cape Breton | #12 | Glace Bay, N.S. |
| Oct. 8/02 | Munro | #26 | North Sydney ,N. S. (Change) |
| Oct_ 9/02 | Queen Elizabeth | #14 | Sydney, N. S. |
| Oct. 15/02 | Myrtle | #21 | Truro, N. S. |
| Oct. 17/02 | Queens | #34 | Liverpool, N. S. |
| Oct. 21/02 | Westville | #24 | Westville, N. S. |
| Nov. 6/02 | Armcrest | #45 | Bedford, N. S. |
| Nov 9/02 | Keystone | #5 | Yarmouth, N.S. (Change) |
| Nov. 12/02 | Florence Fraser | #47 | Sherbrooke, N.S. |
| Nov. 14/02 | Grace | #8 | Lunenburg, N. S. |
| Nov. 18/02 | Cobequid | #39 | Maitland, N. S. |
| Nov. 21/02 | Britannia | #18 | Amherst, N.S. |
| Nov. 25/02 | Kwebec | #27 | Bedford, N. S. |
| Dec. 03/02 | Evangeline | #15 | Kentville, N. S. |

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| Dec. 9/02 | Hon. Joseph Howe # 20 | Dartmouth., N. S. |
| Dec. 10/02 | Mayflower #2 | Kingston, N. S. |
| Dec. 11/02 | Elmsdale #55 | Elmsdale, N. S. |
| Dec. 13/02 | Harmony #25 | Stellarton, N. S. |
| Dec. 16/02 | Halifax #7 | Halifax, N. S. |
| Jan. 3/03 | Fairfield #22 | Windsor, N. S. |
| Jan. 11/03 | Ruth #57 | Dartmouth, N.S. |
| Jan. 15/03 | Laurel #67 | Berwick, N. S. |
| Jan. 30/03 | Amethyst #28 | Halifax, N.S. |
| Feb. 26/03 | Atlantic #65 | Tatamagouche, N.S. |
| Feb. 28/03 | Emerald #58 | Halifax, N. S. (Change) |
| Mar. 4/03 | Queen Esther # 61 | Dartmouth, N. S. |
| Mar. 11/03 | Elm #48 | Upper Stewiacke, N. S. |
| Mar. 13/03 | Scotia #49 | Musquodoboit Harbour, N. S. |
| Mar. 18/03 | Annaval # 31 | Middleton, N.S. |
| Mar. 19/03 | Maple Leaf #23 | Sheet Harbour, N. S. |
| Mar. 24/03 | Victoria # 19 | Baddeck, N. S. |
| Mar. 25/03 | Dr. Gordon MacLeod # 37 | Whycocomagh, N.S. |
| Mar. 26/03 | Starlight #66 | Port Hawkesbury, N. S. |
| Apr. 7/03 | Mystic Star #40 | St. Margaret's Bay, N.S. |
| Apr. 22/03 | Century #10 | New Glasgow, N. S. |
| Apr. 24/03 | Montague # 69 | Montague, P.E.I. |
| Apr. 25/03 | Crystal #1 | Charlottetown, P.E.I. |
| Apr. 26/03 | Regent #52 | Central Bedeque, P.E.I. |
| Apr. 28/03 | Sunrise #50 | Pugwash, N. S. |

Jurisprudence

I met with the Jurisprudence Committee on April 27, 2002 at the Maine/Maritime Exchange, Truro, N.S., and received approval for my Instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons . Also many times I spoke confidentially with the members of the Jurisprudence Committee. I thank them for their guidance and support throughout the year. On May 31st, 2003 I gave each member of the Committee a typed copy of my report.

Grand Council

The Grand Council met on November 6th, 2002 at the Masonic Hall, Bedford, N. S.; January 30th in the Bedford Masonic Hall with the Jurisprudence Committee in attendance; Tuesday, April 22nd in the Masonic Hall, Little Harbour Road, New Glasgow, N.S. All were well attended.

Honour Nights

I tried to attend as many of the honour nights as possible. There was a little conflict with honour nights which makes it very hard. Unfortunately I couldn't be at two the same night.

Correspondence

One of the privileges of the Worthy Grand Matron is receiving all Chapters notices and all the little notes attached. I really looked forward to them each month and

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knew what each Chapter was doing. During the year the following letters were sent out:

Letter of greetings to Chapters with the Worthy Grand Matron's Program and Itinerary.

Letter re Appointment of Committee on Financing of Grand Chapter.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter Greetings, and Farewell letter.

Surrendering of Charter by Cape Breton Chapter #12.

Letters to Grand Officers re events and duties.

Thank you letter to all Chapters for all courtesies extended to me when I made my Official visit to their Chapter and for the generous donations made to our special project.

Letters to Provincial, Municipal and Masonic leaders inviting them to attend our Informal Opening.

Letter to Cobequid Chapter #39 informing them that they are now in District #2 as they requested.

Letter to Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia accepting their invitation to attend on June 7th, 2003.

Letter to Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island sending my regrets because of another commitment in our Jurisdiction on July 14th, 2002.

I approved all letters sent out to the Chapters by all Committee members.

I also sent letters out to Grand Officers re: Maine- Maritime Exchange and Maritime Exchange.

Letters were sent out to the Grand Officers regarding their duties at Grand Chapter.

50 Year Pins

I had the pleasure of signing the approval of applications for forty-one 50 year pins. Many of these I was able to present myself on my Official Visits along with some twenty-five year pins as well. It was an honour to present them to our dear deserving members. A list accompany this report will be printed in the proceedings.

Those receiving 50 year Pins:

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| Martha MacInnis | Halifax No. 7 |
| Frances. M. Stewart | Amethyst No. 28 |
| Robbie Horne | Elmsdale No. 55 |
| Marion Latham | Mayflower No. 2 |
| Vera Salzman | Mystic Star No. 40. |
| Margaret C. Macdonald | Crystal No. 1 (PEI) |
| Georgie Dewey | Century No. 10 |
| William M. Thompson. Sr., P.G.P. | Century No. 10 |
| Blanche Yarn | Halifax No. 7 |
| Marjorie Randall | Halifax No. 7 |

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| Murdock Matheson | Queen Elizabeth No. 14 |
| Margaret Arenburg | Myrtle No. 21 |
| Christine Fair | Myrtle No. 21 |
| Helen Connors, P.G.M. | Westville No. 24 |
| Jean Cameron | Westville No. 24 |
| Noreen Hudson | Victoria No.19 |
| Effie Verge | Maple Leaf No. 23 |
| Elaine Phillips | Evangeline No. 15 |
| Muriel Creelman | Elm No. 48 |
| Lyda Fisher | Elm No. 48 |
| Glenn Johnson | Elm No. 48 |
| Alice MacKay | Elm No. 48 |
| Norma Rutherford | Elm No. 48 |
| Doris White | Century No. 10 |
| Blanche MacDonald | Century No. 10 |
| Donald C. Arthur | Harmony No. 25 |
| Rhoda Tupper | Mystic Star No. 40 |
| Mabel Mason | Mystic Star No. 40 |
| Donald MacKenzie | Evangeline. No. 15 |
| Myrtle Schofield | Mae No. 38 |
| Olive Dunbar | Armcrest No. 45 |
| Florence MacMaster | Faith No. 54 |
| Jeannie Grady | Faith No. 54 |
| Jean Crittenden | Faith No. 54 |
| Mary Matheson | Queen Elizabeth No. 14 |
| Lilian Naas | Cobequid No. 39 |
| Frances Morrison | Victoria No. 19 |
| Lucille Andersen | Arbutus No. 30 |
| Kathleen Banks | Acadia No. 4 |
| Jean Gesner | Acadia No. 4 |
| Elsie M. Henderson | Scotia No. 49 |

Special Events

On July 10th, 2002, I attended Grand Chapter in New Brunswick, held in Fredericton, accompanied by several members of the Grand Family as well as other members from our Jurisdiction.

Attended Maine-Maritime Exchange in Bangor on May 3rd, 2003 and took part in the Initiatory work along with five of our own Grand Family.

Attended Maritime Exchange in Kentville, Nova Scotia on May 10th, 2003. Nine members of the Grand Family took part.

I also attended Grand Lodge in Truro, June 7th, 2003.

As well, I attended the Funeral for Brother Harold Spencer P.G.P. and Sister Ellen Webster, P.G.M. in Prince Edward Island along with other members and extended Sympathy on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

Attended Equity Lodge Divine Church Service on May 18th in the Lodge Blue

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Room in Halifax. A very enjoyable afternoon.

Attended Honour Tea for Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy, May 24th, 2003.

Attended Honour Banquet for Brother. Kenneth Smith. G.G.C.C.M. May 31st, 2003. Attended Honour Tea for Sister Violet Blair, June 22nd, at Evangeline Chapter #15.

Attended Afternoon Tea for Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. and Sister Jean Cameron in honour of their 50 years in the Order and had the honour of presenting them with their 50 year pins on June 7th, 2003.

Charter Surrendered

A notice was received from Cape Breton Chapter #12 that they had to surrender their Charter. It is always sad for a Chapter to surrender it's Charter. I hope the members will join another Chapter and continue to work for the good of our beautiful Order.

Appreciation

WORTHY GRAND PATRON, Brother George, what can I say. We had a wonderful year. You have been the greatest; your love and friendship at all times. I am so pleased to have had you by my side at all Official Visits and most honour nights. I am so grateful for all yours and Sister Mary's love and support. You both are truly the greatest in my books. And I know our friendship will last forever.

Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, Brother Fred and **General Grand Chapter Committee Members** - Sister Margaret, Sister Violet and Brother Kenneth; Sister Eleanor, Ambassador to Southern Italy and Sister Jessie, Angel in Disguise. You have brought honour and happiness to our Grand Jurisdiction. We are all very proud of you and wish you success and happiness as you continue to serve our beautiful Order.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons - Those who travelled this road before me and were always ready to help. To you I offer my humble thanks and my sincere admiration; and now I more fully appreciate what you accomplished. All that you did over the years - you have prepared the foundation for us to build on and we sincerely thank you all.

*"So much you have given to others
To make life seem worthwhile.
So much of true friendship and service
Your helping hand and your smile.
That many a one who has known you
Would join me now and say:
"May the best that life has to offer
Be yours today and everyday!"*

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Elected Grand Officers. Sister Inez and Brother Allen., your year is drawing very near. And we wish you both all the very best in your year. Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan, and Sister Marion - another year is near completed and each of you is ready to take that next step up the ladder to the Grand East. We wish you the very best and may you all enjoy good health and safe travels.

Grand Secretary. Sister Betty Ann, what can I say. There is no way I could ever adequately express to you how much you have helped me. Your pleasantness has made it a joy to work with you. So from your pest, I thank you most sincerely.

Grand Treasurer, Brother Cecil. We are saddened to hear you are leaving us as Grand Treasurer. We will miss you, but we all understand. Our sincere thanks for the efficient manner in which you handled the finances of our Grand Chapter. I wish you and Sister Helen good health and happiness in the years to come.

Appointed Grand Officers. This very special group were carefully chosen to serve in our Grand Family. And each of you holds a treasured place in my heart. You have given unselfishly of your time and talents. It is you who made this year so wonderful. I could not be more proud of you. Thank you all for a job well done.

*“My heart will remember the little things
The treasures that I hold dear,
Memories of my times with you
As we travelled far and near.
And each time you were introduced
I wanted to shout with glee,
look them over, aren't they great
And they belong to me!”*

Grand Representatives. It was such a pleasure to be able to appoint 31 of you this year. It was such a joy to see your surprised faces. You are the golden links to other Jurisdictions, near and far, with letters, calls, and visits. I congratulate each of you and hope you enjoy your appointments.

District Deputy Grand Matrons. My little yellow Birds. I commend you on a job well done. You have carried out your responsibilities with grace and dignity. I thank you for all your love and support during the year. You are very special to me.

Grand Chapter Committee Members. I thank you all for your work. You are the ones that keep the Grand Chapter running smoothly. Thank you.

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Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. I shall always have special memories of my visits to your chapters. Your love and friendship made me feel at home in each chapter. Your beautiful addendums, gifts and beautiful suppers. You all put so much work into making everything so special for us. Thanks for your kindness and hospitality.

Hostess Chapters and Committees. How can I ever thank you all. You all worked so hard for this Grand Session - and it sure shows. You are a wonderful group and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, Choir and Soloists. Thank you for your musical talents. I am sure the members and visitors are enjoying it as well. Thank you.

I wish to thank you all, Sisters and Brothers, who contributed to our Special Project. Your kindness and generosity will long be remembered. The list of contributions will be printed in the Proceedings.

Honourary Memberships

I was privileged to receive an Honourary Membership in Laurel Chapter # 67, on the night of my Official Visit, and I thank you, the members, for that gift.

On June 14th at our Home Coming I had the honour of receiving an Honourary Membership from the members of Evangeline Chapter # 15. I thank you all for that honour. I only hope I can live up to that high honour.

In 1994 I was privileged to receive a Life Membership from my home chapter, Hon. Joseph Howe #20, which I will always hold very dear to my heart along with my Honourary Memberships.

Conclusion

This record of our year would not be complete without a final expression of gratitude to all of you. It was a joy to meet and be with you. I did my best. Sure, I may have made many mistakes, but I am human to. The hospitality so graciously extended and the love and friendship gained have made this a never-to-be-forgotten experience. I am truly grateful to you all who had a part in giving me this wonderful year. I hope I have gained a little of your approval along the way. Thank you, Sisters and Brothers, for all your love and support, and for a year I will never forget.

Sister June Macdonald, W.G.M. moved that the Report of the Worthy Grand Matron be accepted. This was seconded by Sister Rosamond Campbell, P.M. (20) and carried.

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DONATIONS
WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT: BONNY LEA FARM

Associate Grand Conductress:

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| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20 | \$50.00 |
| George & Barbara Myles | \$10.00 |
| Margaret & Dawn Allen | \$20.00 |
| Marvel & Elizabeth Mattson | \$5.00 |
| Adrian & Belle Pearson | \$10.00 |
| Elaine Lange | \$5.00 |
| Barbara Bowser | \$10.00 |
| Kenneth & Betty Smith | \$10.00 |
| John & Carole Newell | \$20.00 |
| Mildred Wagner | \$5.00 |
| Cecil & Carol Boutilier | \$15.00 |
| Allison & Eleanor Mitchell | \$20.00 |
| William & Carol Clark | \$10.00 |
| Ray & Mary Zinck | \$10.00 |
| Howard & Noreen MacInnis | \$10.00 |
| Anna Horne | \$10.00 |
| Neil & Dorothy Archibald | \$10.00 |
| Carol Nielsen | \$25.00 |
| Leda Graham | \$15.00 |
| Marjorie Conrod | \$20.00 |
| William Thompson Sr. | \$10.00 |

Grand Conductress:

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| Kathryn Walker | \$10.00 |
| Bonnie Boutilier | \$10.00 |
| Jack & Dorothy Matthews | \$20.00 |
| John & Diane Patterson | \$20.00 |
| Margaret & Dawn Allen | \$20.00 |
| Wayne & Olga Beno | \$10.00 |
| Howard & Noreen MacInnis | \$10.00 |
| Joe Parker | \$5.00 |
| William & Carol Clark | \$20.00 |
| Carol Little | \$5.00 |
| Viola Nieforth | \$5.00 |
| Darlene Amirault | \$5.00 |
| June Macdonald | \$200.00 |
| Kenneth & Betty Smith | \$10.00 |
| Hazel Wagner | \$5.00 |
| Whit & Joanne Giffin | \$10.00 |
| George & Ruth Hill | \$10.00 |
| Jim & Shirley Estey | \$20.00 |
| Morley & Marion Robinson | \$10.00 |
| Cora MacKay | \$10.00 |
| Weldon & Barbara Bowser | \$10.00 |
| Mary Ellen Bishop | \$10.00 |

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| Carol Nielsen | \$20.00 |
| LeRoy & Pauline Brooks | \$10.00 |
| Allison & Eleanor Mitchell | \$20.00 |
| George & Barbara Myles | \$10.00 |
| Eleanor Vogler | \$10.00 |
| Leda Graham | \$10.00 |
| Mary Lou Higgins | \$10.00 |
| Ray & Mary Zinck | \$10.00 |
| Cecil & Carol Boutilier | \$10.00 |
| Betty Ann Loughnan | \$10.00 |
| Frank & Doris Cullen | \$20.00 |
| Marion Conrad | \$10.00 |
| Darrell & Lynn Thurber | \$10.00 |
| Inez Daye | \$10.00 |
| Mildred Wagner | \$10.00 |
| Murray & Arna Gardner | \$20.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20 | \$50.00 |
| Donald & Karyn Grant | \$20.00 |
| June Dauphinee | \$10.00 |
| Alice MacKay | \$10.00 |
| Adrian & Belle Pearson | \$10.00 |
| Anna Horne | \$15.00 |
| John & Carole Newell | \$20.00 |
| Kenneth Conrod In honor of Father's 90th Birthday | \$250.00 |
| Marjorie Conrod In honor of Husband's 90th Birthday | \$50.00 |
| Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Allen & Cheryl Denton | \$20.00 |
| <u>Associate Grand Matron:</u> | |
| Allen & Cheryl Denton | \$20.00 |
| Joan Ross | \$5.00 |
| Donald & Karyn Grant | \$25.00 |
| Mary Lou Higgins | \$10.00 |
| Claretta Palmer | \$15.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter # 20 | \$50.00 |
| Elizabeth Morash | \$10.00 |
| Beth Brogan | \$5.00 |
| James & Shirley Estey | \$20.00 |
| Allison & Eleanor Mitchell | \$20.00 |
| Margaret Allen | \$20.00 |
| Ralph & Marylyn Swinamer | \$10.00 |
| LeRoy & Pauline Brooks | \$10.00 |
| Leda Graham | \$25.00 |
| Hazel Wagner | \$10.00 |
| Howard & Noreen MacInnis | \$20.00 |
| Ray & Mary Zinck | \$10.00 |
| Carol Nielsen | \$25.00 |
| Elsie Brinkschulte | \$30.00 |
| Wayne & Olgo Beno | \$10.00 |
| Wilma Verge | \$5.00 |

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| John & Diane Patterson | \$20.00 |
| Neil & Dorothy Archibald | \$10.00 |
| Tracey Hobson | \$5.00 |
| June Macdonald | \$200.00 |
| Gladys Hobson | \$5.00 |
| Morley & Marion Robinson | \$10.00 |
| Melvin & Arlene Antle | \$50.00 |
| Mildred Wagner | \$5.00 |
| Connie Carr | \$5.00 |
| Helen Wambolt | \$5.00 |
| Barbara Bowser | \$10.00 |
| Diane Snowden | \$ 8.00 |
| Megan Church | \$10.00 |
| Kenneth & Betty Smith | \$20.00 |
| Julia Dunn | \$5.00 |
| George Crouch | \$10.00 |
| George & Ruth Hill | \$10.00 |
| Vince & Irma Maxwell | \$20.00 |
| Nora Bishop | \$10.00 |
| Cecil & Carol Boutilier | \$10.00 |
| Betty Ann Loughnan | \$10.00 |
| Kenneth & Lucinda Josey | \$20.00 |
| Frances Johnsen | \$10.00 |
| Darlene, Carol & Viola | \$20.00 |
| Ross & Betty Hagar | \$10.00 |
| Owen & Shirley Walton | \$10.00 |
| Bonnie Boutilier | \$10.00 |
| Inez Daye | \$15.00 |
| Tricia Duncan | \$5.00 |
| June Walker | \$20.00 |
| Bryan & Rosamond Campbell | \$10.00 |
| Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Adrian & Belle Pearson | \$20.00 |
| Jack & Dorothy Mathews | \$20.00 |
| Alice MacKay | \$10.00 |
| Mary Smith | \$15.00 |
| John & Carole Newell | \$25.00 |

Worthy Grand Matron, 2002-2003:

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| Mildred Wagner (in lieu of gifts to Installing team) | \$30.00 |
| Acadia Chapter #4 (Official Visit) | \$50.00 |
| Carolyn Phinney | \$20.00 |
| Carol Nielsen | \$25.00 |
| Andrew Macdonald | \$75.00 |
| Robert Macdonald | \$75.00 |
| Scott Macdonald | \$100.00 |
| Ruth Bond #22 (in lieu of gifts to Installing team) | \$25.00 |
| Cedar Chapter #3 (Official Visit) | \$50.00 |
| Leda Graham # 20 | \$50.00 |
| Allen & Cheryl Denton (in memory of Harold Spencer) | \$20.00 |

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| Crescent Chapter # 70 | \$20.00 |
| Mae Chapter #38 | \$40.00 |
| Port Royal #1 (Silver Drill) | \$87.75 |
| Carol Nielsen #20 | \$50.00 |
| Faith Chapter #54 Official Visit | \$75.00 |
| Arbutus Chapter # 54 Official Visit | \$25.00 |
| Allen & Cheryl Denton | \$100.00 |
| Allen & Cheryl Denton (in memory of Willard Aulenback) | \$20.00 |
| St. Mary's Chapter # 35 | \$71.00 |
| D. D. G. M. Official Visit to Harmony Chapter #25 | \$25.00 |
| Lyda Fisher # 48 (In honour of Cora MacKay) | \$10.00 |
| Mildred vanTassell # 48 (in honour of Cora MacKay) | \$10.00 |
| Elm Chapter #48 Official Visit | \$20.00 |
| Shoreham Chapter # 59 Official Visit | \$55.00 |
| Shoreham Chapter # 59 Birthday Box | \$170.21 |
| Arlene Antle # 59 | \$20.00 |
| Pearle Chapter # 71 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Howard & Anna Ford (in memory of Willard Aulenback) | \$20.00 |
| Mildred Denton (in lieu of gifts to Installing team) | \$25.00 |
| Daisy Frail # 30 (in memory of Willard Aulenback) | \$10.00 |
| Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 (in memory of Ethel MacDougall) | \$25.00 |
| Crescent Chapter #70 (in memory of Willard Aulenback) | \$25.00 |
| Cape Breton Chapter# 12 | \$100.00 |
| Cape Breton Chapter # 12 (Hotel Expense) for W.G.M. | \$114.88 |
| Queen Elizabeth Chapter # 14 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 (Hotel expense for W.G.M.) | \$115.00 |
| Marian Durling #61 (in memory of Mother & Father, Gordon & Ellen Gerrard) | \$20.00 |
| Vincent & Freda Ells (in memory of O.E.S. Members) | \$50.00 |
| Munro Chapter # 26 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Munro Chapter # 26 Silver Drill | \$70.75 |
| Munro Chapter # 26 (Hotel Expense for W. G. M.) | \$86.00 |
| Sheila MacDonald (in memory of Mother, Effie MacDonald) | \$20.00 |
| Myrtle Chapter # 21 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Past Matron's Club of Myrtle Chapter # 21 | \$25.00 |
| Myrtle Chapter # 21 (Proceeds from Pot Luck Supper) | \$88.00 |
| Queens Chapter # 34 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Queens Chapter # 34 (in memory of Willard Aulenback) | \$325.00 |
| Westville Chapter # 24 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Scotia Chapter # 49 (Official Visit of D. D. G. M. Anna Horne) | \$25.00 |
| Ruth Chapter #57 (Official Visit of D. D. G. M. Anna Horne) | \$25.00 |
| Maple Leaf Chapter # 23 (Official Visit of D. D. G. M. Anna Horne) | \$25.00 |
| Regent Chapter # 52 (Official Visit of D. D. G. M. Marion Miller) | \$25.00 |
| Thelma Low #45 | \$20.00 |
| Elizabeth Morash # 40 | \$20.00 |
| Armcrest Chapter #45 (Official Visit of D. D. G. M. Janet Merry) | \$25.00 |
| Anna Cox # 30 (Honour Night) | \$15.00 |
| Florence Fraser Chapter # 47 Official Visit | \$75.00 |
| Westville Chapter # 24 (Official Visit of D. D. G. M. Inez Daye) | \$20.00 |
| Nora Moxsom # 55 (In lieu of gifts on honour night) | \$50.00 |

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| Charlie Teal (on Honour Night) | \$15.00 |
| David & Ruth Waterbury (in memory of Dwight Campbell) | \$10.00 |
| Grace Chapter #8 Official visit | \$50.00 |
| Grace Chapter #8 Silver Drill | \$92.25 |
| Ken & Betty Smith, Neil & Dot Archibald, Janet Merry, (Fun Night) | \$25.00 |
| Mary Smith # 57 In honour of George Hill, Grand Organist | \$15.00 |
| Carol Nielsen # 20 | \$25.00 |
| Britannia Chapter # 18 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Emerald Chapter # 58 (Official Visit of D. D. G. M. Janet Merry) | \$25.00 |
| Faith Chapter # 54 (Official Visit of D. D. G. M. Edna MacVicar) | \$15.00 |
| Elmsdale Chapter #55 In honour of Nora Moxsom | \$25.00 |
| Cobequid Chapter # 39 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Kwebec Chapter # 27 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Past Matrons Club Kwebec Chapter # 27 | \$25.00 |
| Fred & Carol Wooster # 15 | \$25.00 |
| Evangeline Chapter #15 Official Visit | \$200.00 |
| George Hill, Grand Organist, Honour Night | \$200.00 |
| Jim & Ruby MacKenzie #15 | \$50.00 |
| Shirley Bezanson #40 | \$25.00 |
| Bonnie Lowe # 15 | \$32.00 |
| Marjorie Conrod # 20 (in memory of Husband Bro. Clyde Conrod) | \$25.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter # 20 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Cecil Decker In lieu of Christmas gifts to Grand Family | \$50.00 |
| Eleanor Vogler in honour of George Hill, Grand Organist | \$10.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter # 20 in memory of Elsie Brinkschulte's Brother | \$10.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter # 20 in memory of Thelma Slade's Sister | \$10.00 |
| Elmsdale Chapter # 55 Official Visit | \$25.00 |
| Mayflower Chapter # 2 Official Visit | \$45.00 |
| Mayflower Chapter # 2 Silver Drill | \$64.25 |
| Richard & Mabel Haynes | \$20.00 |
| Harmony Chapter # 25 Official Visit | \$75.00 |
| Halifax Chapter #7 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| George & Barbara Myles | \$25.00 |
| Fairfield Chapter #22 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Iris Hubley #27 | \$20.00 |
| Carol Little # 49 (In lieu of gift to speaker Bro. Ken Smith G. G. C. C. M.) | \$10.00 |
| Carol Little # 49 (In lieu of gift to David Nieforth, Honour Night) | \$10.00 |
| Mary Smith # 57 In memory of her Mother | \$25.00 |
| Ruth Chapter #57 Official Visit | \$75.00 |
| Kenneth Conrod Gr. Marshal (in honour of Frances Johnsen's 90th Birthday) | \$10.00 |
| Laurel Chapter # 67 Official Visit | \$70.00 |
| Queens Chapter # 34 Official Visit of the D. D. G. M. Vicki Perry | \$25.00 |
| Arbutus Chapter # 30 Official Visit of the D. D. G. M. Vicki Perry | \$20.00 |
| Mae Chapter # 38 Official Visit of the D. D. G. M. Vicki Perry | \$20.00 |
| Shoreham # 59 Official Visit of the D. D. G. M. Vicki Perry | \$35.00 |
| Crescent # 70 Official Visit of the D. D. G. M. Vicki Perry | \$25.00 |
| Pearle # 71 Official Visit of the D. D. G. M. Vicki Perry | \$20.00 |
| Jean Parks # 28 | \$50.00 |
| Amethyst Chapter #28 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Past Matrons Club of Amethyst #28 | \$10.00 |

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| Eleanor Freeman P. G. M. in honour of Anna Cox and Jeanette Rawding #71 | \$10.00 |
| Eleanor Freeman P. G. M. (in memory of Hobart Pierce) | \$10.00 |
| Carol Nielsen | \$50.00 |
| Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal in honour of other Marshals on honour night | \$50.00 |
| Carol Little in honour of Grand Marshal, Kenneth Conrod | \$5.00 |
| Mary Smith in honour of Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal Honor night | \$15.00 |
| William & Alice Sullivan # 22 in memory of Dwight Campbell | \$10.00 |
| and in honour of George Hill Grand Organist | \$20.00 |
| Mary Smith #57 in honour of Janet Merry D.D.G.M. | \$15.00 |
| Margaret Allen # 3 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Kwebec Chapter # 27 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$20.00 |
| George & Barbara Myles # 7 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Shirley Rogers # 27 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$20.00 |
| June Dauphinee # 27 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Neil & Dorothy Archibald in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$20.00 |
| Irma Maxwell # 15 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Margaret Allen # 3 in honour of George Hill, Grand Organist | \$10.00 |
| Syliva McCleave # 27 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Elsie Brinkschulte # 20 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Noreen MacInnis #7 in honour of Janet Merry D.D.G.M. | \$10.00 |
| Bernice Webb # 27 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$15.00 |
| Thelma Low & Joe Parker # 45 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$5.00 |
| Kenneth & Betty Smith # 27 in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Atlantic Chapter # 65 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Emerald Chapter # 58 Official Visit | \$200.00 |
| Jack & Amelia Whalley in honour of D.D.G.M. Janet Merry | \$10.00 |
| Jack & Amelia Whalley in honour of Annie Mae Backman, Grand Adah | \$10.00 |
| Annie Drover # 58 in memory of Wendell Seymour P. P. | \$20.00 |
| Evelyn Aulenback in lieu of gifts at honour nights | \$25.00 |
| Queen Esther Chapter # 61 Official Visit | \$75.00 |
| Queen Esther #61 Ticket sale | \$56.00 |
| Gail Fudge # 57 | \$50.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20 in honour of Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal | \$25.00 |
| Leda Graham #20 in honour of Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal | \$10.00 |
| Irma Maxwell #15 in honour of Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal | \$10.00 |
| June Dauphinee # 27 in honour of Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal | \$10.00 |
| Hazel Wagner #20 in honour of Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal | \$10.00 |
| Elsie Brinkshute # 20 in honour of Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal | \$10.00 |
| Wayne & Olga Beno # 20 in honour of Kenneth Conrod, Grand Marshal | \$5.00 |
| Mary Smith Grand Adah Honour night | \$15.00 |
| Carol Nielsen | \$50.00 |
| Margaret Allen in honour of Annie Mae Backman, & George Hill | \$20.00 |
| Elm Chapter # 48 Official Visit | \$25.00 |
| Alice MacKay # 48 | \$15.00 |
| Cora MacKay # 48 | \$20.00 |
| Marves Mansfield & Julie Baker | \$25.00 |
| Scotia Chapter # 49 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Maple Leaf Chapter #23 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Josie Zwicker #61 | \$25.00 |
| Westville Chapter #24 in honour of Allister Thompson & Linda Scott | \$50.00 |

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| Annavaal Chapter # 31 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Mary Hughes-Kelley #31 | \$25.00 |
| Harold & Margaret Coggins #31 | \$25.00 |
| Victoria Chapter #19 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 Official Visit | \$150.00 |
| Starlight Chapter #66 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Edna MacVicar in lieu of gifts on honour nights | \$60.00 |
| William Potter | \$25.00 |
| Mary Ellen Bishop #21 in honour of Past Matrons Club | \$50.00 |
| Mary Jean Page # 70 | \$45.00 |
| Tracey Hobson #67 in honour of Grand Family | \$50.00 |
| Kenneth Smith G.G.C.C.M. from Crystal Chapter | \$40.00 |
| Allan & Shirley Conrad in honour of David Nieforth, Nora Moxsom, Janet Merry, Kenneth Conrod. Honour night | \$25.00 |
| Mary Smith #57 in honour of Jacob Hillier | \$15.00 |
| Ron Boudreau Honour Night | \$105.00 |
| Mystic Star #40 Official Visit | \$70.00 |
| James E. Taylor & Geraldine MacFarlane | \$30.00 |
| Rhoda Tupper in honour of Janet Merry D.D.G.M., Vicki Perry D.D.G.M. Shirley Bezanson, Mel Antle, Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary | \$50.00 |
| Anna Cox in honour of Charlie Teal | \$5.00 |
| Kenneth Conrod #20 in lieu of gifts to Grand Family | \$50.00 |
| Past Matrons Club of Mystic Star # 40 | \$10.00 |
| Margaret Allen in honour of Jack Whalley Grand Warder | \$10.00 |
| Mary Smith # 57 in honour of Grand Martha, Darlene Amirault. | \$15.00 |
| Kenneth & Lucy Josey in honour of Allan Conrad, Grand Sentinel | \$10.00 |
| Margaret Allen in honour of Grand Martha, Darlene Amirault | \$10.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20 in honour of Charter Members and P.M.&P.P. | \$25.00 |
| Margaret Allen #3 in honour of Mary Smith, Grand Ruth | \$10.00 |
| Leda Graham #20 in honour of Mary Smith, Grand Ruth | \$10.00 |
| Marion Tizard #57 in honour of Mary Smith, Grand Ruth | \$25.00 |
| Doreen Edgar#58 | \$5.00 |
| Irma Maxwell #15 | \$10.00 |
| Helen Fredericks #57 | \$20.00 |
| Corinne Neil #57 | \$20.00 |
| Hazel Wagner #20 | \$10.00 |
| Jack & Dorothy Matthews #61 | \$20.00 |
| Margaret & Maynard Dakin #57 | \$10.00 |
| Mel & Arlene Antle #59 | \$10.00 |
| Barbara & George Myles #7 | \$10.00 |
| Tricia Duncan # 61 | \$5.00 |
| Mary Smith in honour of Ruth Chapter #57 | \$25.00 |
| Vivian Irving in honour of Allen Denton | \$10.00 |
| Jeanette Durnian in honour of Allen Denton, Associate Grand Patron | \$10.00 |
| David & Gladys Hobson in honour of Allen Denton, Associate Grand Patron | \$5.00 |
| Donald Medicraft #4 in honour of Allen Denton | \$5.00 |
| Marie Smith in honour of Allen Denton | \$5.00 |
| Arthur & Carolyn Phinney in honour of Allen Denton | \$5.00 |
| Don Whalley in honour of Allen Denton | \$5.00 |
| Fred & Joan Ross in honour of Allen Denton | \$5.00 |

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| Elsie Henderson #49 | \$40.00 |
| Eleanor Vogler in lieu of gift to Allan Conrad, Grand Sentinel | \$10.00 |
| Mary Smith # 57 in lieu of gifts to Allan Conrad, Grand Sentinel | \$10.00 |
| Eleanor Vogler in lieu of gifts to W.G.M. &W.G.P. Homecoming | \$30.00 |
| Howard & Anna Ford in honour of Jack Whalley | \$5.00 |
| Patricia Wambolt in honour of Jack Whalley | \$5.00 |
| Velda Forrest in honour of Jack Whalley | \$5.00 |
| Pat Armstrong, in honour of Jack Whalley, Grand Warder | \$5.00 |
| Raymond & Eleanor Freeman, in honour of Jack Whalley | \$5.00 |
| Fred & Joan Ross, in honour of Jack Whalley | \$5.00 |
| Ronald & Grace Boudreau, in honour of Jack Whalley | \$5.00 |
| Murray & Stella Trask, in honour of Jack Whalley | \$20.00 |
| Glenn & Evelyn MacAdam, in honour of Jack Whalley | \$5.00 |
| Montague Chapter # 69 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Allison & Connie MacDonald #1 P.E. 1. | \$25.00 |
| Regent Chapter #52 Official Visit | \$50.00 |
| Reg & Gladys MacRae in memory of Ellen Webster. P. G. M. | \$15.00 |
| Past Matrons Club of Crystal Chapter # 1 P. E. 1. | \$40.00 |
| Crystal Chapter #1 Official Visit | \$75.00 |
| John Patterson # 10 | \$20.00 |
| Annie Drover # 58 In honour of Charlie Teal | \$10.00 |
| Marion Miller # 1 P. E. I. In honour of Grand Family | \$200.00 |
| Charlie & Anna Carr # 1 P. E. 1. | \$25.00 |
| Evelyn Aulenback on honour night | \$55.00 |
| Laurel Chapter # 67 in honour of Linda Foote G.C.C.M. | \$10.00 |
| Mary MacIntosh # 10 | \$20.00 |
| Vivian Ingham #10 | \$50.00 |
| Century Chapter # 10 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Peter & Gail Kay # 25 In honour of Norman Ferguson | \$20.00 |
| Past Matrons Club of Emerald Chapter #58 | \$25.00 |
| Allister Thompson #24 | \$25.00 |
| Linda Scott #24 | \$50.00 |
| Anna Horne #25 | \$5.00 |
| James Coolen # 40 | \$100.00 |
| Victoria Chapter #19 | \$50.00 |
| Margaret Allen #3 | \$10.00 |
| Evelyn Blair # 3 | \$20.00 |
| Evelyn Blair # 3 In honour of G. C. C. M. | \$20.00 |
| Irma Maxwell #15 in honour of Margaret Allen, Grand Esther | \$10.00 |
| Megan Church P.G.M. | \$25.00 |
| Beulah Lynch # 28 In honour of honour nights | \$20.00 |
| Mary Smith # 57 in honour of Grand Electa, Grand Esther, Grand Chaplain, | \$45.00 |
| James Estey # 58 in honour of D. D. G. M. & Grand Family | \$100.00 |
| Sylvia McCleave #27 in honour of honour nights in Emerald Chapter #58 | \$25.00 |
| Marianne MacMillan in honour of Margaret Allen, Grand Esther, | |
| Evelyn Blair, G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| Margaret Muise #25 in honour of Craft & Treasures G. C. C. M | \$20.00 |
| Hazel Wagner # 20 | \$10.00 |
| John & Amelia Whalley # 35 in lieu of gifts to Grand Family & D. D. G. M. | \$50.00 |
| Shirley MacLean # 58 in honour of Jack Whalley | \$5.00 |

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| Adrian & Belle Pearson in honour of Anna Horne, D. D. G. M. | \$10.00 |
| Sarah Doty P. G. M. in honour of honour nights | \$20.00 |
| Carol Nielsen #20 | \$100.00 |
| William & Hilda Allen #24 in honour of Anna Horne, D. D. G. M. | \$20.00 |
| Mary Hinde # 55 In lieu of gifts on her honour night. | \$25.00 |
| Elmsdale Chapter # 55 in honour of Cecil Decker Grand Treasurer | \$25.00 |
| Elm Chapter #48 in honour of Irene Scott 80th Birthday | \$20.00 |
| Harmony Chapter #25 in honour of Anna Horne, D.D.G.M., Norma McLaughlin, Grand Representative, Margaret Muise, G.C.C.M. | \$30.00 |
| Elizabeth Stevenson #5 in honour of JoAnne Newell G.C.C.M. & Barbara Boyd | \$20.00 |
| Alfred & Joanne Newell #5 | \$25.00 |
| Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 in honour of Edna MacVicar, D.D.G.M., Freda Ells, G.C.C.M., Susan Wroe, G.C.C.M. | \$50.00 |
| Sunrise Chapter # 50 Official Visit | \$100.00 |
| Blair Embree in honour of Noreen MacInnis G. C. C. M. | \$15.00 |
| Darrell & Lynn Thurber # 7 in honour of Noreen MacInnis G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| Carol Wooster # 15 in honour of George Hill, Grand Organist, Janet Merry, D.D.G.M. Allen Denton, A. G. P., Faye Calder, G. C. C. M. Phyllis Veinot, G.C.C.M., Irma Maxwell, Grand Electa, Kenneth Smith, G.G.C.C.M., David Waterbury, P.G.P., Violet Blair, G. G. C. C. M. and Marylyn Swinamer, Grand Conductress | \$50.00 |
| Lloyd & Gail Cook #67 in honour of Linda Foote G. C. C. M. | \$5.00 |
| Mary Smith #57 in honour of Betty Smith, G. G. C. C. M. | \$15.00 |
| June Dauphinee # 27 | \$25.00 |
| Shirley Conrad #49 In lieu of gifts to the G. C. C. M. | \$25.00 |
| Carol Little #49 in honour of Shirley Conrad, G.C.C.M., Lucy Josey G.C.C.M., Don Cooke G.C.C.M. & Everett Baker G.C.C.M. | \$20.00 |
| Harold & Barbara Ferguson in honour of Margert Allen, Grand Esther, Evelyn Blair, G.C.C.M. & Bruce Langille, Grand Representative | \$30.00 |
| Kwebec Chapter #27 in lieu of gifts to G. C. C. M. | \$20.00 |
| Charles & Anna Carr # 1 P. E. I. in honor of Kenneth Smith, G. G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| Dorothy Powroz #28 in lieu of gifts on her honour night | \$100.00 |
| Cora MacKay #48 in honour of G. G. C. C. M. and Ambassador | \$25.00 |
| Mary Lou Higgins #48 in lieu of gifts to G. G. C. C. M. | \$20.00 |
| Leda Graham #20 in honour of Betty Smith, G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| Janet Merry #27 in honour of Betty Smith, G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| Elsie Brinkschulte, #20 in honour of Betty Smith, G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| Thelma Low #45 | \$5.00 |
| Margaret Allen #3 In lieu of gift to James Estey, Grand Chaplain | \$10.00 |
| Ronald & Grace Boudreau, #70 In honour of Evelyn Aulenback, G.C.C.M., Joan Ross, D.D.G.M., Allen Denton, A. G. P., Jack Whalley, Gr. Warder, JoAnne Newell, G. C. C. M., Barbara Boyd, G. C. C. M., Harrison Ferguson, Kenneth Smith, G. G. C. C. M., Inez Daye, A. G. M. | \$50.00 |
| George & Barbara Myles #7 | \$15.00 |
| Elizabeth Langille & George Buckler | \$5.00 |
| Doreen Langille | \$5.00 |
| Mel & Elda MacGuire | \$10.00 |
| Marvis Mansfield #45 | \$5.00 |
| John & Diane Patterson #10 | \$20.00 |

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| Sharon Ward # 24 | \$20.00 |
| June Macdonald #20 in honour of Grand Family | \$200.00 |
| Jackie & Sheila MacDonald #26 | \$10.00 |
| Rhoda Tupper # 40 In honour of Betty Smith G.C.C.M., Rhonda Fader and Evelyn Aulenback, G. C. C. M. 's | \$25.00 |
| Dorothy Powroz # 28 in memory of her mother, Sister Hilda Powroz | \$50.00 |
| Joyce Stewart #65 in honour of Margaret Allen, Grand Esther, Evelyn Blair G.C.C.M., Bruce Langille, Grand Representative, Inez Daye, A.G.M., Mary Smith, Grand Ruth | \$50.00 |
| Atlantic Chapter #65 in honour of Inez Daye, A. G. M., Bruce Langille, Grand Representative | \$20.00 |
| Alice MacKay #48 in honour of Mary Ellen Bishop, G.C.C.M. & Kathy Turner | \$10.00 |
| Myrtle Chapter # 21 in honour of D. D. G. M. | \$25.00 |
| Inez Daye in honour of D. D. G. M. | \$25.00 |
| Inez Daye in honour of G. C. C. M. | \$25.00 |
| Mary Hinde #55 in honour of Betty Smith G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| June Macdonald in honour of G. G. C. C. M. and G. C. C. M. | \$155.00 |
| Bernice Webb # 27 in honour of Betty Smith, G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| Annie Drover #58 in honour of Noreen MacInnis G. C. C. M. | \$10.00 |
| Murray & Arna Gardner #10 | \$50.00 |
| Roger & Jean Beckwith in honour of honour nights | \$35.00 |
| Roger & Jean Beckwith | \$20.00 |
| Bonnie Boutilier # 61 | \$30.00 |
| Bonnie Boutilier # 61 in honour of Mary Smith, Grand Ruth, Margaret Allen, Grand Esther and Darlene Amirault, Grand Martha | \$30.00 |
| Audrey Christie #40 in honour of Installing Officers | \$25.00 |
| Catherine Tutty # 10 | \$30.00 |
| Winna Smith #1 in lieu of gifts to her Officers | \$50.00 |
| Hazel MacLeod #45 in lieu of gifts on honour nights. | \$40.00 |
| Vicki Perry #59 Received on her honour night | \$150.00 |
| Vicki Perry # 59 In honour of Grand Family | \$100.00 |
| Marion Conrad, P.G.M. in honour of Grand Family, D. D. G. M's, Grand Representatives & G. C. C. M's | \$125.00 |
| Recycling Group (Marion & Millie) | \$1000.00 |
| Marion Conrad (Sale of hand made bells) | \$1200.00 |
| Bruce & Lucy Langille from honour night | \$25.00 |
| Adrian & Belle Pearson | \$50.00 |
| Cora MacKay #48 | \$10.00 |
| Irma Maxwell #15 | \$50.00 |
| Ron & Grace Boudreau #70 | \$5.00 |
| Allan & Shirley Conrad #49 | \$10.00 |
| Bill Thompson Jr. P. G. P. | \$20.00 |
| Howard & Noreen MacInnis # 7 in honour of Grand Family & G.C.C.M.'s | \$30.00 |
| Ralph & Marylyn Swinamer, | \$20.00 |
| Bill & Carol Clark # 24 | \$50.00 |
| Nora Bishop # 15 (Sale of tickets on needle point picture) | \$113.00 |
| The Officers Club of Shoreham Chapter #59 | \$50.00 |
| Owen & Rita Baker # 49 | \$50.00 |
| Carol Nielsen #20 | \$25.00 |

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| Lorna Spencer #28 | \$150.00 |
| Frances Thompson #24 | \$20.00 |
| Janet Hue #58 in honour of Shirley MacLean, James Estey, Charlie Teal | \$25.00 |
| John & Diane Patterson # 10 | \$20.00 |
| Janet Menzie # 40 in honour of Grand Family, D.D.G.M. and Mary Zinck | \$200.00 |
| Betty Ann Loughnan #40 In honour of Grand Officers & D.D.G.M.s | \$100.00 |
| Helen Dauphinee #40 in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers, D.D.G.M.s, G.C.C.M.s and Mary Hinde | \$50.00 |
| Leda Graham #20 | \$25.00 |
| Bill & Hilda Allen #24 | \$20.00 |
| Olive Munro # 24 | \$20.00 |
| Marvel & Elizabeth Mattson #59 | \$20.00 |
| LeRoy Brooks # 20 | \$10.00 |
| Frank & Doris Cullen #24 | \$50.00 |
| Frank & Doris Cullen # 24 in lieu of gifts to Margaret Muise, G.C.C.M., Norma McLaughlin, Grand Representative, Margaret Allen, Grand Esther and Mary Smith, Grand Ruth | \$40.00 |
| Jim & Ruby MacKenzie #15 | \$25.00 |
| Helen Connors # 24 P. G. M. | \$10.00 |
| Kenneth & Lucy Josey, #49 | \$20.00 |
| Whit & JoAnne Giffin #59 | \$100.00 |
| Kenneth & Betty Smith #27 in honour of Fred Clarke, R. W. G. T., Margaret Clarke, G. G. C. C. M., Violet Blair, G. G. C. C. M., Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador, Jessie Nutter, Angel in Disguise | \$125.00 |
| Elsie Gamble #48 | \$10.00 |
| Ray & Mary Zinck #40 | \$15.00 |
| Glenn & Irene Johnson #48 in honour of Grand Representatives | \$25.00 |
| Rhoda Tupper, #40 | \$20.00 |
| Joan Campbell # 21 P. G. M. | \$100.00 |
| Millie Wagner #28 in lieu of gifts to G. G. C. C. M., Grand Officers, D. D. G. M.'s, G. C. C. M.'s & Grand Representatives | \$125.00 |
| Elsie Brinkschulte #20 | \$20.00 |
| Charlie & Georgie Dewey, #10 in honour of Kenneth Smith, G. G. C. C. M. | \$25.00 |
| Charlie & Georgie Dewey, #10 | \$50.00 |
| The Card Social Group | \$260.00 |
| Shoreham Chapter #59 (Refundables) | \$200.00 |
| Keystone Chapter #5 | \$200.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20 | \$1000.00 |
| Kenneth & Betty Smith, Received on Honor night, Neil & Dorothy Archibald | \$15.00 |
| Jackie & Sheila MacDonald | \$10.00 |
| Rhoda Tupper #40 | \$20.00 |
| Leda Graham #20 | \$10.00 |
| Bernice Webb #27 | \$10.00 |
| Olive Bowen #10 | \$10.00 |
| Ward & Joyce Cunningham #5 | \$10.00 |
| Shirley Rogers #27 | \$20.00 |
| Sharon Ward #24 | \$20.00 |
| Thelma Low & Joe Parker #45 | \$5.00 |

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| Elsie Brinkschulte #20 | \$10.00 |
| Morley & Marion Robinson #67 in honour of Grand Family | \$150.00 |
| George Hill #67 in honour of Grand Family | \$50.00 |
| Kenneth & Betty Smith, #27 | \$25.00 |
| George Hill #67 | \$50.00 |
| Neil & Dorothy Archibald #58 | \$10.00 |
| The 7 Crystal Friends, #1 P.E.I. | \$142.00 |
| Janet Merry #27 D. D. G. M. | \$25.00 |
| Mary Hinde In honour of Janet Merry, D. D. G. M. | \$12.00 |
| Dora Tumbull, #25 P. G. M. | \$100.00 |
| Jack & Dorothy Matthews #61 | \$20.00 |
| Anna Horne, #25 D. D. G. M. | \$100.00 |
| Allison & Eleanor Mitchell #61 P. G. M. &P. G. P. | \$50.00 |
| Annie Drover #58 | \$20.00 |
| Kenneth & Betty Smith, in honour of Grand Officers, D. D. G. M.'s, Grand Chapter Committee Members & Grand Representatives | \$100.00 |
| Mary Lou Higgins #48 | \$20.00 |
| Leda Graham #20 in honour of Jim Estey, Grand Chaplain | \$10.00 |
| Elizabeth Langille #65 In lieu of gifts to Installing Officers | \$20.00 |
| Joan Ross #1 Port Royal, in honour of her honour night | \$20.00 |
| Joan Ross #1 Port Royal, in honour of Grand Family | \$50.00 |
| Karyn Grant #55 in lieu of gifts to her officers | \$25.00 |
| Guy & Kay Boutilier #23 in lieu of gifts to Lucy Josey G. C. C. M. & Everett Baker, G. C. C. M. honour night | \$20.00 |
| June Macdonald #20 in memory of Mother & Father | \$200.00 |
| Scott & June Macdonald in honor of D. D. G. M. | \$125.00 |
| Ward & Joyce Cunningham #5 in honour of Jack Whalley Grand Warder, Joan Ross, D. D. G. M., Ron Boudreau, Grand Representative, Barbara Boyd, G. C. C. M., JoAnne Newell, G. C. C. M. | \$25.00 |
| Shirley MacLean #58 in honour of G. C. C. M.s | \$50.00 |
| George & Nora Moxsom #55 | \$100.00 |
| Marshall & Evelyn Thompson #52 | \$25.00 |
| Darlene Amirault #49 In honour of Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador | \$10.00 |
| Carol Little #49 In honour of Eleanor Mitchell | \$10.00 |
| Arlene Antle #59 | \$75.00 |
| John & Carole Newell #14 | \$50.00 |
| Love Gift from New Hampshire | \$12.00 |
| Harry & Shirley Daine #7 | \$25.00 |
| Evelyn Blair #3 on honour night | \$25.00 |
| Grand Representatives Association | \$300.00 |
| Grand Representatives in N. S. & P. E. I. | \$70.00 |
| Love Gift from Maine Delegates | \$54.00 |
| Lawrin & Margaret Armstrong, in memory of Ellen Webster, P. G. M. and Harold Spencer, P. G. P. | \$20.00 |
| Pago's Association | \$200.00 |
| Mildred Denton #35 P. G. M. | \$50.00 |
| Shirley Conrad #49 in honour of Grand Officers & D. D. G. M.'s | \$25.00 |
| Marion Buchan #67 | \$25.00 |
| Nora Bishop # 15 in honour of LaVerne Porter, Phyllis Veinot, Faye Calder, Linda Foote, George Hill, George Crouch, Jack Whalley, | |

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| Allen Denton, Margaret Clarke, Inez Daye, | \$50.00 |
| Total Donations | \$23,129.67 |
| Bell Pins & Calendar Sales (Lucy Josey, Chairman) | \$5,876.60 |
| George Crouch, W. G. P. (Special Project Donations) | \$6,060.00 |
| Interest on Bank Account | \$64.19 |
| Total amount donated to Bonny Lea Farm | \$35,130.46 |

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2002-2003
BROTHER GEORGE E. CROUCH**

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members including Ambassador to Southern Italy, Past Grand Matrons including Angel in Disguise, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers.

At my installation I promised to serve this Grand Jurisdiction to the best of my ability. I feel I have accomplished that and hope I have not disappointed you.

I left Toronto at the age of 20 to serve in the Navy, and now - 54 years later I'm still here in Nova Scotia and not regretting one moment. (I met my lovely wife, Mary, and soulmate here and would not want life without her). Just like a former Grand Patron, Brother John, a short ten years ago I joined this beautiful Order but never in my wildest dreams did I ever believe I would accomplish so much, and to become your Worthy Grand Patron was like reaching the stars. Thank you, each and everyone for the honour and privilege. This, to me, has been one of the greatest highlights of my life.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, it has been an honour to serve with you this year. There have been a few "up's and down's" along the trail but on the whole it was a wonderful year. I will always treasure the memories and good times shared with our Grand Family during our travels. You have carried out your duties in an exemplary manner. You are a credit to Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter and I commend

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you on all your endeavours this past year. I accompanied you on all your Official Visits and what a time we had. All the courtesies afforded us and all the addenda prepared for our visits were none other than "PURR - FECT".

Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees - Bro. Fred. You have served this Grand Jurisdiction well. For awhile it looked like you were going to have a reprieve from duty - time to smell the roses - but no, you are going on to be our Most Worthy Grand Patron and I think, along with the Sisters and Brothers, Sister Rennie made an excellent choice. We know you will represent us well in the years to come.

General Grand Chapter Committee Members - I don't know where these past three years have gone, but here we are at the end of your appointments. Brother Ken, Sister Vi, Sister Margaret and Sister Eleanor (Ambassador to Southern Italy) - you have displayed great enthusiasm as was evident in all your visits. We all enjoyed your messages and it proves they chose only very dedicated members. Congratulations to each of you.

To the Past Grand Matrons, including our "Angel in Disguise", Sister Jessie, and Past Grand Patrons, it was so heart warming to look up each night on our Official Visits to see so many of you being introduced at the Altar. I thank each of you for being there, for your encouragement and support. In a short time Sister June and I will be joining your ranks, and looking forward to serving with you. You are a great group of Sisters and Brothers.

To Sister Betty Ann Loughnan and Brother Cecil Decker, you are so very important to us. Without you we would be lost, as you keep us well informed and on the straight and narrow. I don't believe everyone knows just how hard you work on our behalf. I congratulate you both for all your efforts. Thank you so much for your great friendship and direction.

To our Grand Family- we started off our year with three (3) Schools of Instruction. It was pure joy to watch each of you perform. We bonded together quickly after those sessions. My only hope is that we remain the very best of friends always. We shared many, many good times together. It has been a privilege to welcome each of you to our Grand Family, and a real pleasure to serve with you. May God bless each of you in future endeavours. To the Elected Officers, I wish for you all that you wish for.

To Sister Inez and Brother Allen - it's now time to turn the helm over to you. I wish you success and happiness in your coming year. It has been a wonderful experience for me and leaves me with many happy memories. I wish the same for you.

To the Grand Representatives - you have one of the most wonderful appointments that can be bestowed upon a Sister or Brother. I anticipate your term will be filled

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with many memorable moments. You are our link between Jurisdictions and I know you will serve us well.

To the District Deputy Grand Matrons - thank you so much for accepting your appointments. We know you have carried out your duties well. You are a credit to our Grand Family. God Bless each of you.

To the Grand Chapter Committee Members - the fruits of your labours are now showing and I thank you for all the hard work that made this possible. You are a great team of Sisters and Brothers.

To all the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of our Chapters, your acceptance on the night of our Official Visits made us feel like royalty. The showing of love and friendship was outstanding. I thank each and everyone for all the courtesies afforded us. The addendums - what can I say - they were presented with great humor and so much fun. I know that I, as well as everyone attending enjoyed them. Thank you seems like such a small word, but it conveys appreciation and gratitude for making our year a memorable one. God Bless each and everyone of you.

To the members of our Grand Choir - your presence here at our Grand Session providing our music - your beautiful voices always spreads joy and happiness throughout our "Garden of Love and Friendship" session. Thank you for giving so freely of your time and talents. To Brother Allan Conrad - thank you so very much for your solo "*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*". This is one of my favourite hymns and your rendition of it, as you are well aware, has brought a few tears from my eyes this year. To Brother Fred Lipskey, thank you too for the many solos you sang for me this year. Again, a heartfelt thank to each of you.

A great big "special thank you" to my wife, Sister Mary. I don't really know what I would have done without your help this year. You have kept me always at the ready for all occasions. For all your sacrifices and for always being at my side I thank you so much "Wom".

Immediately after our installation last July, I was on my way to New Brunswick Grand Chapter, to their "*Rainbow of Friendship*" session where I and a number of our members were introduced for the first time. It was quite an honour.

May 3rd, 2003 we attended Maine/Maritime Grand Family Exchange in Bangor, Maine. A great time was had by all. One week after, May 10th, I attended the Maritime Grand Family Exchange held at the Wandlyn Inn, Coldbrook. This happened to be the Maritime Exchanges' 25th anniversary. It was an excellent afternoon and evening sharing with the New Brunswick members the initiatory work which I was honoured to preside as Worthy Patron. A sumptuous banquet was served and entertainment followed. A good time was enjoyed by all.

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We were saddened by the passing of two Past Grands - Sister Ellen Webster and Brother Harold Spencer. Our sincere condolences to their families. In April we were saddened by the passing of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy Dewing. Our condolences to her family. These members will be greatly missed and know now they are all in that house not built with hands eternal in heaven and in God's care.

During this year we had to report the closing of two Chapters. Cape Breton #12, Glace Bay and Acadia #4, Lawrencetown. Both have surrendered their Charters. They will be missed in our Grand Jurisdiction and trust the members involved will seek membership in other Chapters.

I am delighted to say, as Worthy Grand Patron, I was honoured to receive an Honourary Membership to Adah Chapter #219 in St. Petersburg, Florida. I thank Worthy Matron, Sister Janice Renn, for this honour.

Hon. Joseph Howe #20 - I thank you for all your support this year. To the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for all the courtesies and to the officers and members for an exceptional year. The presentation of an Honourary Membership was humbly accepted and I will treasure it always.

To my home Chapter- Evangeline#15 and my Affiliated Chapter - Laurel #67. Words cannot express my feelings of gratitude for presenting me with a Life Membership. They are my most treasured possessions. You have been very generous and supportive on my journey to the Grand East, each Chapter has brought me much joy and goodness to my life. You are special in so many ways, kind and caring too.

I wish to thank the members of our beautiful Order for all the donations to our Special Project "Physically and Mentally Challenged Persons". They will benefit greatly from your generosity.

Conclusion

In closing, I thank all the members of our Grand Jurisdiction for a grand and "PURR-FECT" year. The experiences gained, along with all the beautiful memories shall dwell with me forever. It is time now to turn over leadership of this Grand Chapter to our successors. I thank you for the honour of being your Worthy Grand Patron. May God bless all of you.

During my term as Worthy Grand Patron I approved the following amendments to the By-Laws of (10) Subordinate Chapters.

These are listed below: **Chapter By-Law Amendments:**

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Mayflower Chapter #2 - 6 Nov 02 - Meeting time change
Emerald Chapter #58 - 6 Nov 02 - Meeting time change
Keystone Chapter #5 - 20 Nov 02 - Meeting time change; Dec. meeting
report members in arrears for dues
Mae Chapter #38 - 20 Nov 02 - Amalgamate Floral Fund with General Fund
Century Chapter #10 - 16 Dec 02 - Meeting time change
Elm Chapter #48 - 2 Jan 03 - Meeting time change
Harmony Chapter #25 - 17 Jan 03 - Meeting time change
Munro Chapter #26 - 4 Apr 03 - By-Laws fully amended and brought up to date
Myrtle Chapter #21 - 16 May 03 - Meeting time change
Starlight Chapter #66 - 2 Jun 03 - Meeting time change and By-Laws brought up
to date

*"Be alert, stand firm in the faith,
be courageous and strong; and let
everything be done in love."*

The Report of the Worthy Grand Patron was moved for acceptance by Brother George Crouch, W.G.P. (15) and seconded by Sister Carol Wooster, P.M. (15) and the motion was carried.

DONATIONS

As Associate Grand Patron:

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| Allan and Cheryl Denton | \$ 20.00 |
| Howard and Noreen MacInnis | 10.00 |
| Murray and Arna Gardner | 25.00 |
| Allen, Mary and Candice Reid - Honour Night | 10.00 |
| Murray and Arna Gardner - Honour Night | 20.00 |
| Evangeline Chapter #15 | 50.00 |
| Janet Merry | 10.00 |
| Annie Mae Backman | 10.00 |
| Helen Corkum | 10.00 |
| Bill Thompson Jr. WGP | 10.00 |
| Ken and Betty Smith | 10.00 |
| Millie Wagner | 10.00 |
| Dick and Lola Pineo | 10.00 |
| Fred and Margaret Clarke | 20.00 |
| Marion and Morley Robinson | 10.00 |
| Marion Conrad | 10.00 |
| Eleanor and Allison Mitchell | 10.00 |
| Neil and Dorothy Archibald | 10.00 |
| Gail Fudge | 8.00 |

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| Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer | 10.00 |
| Carol Nielsen | 20.00 |
| Jim and Shirley Estey | 20.00 |
| Margaret Allen | 10.00 |
| Anonymous | 20.00 |
| Joyce Johnson | 10.00 |
| LaVerne Porter | 10.00 |
| Carol Little | 10.00 |
| Allan and Shirley Conrad | 10.00 |
| Donald and Barbara Cooke | 10.00 |
| Fred and Carol Wooster | 5.00 |
| Howard and Noreen MacInnis | 20.00 |
| Kay, Merrill, Megan and Ruth | 12.00 |
| James and Ruby MacKenzie | 25.00 |
| June Dauphinee | 5.00 |
| Inez Daye | 10.00 |
| Lynn and Darrell Thurber | 5.00 |
| George and Ruth Hill | 10.00 |
| Melvin and Arlene Antle | 20.00 |
| Ruth and David Waterbury | 10.00 |
| Georgie Phinney | 10.00 |
| Allen and Cheryl Denton | 20.00 |
| Belle and Adrian Pearson | 20.00 |
| John and Diane Patterson | 10.00 |
| Lucy and Bruce Langille | 20.00 |
| Mary Smith | 10.00 |
| Marion Buchan | 5.00 |
| John and Carole Newell | 20.00 |
| Irene MacIvor | 50.00 |
| Jean and Roger Beckwith | 5.00 |
| Bonnie Boutilier | 10.00 |
| Mildred Denton | 25.00 |
| Anna Ford | 25.00 |
| Carolyn and Norman Card | 40.00 |
| <u>As Worthy Grand Patron:</u> | |
| Emily Bigelow | 100.00 |
| Joan Sexton | 50.00 |
| Cedar Chapter #3 | 25.00 |
| Mae Chapter #38 | 20.00 |
| Edna Harding | 70.00 |
| Faith Chapter #54 | 10.00 |
| Arbutus Chapter #30 | 25.00 |
| Allen and Cheryl Denton | 100.00 |
| Shoreham Chapter #59 | 20.00 |
| Pearl Chapter #71 | 10.00 |
| Cape Breton Chapter #12 | 50.00 |
| Munro Chapter #26 | 20.00 |
| Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 | 100.00 |
| Myrtle Chapter #21 | 25.00 |

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| Queens Chapter #34 | 50.00 |
| Westville Chapter #24 | 50.00 |
| Thelma Low | 20.00 |
| Armcrest Chapter #45 | 25.00 |
| Grace Chapter #8 | 25.00 |
| Emily Bigelow | 50.00 |
| Ruby and James MacKenzie | 50.00 |
| Evangeline Chapter #15 - Sale of Buttons | 100.00 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20 | 50.00 |
| Elmsdale Chapter #55 | 25.00 |
| Harmony Chapter #25 | 25.00 |
| Halifax Chapter #7 | 25.00 |
| Fairfield Chapter #22 | 20.00 |
| Ruth Chapter #57 | 50.00 |
| Linda Foote | 20.00 |
| Amethyst Chapter #28 | 50.00 |
| Amethyst Chapter #28 - Past Matrons | 5.00 |
| Atlantic Chapter #65 | 50.00 |
| Emerald Chapter #58 | 100.00 |
| Queen Esther Chapter #61 | 25.00 |
| Elm Chapter #48 | 25.00 |
| Alice MacKay | 15.00 |
| Scotia Chapter #49 | 50.00 |
| Maple Leaf Chapter #23 | 75.00 |
| Edna Harding | 150.00 |
| Mystic Star Chapter #40 | 70.00 |
| Mystic Star Chapter #40 - Past Matrons | 10.00 |
| LaVerne Porter - Honour Night | 70.00 |
| Century Chapter #10 | 100.00 |
| Crystal Chapter # 1 (P.E.I.) | 25.00 |
| Charles and Anna Carr | 25.00 |
| Regent Chapter #52 | 35.00 |
| Reginald and Gladys MacRae - In memory of Ellen Webster | 10.00 |
| Faye Calder | 20.00 |
| Evangeline Chapter #15 - Honour Night- Phyllis Veinot and Faye Calder | 25.00 |
| Phyllis Veinot | 25.00 |
| Irma Maxwell and Vincent Maxwell | 30.00 |
| Sharon Ward | 20.00 |
| Jackie and Sheila MacDonald | 10.00 |
| Mildred Denton | 100.00 |
| David Waterbury - Honour Night | 15.00 |
| Roger and Jean Beckwith | 20.00 |
| Dora Turnbull | 100.00 |
| Janet Merry | 25.00 |
| Bill and Hilda Allen | 20.00 |
| Allan and Shirley Conrad | 10.00 |
| Alvin and Violet Blair | 20.00 |
| Ralph and MaryLyn Swinamer | 30.00 |
| Noreen and Howard MacInnis | 20.00 |
| Bill Thompson Jr. | 20.00 |

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| John and Diane Patterson | 10.00 |
| Myrna MacPherson | 100.00 |
| George and Ruth Hill | 25.00 |
| William and Carol Clark | 50.00 |
| Frank and Doris Cullen | 50.00 |
| Irma Maxwell | 25.00 |
| Mary and Ray Zinck | 15.00 |
| Carol Nielsen | 25.00 |
| Adrian and Belle Pearson | 50.00 |
| Jean Parks | 30.00 |
| Betty Ann Loughnan | 50.00 |
| Charles and Georgie Dewey | 25.00 |
| Darrell and Lynn Thurber | 20.00 |
| Jack and Dorothy Matthews | 10.00 |
| Elsie Brinkschulte | 10.00 |
| Helen Connors | 10.00 |
| Ruby and Jim MacKenzie | 25.00 |
| Evangeline Chapter #15 - Past Matrons | 100.00 |
| Annie Mae Backman | 175.00 |
| Lucy and Bruce Langille | 10.00 |
| Rhoda Tupper | 20.00 |
| Ken and Betty Smith | 25.00 |
| Elsie Gamble | 10.00 |
| Lorna Spencer | 150.00 |
| Joan Campbell | 100.00 |
| Ronald and Grace Boudreau | 5.00 |
| Cora MacKay | 10.00 |
| Helen Johnson | 10.00 |
| Mary Lou Higgins | 10.00 |
| LaVerne Porter (Sale of Quilts) | 615.00 |
| Murray and Arna Gardner | 50.00 |
| George Crouch (in lieu of gifts) | 110.00 |
| David and Ruth Waterbury | 50.00 |
| Evangeline Chapter #15- Sale of Buttons | 42.00 |
| Marshall and Evelyn Thompson | 25.00 |
| Ruby and Jim MacKenzie | 50.00 |
| John and Carole Newell | 50.00 |
| Grand Representatives Association. | 300.00 |
| George and Nora Moxsom | 200.00 |
| W.G.M. and Members of Massachusetts Grand Chapter | 43.00 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worthy Grand Matron announced that the Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. and this afternoon session must finish by 3:30 p.m.

Sister Jean Coombes, P.M. (61), announced that Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. and Brother Weldon Bowser will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 9,

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
2003 from 2-4 p.m. with an Open House at the Masonic Centre, Dartmouth, N.S.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2003

The Jurisprudence Committee: Brother James Dickie, P.G.P. (24), Chairman, Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) and Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52)

Report on Notices of Motion

We have reviewed the Notices of Motion to be presented at this Grand Chapter Session, and report as follows:

Notice of Motion No. 1 to be presented by Sister Carol Wooster, P.M. and Sister Nora Bishop, P.M., both of Evangeline Chapter No. 15, concerning the Fraternal Correspondent's Report.

This motion is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 2 to be presented by Sister Phyllis Veinot, P.M. Past Chairperson of the Finance Committee, concerning changes to the duties and responsibilities of the Finance Committee.

This motion is in order.

However, the Jurisprudence Committee would recommend that it be presented after Motion No. 6 concerning Trustees. Should this Motion 6 be approved, then Motion No. 2 would be redundant.

Notice of Motion No. 3 to be presented by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. concerning Constitution- Article-# 11 "Expenses- Officers, Committees and Courtesies" Page 39.

This motion is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 4 to be presented by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. concerning Constitution- Article 21 "Reception of General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointments" page 48.

This motion is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 5 to be presented by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. concerning "Chapter Secretary's Handbook"

This motion is in order.

Notice of Motion No. 6 to be presented by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. and William F. Clark P.G.P. concerning "Election of Trustees".

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This motion is in order.

We recommend that the **Notice of Motion presented** by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. on **July 10, 2002** concerning changes to the Constitution to include Grand Trustees **is in order**, and should be presented. It was inadvertently omitted from the Notices of Motions from the Grand Secretary's Office- but in fact, was sent to all Chapters in the 2002 proceedings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

This has been another busy year in our Grand Chapter. I have striven to carry out the duties of the Grand Secretary in an efficient manner. All correspondence, reports and requests were dealt with promptly.

The five year old computer, unfortunately, began to show signs of old age and last summer the monitor refused to wake up and had to be replaced. During the winter the computer began to give me problems while I was working on the proceedings and had to be replaced. Fortunately, this was done before a major mishap occurred. I want to thank the Finance Committee for their quick response to my plea - and I was soon back in business.

The statistical report reflects the figures of the previous year as follows:

STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP

**Order of the Eastern Star of
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**

1 June 2001 to 31 May 2002

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|---|--------|-------|
| No. of Members reported to 31 May 2001: | | 3,013 |
| No. of Members Initiated: | 46 | |
| No. of Members Affiliated: | 28 | |
| No. of Members Re-Instated: | 2 | 76 |
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| | TOTAL: | 3,089 |
| No. of Members Died: | 95 | |
| No. of Members Demitted: | 71* | |

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No. of Members Suspended: 17 _____ 183

No. of Members as of 31 May 2002: 2,906

No. of Chartered Chapters: 49
 No. of Members paid full Per Capita: 2,906
 No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation: 28
 No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership: 30

* **Note:** 28 of this number are from Golden Star Chapter No. 72: Charter surrendered on June 6, 2001.

Statistics in this report are to **31 May 2002**, the end of the Subordinate Chapter year.

Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2001 to May 31, 2002:

| <u>Name & Number</u> | <u>Init.</u> | <u>Affil.</u> | <u>Reins</u> <u>t.</u> | <u>Died</u> | <u>Demi</u> <u>t</u> | <u>Susp.</u> | <u>No.</u> <u>members</u> <u>May</u> <u>31,2002</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|
| Port Royal #1 | | 1 | | 2 | | | 35 |
| Mayflower #2 | | 1 | | 3 | | | 60 |
| Cedar #3 | | | | 2 | 1 | | 33 |
| Acadia #4 | | | | 1 | | | 39 |
| Keystone #5 | 5 | | | 2 | 4 | | 54 |
| Halifax #7 | | | | 3 | | | 54 |
| Grace #8 | | | | 2 | | | 48 |
| Century #10 | | 4 | | 2 | 2 | | 87 |
| Cape Breton #12 | | | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 32 |
| Queen Elizabeth #14 | | | | 3 | 5 | | 60 |
| Evangeline #15 | | | | 4 | | | 103 |
| Britannia #18 | 2 | | | 3 | | | 51 |
| Victoria #19 | | 1 | | 3 | | | 99 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe #20 | | | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 67 |
| Myrtle #21 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 81 |
| Fairfield #22 | | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 58 |

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| Maple Leaf #23 | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 53 |
| Crystal #1 PEI | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 6 | | 128 |
| Westville #24 | | 2 | | 1 | | | 109 |
| Harmony #25 | 3 | | | 2 | | | 91 |
| Munro #26 | | | | 1 | | | 66 |
| Kwebec #27 | 4 | | | 1 | 1 | | 73 |
| Amethyst #28 | | 2 | | 4 | 1 | 1 | 64 |
| Arbutus #30 | | | | 2 | | | 56 |
| Annaval #31 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 48 |
| Queens #34 | | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 31 |
| St. Mary's #35 | 4 | 1 | | 2 | | | 56 |
| Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | 60 |
| Mae #38 | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 55 |
| Cobequid #39 | | | | | 3 | 2 | 77 |
| Mystic Star #40 | 1 | | | 3 | 2 | | 51 |
| Armcrest #45 | 2 | | | 4 | | | 56 |
| Florence Fraser #47 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 50 |
| Elm #48 | 1 | 3 | | 3 | | | 57 |
| Scotia #49 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 42 |
| Sunrise #50 | 3 | | | 2 | | | 54 |
| Regent #52 | | | | | | | 54 |
| Faith #54 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 43 |
| Elmsdale #55 | | | | 1 | | 2 | 48 |
| Ruth #57 | | 2 | | 3 | | | 43 |
| Emerald #58 | | | | 2 | 2 | | 60 |
| Shoreham #59 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | | 44 |
| Queen Esther #61 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 84 |
| Atlantic #65 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 37 |
| Starlight #66 | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 | 31 |
| Laurel #67 | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | | 60 |

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| Montague #69 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 62 |
| Crescent #70 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 51 |
| Pearle #71 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | 51 |
| Golden Star #72 | | | | | 28 | | 0 |

**DONATIONS TO CHARITIES
2002-2003**

**ESTARL
(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)**

From Chapters and Members:

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| Cedar #3 | | 100.00 |
| | In lieu of Bar to W.P. Bro. Lloyd Brown and in memory of Sis. Sylvia Farrow & Sis. Ella Jean Brown | 115.00 |
| | Marian & Russell Durling in memory of Sis. Valerie Clarke and Bro. William Munroe | 40.00 |
| | Marianne MacMillan in lieu of gifts at Installation | 25.00 |
| | Walter & Evelyn Blair in memory of Mr. Harry Durling and son of Catherine & Reg Tutty | 30.00 |
| Acadia #4 | | 25.00 |
| Keystone #5 | | 25.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. M. Goodwin | 15.00 |
| | | 25.00 |
| Halifax #7 | | 100.00 |
| | In memory of Bro. Harold Spencer, P.G.P. | |
| Grace #8 | | 100.00 |
| Century #10 | | 331.10 |
| | Myrna MacPherson in honour of Bro. Frank Cullen | 20.00 |
| | Olive Bowen in memory of Sis. Gladys Tonks | 10.00 |
| Queen Elizabeth #14 | | 200.00 |

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| | In memory of Sis. Violet MacAskill | 25.00 |
| | John & Carole Newell in memory of Bro. H. Spencer, PGP | 30.00 |
| | John & Carole Newell in memory of Bro. W. Aulenback | 25.00 |
| | Vincent & Freda Ells in memory of Bro. H. Spencer, PGP | 20.00 |
| | Vincent & Freda Ells in memory of Mr. Dwight Campbell | 20.00 |
| | Vincent & Freda Ells in memory of Sis Violet MacAskill | 20.00 |
| | Sis. Edna MacVicar in memory of Bro. Allan Boone | 10.00 |
| Evangeline #15 | In memory of Bro. Howard Rand | 50.00 |
| | Past Matrons Club in memory of Bro. Howard Rand | 25.00 |
| | In honour of Sis. Violet Blair, GGCCM | 100.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Bernice Muggah | 50.00 |
| | Marie Black in memory of Mrs. Jean Chappell | 20.00 |
| Britannia #18 | | 50.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. D. Scheinfeldt | 35.00 |
| Victoria #19 | | 300.00 |
| | In lieu of gifts to Installing Team | 25.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Jean Bradley | 20.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Kaye MacAskill | 20.00 |
| Hon. Jos. Howe #20 | | 100.00 |
| Myrtle #21 | | 100.00 |
| | | 100.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Jean Curtis, Sis. Adella Ellis & Bro. Cyril Collicutt | 75.00 |
| | Laird & Margaret Arenburg in memory of Dwight Campbell | 20.00 |
| | Effie Behie in memory of Dwight Campbell | 20.00 |
| | Past Matrons Club in memory of Dwight Campbell | 25.00 |
| | Estate of Sis. Adella Ellis | 500.00 |
| | Past Matrons Club in memory of Sis. D. Dewing, MWGM | 50.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Dorothy Dewing, MWGM | 25.00 |
| Fairfield #22 | | 400.00 |
| Maple Leaf #23 | | 100.00 |
| Crystal #1 PEI | In memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 50.00 |
| | Past Matrons Club in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 10.00 |
| | Maureen Weeks in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 5.00 |
| | Carol MacLellan in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 15.00 |
| | Edward & Marion Miller in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 20.00 |
| | Andrea Carr-MacNeill in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 20.00 |
| | Charles & Anna Carr in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 10.00 |
| | Allison & Connie MacDonald in memory of Sis. G. Larkin | 30.00 |
| | Claretta Palmer in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 20.00 |
| Westville #24 | In honour of Bro. Frank Cullen, GCCM | 25.00 |
| | Linda Scott in honour of all Grand Representatives | 50.00 |

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| | Allister Thompson in honour of all Grand Representatives | 25.00 |
| | Sharon Ward in honour of Bro. F. Cullen, Sis. L. Scott, Bro. A. Thompson & in memory of Sis. Gladys Tonks | 50.00 |
| | Joyce Roode | 20.00 |
| | Bill & Hilda Allen in honour of Sis. Eyleen MacLeod | 25.00 |
| | Arleigh Hardy in honour of Sis. Eyleen MacLeod | 10.00 |
| | In honour of Sis. Eyleen MacLeod | 100.00 |
| | Eyleen MacLeod | 50.00 |
| | Christmas Tree | 130.25 |
| | Sharon Ward in lieu of Christmas gifts | 100.00 |
| | Rosemary Hayter in honour of Allister Thompson | 25.00 |
| | In honour of Bro. Frank Cullen, GCCM, ESTARL | 500.00 |
| | Frank Cullen in lieu of gifts on honour night | 50.00 |
| | Bill & Hilda Allen in honour of Bro. F. Cullen, Sis. L. Scott and Bro. A. Thompson | 30.00 |
| | Diane Hayman & Janet Johnson in honour of Sis. Eyleen MacLeod | 10.00 |
| Harmony #25 | | 200.00 |
| | Dora & Donna Turnbull in memory of Sis. Lois Semple | 40.00 |
| | Clyde & Isabel Roy in memory of Sis. Lois Semple | 20.00 |
| | Beth MacLean in memory of Sis. Lois Semple | 10.00 |
| | Adrian & Belle Pearson in honour of Bro. Frank Cullen | 10.00 |
| Munro #26 | | 140.00 |
| | Caryl Yates in memory of Bro. J. Burton (Bill) Smith | 20.00 |
| | Adrienne Patterson | 10.00 |
| | Sheila & Jackie MacDonald in memory of Bro. H. Spencer, Mr. Dwight Campbell and Bro. James Inch | 30.00 |
| | Sheila & Jackie MacDonald in memory of Bro. Hobart Pierce | 10.00 |
| | Sheila & Jackie MacDonald in memory of Bro. Allan Boone | 10.00 |
| Kwebec #27 | In lieu of gifts to P.M.s & P.P.s on Birthday Night | 25.00 |
| | Past Matrons Club | 25.00 |
| | Kenneth Smith, GGCCM, gift from Chapter | 100.00 |
| Amethyst #28 | | 400.00 |
| | Past Matrons Club | 100.00 |
| | William Hardstaff | 20.00 |
| Arbutus #30 | | 50.00 |
| | In lieu of gifts to retiring W.M. & W.P. | 50.00 |
| Queens #34 | | 50.00 |
| Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 | | 500.00 |
| Mae #38 | | 50.00 |
| | Norman & Janet Pentz Fund | 300.00 |
| | In lieu of bars to W.M. & W.P. | 100.00 |

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| | Helen Corkum in memory of Sis. Madge Emeno | 10.00 |
| | Helen Corkum in memory of Sis. Ada Jorgensen | 10.00 |
| Cobequid #39 | | 100.00 |
| Mystic Star #40 | | 100.00 |
| | Mary & Vicki Perry in honour of Sis. Shirley Bezanson | 10.00 |
| | Betty Ann Loughnan in memory of Mr. Dwight Campbell | 15.00 |
| | Shirley Bezanson, gifts received on honour night | 25.00 |
| Armcrest #45 | | 150.00 |
| Florence Fraser #47 | | 121.75 |
| Elm #48 | | 500.00 |
| | Mary Lou Higgins in honour of Bro. Frank Cullen | 10.00 |
| Scotia #49 | | 125.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Margaret Conrad | 25.00 |
| | In memory of Mr. Donald Conrad | 20.00 |
| Regent #52 | | 100.00 |
| | Fran Harding in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 10.00 |
| | Elva Shewchuck in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 10.00 |
| | Reginald & Gladys MacRae in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 10.00 |
| Faith #54 | | 50.00 |
| | Edna Harding from a special project and in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers | 70.00 |
| Elmsdale #55 | | 100.00 |
| | Past Matrons | 100.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Willa MacGill & Sis. Florence Stoddart | 50.00 |
| | In honour of Sis. Nora Moxsom | 15.00 |
| | Sis. Barbara Falkenham (as listed below) | 115.00 |
| | Donations received (85.00), in honour of Bro. Cecil Decker and Sis. Mary Hinde (30.00) | |
| Ruth #57 | | 200.00 |
| | In memory of Mr. Charles Hatch | 10.00 |
| | Mary Smith - W.M.'s Special Project | 150.00 |
| | Estate of Bro. Reginald & Sis. Dorothy Jewers | 1,000.00 |
| Emerald #58 | | 200.00 |
| | In lieu of gifts to PMs&PPs on Birthday | 25.00 |
| | Christmas Stocking | 201.10 |
| | Worthy Matron's Special Project | 60.00 |
| | In memory of Bro. William Palmer | 50.00 |

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| Shoreham #59 | Ruth & David Waterbury in memory of Bro. H. Spencer, Sis. Valerie Clarke and Bro. William Munroe | 30.00 |
| Queen Esther #61 | | 200.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Valerie Clarke, Sis. Doris Collins and Bro. Harold Spencer | 100.00 |
| | Past Matrons Club in memory of Sis. Valerie Clarke and Sis. Doris Collins | 50.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Phyllis Turner | 35.00 |
| Starlight #66 | | 50.00 |
| Laurel #67 | | 200.00 |
| | In memory of our Veterans | 35.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Elizabeth Holmesdale | 30.00 |
| Montague #69 | | 100.00 |
| | In memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 10.00 |
| | Fred, Marjorie & Suzanne Aitken in memory of Sis. Gladys Larkin | 10.00 |
| Pearle #71 | | 150.00 |
| | Raymond & Eleanor Freeman in memory of Bro. Harold Spencer, Bro. Willard Aulenback and Sis. Beatrice Atkinson | 20.00 |
| Other Donations to ESTARL: | | |
| District ESTARL Church Services: | District #1 | 358.45 |
| | District #2 | 201.25 |
| | District #3 | 300.00 |
| | District #4 | 520.00 |
| | District #5 | 200.00 |
| | District #6 | 160.00 |
| | District #7 | 150.00 |
| | District #8 (N.S.) | 396.00 |
| | District #8 (P.E.I.) | 411.50 |
| Grand Chapter Church Service, July 7, 2003 | | 974.09 |
| Past Grands Club | In memory of Brother Harold Spencer, P.G.P. | 25.00 |
| | In memory of Sister Ellen Webster, P.G.M. | 25.00 |
| | In memory of Sister Dorothy Dewing, M.W.G.M. | 25.00 |
| Grand Chapter | In memory of Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons | 450.00 |
| Benevolent Fund | | 4,000.00 |
| M.W.G.M.'s Triennium Pin Committee - Pin Sales for ESTARL | | 390.00 |

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| Grand Representatives Association | | 500.00 | |
| Anna Horne, D.D.G.M., District No. 3 - Sale of Tickets on Pillows: | | | |
| Hon. Joseph Howe #20 | | 41.00 | |
| Maple Leaf #23 | | 50.00 | |
| Scotia #49 | | 50.00 | |
| Elmsdale #55 | | 23.00 | |
| Ruth #57 | | 50.00 | |
| Queen Esther #61 | | 30.00 | |
| Mrs. Alberta Dunbar, Victoria, British Columbia | | 300.00 | |
| John & Catherine Rhymes in memory of Sis. Lois Semple | | 50.00 | |
| Ian & Anne MacDougall in memory of Sis. Lois Semple | | 20.00 | |
| Mrs. Mary MacIntosh in memory of Sis. Lois Semple | | 20.00 | |
| In memory of Sister Gladys Larkin, P.M., Crystal No. 1 PEI: | | | |
| Eric & Marguerite Keating, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 10.00 | |
| Irene Stevenson, Hunter River, P.E.I. | | 10.00 | |
| Jean Llewellyn, Montague, P.E.I. | | 10.00 | |
| Mabel Ployer, Cardigan, P.E.I. | | 10.00 | |
| Mrs. Verna Currie, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Charles & Peggy Williams, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Stuart & Ann Veale, Stratford, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Cathy Flanagan, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Carmena MacRae, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Ralph & Sandra Coughlin, Borden/Carleton, P.E.I. | | 25.00 | |
| Morley & Jean Annear, Montague, P.E.I. | | 25.00 | |
| Harrington Woman's Institute, Winsloe, P.E.I. | 10.00 | | |
| Lorne & Joyce Keizer, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 15.00 | |
| Mrs. Lola MacEwen, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Edward MacLaren & Irene Renaud, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Margaret L. Younker, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Marion L. MacDonald, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Eric & Anne Wood, Stratford, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Rhodes & Susan Warren, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Reta A. MacDonald, Charlottetown, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Vivian Phillips, Ellerslie, P.E.I. | | 20.00 | |
| Edith, Iris, Linda & Bonnie; c/o Edith Lewis, Cornwall, P.E.I. | | 25.00 | |
| Harvey & Jean McCoo, Massachusetts | | 35.00 | |
| The Quilters - Edith, Gladys MacKinnon & Claretta Palmer | | 15.00 | |
| Wendy Cooke, Halifax, N.S. | | 10.00 | |
| Maude Palmer, Cornwall, P.E.I. | | 100.00 | |
| Robert & Anne Maglathlin, Massachusetts | | 77.10 | |
| | ARTHROITIS & RHEUMATISM SOCIETY | | |
| Acadia #4 | 25.00 | Keystone #5 | 15.00 |

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CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

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| Acadia #4 | 25.00 | Keystone #5 | 15.00 |
| Myrtle #21 | 100.00 | | |
| Pearle #71 | Eleanor & Raymond Freeman in memory of Sis. Dorothy Dewing, MWGM and In honour of the G.G.C.C.M.s | | 35.00 |
| M.W.G.M.'s Triennium Pin Committee - Sale of Pins | | | 930.00 |

CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

Keystone #5 15.00

CRAFTS & TREASURES COMMITTEE

Laurel #67 100.00

HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION

| | | | |
|----------------|---|--|-------|
| Acadia #4 | 25.00 | | |
| Maple Leaf #23 | In lieu of gifts to GCCM and Grand Representative | | 15.00 |

INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND

Victoria #19 100.00

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

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| Harmony #25 | 59.70 | Amethyst#28 | 19.17 |
| Armcrest #45 | 9.00 | | |

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Keystone #5 15.00

NOVA SCOTIA LUNG ASSOCIATION

Keystone #5 15.00

SHRINER'S CHILDREN'S TRAVEL FUND

MWGM's Triennium Pin Committee - Sale of Pins 2,508.50

SCOTTISH RITE

Keystone #5 15.00

IN APPRECIATION

Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

It has been a pleasure to serve as Grand Secretary this past year and I thank each of you for your continued support and encouragement.

To Brother Cecil, Grand Treasurer: You were always just a phone call away and I appreciated your promptness in responding to my financial requests. Thank you for your cooperation and faithful service to our Order. You have truly been a dedicated member and co-worker and I wish you all the best in your retirement.

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To the Chapter Secretaries: I have enjoyed working with each of you this past year and I appreciate all your kind notes, cards, emails and phone calls. Getting your Annual Returns in promptly is a great help and allows me to meet my deadlines and I thank you for this.

Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure working with each of you and being part of your Grand Family. I am sure your "*Garden of Love and Friendship* " Session will provide you with many happy memories.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40) and carried.

The Grand Secretary announced that \$974.09 was collected for ESTARL at the Church Service last evening.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the "Garden of Love and Friendship" Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, July, 2003:

1. MOTION:

At the fifty-sixth annual session of Grand Chapter of the Order of The Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in July 2003, 1, Carol Wooster, W.M. and seconded by Nora Bishop, P.M., of Evangeline Chapter # 15, will move or cause to be moved the following:

LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER ARTICLE 4 - Fraternal Correspondent, page 33, item #1: Add, after the present last sentence - "An in-depth written report will be circulated to the members at registration. A condensed verbal report, not to exceed ten minutes, will be given at Grand Chapter to highlight noteworthy matters."

Rationale:

This report contains interesting material but is always very lengthy to read. Because of its length, members become very restless and lose interest and hear little of the report. Also some members are not present to hear the report. I feel it would be more beneficial to everyone if the members could read this report at their leisure prior to the meeting or later. The time and effort put into the report would then be worthwhile and the report would actually reach more members and their chapters.

The report could be included with other registration materials in the ditty bag or be placed on the registration desk for members to pick up.

This motion was moved for adoption by Sister Carol Wooster, P.M. (15)

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and seconded by Sister Nora Bishop, P.M. (15). The motion was carried.

**2. MOTION: This motion was presented after Motion No. 6.
The Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 3, Finance Section 5**

Delete the entire section

To be replaced with:

The Finance Committee shall examine or cause to be examined the Books of All Officers who have custody and management or control of funds or other property of the Grand Chapter and at their discretion cause these records to be audited by a CPA or CA.

Rationale:

The present wording calls for the books to be audited. The cost of an audit is very expensive and requires all entries to be checked and verified, and confirmation from all receivables and payables that they are correct. This would take considerable time and cost the Grand Chapter substantially more in fees.

This motion was moved for adoption by Sister Phyllis Veinot, P.M. (15), and seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) and the motion was carried.

3. MOTION:

Take notice that at the fifty-sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held in Halifax, July 7,8,9, 2003, I will move or cause to be moved, the following motion:

Constitution- Article 11-"Expenses - Officers, Committees and Courtesies" General Grand Chapter Session" - page 39-Line 6: add after \$100: "in US funds"

The 2nd sentence would then read:

"The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and the two preceding Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons may be allowed \$100 in US funds each toward expenses if they attend the General Grand Triennial Assembly, held not later than two years after they have held office."

Sister Diane R. Hayman, P.G.M. (24) moved the adoption of this motion and it was seconded by Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52) and the motion was carried.

4. MOTION:

Take notice that at the fifty-sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held in Halifax, July 7,8,9, 2003, I will move or cause to be moved, the following motion:

Constitution- Article 21- "Reception of General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointments"- page 48 add a 2nd sentence as follows:

"Each member honored at this reception shall be presented with a monetary gift of \$100 in US funds, from this Grand Chapter."

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Rationale:

As all expenses for General Grand Chapter are paid in US dollars, these monetary gifts from our Grand Chapter should be in American funds.

Sister Diane R. Hayman, P.G.M. (24) moved the adoption of this motion and it was seconded by Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52) and the motion was carried.

5. MOTION:

Take notice that at the 56th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held July 7, 8, 9, 2003, I will move or cause to be moved, the following:

"A committee be appointed by the In-coming Worthy Grand Matron to set up "The Chapter Secretary's Handbook" which would be a guide book meant to be of practical assistance to a member taking over the work as Chapter Secretary; as well as to assist those who already hold the office. This Committee would be composed of the Grand Secretary and four other current Secretaries; and a chairman would be elected from within the group. This Committee will then bring back the Handbook to Grand Chapter in 2004 for approval by the members."

Rationale:

The Chapter Secretary's office is one of great responsibility, and, from personal experience, at times it can seem overwhelming. Many Chapters elect new Secretaries- and they have to depend on the guidance of others who has already done the job- or "fend for themselves". If we had a handbook, which clarifies and expands on the duties of the Secretary to pass along, it would make it easier for someone in this position. As some of the sections would include information from the Constitution Laws and Regulations- any changes made to these would have to up-dated as necessary; and the back of the book could include copies of all forms used by Grand Chapter (e.g. -any reports that go to the Grand Secretary; petitions; demits; death notices; etc., etc.).

This motion was moved for adoption by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) and seconded By Sister Inez Daye, A.G.M. (27).

On the question: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27) stated that this motion should be ruled out of order as per the C.L.&R., Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article,1, Section 3.

The motion was amended by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) and seconded by Sister Inez Daye, A.G.M. (27) **to read:**

"This Committee would be composed of four current Secretaries with the Grand Secretary as advisor only." and continue on to the end of the original motion.

The amendment was carried. The motion as amended was carried.

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6. MOTION:

At the 2003 session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I will move or cause to be moved the following amendments to the Laws and Regulations:

I . Laws and Regulations Article 1, Officers, Elected and Appointed and Eligibility Delete section 1 and replace with the following:

The Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, three Grand Trustees and Grand Sentinel shall be chosen by a clear majority ballot at the regular session of the Grand Chapter. Starting at the Grand Chapter Session of 2003, there shall be elected three (3) Grand Trustees, One for a one year term who shall be the Chairman, one for two year term and one for a three year term, and thereafter one shall be elected at each Grand Chapter session for a term of three years and the senior member will be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Article 2, Duties of Officers, Worthy Grand Matron Section 16- delete

Renumber balance of sections Grand Secretary Section 3 - delete

Section 11- delete and replace with: "submit for examination the books and accounts whenever requested by the Worthy Grand Matron or the Board of Grand Trustees."

Section 14- delete

Section 15- delete and replace with the following : "Keep a record of the proceedings of Grand Chapter Sessions."

Section 20 - delete

Section 41- delete

Renumber balance of sections Grand Treasurer

Section 3 delete- replace with " submit for examination all books and accounts whenever requested to do so by the Worthy Grand Matron or Board of Grand Trustees

Section 4 delete Section 5 delete

Section 7 delete Section 8 delete Section 9 delete

Section 14- delete "with approval of the Grand Council" and replace with under the direction of the Board of Grand Trustees"

Section 15- delete the word "bonds" and replace with "investments" Section 16 delete

Renumber all sections

Add Grand Trustees

The Grand Trustees, acting as a board, shall have and perform duties as follows:

1. Cause the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as well as any other officer or committee having control of funds, to be audited at least once annually, and furnish a copy of such audit to the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and make a complete report thereof covering the entire fiscal year of the Grand Chapter, to the Grand Chapter at each annual Session.

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2. Designate the amounts of, and approve the bonds of all officers and other persons from whom bonds may be required, including all committees of the Grand Chapter that handle money.
3. Designate approved depositories for all funds belonging to the Grand Chapter
4. Have general supervision over the purchase and sale of all supplies for and by the Grand Chapter.
5. Prepare and submit to each annual session for approval, a budget of expenditures and revenues for the period ensuing until the next annual session. The budget is to be presented to the Grand Council prior to April 15th of each year.
6. To determine and direct, between annual sessions of the Grand Chapter all matters of the investment and reinvestment of all funds of the Grand Chapter, both general and special, including the liquidation of any assets thereof deemed advisable.
7. Make a report at each Grand Chapter Session, setting forth a statement of the financial condition of the Grand Chapter and of its investments, together with such recommendations as they may consider advisable
8. Designate in writing to the Grand Treasurer, signed by a majority of them, the investments to be purchased and or sold and the banks and trust companies to be used as depositories, who shall make such purchases and deposits for an in the name of the Grand Chapter
9. Obtain at least three quotes for the printing of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter Sessions, C.L.&R. revisions and any other major printing requirements of the Grand Chapter
10. Secure a safety deposit box in the name of the Grand Chapter in which shall be kept all securities of the Grand Chapter, returned Past Grand Jewels, and any other items deemed necessary and to keep a record of its contents. The signing authority shall be two members of the Board of Grand Trustees.
11. Review the finances of the Grand Chapter with the Grand Council on a semi annual basis
12. Review annually the amounts paid to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as well as the honorarium paid to the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the assistant to the Grand Secretary and present any recommendations for change to the Grand Chapter as part of the annual budget.
13. Approve the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Matrons prior to the expenses being paid.
14. Approve all bills to be paid by Grand Chapter before payment.
15. Annually review and secure all necessary insurance coverage for the Grand Chapter.

Grand Council Section 1 - delete Section 2 - delete Section 3 -delete
Section 5- delete and replace with" The Grand Secretary shall keep minutes of all Grand Council meetings". All minutes are to be kept on file
Renumber the remaining sections Article 3- Committees
Section 6 - delete and replace with the following " Each of the standing committees, Jurisprudence and Credentials and Registration shall consist of three members. The senior member in point of service shall be the Chairman. One

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member is to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron at each annual session for a period of three years, or when a vacancy occurs in the term of office the Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint another member to fill the remaining term of the office vacated."

Finance Committee

Delete all section 1- 10 inclusive

Article 11

Section 1- delete "This amount may be paid in three installments."

Section 2- delete " This amount may be paid in three installments."

Section 3- delete " finance committee" and replace with "the Board of Grand Trustees" Section 4 - delete " finance committee" and replace with " the Board of Grand Trustees" Section 5- delete "finance committee" and replace with " the Board of Grand Trustees"

Article 13- salaries- delete

Article 19 Election of Grand Officers

Section 7- delete and replace with the following " Officers shall be elected in the following order: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress, Grand Trustee(s) and Grand Sentinel.

Book Of Instruction for Grand Chapter

Article 11- Opening and Closing of Grand Chapter

Page 11 after the reply of the Grand Conductress to the Worthy Grand Matron add" W.G. M. Where is the station of the Grand Trustees ? G.C. At the left of the Worthy Grand Patron.

W.G. M. Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees C.G.T. Worthy Grand Matron

W.G. M. What are your duties ?

C.G.T. To exercise a general supervision over the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter and carefully safeguard its funds against loss.

W.G.M. Where is the station of the Grand Treasurer

C.G.T. In the Northeast, Worthy Grand Matron

Delete the section -" G.C. In the Northeast Worthy Grand Matron"

Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24) moved, seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) that this motion be postponed until the 2004 Grand Chapter Session and be dealt with under "Unfinished Business". This motion was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24) will present a Notice of Motion at the Grand Chapter Session, 2004, re: Article 1, Section 3, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter that this section be deleted.

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HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (14) and President of the Past Grands Club, recommended that an Honourary Membership to this Grand Chapter be given to: Sister Marjorie Morgan, P.G.M. of Ontario; Sister Margaret and Brother Robert McBournie, P.G.P. of Massachusetts and Sister Judy, P.G.M. and Brother Frank Fenner, P.P. of Massachusetts.

Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. moved that Honourary Memberships to this Grand Chapter be given to these members. This motion was seconded by Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15), and the motion was carried.

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress presented, introduced and escorted Sister Judy Fenner and Brother Frank Fenner to the East where Sister June, W.G.M. presented Sister Judy with her Honourary Membership and Brother George, W.G.P. presented Brother Frank with his Honourary Membership. Both expressed their deep appreciation for these Honourary Memberships.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer: To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

It has been a pleasure working with the Grand Secretary during her term of office and I thank her for the assistance and cooperation which I have received. I also thank the Committees and Grand Chapter Officers. It has been a pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand Treasurer for the past eleven years.

I submit the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2003, as distributed to the membership during registration, and move that they be adopted.

Brother Cecil E. Decker moved, seconded by Sister Karyn Grant, W.M. (55) that the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements, be adopted. On the question, Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) asked if the Budget was included in this report. Brother Cecil replied that it does not include the Budget. The motion carried.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2003**

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NOTICE TO READER

We have compiled the financial statements of Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as at May 31, 2003 for the twelve months then ended from information provided by management. Although we have not performed an audit or review engagement, we have examined and analyzed the general ledger and made the necessary adjusting entries to ensure that generally accepted accounting procedures have been followed. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2003**

1. Description of Business

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is a non-profit organization primarily focused on raising and providing scholarship funds for divinity students within Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The organization is strictly volunteer and is the parent organization for all of the local chapters within its jurisdiction. As a non-profit fraternal society the organization is exempt from income tax.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Inventory: Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is

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determined based on specific items.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost; premiums/discounts on investments acquired are being amortized over the term of the investments to maturity.

Capital Assets: Capital assets are recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value as estimated by management on June 1, 1992. Amortization is recorded on a straight line method during the year on the basis of the estimated remaining life of the assets as follows:

Office Equipment - 5 years
Jewels and Regalia - 20 years

Revenue: Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis and donation income is recorded as it is received.

Restricted Contributions: The organization records all scholarship contributions received in the Estarl fund. Amounts designated for specific charities are each recorded in a separate account within contributions payable.

Contributed Materials and Services: There are many hours of volunteer time contributed to the society to assist it in delivering its services. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements. The society records contributed materials at fair market value when able to be determined. To this date the society has not received any significant amount of contributed materials.

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BUDGET 2003 - 2004**

| <u>REVENUE</u> | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Per Capita Assessments | \$20,000 |
| Registration Fees | 7,000 |
| Craft Sale | 1,000 |
| Donations and Sundry | 100 |
| Interest | 4,000 |
| Sale of Supplies | 1,000 |
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TOTAL REVENUE **\$33,100**

OPERATING EXPENSES

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|---|------------------------|
| Printing, Postage and Office Expense | \$ 5,650 |
| Worthy Grand Matron - Expenses | 1,850 |
| Worthy Grand Patron - Expenses | 850 |
| Grand Secretary - Expenses | 3,000 |
| Grand Treasurer - Expenses | 1,250 |
| Office Rent | 1,000 |
| Insurance and Bonding | 900 |
| Annual Proceedings | 4,500 |
| Worthy Grand Matron & Grand Patron Jewels | 800 |
| District Deputies Expenses | 2,500 |
| Per Capita to General Grand Chapter | 500 |
| Church Services | 675 |
| Auditing | 500 |
| Amortization Expense | <u>1,845</u> |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | <u>\$25,820</u> |

GRAND SESSION EXPENSES

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Printing and Supplies (Sessions) | \$ 3,000 |
| Assistant for Grand Secretary | 300 |
| Recognition of 50 Year Members | 100 |
| Minister and Church Service | 200 |
| Moving Equipment | 500 |
| Hostess Chapters | <u>2,500</u> |
| TOTAL SESSION EXPENSES | <u>\$6,600</u> |

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$32,420**

BUDGETED NET INCOME **\$ 680**

GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS

Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M., on behalf of the Past Grands Club, moved that **Brother Cecil E. Decker**, Grand Treasurer, be given the title “**Grand Treasurer Emeritus**” in recognition of his dedicated service. This motion was seconded by Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. A thank you letter from **Sister Margaret Dyer, Past Grand Matron** of Maine,

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for the Honourary Membership and all courtesies she received at the “Hearts in Harmony” Grand Chapter Session.

2. A thank you letter from **Sister Pauline Allan, Ambassador to New Jersey** and Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick and Honourary Member of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for all the courtesies extended to her at the July, 2002 Grand Chapter Session.

3. A thank you letter from **Sister Barbara “Bobbi” White, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, General Grand Chapter**, for the courtesies extended to her at the “Hearts in Harmony” Grand Chapter Session.

4. **The Officers and Members of Capitulo Mama Oclo No. 1 in Lima, Peru** sent a list of their Chapter Officers and extended best wishes to our Grand Chapter. (This is one of the adopted chapters for our Grand Jurisdiction.

5. A thank you letter from **Sister Dorothy M. Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron**, for the invitation to attend this Grand Chapter session. She sent her regrets that due to other commitments she would not be able to attend. (Unfortunately, Sister Dorothy passed away in April, 2003).

6. A thank you letter from **Brother Harles I. Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron**, extending his best wishes and regrets that he would not be able to attend but looks forward to returning in the future as Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

7. **Sister Carol Jean and Brother Pete Forrest, Past Grand Patron of Maine**, sent a thank you note expressing their thanks for the Honourary Memberships bestowed on them at the 2002 Grand Chapter Session.

8. **Sister Mary Jane Noyes of Florida** sent her regrets. She hopes to attend Grand Chapter in Digby in July, 2004.

9. A thank you letter from **Sister Eleanor J. Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy for the Most Worthy Grand Matron**, expressing her sincere thanks for the many courtesies extended to her at the “Hearts in Harmony” Grand Chapter Session.

10. **Sister Claretta Palmer, Past Grand Matron** sent her regrets as she is unable to attend Grand Chapter this year. She sent best wishes to Sister June and Brother George.

11. A card of thanks was received from **Brother Vincent Ells, Past Grand Patron**, for all the get well cards and phone calls he received while recovering from heart surgery.

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W.G.M.: Grand Conductress you will attend at the altar.

Grand Marshal you will proclaim this Session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, July 8, 2003

1:50 P.M. Grand Chapter was called to order and the Grand Officers resumed their stations. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter session from refreshment to labour. The Grand Conductress attended at the altar.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
not previously presented**

Brother Robert McBournie, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts was presented at the Altar, welcomed and escorted to the East where he was accorded Grand Honours. Brother George, W.G.P. presented Brother Robert with his Honourary Membership and the Honourary Membership for Sister Margaret McBournie. Brother Robert thanked Grand Chapter for these honours and stated that they will both cherish their memberships.

Sister Louise Wilkinson, Past Grand Matron of Quebec was introduced, welcomed and escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

Grand Chapter Committee Member - Sister Louise Swinimer, P.M. (27) on Finance was introduced, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East.

MINUTES

The Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, read the minutes of the Tuesday morning session and moved that they be accepted as read. Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40) seconded the motion and it was carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Partial Report of the CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Leda Graham, P.M. (20), read the partial report of the Credential Committee as follows: **Members from this Jurisdiction: 403, Visitors: 205 for a total of 608** in attendance. This report was moved for adoption by Sister Leda Graham, seconded by Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M. (40) and carried.

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**E.S.T.A.R.L.
(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)**

The E.S.T.A.R.L. Committee Members: Brother Frank Cullen, P.P. (24), Chairman, Sister Barbara Falkenham, P.M. (55), Brother Rev. John Patterson, P.P. (IPEI), Brother Rev. Charles McPherson, P.P. (25), Sister Phyllis Munroe, P.M. (38).

Brother Frank Cullen, Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure to present the forty-ninth Annual Report of the E.S.T.A.R.L. Committee.

The ESTARL Committee received twenty-two applications for the academic year 2002-2003. Eighteen of these were approved for awards.

The funds available for awards in 2002 were again less than those available in 2001. \$12,500.00 was contributed from various sources during 2001-2002. This resulted in awards of \$695.00 for each applicant.

During April, our ESTARL month, most Chapters had short talks presented by Award Recipients from previous years. Your committee members gave presentations as well. I recommend that each Chapter make contact with an ESTARL recipient in your area and arrange with them to give your chapter a short presentation.

This completes the sixth year I have been a member of the ESTARL committee. I have enjoyed being able to help with the awards to those who will be providing religious leadership for us in the future. I have especially enjoyed working with the ESTARL committee members. The committee is, and has always been an excellent, dedicated group. I personally thank all of them for their work and support during these past years.

Brother Frank Cullen moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Barbara Falkenham, P.M. (55) and the motion was carried.

Awards listed by University

Atlantic School of Theology:

Laurie Beth Brehaut
Amanda Gow
Ian Harrison

Elliot Siteman
Matthew Sponagle
Jonathan Tait

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Thomas Henderson
Bonnie LeBlanc
Brenda Novak

Mary JoLyn van DeValk
Lisa Vaughan
Thomas Vaughan

McGill Presbyterian College:

Mary Ann Grant

Queen's Theological College

JoLyn Campbell

Acadia Baptist College):

Mark Reece

Knox Presbyterian College:

Angela Cluney
Herma Dunnewold

Atlantic Conservatory of Music:

Elizabeth Jean Earle

NOTICE OF MOTION

At the fifty-seventh annual session of Grand Chapter of the Order of The Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I, Frank Cullen, P.P. (24) will move or cause to be moved, the following:

LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER ARTICLE 3 - Committees, ESTARL, Page 30, Third paragraph;

After the sentence "The ESTARL Committee shall award bursaries totaling the amount of funds available to the Committee each year", add the sentence "In the event of an extraordinary funding occurrence, the ESTARL Committee shall call a meeting with the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, to decide on a course of action".

Rationale:

The sentence as currently written in the C L & R is interpreted to mean the ESTARL

Committee awards all the funds accumulated during the preceding year.

This has caused the ESTARL fund reserves to virtually disappear.

If someone were to make a bequest to the ESTARL Fund of a sizeable amount of money, a strict interpretation of the above sentence would require us to award all the money as bursaries in that year.

If a future Worthy Grand Matron were to make ESTARL her special project, the same thing would happen with the funds contributed.

The text of the notice of motion requires the Finance Committee, Grand Treasurer, and ESTARL Committee to meet and decide on a course of action.

REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

**SISTER VIOLET E.R. BLAIR
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER**

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ON CREDENTIALS

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George, General Grand Chapter Officers, our own Brother Fred Clarke, Chairman of the Right Worthy Grand Trustees, General Grand Chapter Appointments, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter Officers, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, thank you for this opportunity to address my own Grand Chapter as one of the General Grand Chapter Appointments. Another year has passed with many added pleasures and memories. It was always a joy to attend many of your official meetings, Sister June, and to listen to your words of wisdom. Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, you added a sparkle to the meetings! You should both be very pleased with your “Garden Of Love and Friendship” year and your year of service to this Grand Chapter.

In just four months time my appointment as General Grand Chapter Committee member on Credentials will end. It has been a very special time in my Eastern Star Life. One of much enjoyment and pride as I have travelled to many Jurisdictions in Canada and the USA, during the past three years, always bringing the greetings of this Jurisdiction and the General Grand Chapter. For this I again thank our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Harles Creech and our late Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity to serve our beautiful Order.

I am truly looking forward to the 44th Triennial Assembly in Portland, Oregon as I shall begin my duties as a member of the Credentials Committee. Although it is with much sadness that I attend this Assembly as our Sister Dorothy, Most Worthy Grand Matron, will not be there to welcome us to her beautiful City of Portland, The City of Roses. The Lights will not shine so bright and the Roses will not smell so sweet.

I have been honoured with ten Honourary Memberships in other Grand Chapters and with four Honourary Memberships in Subordinate Chapters in Florida during this Triennial. These I am very proud of.

To the members of this Grand Jurisdiction I thank you for the many courtesies and honours extended to me the past three years, for the Honour Banquet at the Hearts in Harmony Session, for the monetary gift, thank you.

To Evangeline Chapter No 15, for the Special Tea held in my honour , thank you. It was certainly a time of Fellowship and Friendship, which was enjoyed so much, not only by myself but by the many who came. THANK YOU .

Brother Fred, Chairman of Right Worthy Grand Trustees, my prayers and best wishes go with you as you continue to serve our Great Order.

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Sister Margaret Clarke and Brother Ken Smith, it has been an honour to serve as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member with you for this Triennium. Best wishes to you both and I cherish your friendship.

Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy and Sister Jessie Nutter, our Angel in Disguise, best wishes to you. You have added many very special memories to my book of this Triennium. Thank You.

Sister June thank you for this privilege.

**BROTHER KENNETH C. SMITH
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
ON MEMBERSHIP**

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

I would like to report my activities for the past twelve (12) months. I attended eighty-six (86) Chapter meetings in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. These meetings consisted of Worthy Grand Matron Official Visits, D.D.G.M. visits, honour nights, speaking on membership and installation ceremonies.

I was invited to twelve (12) Chapters to speak on membership and I gave each Worthy Matron literature on ways they may be able to improve their membership. I thank each Worthy Matron and all the members of these Chapters for the opportunity to speak on membership.

During the year, I presented seven (7) Rob Morris Jewels to sisters and brothers in their Chapters and I also presented a Rob Morris Jewel to Brother Albert Paul in Highcrest Nursing Home in Springhill. I thank each Worthy Matron for asking me to perform this pleasant task.

Functions attended during the year:

- July 2002 The Grand Chapter of New Brunswick session in Fredericton.
- Sept. 2002 School of Instruction for subordinate Chapters in Bridgewater.
- Oct. 2002 Spoke on our Order at an open house held at Elm Chapter #48 for Masons and their wives.
- Oct. 2002 The Grand Chapter of Quebec in Granby.
- April, 2003 Two E.S.T.A.R.L. Church Services in Chester and Bedford.
- May, 2003 Maine-Maritime Night in Bangor and Maritime Night in Coldbrook.
- June, 2003 Assisted in the installation ceremonies in six (6) local Chapters.

On May 31, 2003 my Chapter held a banquet in my honour at the LeBrun Centre in Bedford. I thank the members of my Chapter and all sisters and brothers for

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attending and making it a night I will fondly remember.

I will report on the number of Rob Morris Jewels earned by each Jurisdiction I represent up to July, 2003.

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| Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island | 45 |
| New Brunswick | 17 |
| Quebec | 1 |
| Maine | 60 |

I congratulate each sister and brother who received their Jewels during the past thirty-two (32) months.

I would now like to report on the number of Rob Morris Jewels earned by our subordinate Chapter members.

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| Keystone #5 | (3) | Sister JoAnne Newell, P.M. Sister Louise Seeley, P.M. Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. |
| Evangeline #15 | (5) | Brother Alvin Blair, P.P. Sister Violet Blair, G.G.C.C.M. Brother George Crouch, W.G.P. Brother Marshal Black, P.P. Sister Marie Black, P.M. |
| Maple Leaf #23 | (1) | Sister Kathleen Boutilier, P.M. |
| Crystal # 1 | (1) | Brother Charles Carr |
| Westville #24 | (4) | Sister Hilda Allen, P.M. Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. Brother William Clark, P.G.P. Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. |
| Harmony #25 | (3) | Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. Sister Mary Reid, P.M. Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. |
| Munro #26 | (2) | Sister Mildred Collis Brother Wilfred Collis |
| Kwebec #27 | (3) | Brother Ken Smith, G.G.C.C.M. Sister Janet Merry, P.M. Sister June Dauphinee, P.M. |
| Amethyst #28 | (3) | Sister Geraldine Parker Sister Brenda Ross Sister Sonia Adams |
| Arbutus #30 | (1) | Sister Fern Leaman, P.M. |
| St. Mary's #35 | (2) | Sister Charlene Davis Brother Jack Whalley, P.P. |

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| Armcrest #45 | (3) | Sister Hazel MacLeod, P.M. Brother Carson Jackson, P.P. Sister Joan Jackson |
| Scotia #49 | (2) | Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. Sister Barbara Cooke, P.M. |
| Sunrise #50 | (1) | Brother Albert Paul, P.P. |
| Faith #54 | (1) | Sister Ruth Digdon, P.M. |
| Emerald #58 | (1) | Sister Wilma Verge |
| Queen Esther #61 | (2) | Sister Edith Conrod, P.M. Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. |
| Crescent #70 | (3) | Brother Ronald Boudreau, P.P. Brother Hayward Meisner, P.P. Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. |
| Pearle #71 | (4) | Sister Patricia Armstrong Sister Patricia Wamboldt Sister Velda Forest, P.M. Sister Jean Luxton |

I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, R.W.G.T., G.G.C.C.M.s., Ambassador, Angel-in-Disguise, Past Grands, and all Sisters and Brothers for all their assistance with our membership program.

I will now report on our membership for 1 June 2000 to 31 May 2002.

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| No. of members 1 June 2000: | 3,089 |
| No. of members initiated, affiliated and re-instated | <u>129</u> |
| | Total 3,218 |
| No. of members died | 75 |
| No. of members demitted and suspended | <u>130</u> |
| No. of members 31 May 2001 | 3,013 |
| Loss of 2.46 percent of our membership. | |

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| No. of members 1 June 2001 | 3,013 |
| No. of members initiated, affiliated and re-instated | <u>76</u> |
| | Total 3,089 |
| No. of members died | 95 |
| No. of members demitted and suspended | <u>88</u> |
| No. of members 31 May 2002 | 2,906 |
| Loss of 3.55 percent of our membership. | |

Sisters and brothers from these statistics, you can see that we are demitting and suspending more members that we are initiating, affiliating and re-instating into our Order. Demits and suspensions are a more serious problem to our Jurisdiction than trying to bring in new members. Each Chapter must try to find the reasons why our sisters and brothers are demitting and being suspended if we ever hope to increase our membership.

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The membership reports of the last two (2) years indicate that less than half of our Chapters are initiating new members into our Order. We need to improve this if we are to increase our membership.

In order for us to reverse this trend, everyone must be willing to accept some changes, and to put forth the effort to recruit new members. Some of our Chapters have brought in new members and exciting things are happening. I hope each Chapter will make membership a priority and try the things that are working in other Chapters.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers thank you for the opportunity to report on my activities during the past year, and during my term of office, and I wish for you and your Grand Officers a successful "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session.

**SISTER MARGARET A. CLARKE
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
CHAIRMAN FOR CANADA, SHRINER'S HOSPITAL**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Time has a way of passing on. How quickly these past 2½ years have gone. Our term as General Grand Chapter Committee Members is soon coming to a close. It has been a very rewarding and productive time for me and I am thankful that I was able to express my pleasure at being asked to serve in this capacity to our late beloved Sister Dorothy when she visited us officially.

The Shriners Hospitals project has been most successful and it has been my pleasure to serve the Canadian Jurisdictions. I regret that I was not able to visit Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia & Yukon, but I had excellent assistance there. The other Jurisdictions I was able to visit and I thank all for their support of this project.

In January I had the opportunity to hear of the great work being done at the Shriners Hospital in Pittsburgh and in February I had the privilege to visit the Shriners Hospital in Montreal. What an impressive facility and Laboratory.

At this time I would like to express my pleasure and my thanks for the beautiful Banquet given in honour of the G.G.C.M.'s Sister Violet Blair, Brother Kenneth Smith and myself along with our General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Fred Clarke, Ambassador to Southern Italy, Sister Eleanor Mitchell and Angel in Disguise, Sister Jessie Nutter at the "Hearts In Harmony" session last July. The

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monetary gift I received will go to the Shriners Hospitals Project. Thank you Brother Howie for your beautiful tribute. Sister Violet and Brother Ken, Sister Eleanor and Sister Jessie, it has been a pleasure to serve with each of you. You have served our Order well and I know Sister Dorothy was proud of each of you.

Again Sisters and Brothers thank you for your support of the Shriners Hospitals and all the special memories you have given to me. Thank you W.G. M. for this courtesy.

**SISTER ELEANOR J. MITCHELL
AMBASSADOR TO SOUTHERN ITALY
FOR THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Family, Sisters and Brothers: Good Afternoon!

Once again - it is time to give a short summary of activities over the past year. And again, it has proven to be a time of many wonderful opportunities to join with our Sisters and Brothers in fellowship and to enjoy their many courtesies.

It was a special pleasure to attend many of the Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visits as was possible. I attended the Grand Family Exchanges both in Bangor, Maine and Kentville. Various honour events were attended and Chapter meetings in this Jurisdiction and others and in San Diego, California where Brother Allison and I are Honourary Members. However, no doubt the special honour was when I was invited to speak in Chapters regarding our Star work in Italy and our trip there.

Sadness permeated our Eastern Star world when we learned of the sudden passing of our beloved Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy M. Dewing; a friend to all and my personal friend of over twenty plus years.

I am grateful for this opportunity to have served our General Grand Chapter in this position and to have represented this Jurisdiction in my travels. We now must look to preparing for our trip to Portland, Oregon for the General Grand Chapter Assembly in the fall. To Brother Fred, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees; Sisters Violet and Margaret and Brother Ken, General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Sister Jessie, Angel in Disguise, its been a real pleasure to serve with you , and my love and best wishes to each of you. My sincere thanks, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity to bring these remarks.

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**SISTER JESSIE NUTTER
ANGEL IN DISGUISE
FOR THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Trustee, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sisters and Brothers all:

Greetings from your Angel in Disguise for the Most Worthy Grand Matron. I have enjoyed this appointment very much. Not having been given any specific instructions as to the duties, I did assist the Eastern Star Journal Committee as asked by the Chairman of the General Grand Chapter Committee on the Eastern Star Journal.

I visited as many Chapters as was possible and really enjoyed the fellowship of all my sisters and brothers - especially the hugs. And I give every one of you a great, great big hug and God Bless you all. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity to speak.

**BROTHER FREDERICK W. CLARKE
CHAIRMAN OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TRUSTEES
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

Good Afternoon. Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Visitors, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this opportunity to speak to the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction. How fast the nine years have gone. It seems only yesterday that I asked this Grand Jurisdiction for permission to allow my name to stand for the office of Right Worthy Grand Trustee. I thank the Grand Chapter for that permission. My term of office as a Right Worthy Grand Trustee is finished in November of this year at the General Grand Assembly in Oregon.

I have had some fantastic Sisters to work with on the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees: Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Grand Matron of Texas; Sister Barbara Benton, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma; Sister Glenda Winchester, Past Grand Matron of South Carolina, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer; Sister Betty Briggs, Past Grand Matron of Iowa, Right Worthy Grand Secretary; Sister Barbara White, Past Grand Matron of West Virginia and Vice-Chairman of the Board and Sister Helen Westmoreland, Past Grand Matron of Florida, Secretary of the Board. They have been a pleasure to work with. We also have had a great fellowship among this

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group.

I have served this Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter to the best of my abilities. I hope to have brought some honours to our Grand Jurisdiction. I have enjoyed serving the Office of Right Worthy Grand Trustee and as Chairman of the Board of Right Worthy Grand Trustees for the last three years.

When I decided to allow my name to stand as running mate with Sister Rennie Ofton, Past Grand Matron of Texas, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, I was pleased with the overwhelming support shown by our Grand Chapter and for the endorsement to allow my name to stand for the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. If God willing I will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter in the year 2009 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. That leaves six years to accomplish the plans set out by Fred's Crew.

It has been a pleasure to work with the General Grand Chapter Committee Members - Sister Vi Blair, Brother Ken Smith and Sister Margaret. We have made many trips together and enjoyed each others fellowship. I want to make special tribute to Sister Margaret, "My Wife", for all she has done for me in my endeavours to serve as Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Master of Masons in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. She supports me in all these endeavours, without the support of Margaret I would not have attempted these projects. Thank you, Sister Margaret. Sister Eleanor, Ambassador to Southern Italy, I am proud to serve with you in this Triennium of General Grand Chapter. You were a very close friend of Sister Dorothy, Most Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Jessie, Past Grand Matron, Angel in Disguise I congratulate you on your appointment to this special group of our Most Worthy Grand Matron's.

It has been said many times that the greatest source of potential membership is the Masonic Lodge. If we care about the principles of our Order we need to keep that Masonic connection alive. Every Mason and their female relatives are eligible to petition the Order of the Eastern Star. We, as members of the Eastern Star, need to inform these people of what we stand for and what we accomplish. They have no other source for this information. We need to be better informed about our Order so we will be better prepared to answer any of their questions. There is no barrier imposed, so they can be asked to join. We can inform them so they can make a decision to petition or not. The better a selling job we do will bring results. We have to help ourselves; there is no one out there but us to accomplish an increase in membership. I think the question needs to be asked are we going too far afield from the Masonic Order for members. Are we defeating our purpose?

We promised to obey the laws and regulations of the Order and look after the welfare and prosperity of this Order. Are we doing what we promised? We have promised to obey our Obligations. How often have we hurt each other when we forget to practice them?

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Fred's Crew under the chairmanship of Bill Clark, Past Grand Patron and Violet Blair, Past Grand Matron, have taken on the responsibility of raising funds for our part of General Grand Chapter in Fort Worth in 2012. I thank them for their efforts to accomplish this purpose and I ask all Chapters to assist. I want to pay tribute to Fred's Crew and thank them for the work they have done so far to make this venture successful. I want to thank my home Chapter, Laurel Chapter No. 67 for the many hours they have put in making articles to raise funds for Fred's Crew. If every chapter contributes every year a little bit we can accomplish our financial goals. We need this money to cover our commitments by the year 2009.

Sister Violet Blair, Past Grand Matron, has taken on the responsibilities of Chairman for the Reception in Portland, Oregon. I am sure that she will do an excellent job. Sister Vi has worked very hard on this reception and I thank her and her Committee.

At the Grand Chapter of Texas, the Worthy Grand Matron made a motion that the Grand Chapter of Texas endorses me as a Candidate for Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. This motion passed 100% - what a great tribute.

I would like to thank Sister Judy Fenner, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts, then Worthy Grand Matron who arranged to have the American endorsement cards sent out by bulk mail from Massachusetts. They saved us a great amount of money, Sisters and Brothers. The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island would have had to pay almost twice as much in postage. Dianna Gilliard, Past Matron, the secretary of a Massachusetts Chapter, did a fabulous job in helping me get these to all the members in each Grand Jurisdiction. There are about 2,500, so you can see the amount of savings to us. Congratulations on your Honourary Membership, Sister Judy. The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island thanks you and your members for their valuable help.

I was elected to serve the Royal Arch Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest last year. I want to thank the members of Laurel Chapter No. 67 and Evangeline Chapter No. 15 for their help assisting with entertainment, etc. at the social functions of the Royal Arch Grand Chapter. It was greatly appreciated.

There are many important resolutions coming before General Grand Chapter. I would like to see all the voting Delegates of all Grand Jurisdictions discuss these resolutions with the membership of their Grand Chapters. Their votes as delegates at General Grand affect every member of the Order. I wish sometimes that there could be an assessment of the results and confirm just what the increases in eligibility have done to increase or diminish our membership by these actions. If the members are not happy with what has passed they may just to quietly away.

The announcements were made in Montreal at the North East Friendship meeting

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in February of the new General Grand Chapter Committee Members for 2003-2006. I am going to announce them to the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction so they will be in our proceedings. Sister Pat Rasmusson, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron made the following appointments: Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24), Visioneer; Sister Edna Harding, P.G.M. (54) on International Temple and Sister Cheryl A. Denton, P.G.M. (35) on Registration. Let's give them a big hand. Grand Secretary you will see that their names are recorded in the proceedings for our Historian.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this opportunity. I've enjoyed travelling with you on many of your Official Visits. I know that you had a good year and that Bonny Lea Farm and the residents of that institution are going to be very happy what you and the members of Grand Chapter have done for them.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Grand Secretary announced that she has just been handed a cheque in the amount of \$500.00 from the Grand Representatives Association for ESTARL. Sister Betty Ann thanked the Association for their generous donation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES JURISPRUDENCE

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

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, are pleased to submit the following report for the year 2002-2003. I am Brother James Dickie, P.G.P. (37) and as Chairman, I wish to introduce the other Committee Members: Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) and Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52).

Each of the Schools of Instruction for Members, as well as the one held for Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons was attended by at least, one member of our committee. The three Schools for Members were well attended and appeared to fill the role for which they were established. We compliment the Grand Officers for the excellent manner in which they presented the work of the Order, and the quality of the instructions offered. We met with our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June Macdonald, to review her report and agree with dispensations granted, Numbers 1-25. However, a dispensation is not required for an Open Installation of a Chapter. Please refer to The Constitution, Laws and Regulations - Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Article 9, No. 2, Page 9 - "A Chapter may hold an open installation provided it is so voted at a previous Stated Meeting and a notice sent to each member." We concur with her recommendation to several Chapters to change their Bv-Laws to reflect changes of time for Installation or due to holidays. This would mean that fewer dispensations would have to be issued.

Throughout the year, Committee Members met with the Worthy Grand Matron,

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Sister June, on several occasions to answer questions: and we offered her our assistance and advice on local Chapter business. However, Chapter business is beyond the jurisdiction of this Committee.

We met with the Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Crouch, and reviewed his report. We found the By-Law changes he approved, to all be in order, and we congratulate him on a fine report.

We have examined the Associate Grand Matron's Instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons, and found them to be in accordance with the C L and R and the Ritual. We would recommend that the Examination of a Visitor during the District Deputy Grand Matron's visit, be done during the "Good of the Order" portion of the meeting, so that the Ritualistic Opening of the Chapter is not interrupted.

Recommendation

1. We recommend that any changes to the C L and R be forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee as soon as possible after the close of Grand Chapter Sessions, so that any decisions made by this Committee will be based on up-to-date information.
2. We recommend that any Notices of Motions passed at Grand Chapter, which affect the C L and R, be printed immediately, on the proper size paper to fit the current C L and R ring binder and dated with the year the changes were made. These can then be sold to the Chapters and members so that they will have the up-to-date changes.

We congratulate our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron on their reports. It has been a pleasure working with you this year, and we wish you and your Grand Officers a very happy and rewarding "Garden of Love and Friendship" session.

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the privilege of serving on the Jurisprudence Committee this year. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Sister Diane and Brother Reg for all their assistance and support, and in best wishes go with you both as you continue serving on this Committee.

Brother James Dickie, P.G.P., moved the adoption of the Jurisprudence Committee report and this was seconded by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

MOTIONS

On the recommendations:

A motion was made by Brother James Dickie and seconded by Sister Diane Hayman that we accept Recommendation No. 1 of the Jurisprudence Report. The

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motion was carried.

A motion was made by Brother James Dickie, and seconded by Brother Reginald MacRae that we accept Recommendation No. 2. The motion was carried.

FINANCE

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Members in the East, Sisters and Brothers. We your Finance Committee of 2002/2003 consisting of Brother John Langmead, P.P (31), Brother Phillip Beeler, P.P (1) and myself, Sister Louise Swinimer, PM (27) Chairman, submit the following report.

The committee met three times at the home of the Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, and again our sincere thanks to her for allowing us to use her home for these meetings.

We met on January 21, 2003, where the concern was brought up by our Grand Secretary, Betty Ann, that her computer was no longer functioning and after having the computer analyzed found that it was on it's last legs. It was passed by the committee that our Grand Secretary have the computer replaced and to get the best price she could on a replacement and that came in at \$1000.00.

Next on the agenda, the Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, received a letter from a Grand Officer stating that the badge of her office was missing and feared that it was lost. It was her understanding that it was covered by the insurance held by Grand Chapter but when we contacted the insurance company it was not covered because the deductible was \$500.00 and the cost of the badge was \$310.03 plus tax & shipping. It was the understanding of the committee that whereas each Grand Officer signs for their badge when they receive it, it is then their responsibility for loss or damages incurred while in their possession.

A letter was then sent to the Grand Officer stating this information and requesting payment of the invoice when received.

We met again on April 9th to review the cost of the proceedings and such was approved. The issue of a new MS Office 2000 program was addressed whereas the existing program was not compatible with the new computer. Also the purchase of the Grand Secretaries phone was approved to offset the \$6.95 monthly cost of rental charges.

The last meeting was to review the 2003/2004 budget. The postage, printing expenses were increased, the Worthy Grand Patron's expenses were also increased, as was the office rent and insurance and bonding all passed by the committee. Brother John Langmead was also asked again this year to prepare the financial statements and to be given an honorarium as in the past of \$500.00 again passed by the committee.

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The committee at each meeting reviewed the bills and warrants for payment, and between meetings they were circulated by mail to the committee members prior to payment as in past years.

The Grand Secretary gave us interim Income and Expense reports at each meeting helping us to monitor our financial position.

Worthy Grand Matron, I thank you for the privilege of serving on this committee for the past three years and wish the committee members - Brother John and Brother Phil every success in the future.

Sister Louise Swinimer, P.M. moved that the Finance Committee report be accepted. Brother Phillip Beeler, P.P. seconded the motion.

On the question, Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. made Grand Chapter aware that the Per Capita for General Grand Chapter will probably be increased substantially.

The motion to accept the report as presented was carried.

Sister Louise Swinimer moved that the Budget for 2003-2004 be accepted. This was seconded by Brother Phillip Beeler and the motion was carried.

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The Committee appointed to look into the Financing of Grand Chapter consisted of: Brother Neil Archibald, P.G.P. (58), Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61) and Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15).

Brother Neil Archibald, Chairman, read their report as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, members of this Grand Chapter, we, the committee on the Financing of Grand Chapter, submit the following report.

In the proceedings of 1994 a report was given from the committee appointed to look into holding the Grand Chapter Sessions in the same place or on a rotating basis in two or three districts in this jurisdiction. This committee did their homework and brought their findings to Grand Chapter in their report. Nothing was done except to accept the report.

In 1999 a report was given from the committee appointed to look into the Financing of Grand Chapter. They also did their homework, wrote to several other jurisdictions and brought their findings to Grand Chapter. Nothing was done except to accept the report.

Now it is 2003 and we have been appointed to look into the Financing of Grand Chapter Sessions and bring a report to this Grand Chapter. Our committee has one representative from the 1994 committee and one from the 1999 committee.

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Therefore we felt that we had partially covered the work of our committee. Nevertheless, we decided to put our full efforts into our duty.

We found that Grand Chapter Sessions have become quite costly, often exceeding \$10,000.00. Currently Grand Chapter gives the Hostess Chapters \$2,500.00 and they have to raise approximately \$8,000.00 by per capita from the Hostess Chapters and various fund raisers. We knew this needed some serious consideration.

1) We discussed Grand Chapter giving the Hostess Chapters a set amount of money to cover the expenses of putting on the Grand Chapter Sessions. If the expenses exceeded the set amount they would have to raise the additional funds.

2) We discussed Grand Chapter hosting the Grand Chapter Sessions. This would require a committee to be set up to make all decisions as to meeting place, accommodations, luncheons, etc. The Worthy Grand Matron would have no say in these matters.

Both of these solutions would require raising the per capita and/or registration fee to cover the cost. Currently our membership is less than 3,000 and the attendance at our Sessions approximately 600.

3) We discussed holding the Grand Chapter Sessions in one place, in order to save money. This would mean that the Worthy Grand Matron would not be able to have the Session in her own hometown which has been the practice in the past.

4) We also discussed, again to save money, that in the future the Worthy Grand Matron and Hostess Chapters should be encouraged to hold the session in a place where the cost was not high, like it is in hotels.

We found that many members enjoyed the fund raisers and the fellowship opportunities when they got together.

There seemed to be opposition to increasing per capita and/or registration fees.

We met with Grand Council to obtain their views on financing Grand Chapter Sessions and found that they did not seem to want any changes.

Finally we came to the conclusion that the current system is working, and to quote an old saying "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Brother Neil Archibald, moved that this report be adopted. This was seconded by Sister Barbara Bowser, and the motion was carried.

PUBLICITY

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The members of the Publicity Committee: Sister Evelyn Blair, P.M. (3), Chairman, Brother Ray Zinck, P.P. (40), Co-Chairman, Brother Richard Haugen, P.P. (8), Sister Catherine Tutty, P.M. (10), Sister Susan Wroe, P.M. (14), Brother William Bishop, P.P. (21) and Sister Naomi Prest, P.M. (48).

Sister Evelyn Blair, P.M. (3), Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we the Publicity Committee wish to submit our report.

As we have read the words of Dr. Rob Morris "If we continue to serve humanity and share a purpose in the world, the Order of the Eastern Star will live."

On a personal note, I became Chairperson half way through the year, therefore the mail was mixed up. Some mail went to Sister Olga Beno and with the remaining going to other Sisters and Brothers, and very little to me. To date, I have not received any mail from 6 or 7 Chapters. When I do receive this anticipated mail, I do have extra sheets for the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's scrapbooks.

I recommend that each Chapter appoint a Brother or Sister on Publicity and have them write the names of each person in each photo, on a sheet of paper and forward with the photo during the year, so that exact records can be maintained all year and the rush at the end avoided.

To the Chapters who submitted news to the committee, our sincere thanks. Keep up the good work!!!

We, the Grand Chapter Committee, wish you well, as you finish your "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. It was a pleasure to serve as members of your Publicity Committee.

This report was moved by Sister Evelyn Blair, P.M. and seconded by Brother Ray Zinck, P.P. and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS

Sister Evelyn and Brother Ray then approached the East and presented Sister June and Brother George with their scrapbook of memories of their year. Both Sister June and Brother George thanked the committee for their scrapbooks.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Brother James Estey: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Honoured Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

"*The Garden of Love and Friendship*" Session of this Grand Chapter year is fast drawing to it's close and my first duty in this report is to pay tribute to our departed loved ones who have gone to join our Heavenly Father during this past year. We remember them, not in sadness, but with grateful hearts for the privilege of knowing and loving them. I must thank the Worthy Grand Matron for the honour

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she conferred upon me and Emerald Chapter #58 for her appointment of me as her Grand Chaplain for the year 2002-2003.

I must also give thanks to the Worthy Grand Matron for the other eight appointed Grand Officers, who were as grand as their office implied. Your assumption that these Grand Officers were proficient in their work was 100% correct and it has been a pleasure to be included with them as members of your Grand Family.

I had the pleasure of visiting many of the subordinate chapters in our jurisdiction with our Worthy Grand Matron, each of which was most enjoyable and a learning experience.

My duties included the sending of 82 sympathy cards to other jurisdictions and 95 to our own jurisdiction, giving a total of 177.

I wish to show my gratitude and appreciation to the following Sisters and Brother who helped me in so many ways to get through a long year: Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Sister Janice Galipeau, Sister Wilma Verge and Brother Ralph Swinamer.

As the dawn of opportunity was ushered in with all the joy on that eventful day, one year ago, I can honestly say it was a real nice feeling for me; so with the twilight, comes the restful satisfaction of having performed this duty to the best of my ability.

Brother James Estey moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Brother Bryan Campbell, P.P. (20) and the motion was carried.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers, many of our Sisters and Brothers reached the sunset hour this past year, and as we pause in this quiet hour of our “Garden of Love and Friendship” session, let us give thanks to God for the many blessings that have come to us through close association and friendship with those who passed our way and gave of their service and of their love.

At this time we pause to pay tribute to those who have gone before us:

***TRIBUTES
IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED***

***SISTER DOROTHY M. DEWING, MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON,
PAST GRAND MATRON OF OREGON,
HONOURARY MEMBER OF NOVA SCOTIA
AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND***

PASSED AWAY APRIL 25, 2003

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***SISTER ELLEN WEBSTER, PAST GRAND MATRON,
PAST MATRON OF CRYSTAL CHAPTER NO. 1,
CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND***

PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 2, 2002

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***BROTHER HAROLD F. SPENCER, PAST GRAND PATRON,
PAST PATRON OF AMETHYST CHAPTER NO. 28,
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA***

PASSED AWAY JULY 22, 2002

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**Tribute to Sister Dorothy M. Dewing,
Most Worthy Grand Matron
2000-2003**

Honourary Member of our Grand Chapter

by

Brother Frederick W. Clarke

Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees of General Grand Chapter

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing me to give the memorial tribute as a member of the General Grand Chapter Family for Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2000-2003. Sister Dorothy suffered a stroke in Scotland while visiting the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. She suffered another stroke at home. Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron passed away peacefully at home on April 25, 2003.

Sister Dorothy was one of the most dedicated members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the most widely travelled member, visiting every Grand Jurisdiction on more than one occasion. She also visited most of the Subordinate Chapters under the General Grand Chapter. Sister Dorothy was loved and respected by every member she came in contact with. Her life was dedicated to her Family and to the Order of the Eastern Star. She talked about her family on every occasion she could and was very proud of their accomplishments and encouraged them in their efforts.

She married Homer H. Parrish, who died in 1974. From that marriage they had three daughters, Dolores, Marilyn and Monita. She remarried in 1976 to William M. Dewing, who passed away in 1982.

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Sister Dorothy was very active in Girl Scouts, Job's Daughters, and a Queen of Nydia Temple No. 4, Daughters of the Nile and served twice as a Supreme Officer. She was very active in community affairs, P.T.A. working with university student groups.

Sister Dorothy was initiated in Waluga Chapter No. 146, Lake Oswego in 1943. She served as Worthy Matron in 1950, Grand Representative of Virginia 1955-1957. She served as Page Captain, Chairman of the Cancer Research, Jurisprudence and Special Projects Committees of Oregon Grand Chapter. She served as Worthy Grand Matron of Oregon during the bicentennial year, 1975-1976. She served General Grand Chapter in 1976 when she assisted on the Registration Committee. She served as a Page for Sis Carol Strizek, Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress in 1979. She was appointed as Worthy Grand Esther and served in this office for Sister Carol, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother David Miller, Most Worthy Grand Patron, 1982-1985. Sister Dorothy was elected as Right Worthy Grand Trustee and served six years (the last three as Chairman). She was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress in 1991 and served as the Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and was elected as Most Worthy Grand Matron in 2000 with Brother Harles I. Creech as her Most Worthy Grand Patron. Her

**PHOTO OF SISTER DOROTHY DEWING
ON LEFT HAND PAGE
in the middle of HER TRIBUTE**

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theme was “Peace Around the World.” Her projects were Cancer, ESTARL, Youth, Eastern Star Journal and the restoration of the International Temple.

She had a fabulous memory for names and faces remembering everyone, especially those who served as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron when she made visits to Grand Chapters.

The Eastern Star Temple was her pet project while she served as Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees. Sister Dorothy started the major renovations of the Temple which has been carried on by all preceding Trustees. We, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, offer our condolences to her Family, Chapter, Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter.

Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron will be sadly missed by all members of the Order. I will close with the following poem taken from her “Dove of Peace” Session.

*“There is a gateway of Faith and Hope
Which we pass through when bonds are released -
It leads to the feet of the Master
In the beautiful Garden of Peace.
There are stars that go out in the darkness
Whose silvery light shineth on.*

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*There are roses whose perfume still lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone.
There are hearts full of light and sweetness
Where no longer their life current flows.
Still their goodness lives on with the living
Like the soul of the star and the rose."*

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron.

**PHOTO OF ELLEN WEBSTER
ON LEFT HAND PAGE
BEFORE TRIBUTE TO HER**

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Tribute to Sister Ellen Webster, Past Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Matron 1979-1980
by
Brother Cyril MacIntosh, Past Grand Patron

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

What can a person say about a lady like Ellen Webster. I met Ellen through Eastern Star 25 years ago. We traveled for several years around Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with her husband Freeman and my wife, June. I had the pleasure and honour of being her Worthy Grand Patron. She treated me always with the greatest respect and allowed me the privilege of choosing several of our Grand Officers for her year as Worthy Grand Matron.

Our session was the Golden Chain of Friendship held in Charlottetown, the year was as golden as it's name as Ellen certainly made a great many friends through our year.

Ellen was made an Honourary Member of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and later a General Grand Chapter Committee Member.

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I would like to read a poem which will express how I feel about Ellen Webster.

Friendship

*Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold,
But its value is greater than a mountain made of gold.
For gold is cold and lifeless
It can neither see nor hear
And in the time of trouble
It is powerless to cheer.
It has no ears to listen,
No heart to understand
It cannot bring you comfort
Or reach out a helping hand.
So when you ask God for a gift, Be thankful if he sends
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,
But the love of real true FRIENDS.*

Sister Ellen may we meet again in that place not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I would like to thank you for the privilege of giving this eulogy for Sister Ellen Webster, on behalf of our Grand Officers and myself, thank you.

**PHOTO OF HAROLD SPENCER
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BEFORE TRIBUTE

**Tribute to Brother Harold F. Spencer, Past Grand Patron,
Worthy Grand Patron 1978-1979**
by
Sister Eleanor J. Mitchell, Past Grand Matron
and Ambassador to Southern Italy

We pause today to remember our Brother, Harold F. Spencer, Worthy Grand Patron, 1978-1979, and lovingly pay our tribute.

Brother Harold was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and worked for many years in a Truck equipment company, retiring in 1979.

He was a busy Masonic brother, having joined St. John's Lodge #2 in 1954. He served as Worshipful Master in 1966 and subsequently served The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in several capacities. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and received the 33rd Degree in 1995 and was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Brother Harold joined The Order of the Eastern Star in Amethyst Chapter #28, Halifax in 1962, serving the Chapter in various offices including Worthy Patron on three occasions.

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It was my privilege to have Brother Harold serve with me as my Worthy Grand Patron, during our "Galaxy of Stars Year" of 1978-79. He served as General Grand Chapter Committee Member (Heart Fund) 1997-2000.

He is survived by his wife. Sister Lorna, P.M., two sons and a daughter and his grandchildren.

Brother Harold will be remembered by our membership for his friendliness - and he so enjoyed visiting our Chapters in this Jurisdiction.

Our Brother was called Home to Eternal Rest on July 22, 2002 -- and each time we hear his favorite musical selection from our 1978-79 Grand Chapter year, "*Known Only To Him*", we will recall our happy times together.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

W.G.M.: In memory of those who have passed beyond the sunset and into the glorious dawn of eternal life, we reverently drape our Altar.

The Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, assisted by the Grand Chaplain, draped the Altar in loving memory of our departed Sisters and Brother.

Grand Chaplain:

Dear Heavenly Father, we drape our Altar to pay loving tribute to the memory of three treasured friends and members of this Grand Chapter; Honourary Member, Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron; Sister Ellen Webster, Past Grand Matron and Brother Harold Spencer, Past Grand Patron.

All three of these Grand Officers devoted their entire lives towards the welfare and prosperity of our Order. We thank you, Lord, for the lives of these officers who were so near and dear to us and also for the love they offered and received while with us on earth. They made many lifelong friendships and they enriched the lives of all of us who were touched by them. They will never be forgotten. We pray that nothing good in their lives will be lost and that, all that was important to them will

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be respected by those who follow them.

Life has gone on and the lesson is, "those who give themselves to others, live long in the hearts of others" .

*We should not mourn when shadows fall and darken into night
For God has promised dawn shall come and bring again the light
And so it is when loved ones go to their eternal rest
we should not mourn, but keep our faith
That God in Heaven knows best*

With saddened hearts we acknowledge our great loss, yet it is not a sadness we cannot bear, because we know they have reached the goal of all their faithful years, and that after the sunset, comes the dawn of a new day with "Life Everlasting".

Please bless and console their bereaved loving friends and family members, and may they find comfort in knowing, they now live with the Lord in their heavenly home. Amen.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Grand Secretary, you will now read the Scroll of names of our dearly departed members of our Subordinate Chapters.

SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS

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| <u>MAYFLOWER #2</u> Doris Tibbetts, P.M. | Violet MacAskill, P.M. Sophie Heartz | Emma Millard |
| <u>ACADIA #4</u> Evelyn Richardson Elaine Beals, P.M. Whitfield Martyn, P.P. Margaret Gehue, P.M. | <u>EVANGELINE #15</u> Eleanor Veague <u>VICTORIA #19</u> Jean Bradley Katherine MacAskill | <u>CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)</u> Gladys Larkin, P.M. Bertha Bulman Ellen Webster, P.G.M. Nancy Hoegg P.P. Margaret Bears, P.M. |
| <u>KEYSTONE #5</u> Florence Littlefield, P.M. Mary Goodwin | <u>HON. JOSEPH HOWE #20</u> Ruth Ferguson, P.M. Mildred Smith, P.M. Marie Jordan | <u>WESTVILLE #24</u> Treva Gordon, P.M. Mary Catherine Smith, P.M. |
| <u>HALIFAX #7</u> Susan Campbell | <u>MYRTLE #21</u> Jean Curtis | |
| <u>CENTURY #10</u> Gladys Tonks, P.M. | Cyril Collicott | <u>HARMONY #25</u> Lois Semple, P.M. |
| <u>CAPE BRETON #12</u> Clara Buffett, P.M. | Adella Ellis | Ina Carroll |
| <u>QUEEN ELIZABET#14</u> Ethel MacDougall | <u>FAIRFIELD #22</u> Harley Swinimer, P.P. | <u>MUNRO #26</u> |

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| James Inch, P.P. | Ada Jorgensen, P.M. | Florence Stoddart |
| Mary MacDonald | Mary Barnett | <u>RUTH #57</u> |
| Allan Boone, P.P. | <u>MYSTIC STAR #40</u> | Dalton Randall |
| <u>KWEBEC #27</u> | JoAnne Stantos, P.M. | Mary Cant |
| Phyllis Doyle, P.M. | Jean Christie | <u>EMERALD #58</u> |
| <u>AMETHYST #28</u> | <u>ARMCREST #45</u> | Mae Beuree |
| Betty Isnor | Evelyn Levy, P.M. | <u>QUEEN ESTHER #61</u> |
| Harold Spencer, P.G.P. | Wilfrid Dauphinee, P.P. | Valerie Clarke, P.M. |
| Doris Mitchell | <u>FLORENCE FRASER #47</u> | Doris Collins, P.M. |
| <u>ARBUTUS #30</u> | Eva Manthorne, P.M. | Phyllis Turner |
| Elizabeth Hatt, P.M. | Asa Hurst, P.P. | <u>ATLANTIC #65</u> |
| <u>ANNAVAL #31</u> | | Ivan Murphy, P.P. |
| Gladys Feener, P.M. | | <u>STARLIGHT #66</u> |
| Jean Chipman, P.M. | | Hobart Pierce, P.P. |
| Florence Canning | | <u>LAUREL #67</u> |
| Ethel Ritcey | <u>ELM #48</u> | Elizabeth Holmesdale, PM |
| Leonard LeGard, P.P. | Harvey Cox, P.P. | <u>MONTAGUE #69</u> |
| <u>QUEENS #34</u> | <u>SCOTIA #49</u> | Christine Cook |
| Beatrice Atkinson, P.M. | Margaret Conrad, P.M. | Dorothy MacLeod |
| Willard Aulenback, P.P. | <u>SUNRISE #50</u> | Elizabeth Bryenton |
| William Potter, P.P. | Ada Peers, P.M. | Adele MacPherson, P.M. |
| <u>ST. MARY'S #35</u> | Robert Brander, P.P. | Annabelle Brehaut |
| Alice Brinton, P.M. | Ronald Chapman | <u>CRESCENT #70</u> |
| Nancy Potter | Roland O'Brien, P.P. | Willard Aulenback, P.P. |
| <u>DR. _____ GORDON</u> | <u>REGENT #52</u> | Robert Bingham |
| <u>MACLEOD #37</u> | Mayme Champion | <u>PEARLE #71</u> |
| Lillian Austen, P.M. | Margaret Bears, P.M. | Purney Kempton, P.P. |
| Chriss Campbell, P.M. | <u>FAITH #54</u> | |
| <u>MAE #38</u> | Rev. Ralph Rogers, P.P. | |
| William Munroe, P.P. | Laura Ferguson | |
| Madge Emeno | <u>ELMSDALE #55</u> | |

Grand Chaplain: Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we are thankful to have known most of the members in our jurisdiction who have reached the sunset hour this past year. Every one of these members whose names were read out today in this memorial service, is not just a number, each one is the most important person in the world to one of our Eastern Star families and has left each family to grieve for their loved ones. And dear Lord, help us to try to remember them individually for their contributions to us and the wonderful memories they have left us with. Here today all fraternal members express our deep sorrow for our loss.

And dear Lord, we wish to pay loving tribute to all the sisters and brothers from other jurisdictions who have passed beyond the sunset and into the glorious dawn of eternal life.

We know that God gives us the precious gift of true love, joy, peace and life beyond the grave.

The pathway that leads to heaven is one we all must tread, and that pathway leads to a garden, with a fragrance pure and sweet, where our loved ones walk among its joy, where one day, we will all meet.

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*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures
He leadeth me beside the still waters, he restoreth my soul
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me,
Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the lord forever. Amen.*

The Grand Choir sang “*Safe In The Arms of Jesus*”.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Grand Adah: Softly and gently the leaves of memory fall,
Quietly we gather and treasure them all.
Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold precious memories that will last forever.
In loving memory of the daughters of our Order,
I place the blue ray of fidelity and love.

Grand Ruth: Beautiful toilers of work well done
Beautiful souls into glory gone
These ladies up in heaven, so precious and so rare
These ladies are our widows, the best beyond compare.
In loving memory of the widows of our Order,
I place the golden ray of constancy and love.

Grand Esther: To a beautiful garden our wives have gone
But their presence is still felt
They have left this earthly garden
For a home beyond the sea.
Though they are gone, they still live on
In the garden of memory.
In loving memory of the wives of our Order,
I place this white ray of loyalty and love.

Grand Martha: Our sisters whose lives of service has ended,
Whose places on earth are bare,
We rejoice that they have earned their rest,
In our Father's tender care.
In loving memory of the sisters of our Order,
I place the green ray of faith and love.

Grand Electa: May the words of love blow softly,

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And whisper so you will hear,
We will always love and miss you,
As we did when you were here.
In loving memory of the mothers of our Order,
I place the red ray of "love".

W.G.M.: O loving-hearted Daughter, you kept well, thy Father's vow;
O Widow, so sweet and tender, most faithful, were thou;
O Wife, truly loyal, as brave as ever found;
O Sister, sweet and humble, with a hope that knew no bounds;
O Mother, name most precious, with love beyond compare,
Among ten thousand fairest;
You will remain in our memories, as the fairest of the fair.

A.G. P.: Our circle of fathers, husbands and sons have been broken many
times this year. We pay tribute to them in sympathy, faith and love.
In loving memory of the fathers, husbands and sons of our Order ,
I place this broken circle of flowers.

The ceremony was completed with the **Grand Chaplain** leading us in prayer:

Dear Lord, Thou art our refuge and strength, help us have faith in thine all
protecting love. We know that prayer is the key to Heaven, but faith unlocks the
door. God knows what transpires in one's heart; therefore, when our task is done,
He is the only one who can really say we fulfilled our obligation. The Holy Bible
reminds us, that upon the Holy Scriptures, our Order was founded and our lives
should reflect the light from these teachings in Job 22, Verse 21 "Acquaint now
thyself with Him and be at peace".

God has given to each an allotted time on this earth to labour for Him, and when
our tasks are completed, He calls us home again. But we who have seen his Star in
the East and followed his light all the way, can face this parting with courage and
with faith in a brighter day.

Sisters and Brothers, "Have faith in the Lord". Amen.

W.G.M.: Grand Conductress you will attend at the Altar.

W.G.M.: Grand Marshal you will proclaim this Grand Chapter Session called
from labour to rest to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on July 9, 2003.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 9, 2003

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9:00 A.M.: Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61) and Brother Frederick Clarke, R.W.G.T. (67).

Sister Barbara, P.G.M.: Good morning Sisters and Brothers.

It is a pleasure to call to order this final morning of our 56th Grand Chapter Session, the "Garden of Love and Friendship". We, the members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, have a very special duty to perform this morning. Today we choose those who will govern our jurisdiction. I urge you to carefully search your hearts and minds because whatever decisions are made here this morning will have a bearing on the future of this jurisdiction.

It is a special treat for me to be in the East at Grand Chapter with my own Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Fred, even though General Grand Chapter has claimed you, we cannot forget that you were by my side 15 years ago when we presided over our "Mountains of Friendship Session". Could we hear from you at this time?

Brother Fred, R.W.G.T.: Thank you, Sister Barbara.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Angel in Disguise, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is with pleasure that I once again serve in the East with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara, P.G.M. We served together in the Halifax area fifteen years ago at our "Mountains of Friendship" session.

I wish to add my welcome to our visitors. We want you to enjoy the "Garden of Love and Friendship" session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. As we in Nova Scotia say "a hundred thousand welcomes". We hope you enjoy the many historic sites and beautiful scenery at every turn in the road in both Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. To take the ferry from Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island and then return by the Confederation Bridge to New Brunswick is a trip you should not miss. The Confederation Bridge is one of the greatest engineering feats of the world. We invite you to enjoy our land by the sea, the warmth of our people and to try the great seafood provided in most restaurants.

I would also extend a sincere welcome to the members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We thank you for your attendance.

Sisters and Brothers, this morning we open the formal session of Grand Chapter. This is the morning that we select our new Grand Officers who will serve this Grand Chapter for the next few years. These sisters and brothers will serve as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron during the next Triennium of the General Grand Chapter. Those who serve Grand Chapter for the next years may be called upon to perform important functions at General Grand Chapter on behalf of

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Sister Rennie and I.

Thank you, Sister Barbara.

Sister Barbara, P.G.M.: Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

The **Grand Choir** sang "*Wonderful Love*" as the Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter room and formed the Hollow Square.

Sister Barbara, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, how happy I am to welcome you to this final morning of your "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. You have had a very busy and successful year, with a lot of fun and fellowship included. You have faced many more challenges than most of your predecessors. You handled each situation well and kept a smile on your face. After the completion of this session you will have time to sit down and recall all the great things of your term as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. I know there will be many happy memories. Thank you both for allowing me to participate in this session and to add to these memories.

Brother Fred, R.W.G.T.:

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this Wednesday morning session, "Garden of Love and Friendship" with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Bowser. This is the first opportunity we've had the chance to serve together in the East for a number of years. I thank you for this opportunity. Our session was called "Mountains of Friendship" and Sister Barbara and I climbed every mountain and still retain our friendship. Eastern Star is known as a society of friends. What better than the title of the "Garden of Love and Friendship". Worthy Grand Matron, I congratulate you for your love and dedication to our Order. We know that you had many health problems but did not let them get in your way of doing your duty. You have had a very successful year and the residents of Bonny Lea Farm will be most grateful for your generous donation on behalf of this Grand Chapter.

Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, I also congratulate you on your endeavours in supporting Bonny Lea Farm. Your message left no doubt of the support this project deserves. You supported your Worthy Grand Matron and lent her your strong arm. The Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy Dewing encouraged you to run for Grand Sentinel. My, my, my, George. It's just about over. Now Sister Mary will be able to take you home and treat you like a Past Grand Patron deserves to be treated. This has been a great year of service and we

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know that you served this great Order with honour and dignity. Congratulations my friends.

Sister Barbara, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Worthy Grand Matron, behold your Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers behold your Worthy Grand Matron and salute her with the Grand Honours.

Brother Fred, R.W.G.T.: Worthy Grand Patron, behold your Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers behold your Worthy Grand Patron and salute him with Grand Honours.

Sister Barbara, P.G.M.: Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron, at this time it is a privilege for me to present you with your gavel. I know you will continue to use it in the manner befitting your station as Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister June, W.G.M.: Thank you Sister Barbara. I want to thank Sister Barbara and Brother Fred for opening this last day of our Grand Session. I couldn't have had a better Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron. Thank you for everything. Sister Barbara, I want you to accept this little token in appreciation.

Sister June, W.G.M.: The Officers will assume their stations.

Brother Fred Lipsky, W.P. (15) sang "*Precious Lord*".

Brother George, W.G.P.: Sister Barbara and Brother Fred - To have both of you open our Session this morning makes me happy and very proud. You are very dedicated members and we appreciate you performing this task for us. Brother Fred please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.

Sister June, W.G.M. extended a warm welcome to all.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Session called from rest to labour.

MINUTES

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the Tuesday afternoon session. She moved that the minutes be adopted as read. This was seconded by Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40) and carried.

Partial Report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Leda Graham, Chairman of Credentials gave the following report and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. and carried.

Members: 422 Visitors: 213 for a total registered to date: 635

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At **9:30 a.m.** the Worthy Grand Patron presided over the election of officers and appointed the tellers.

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairman: Brother Neil Archibald, P.G.P. (58)

Co-Chairman: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Group A

Sister Carol Nielsen, P.M. (20)

Sister Ruby MacKenzie, P.M. (15)

Brother Melvin Antle, P.P. (59)

Brother Jack Matthews (61)

Group B

Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67)

Sister Louise Seeley, P.M. (5)

Brother Owen Walton, P.P. (61)

Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P. (22)

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2003-2004: Sister Inez Daye, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Allen Denton, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Allan Conrad, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Marion Miller, Grand Conductress.

The following were nominated:

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Gail Cook, P.M. (67) and Sister Sharon Ward, P.M. (24).

For Grand Sentinel: Brother Charles Teal, P.P. (38) and Brother John Patterson, P.P. (10).

The following were elected:

Sister Gail Cook was elected Associate Grand Conductress and Brother John Patterson was elected Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.

During the Election, the Grand Choir provided us with beautiful background music.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
(not previously introduced)**

Sister Evelyn Logan, Grand Representative of Manitoba in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was introduced, welcomed and escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

FOR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, 2000-2003

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron,

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Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

As General Chairman of this committee it gives me great pleasure to introduce my co-committee members: Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy for the Most Worthy Grand Matron and P.G.M. (61) on Social Events; Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (58) on Housing; Sister Shirley MacLean, P.M. (58) on Transportation and Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P. (66) on Favours.

All arrangements have been made for General Grand Chapter in November and we look forward to a wonderful session with great anticipation and also with a feeling of sadness at the loss of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy Dewing. In her memory we all wish to make this occasion very special.

Sister Eleanor Mitchell has sent out letters regarding our Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Breakfast - a wonderful time of fellowship for the members of our Jurisdiction. Sister Shirley MacLean has been very busy organizing her bus trip and also air plane transportation and has been working closely with Brother Howard MacInnis who has our group housed at the beautiful Radisson Hotel. Sister Shirley is also organizing a Shuttle Service to and from the Convention Center. Brother Lewis Smith has been in charge of Favours. I understand this, too, is all taken care of.

I am confident that this Triennial Session will be well attended by members of our Grand Jurisdiction. New friends will be made and beautiful memories of a unique and special time within our Beautiful Order will last forever.

Sister Cheryl Denton moved the adoption of this report. Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. seconded the motion and it was carried.

FRED'S CREW

Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24), Chairman: Good morning Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Violet Blair and I as co-chairs of Fred's Crew would like to thank each of you for your ongoing support of Fred's Crew as we ALL work as a Grand Jurisdiction to assist Brother Fred Clarke and Sister Rennie Ofton to put on the best General Grand Chapter Assembly on record. Last year we unanimously passed the following motion, "The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

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unanimously endorse and support enthusiastically and financially the candidacy of Brother Frederick William Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter." The purpose of Fred's Crew was also outlined to you last year at our session in Stellarton; we would like to take a minute to review our purposes:

To promote, stimulate and inspire enthusiasm for the people and projects of both the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and the General Grand Chapter.

To provide a resource of talented, skilled and committed workers for the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members.

To assist the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Island and the Grand Chapter of Texas in co-ordinating efforts for the General Grand Chapter to be held in Texas in 2012.

To assist in the planning, along with the Texas Cardinals Inc. of the General Grand Chapter Session to be held in Texas.

To provide members an opportunity to obtain a better understanding of the goals of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Sisters and Brothers this is the largest undertaking that the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island has ever attempted and we want to show the balance of the Eastern Star world what a small CANADIAN Grand Chapter can and will accomplish. We know that with the continued support of all our members we will accomplish our goals and commitments.

We have asked our VOTING delegates to the General Grand Chapter, (who for your information are all the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons and the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, present at the General Grand Chapter Assembly) with your kind permission to make a short, informative presentation to each and every chapter in our jurisdiction. This could be part of the Good of the Order or an educational presentation. This presentation will enable all of our members to better understand our goals and objectives. We thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Sisters and Brothers, we would be remiss if we did not give an up to date financial report to you at this time.

Financial Report Fred's Crew to July 4, 2003

(Canadian)

Receipts:

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| Sale of Pins | 2697.00 |
| Sale of Decals | 2937.00 |
| Sale of Merchandise | 222.50 |

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| Donations | 2311.00 |
| Dime Collection | 109.35 |
| Chapter Payments | 1174.00 |
| Interest | 28.40 |
| Total Receipts: | \$9479.25 |

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| Disbursements: | |
| Eastern Print (Decals) | 1450.05 |
| Margaret Clarke (Pins) | 4140.00 |
| Margaret Clarke (Merchandise) | 538.55 |
| Postage | 55.00 |
| Service Charge | 28.00 |
| Total Disbursements: | \$6211.56 |

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| Bank Balances as at July 4, 2003: | |
| Canadian Current Account: | 267.69 |
| Canadian Investment Account: | 3000.00 |

RECEIPTS:

Donations

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| Laurel Chapter | 1000.00 |
| Alvin Blair | 1000.00 |
| David and Ruth Waterbury | 200.00 |
| Elmsdale Chapter | 50.00 |
| Howard/Noreen MacInnis | 20.00 |
| Phyllis Veinot | 25.00 |
| Vince Ells | 8.00 |
| Violet Blair | 8.00 |
| Pins | 2697.00 |
| Decals | 2937.00 |
| Merchandise | 222.50 |
| Dime Collection: | |
| Truro Meeting | 20.00 |
| Laurel Chapter | 53.25 |
| Amethyst Chapter | 36.10 |
| Chapter Payments: | |
| Laurel Chapter | 140.00 |
| Myrtle Chapter | 200.00 |
| Elm Chapter | 170.00 |
| Harmony Chapter | 200.00 |
| Westville Chapter | 200.00 |
| Amethyst Chapter | 264.00 |

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US Dollar

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| Receipts: | |
| Sale of Pins | 3850.00 |
| Sale of Decals | 238.00 |
| Sale of Merchandise | 1237.00 |
| Donation: Ted Miller | 50.00 |
| Interest | 7.08 |
| Total: | \$5382.08 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Service Charge | 10.00 |
| Bank Balances as at July 4, 2003: | |
| US Current Account | \$165.07 |
| US GIC | \$5207.01 |

Listed are our revenues and expenses to July 4,2003.

On top of this we have also received money from our district chairs in the amount of \$270.00 Canadian plus the sales from the table at Grand Chapter which so far have raised over \$1300.00.

Sisters and Brothers the annual meeting of Fred's Crew will be held in Truro on October 4, 2003 at 11:00 AM. We would very much appreciate the same outstanding support you showed at last year's meeting.

While at General Grand Chapter in Portland we will have a formal meeting with the executive of the Texas Cardinals, our counterparts in Texas. From this meeting we will bring back a list of jobs that we will be looking for volunteers to fill.

Sisters and Brothers I do not have the words to tell you how much we need and appreciate the assistance of ALL MEMBERS in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

I move that this report be received and printed in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. This was seconded by Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. and the motion carried.

TEMPLE FUND

The Committee Members: Brother Donald Cooke, P.P. (49), Sister Barbara Crosby, P.M. (47) and Sister Margaret Dow, P.M. (23).

Brother Donald Cooke: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We, your committee on the Temple Fund, wish to submit the following report:

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During the year a letter was sent to all subordinate Chapters reminding them of their obligation to support the Temple Fund. Several Chapters have made contributions to the fund.

We are honoured to have served on this Committee. Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your co-operation and support.

Brother Donald Cooke moved the acceptance of this report. This was seconded by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.G.T. and the motion was carried.

HISTORIAN
Sister E. Megan Church, P.G.M. (22)

Sister E. Megan Church presented an informative account of the 55th Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward:

HEARTS IN HARMONY SESSION
Nova Scotia Community College, Stellarton, N.S.
2001 - 2002

July 5, 2001 at 8:25 P.M. Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. Installing Grand Officer, called the Grand Chapter to order and with the assistance of Sisters and Brothers installed the following officers for the incoming year.

GRAND OFFICERS:

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| WORTHY GRAND MATRON | Isabelle M. Pearson # 25 |
| WORTHY GRAND PATRON | William A. Thompson # 24 |
| ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON | June M. Macdonald # 20 |
| ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON | George E. Crouch # 15 |
| GRAND SECRETARY | Betty Ann Loughnan # 40 |
| GRAND TREASURER | Cecil E. Decker # 55 |
| GRAND CONDUCTRESS | Inez Daye # 27 |
| ASSOCIATE GRAND CONDUCTRESS | Marylyn Swinamer # 2 |
| GRAND CHAPLAIN | Daniel Campbell # 7 |
| GRAND MARSHAL | Allen Reid # 25 |
| GRAND ORGANIST | Joyce Johnson # 47 |
| GRAND ADAH | Lucy Langille # 65 |
| GRAND RUTH | Gail Fudge # 57 |
| GRAND ESTHER | Diane Patterson # 22 |
| GRAND MARTHA | Grace Boudreau # 70 |
| GRAND ELECTA | Ruby MacKenzie # 15 |
| GRAND WARDER | Garry Hope # 24 |
| GRAND SENTINEL | Allen Denton # 35 |

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Following Sister Isabel Pearson's installation as Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Charles McPherson, P.P. sang "*I Believe*", following Brother William A. Thompson's installation as Worthy Grand Patron, Sister Sharon Ward, P.M. sang "*In The Bulb There Is A Flower*" and following the Grand Chaplain's installation Brother Alex Nicholson, P.P. played a violin solo.

DEDICATION:

This 55th Annual Session "Hearts in Harmony" is lovingly dedicated to my husband, Brother Adrian, P.G.P. and to Beth, wife of our Worthy Grand Patron, whose love and understanding have made this year possible; and to the members of Harmony Chapter No. 25 and Westville Chapter No. 24 for their support and encouragement in all our endeavours.

Scriptures:

W.G.M. - "*Love one another.*" John 13:34.

"And now, abideth Faith, Hope and Love, these three, but the greatest of these is Love." - 1 Corinthians 13:13

W.G.P. - "*Love one another warmly us Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and he eager to show respect for one another.*" 1 Romans 12:10

Aim: To extend the hand of **FRIENDSHIP**, to serve with **LOVE** in our hearts, to live in **HARMONY** with one another.

Motto: Make new friends, but keep the old: One is silver, the other is gold.

Watchwords: FRIENDSHIP (comes from the heart)
HARMONY (is good for the heart)
LOVE (with all your heart)

Honoured Station: Electa, the Mother Station

Emblem: Cup

Colours: All shades of purple and rose with accents of silver and a touch of tartan. **Flowers:** Iris, Rose, Lilac

Bird: Chickadee

Mascot: Scottish Terrier

Fun Symbols: Hearts, Bells and Chimes
Cats, Dogs and the Horse (of course)

Fun Song: "*The Bells Are Ringing*" (for Billy and Belle)

Musical Selections:

Somewhere My Love

I Believe

Evening Prayer

In The Bulb There Is a Flower

The Rose

There Is a River

Invisible Hands

Spirit of Gentleness

I Have a Dream (ABBA)

A Gift of Love

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Love Lifted Me

Music Box Dancer

Fun & Fellowship:

Grand Officers: "Belles and Beaus"
Spouses: "Guys and Dolls"
Worthy Matrons & Worthy Patrons: "Top Cats & Hot Doggies"
Grand Representatives: "Roses and Rose Buds"
Grand Chapter Committee Members: "Little Work Horses"
(fillies & colts)
Past Grands: "Pearls of Wisdom"

Special Project: The Heart & Stroke Foundation

Project Sales: Scottie Dog Pins and Day Planners

Following the address of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, presentation of the District Deputy Grand Matrons, signing of the Bible, and presentation of jewels the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were presented. The District Deputy Grand Matrons are as follows:

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| DISTRICT # 1 | Yvonne Stephenson | # 12 |
| DISTRICT # 2 | Ann Wight | # 21 |
| DISTRICT # 3 | Marylyn Swinamer | # 2 AGC |
| DISTRICT # 4 | Mildred Wagner | # 28 |
| DISTRICT # 5 | June Macdonald | # 20 AGM |
| DISTRICT # 6 | Winna Smith | # 1 |
| DISTRICT # 7 | Linda Townsend | # 67 |
| DISTRICT # 8 | Inez Daye | # 27 GC |

Grand Chapter was closed to reconvene at Stellarton in July of 2002.

Sunday, July 7, 2002 at 5:00 P.M. The "*Hearts In Harmony*" church service was held in First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton, N.S. with Minister Rev. Charles McPherson, Organist Bro. Whitman Giffin and Soloist Sis. Sharon Ward. Scriptures were read by WGM Sis. Isabel Pearson, WGP Bro William A. Thompson and Bro. Ralph Swinamer, Grand Chaplain pro tem. The Lord's Prayer in Indian Sign Language performed by Sis. Barbara Benton, RWGC closed the service. Offering for the ESTARL Program amounted to \$917.30.

At 6:30 the LADS & LASSIES Banquet was held at Summer Street Industries in New Glasgow honouring our General Grand Chapter Officer, Bro. Fred Clarke, Chairman, RWGT and General Grand Chapter Committee Members Sis Violet Blair on Credentials, Sis. Margaret Clarke, Shriner's Hospital (Canada), Bro. Kenneth Smith, Membership, Sis. Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador for the MWGM in Southern Italy and Sis. Jessie Nutter, Angel in Disguise to the MWGM.

At 6:45 P.M. on Monday Evening, July 8th, 2000, the Town Crier welcomed the "*Hearts In Harmony*" Grand Chapter Session to the area after which Sis. Helen Connors led the "PRECIOUS MEMORIES" emblem ceremony assisted by Sisters

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Linda Murray, Cathie Macintosh, Fran Graham, Candace Reid, Gail Little and Annie MacDougall.

Sis. Marion Conrad, PGM and Bro. Adrian Pearson, PGP were escorted to the east at 7:00 p.m. to call to order the informal opening of this Grand Chapter.

Processional was directed by Sis. Diane Hayman, PGM, when the following formations were made:

Cup by the Grand Officers and the District Deputy Grand Matrons, The **Heart** by the Worthy Matrons, The **Scotch Terrier** by the Worthy Patrons, and the **Circle of Love** by the Grand Representatives.

The presentation of the flags was under the direction of Bro. William Clark, PGP.

Among the distinguished guests presented at this time were - Sis. Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Bro. Harles I. Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron, 17 elected and appointed General Grand Chapter Officers including our own Bro. Fred Clarke, 17 General Grand Chapter Committee Members including our own Sis. Violet Blair, Bro. Kenneth Smith, Sis. Margaret Clarke, and Sis. Eleanor Mitchell.

Greetings were brought as follows:

Provincial greetings by the Hon. John Hamm, Premier of Nova Scotia, Hon. Jim DeWolfe, MLA Pictou East for the Legislative Assembly for Pictou East. Civic welcome by Martha MacDonald, Deputy Mayor of Stellarton and Michael Hill, Principal of the Nova Scotia Community College, our host facility. Masonic Greetings by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Nova Scotia, Bro. Earl M. Faulkner, and Bro. Cooke Howatt, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Edward Island.

Ms. Jane Farquharson, Executive Director for the Heart & Stroke Foundation was presented with a cheque, total donation being **\$35,748.00** this being the special project of our WGM and WGP.

Addresses of the MWGM and the MWGP were heard at this time as they had to leave for South America early Tuesday morning.

Presentation of Hostess Chapter Convenors completed the Informal Opening of this Grand Chapter.

Tuesday morning Sis. Dora Turnbull, PGM & Bro. Vincent Ells, PGP, presided at the Formal Opening of this Grand Chapter.

HIGHLIGHTS

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The Past Grand Matrons & Past Grand Patrons of this jurisdiction assembled in the west when the motion was made and carried to unanimously endorse and support enthusiastically and financially the candidacy of Bro. Frederick William Clarke, for the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter.

It was announced that beginning today there will be special pins for sale. These pins are blue and in the shape of Texas with a Bluenose sailboat and a Cardinal in the corner. The Theme "Sail into Texas".

Honorary memberships were granted and presented to Sis. Renee Ofton, RWAGC & PGM of Texas, Sis. Margaret Dyer, PGM of Maine, Sis. Estelle Creech, PM of Louisiana, Sis. Reta Fogg, PGM of Manitoba, Sis. Carol Jean Forrest, PM and Bro. Ronald "Pete" Forrest, PGP of Maine.

Bro. Adrian Pearson, PGP Parliamentarian for this session read the Rules of Order.

New committees appointed were:

- "Alternative Funeral Service (FOR FORMER MEMBERS WHOSE CHAPTERS HAVE CLOSED AND THEY ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANOTHER CHAPTER), 1 yr appointment, namely Sis. Marian Durling, PGM, Chairperson, Sis. Joan Campbell, PGM and Sis. Sheila MacDonald, PGM.

- Reception Arrangements for GGC - 2 yr appointment were the following: Sis. Violet Blair, PGM, Chairman, Bro. William Clark, PGP Co-Chairman, Bro. John Newell, PGP, Bro. Adrian Pearson, PGP, Sis. Shirley Conrad, PM, Sis. Betty Smith, PM, Sis. Eleanor Freeman, PGM, Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM, Sis. Phyllis Veinot, PM, Sis. Anna Carr, PM.

District Deputy Grand Matrons witnessed 25 new initiations this year.

A first this year was the joint homecoming celebration for the WGM and WGP. A happy time for all who attended.

Recommendation that a committee be appointed to report to Grand Chapter suggesting that Grand Chapter bear the expense of holding the Grand Chapter Session and the Hostess Chapters be responsible for the niceties.

Report of Jurisprudence on Notices of Motion was given and the following motions passed -

- **Constitution, Article 12**-All amendments to any section of this Constitution be identified by margin lines, and footnote of the year at the bottom of the page so effected. If a subsequent amendment or addition is made to the same page at a later time the new change would be so marked and footnoted and the previous margin line(s) and footnote(s) would be erased.

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- Page 30 of L & R in the CL&R amended to "Those persons who have held the position of Church Musician for at least the past two years and are pursuing studies in Church Music under private tutoring from a qualified instructor recognized by the Royal Canadian College of Organists will also be considered for an ESTARL award. Students in this category will be required to submit in writing a letter duly signed by the instructor stating that the applicant is currently taking this instruction. Students shall also include a letter from the Church where they are currently employed as a Church Musician.

- Constitution, L&R Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapters Art. 16, Page 30 - change the order of introductions - reverse the order of (10) Grand Representatives of this and other Grand Jurisdictions and (11) Deputy Grand Matrons of this and other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Secretary advised that we lost 1 chapter, Golden Star, in June of this year bringing our number of chapters down to 49.

Estarl Report showed 22 awards in the amount of \$725 each.

Sis. Eleanor Mitchell advised that Francesca DeCarolis Chapter #5 in Cosenza (Southern Italy) is the adopted chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Motion was passed that the WGM appoint a committee to look into the financing of Grand Chapter Sessions & report to Grand Chapter any information and their recommendations.

The budget for 2002-2003 Grand Chapter year was presented with slight increases for the WGM and WGP's expenses as well as a small increase in the honorarium for the Gr Secretary and Gr Treasurer.

WGM & WGP were each presented with scrapbooks by the Publicity Committee.

Impressive Memorial Service prepared by Grand Chaplain, Daniel G Campbell was given with Bro. Ralph Swinerner, pro tem Chaplain. There were special tributes to Sis Ada Bayers, PGM, Sis. Hilda Powroz, Gr. Sec Emeritus and Bro William E George, PMWGP an honorary member of this Grand Chapter.

Wed A.M. Appointment of tellers and election of officers for 2003-2004 was completed as follows:

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| WGM | Sis. June MacDonald | #20 |
| WGP | Bro. George Crouch | #15 |
| AGM | Sis. Inez Daye | #27 |

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| AGP | Bro. Allen Denton | #35 |
| Gr. Secretary | Sis. Betty Ann Loughnan | #40 |
| Gr. Treasurer | Bro. Cecil Decker | #55 |
| Gr. Cond. | Sis. Marylyn Swinamer | # 2 |
| Assoc Gr. Cond. | Sis. Marion Miller | # 1 Prince Edward Island |
| Gr. Sentinel | Bro Allan Conrad | #49 |

Proposed Alternative Funeral Service was presented and accepted by this Grand Jurisdiction. It will be forwarded as a Notice of Motion to the GGC Triennium in Nov. 2003 in Portland, Oregon.

Wednesday afternoon saw the presentation of 50 and 50+ members - 30 in all.

Courtesy report was given by Sis. Carol Clark. 48 of 49 chapters were registered and 43 other Grand Jurisdictions represented.

"Reception arrangements for GGC 2003" committee will now be changed to "Candidate for RWGS reception".

Crafts & treasures table made \$1,468.00.

Following the Fraternal Correspondent report a motion was made "that the Grand Chapter OES authorize the formation of a group to be designated as **"FRED'S CREW"**. This is an non-profit corporation. The purpose being -

- To promote, stimulate and inspire enthusiasm for the people and projects of both the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and the General Grand Chapter.

- To provide a resource of talented, skilled and committed workers for the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members.

- To assist the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and the Grand Chapter of Texas in co-ordinating efforts for the General Grand Chapter to be held in Texas in 2012.

- To assist in the planning, along with the Texas Cardinals, Inc. of the General Grand Chapter Session to be held in Texas.

- To provide members an opportunity to obtain a better understanding of the goals of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Wednesday evening the final report of the Credential Committee was read showing members from this Jurisdiction 442, Visitors 220 with a Grand Total of 662.

Following the Farewell of the WGM and WGP Bro. Adrian Pearson, PGP narrated while the Grand Officers placed their badges on the Altar after which Sis. Colleen McPherson, PM and Bro. Charles MacPherson, PP sang the duet *"A New Commandment"*.

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So ended another year in this Grand Chapter.

I would say that all year

"The bells were ringing for Billy and Belle,
The members were singing for Billy and Belle
We were so happy in knowing
To the chapters they were going
To bring us their message, and to wish us all well!"

This has been a happy year in this Grand Jurisdiction. We had many visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions and our Grand Family have travelled well. There were 19 out of 21 General Grand Chapter Officers at this session. A record I am sure.

May the Friendship, Harmony, and Love, Sis. Belle and Bro. Bill have exemplified remain in our hearts and lives as we travel the Star Trails.

Sister E. Megan Church, P.G.M., Historian asked the acceptance of her report.

BENEVOLENT

The Benevolent Committee:

Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (24) , Chairman, Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. (15), Brother Fred Clarke, P.G.P. (67)

Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (24): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

We, your Benevolent Committee, wish to submit the following report.

We were able to respond to all requests for assistance this year and in addition we were able to make a donation to the ESTARL program. Once again we received letters of appreciation from those members who received our help. We wish to remind our members that in order to apply for assistance a letter from the Secretary of the Chapter, or any member, with the Chapter's approval, must be sent to any member of the Committee. Response is always very confidential and action is taken as quickly as possible because the need is usually urgent.

Once again we wish to thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their quick response to our requests. We especially wish to extend our best wishes to Brother Cecil as he retires as Grand Treasurer. He has always been most supportive in responding to our requests.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we congratulate you on a successful year and a harmonious Grand Session and wish you all the best in the future.

Sister Helen Connors moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by

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Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT**

The Committee Members: Sister Lucinda Josey, P.M. (49), Chairman, Sister Noreen MacInnis, P.M. (7), Sister Jackie Graham, P.M. (69), Sister Barbara Boyd, P.M. (5), Sister Kathy Turner, P.M. (21) and Sister Faye Calder, P.M. (15).

Sister Lucinda Josey, P.M. (49) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

We the committee on your Special Project "Bonnie Lea Farm" wish to make the following report.

A total of \$5,876.60 was received from the sale of Bell Pins, Day Planners and Bank Interest and has been remitted to Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron.

At this time we, your committee, would like to express our sincere thanks to all members of the subordinate chapters who assisted with the sale of the Bell Pins and Planners, as well as all who purchased them.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George we wish to thank you for the honour you have bestowed upon us and our respective chapters in appointing us to serve on this most worthwhile committee.

Sister Lucy Josey moved that this report be adopted. Sister Noreen MacInnis, P.M. seconded the motion and it was carried.

Sister June, W.G.M. thanked the Committee for their hard work.

LIBRARIAN

Sister JoAnne Newell, P.M. (5): Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: I submit the following report:

As Librarian during July 2002 to June 2003, a letter was sent to all the Subordinate Chapters with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron in August advising them of the variety of materials available.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for appointing Sister Louise Seeley to take care of the materials while Brother Alfred and I were South during the winter months.

There were only a few inquiries made and no materials were sent out. Perhaps the Worthy Matrons are very creative this year and did not need to rely on the

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Librarian's materials.

Sister June, W.G.M., Brother George, W.G.P. I thank you for the honour to serve as Librarian and to Sister Louise Seeley for filling in for me during the time I was away. Thank you also for the honour bestowed to Keystone Chapter, No. 5.

Your Garden of Love and Friendship Session has been a resounding success. There must be many happy memories to share as you continue to travel the Eastern Star Trail.

Sis. JoAnne Newell, P.M. moved that her report be accepted. Sister Louise Seeley, P.M. (5) seconded the motion and it was carried.

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The Committee Members: Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M. (48), Chairman, Sister Marion Tizard, P.M. (57) and Brother Everett Baker, P.P. (49).

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

The Eastern Star Journal Committee submits the following report.

In the Fall of 2002, we circulated a letter and a Journal subscription form to all chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

During the year, we have been pleased to have three articles published from this jurisdiction; namely, in the Winter issue, a photo of Sister Isabelle Pearson and Brother William Thompson and a write-up telling of their Special Project and donation to the Heart and Stroke Fund. In the Spring issue, an article from Brother Melvin Antle telling of Shoreham Chapter's donation to the Isaac Walton Killam Children's Hospital, as well as a photo and blurb submitted by Sister Marie Black of Evangeline Chapter, showing five members of that chapter receiving their Rob Morris Jewel.

We hope that seeing these articles published will encourage other submissions, which may be made through this committee or by individuals.

We urge all Chapters to subscribe to the Journal and remind them also to renew their subscriptions as they expire.

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M. moved that this report be accepted. Sister Marion Tizard, P.M. seconded the motion and it was carried.

**MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S
TRIENNIAL PIN**

The Committee Members: Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67), Chairman, Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, P.M. (67), Sister Carol Little, P.M. (49), Sister Freda Ells,

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P.M. (14) and Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. (21), Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3) (2 years) and Sister Evelyn Aulenback, P.M. (34) (1 year).

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

The Triennial Pin project of General Grand Chapter is a 3 year project. The Committee: Sisters Mary Ellen Bishop, Freda Ells, Carol Little, Margaret Allen, Evelyn Aulenback and Carolyn Galley-Card have worked very hard selling Angel pins for Estarl, Bear pins for Cancer and Clown Pins for the Shriners Hospitals. This past year we have not been as active because pin supplies were pretty well depleted (a good sign for the Projects Chairman).

In this Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island sold 232 Angel pins, 294 Bear pins and 161 packages of Clown pins (6 per pkg. for 966 pins). I was able to secure 10 more packages of Clown pins from one of the Committee in May and these are on sale at the table. Your last chance to get one or a set. I would say to each of the Committee a job well done and thank each and this Grand Chapter for their part in making the project a success.

Sister Margaret Clarke moved the adoption of her report. This was seconded by Sister Carol Little and the motion was carried.

PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF PINS

November 2000 to November 2003

The following is a breakdown of the profits from pin sales which have been returned to this Grand Jurisdiction and donated to the designated charities in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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| CANCER: | Feb., 2001 | \$120.00 |
| | July, 2001 | 180.00 |
| | July, 2002 | 480.00 |
| | Oct., 2002 | 300.00 |
| | Nov., 2002 | <u>150.00</u> |
| | TOTAL: | \$1,230.00 |
| ESTARL: | Feb., 2001 | \$115.00 |
| | Apr., 2001 | 85.15 |
| | Oct., 2001 | 480.00 |
| | July, 2002 | 90.00 |
| | Oct., 2002 | 240.00 |
| | Nov., 2002 | <u>60.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$1,070.15 | |
| SHRINE: | Feb., 2001 | \$562.50 |
| | Apr., 2001 | 37.40 |
| | July, 2001 | 180.00 |

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| Oct., 2001 | 530.00 |
| July, 2002 | 75.00 |
| Nov., 2002 | 1,480.00 |
| Feb., 2003 | 525.00 |
| Sept., 2003 | <u>428.50</u> |

TOTAL: **\$3,818.40**

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| YOUTH: | Apr., 2001 | <u>\$4.00</u> |
| | TOTAL: | \$4.00 |

Total amount of profits returned to this Jurisdiction: \$6,122.55

ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL SERVICE

The Committee Members: Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61), Chairman, Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (14) and Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21).

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of the Alternative Funeral Service Committee, I wish to submit the following report:

As per the wishes of our Grand Chapter 2002, we printed several copies of the Alternative Funeral Service and had it signed by the Committee Members, Worthy Grand Patron and yourself, Worthy Grand Matron. It was forwarded to our Grand Secretary who, after placing the Seal of our Grand Chapter on it, sent it to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

We, the Voting Delegates to General Grand Chapter, have received the Notices of Motion for the upcoming Assembly in Portland, Oregon, and our Service is printed on Page 30. We look forward to presenting this motion in November, 2003.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to present this report.

It was moved by Sister Marian Durling and seconded by Sister Sheila MacDonald that this report be accepted. The motion was carried.

COURTESY

Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25), Chairperson: Worthy Grand Matron,

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Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

We, your Courtesy Committee consisting of Sister Jean Coombes, P.M. (61), Sister Carol MacLellan, P.M. (1 PEI), Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (24) and myself Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25) Chairman, submit the following report for the “Garden of Love and Friendship” Grand Chapter Session.

We were especially pleased to welcome our own Brother Fred Clarke, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees, as well as General Grand Chapter Committee Members including our own Sister Violet Blair on Credentials, Sister Margaret Clarke, Chairman for Canada, Shriners Hospital and Brother Kenneth Smith on Membership. We were also very pleased to welcome our own Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy for the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Jessie Nutter, P.G.M. Angel in Disguise to the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

We were delighted to greet many Distinguished Visitors from near and far:

- 1 General Grand Chapter Officer
- 9 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 1 Ambassador
- 6 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
- 36 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction
- 29 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 23 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers
- 1 District Deputy Grand Matron of other Grand Jurisdiction
- 2 Deputy Grand Lecturers
- 3 Deputy Grand Officers
- 37 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 25 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 9 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 1 Grand Officer Emeritus

We sincerely thank all those who have come from so far. We hope you will return home safely with many happy memories.

Divine service was held in the Grand Chapter room at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel prior to the informal opening on Monday evening, with the service conducted by the Rev. Dr. P.A. (Sandy) MacDonald, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. We thank Rev. MacDonald for his inspiring message.

The Informal Opening began with an impressive presentation of the Emblem

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Ceremony, narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. The Session was called to order by Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy and Brother Allison Mitchell, P.G.P. Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George graciously welcomed our distinguished guests. Provincial, Civic and Masonic greetings were brought as well as a welcome from the management of the Westin Hotel and from the Hostess Chapters. One of the highlights of the evening was a presentation to Bonny Lea Farm by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in the amount of \$32,414.00.

Our guests have enjoyed the hospitality of an afternoon tea, luncheons, hospitality room and a banquet followed by an enjoyable evening of entertainment.

We sincerely thank the staff of the Westin Nova Scotian for all courtesies extended, and the Hostess Chapters Committees for a job very well done. They have worked diligently to prepare for your "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers: congratulations on a very successful Grand Chapter Session. We extend best wishes to Sister Inez and Brother Allen and their incoming Grand Family for a rewarding and enjoyable year.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the opportunity to serve our Grand Chapter. It has been our pleasure to meet and greet the many distinguished visitors.

Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. moved that this report be adopted. This was seconded by Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER 2003

The Reception Arrangements Committee Members: Sister Violet Blair, G.G.C.C.M., P.G.M. (15), Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25), Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14), Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71), Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M. (35), Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49), Sister Betty Smith, P.M. (27), Sister Phyllis Veinot, P.M. (15) and Sister Anna Carr, P.M. (1 PEI).

Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

We, your Committee for the Reception Arrangements for the 44th Triennial Assembly bring you this report.

Upon receiving a letter from our M.W.G.M., Sister Dorothy Dewing in February with the information that a room had been reserved for this Grand Jurisdiction at the Oregon Convention Center, to host a Reception in honour of Brother Fred Clarke, Chairman of The General Grand Trustees and a candidate for the office of

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Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, also the names of the contact people at the Convention Center. Thus began our work.

I contacted the Manager for the Center and he was very co-operative, telling me the route to follow for the room arrangements and the name of the Director of Catering Service, Tracey Frye. We are still negotiating with the catering service. The first proposal we felt was rather high, as our cost would be over \$8,000.00 Cdn. The Committee met and selected another menu from what the Catering Service offered. To date I have had no further word. Tracey Frye has been promoted to another position and we now have a new contact person to work with. Tracey has assured me we will have his full co-operation.

We have planned the layout for the room arrangement and will be submitting this to the Convention Office. It was decided to use the Audiovisual equipment of the Convention Center, rather than try to take one from here. The cost will be approx. \$160.00 US.

The decorations are still not definite. So much depends on how to transport them. We will be contacting members who are going to Portland, hoping they may be able to take an extra suitcase.

Favors - I have received around 2000 tams, so there are still tams to come in. The Committee thanks each Chapter for making the tams, and hope you had fun making them. We wish to thank Sister Dora Turnbull, P.G.M. for helping to make the corsages. Dora, we are not finished yet! Will need to find out your schedule for the next few months so we can plan a work party.

We will need to have many helping hands at the Reception. It was decided to divide the time in half, so every one would (except the receiving line) have the opportunity to attend the other receptions. If you are going to General Grand Chapter and can help, please let me know or one of the Committee. Sister Shirley Conrad is the Committee Secretary and would be happy to take your name. Thanks.

As we have a dress code in this Grand Chapter it would be very special to see our Nova Scotia Tartan and the Prince Edward Island Tartan being worn at the Reception for those who have them. If you do not have the dress code, that is OK.

As it will be necessary to pay 75% of the estimated cost at the time of signing the contract and the remaining balance at the close of the Reception, it will be necessary to approve the payment of these bills.

As the Reception cost will be paid in US Currency, we recommended that we convert the Reception funds to US Currency. At present the Cdn dollar is at a higher rate for converting and also not stable on the money market.

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We still have much to do, but it is all coming together nicely.

Sister Violet Blair moved the adoption of this report and Brother Adrian Pearson seconded the motion and it was carried.

MOTIONS

Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25), moved that the reception bills be paid. Sister Betty Smith, P.M. (27) seconded the motion and it was carried.

Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) moved that reception funds be converted to U.S. funds presently. Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49) seconded this motion and it was carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15) submitted the following Notice of Motion which will be presented at Grand Chapter 2004:

Take notice that I will move or cause to be moved at the Session of this Grand Chapter to be held for the year 2004 the following:

“That Article 3 of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter be amended by the addition of a new paragraph as follows: 2. Canadian Parliamentary Law shall prevail at all sessions/meetings of Grand and Subordinate Chapters and Committees thereof”.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 9, 2003

1:45 P.M. The Grand Officers assumed their stations and Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labour. Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Wednesday morning session were read by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary. It was moved by Sister Betty Ann and seconded by Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40) that the minutes be adopted as read. The motion was carried.

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PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Leda Graham, P.M., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows: **Members: 449 Visitors: 213 Total: 662**

Sister Leda Graham moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M. (40) and carried.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED**

Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. (5) was presented at the Altar, introduced, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) announced that the funds to host the General Grand Chapter Reception in Portland, Oregon in November, 2003 will come from the \$1.00 Per Capita Tax and not the Fred's Crew funds.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Twenty-one 50 year and 50 year plus members were assembled in the West by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress while Sister Gail Cook, P.M. (67) sang "*Precious Memories*". They were: Sister Florence Campbell (7)- 60 plus years, Sister Megan Church (22)-58 years, Sister Leda Graham (20)-56 years, Sister June Whitman (35)-54 years, Sister Jean Beckwith (35)-54 years, Sister Helen Corkum (38)-53 years, Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-53 years, Sister Frances Thompson (24)-52 years, Sister Helen Dauphinee (40)-52 years, Sister Geraldine Stevens (40)-52 years, Sister Thelma Low (45)-52 years, Sister Hazel MacLeod (45)-52 years, Sister Freda Ells (14)-51 years, Sister Audrey Christie (40)-51 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-51 years, Sister Alice MacKay (48)-50 years, Sister Helen Connors (24)-50 years, Sister Georgie Dewey (10)-50 years, Sister Rhoda Tupper (40)-50 years, Brother Kirk Whitman (35)-53 years and Brother Robie Horne (55)-50 years.

The Grand Choir sang several selections while they were escorted to the East. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron presented each with a beautiful red rose.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PIN

Sister June, W.G.M. presented Sister Florence Dunlop (58) with her 50 year pin and presented her with a red rose and congratulated her on becoming a 50 year member.

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All members then sang “*For They Are Jolly Good Fellows*” to these distinguished members.

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND ORGANIST,
GRAND CHOIR AND SOLOISTS**

Sister June, W.G.M. thanked the Grand Organist, Grand Choir and Soloists for their beautiful music during this Grand Chapter Session.

Brother George, W.G.P.: One thing this world cannot do without is music. It soothes the soul and seems to be a cure for much sadness in this unstable world today. Everyone relates to music. Brother George Hill and Brother Harry Daine you and your choir have filled this room with wonderful music, playing all our selections as well as many others. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you all for giving so freely of your musical talents. Thank you so very much.

Music washes away the
dust of every day life

Brother George Hill, P.P. (67), Grand Organist responded:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

On behalf of the Assistant Grand Organist, Brother Harry Daine, Sister Sharon Ward, Grand Choir and Grand Soloists, I thank you for your kind words. It has been an honour and a privilege to be your Grand Organist, as well as a most rewarding and enjoyable year.

Thank you for appointing me to this office. I wish also to thank Brother Harry and Sister Sharon for their able assistance.

Sister June and Brother George may you be richly blessed as you continue to preside over the “Garden of Love and Friendship” Grand Chapter Session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

CRAFTS AND TREASURES

The Committee Members are: Sister Linda Foote, P.M. (67), Chairman, Sister Rhonda Fader, P.M. (71), Sister Ann MacIntosh, P.M. (37), Sister Margaret Muise, P.M. (25), Sister Iris Newman, P.M. (28) and Sister Dorothy Matthews, P.M. (61).

Sister Linda Foote, P.M. (67), Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand

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Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

As a member of the Crafts and Treasures Committee I am pleased to report that **\$1,111.51** was realized from the sale of items supplied by the members of the Subordinate Chapters. It was through your efforts that we were able to achieve this amount.

The members of this Committee would like to express our thanks and to encourage your continued crafting efforts for the benefit of future Grand Chapters.

Sister Linda Foote moved the adoption of this report. Sister Margaret Muise seconded this motion and it was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TICKET DRAWS

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M., announced the winners of two draws held during this session: Sister Mabel Haynes, P.M. (2) and Brother Ronald Boudreau, P.P. (70). A draw for a Nova Scotia doll was won by Sister Helen Hazeldine, W.M. (45).

Sister Margaret thanked the members for their participation in these fund raising events.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

This report was given by Sister Inez Daye, A.G.M., Sister Marylyn Swinamer, G.C. and Sister Marion Miller, A.G.C.

Sister Inez Daye, A.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

Our Grand Conductress, Associate Grand Conductress and myself have had a busy time visiting and recording proceedings of other Grand Chapter Jurisdictions from our comfortable armchairs. We appreciate our Grand Secretary providing us with a generous supply of the procedures each year. Thank you Sister Betty Ann.

Although all jurisdictions have slight differences, we are basically all the same.

The open Holy Bible is placed upon the Altar.

The flag of the Country is in all chapter Rooms and at Grand Chapter other flags are presented and displayed. All give generous charitable donations and each meeting is opened and closed with prayer.

More negative and regretful similarities are the decline in membership with the death of members in all age groups which causes a decrease in general funds.

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Everyone is busy trying to think up new and original ways of having fund raisers.

Now for a brief summary:

Comments of the value of this report have been discussed in the past. Although the report may be long and dry, the contents of all proceedings are rich in commitment, hard work and a desire to make our world a better place.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON - 89th Session "All Star" with 740 in attendance was held in Duncan, B.C. on May 29th, 30th and 31st, 2000. They have a total membership of 6,262 members. They have lost 133 members. Their Special projects were Cancer and ESTARL. Our members present were Brother Harold Spencer, G.G.C.C.M. on Heart, Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. and Sister Janet Johnson, Grand Martha. 2,815 years represents 50+ year members.

CONNECTICUT - 126th "Reflections & Vision" Session was held in Farmington, Connecticut on April 27th, 28th and 29th, 2000 with an attendance of 576 members. There are 41 chapters with 6,693 members. They have lost 608 members. About half of the Grand Officers came to the Order of the Eastern Star after having been Rainbow Girls.

KANSAS - 124th "Stargate Session" was held at the Ramada Inn in Topeka, Kansas on April 18th, 19th and 20th, 2000. There are 169 chapters. Their special project was Cancer Research with emphasis on Breast Cancer. Decorations consisted of a back drop with the milky way showing the sun for a new day, the moon for peaceful rest and the stars for dreams come true. Our member present was Richard Moore, Grand Representative of Kansas.

MARYLAND - 101st "Christmas is Magic" Session was held in Hagerstown, Maryland on April 25th- 28th, 1999. There are 68 chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction with a membership of 11,755. They have lost 776 members. Christmas is not a time or season but a state of mind was the theme of this session.

MINNESOTA - 122nd "God Loves You" session was held at the St. Cloud Civic Center with an attendance of 557 members on May 11th, 12th, 13th, 2000. This jurisdiction has 98 chapters with a membership of 13,367. They have lost 950 members. Special projects were Heal the Sick Cancer Research Project especially breast and prostate cancer. Their Worthy Grand Matron passed away after a few months in office. Associate Grand Matron as acting Worthy Grand Matron completed the term.

MISSISSIPPI - 93rd "Let There Be Music And Poetry" Session was held in Jackson, Mississippi on April 19th, 20th and 21st, 1999 with an attendance of 571 members. They have 163 chapters and a membership of 12,865. They had a net

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loss of 589 members. Special projects included ESTARL, Rob Morris Little Red School House, O.E.S., Shrine, International Temple, Masonic Home, Youth Organizations, WGM's Special Project- furniture for Grand Chapter and a transporter, Storage Unit, WGP's Special Project - Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

MISSOURI - 125th "To Everything There Is A Season" Session was held in St. Joseph, Missouri on October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1999. There are 289 chapters with a membership of 31,697. Their special projects were Heart Disease Among Women, Welfare Fund - to help fellow members in need. They have 14 75-year members.

NEBRASKA - 125th "God Makes All Things New" Session was held in Lincoln, Nebraska on May 9th, 10th and 11th, 2000. There are 141 chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction with a membership of 15,333. They have lost 677 members. A Ceremony of Initiation was carried out by at the Grand Chapter Session by the Grand Officers. Eight new members were initiated.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - 109th "Garden of Friendship" Session was held in Manchester, New Hampshire on August 26th, 27th and 28th, 1999. They have 38 chapters with a membership of 5,040. They have lost 190 members. Unique Fund raiser was Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation - a genetic disorder characterized by bones that break easily often from little or no apparent cause.

NORTH CAROLINA - 92nd "It's A Small Worl" Session was held in Raleigh Civic Center with 1,668 members in attendance on June 9th, 10th and 11th, 1997. Their unique fund raiser was called Peanut Project. 149,232 pounds of peanuts were sold and a profit of \$100,910.00 was received and that ain't peanuts. Our members present were Brother A. Allison Mitchell, G.G.C.C.M on Education and Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. The Tar Heel Star News is published by the Grand Chapter. Subscription is \$2.92/yr.

OREGON - The 110th "A Century of Reflection" Session was held in Pendleton, Oregon on June 20th - 23rd, 1999. They have a membership of 13,310. They have lost 741 members. Nine special projects including Scottish Rite, Language Disorders, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Shriner's Hospital, Kidney, Heart, Diabetes and Youth.

SASKATCHEWAN - 84th "Stars of the Millennium" was held in Saskatoon on April 27th, 28th and 29th, 2000 with an attendance of 629 members. They have 35 chapters with a membership of 3,032. Special Project was Cancer Research. Our member present was Josie Zwicker, Grand Representative. Several 60 year membership pins were presented and 50 and over members totalled 2,009 years of membership.

SOUTH DAKOTA - 111th "Tree of Life" Session was held in Pierce, South Dakota

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on October 7th, 8th and 9th, 1999. They have 108 chapters with a membership of 5,908. They have lost 67 members. Special project was General Grand Chapter International Temple Restoration. They had a very active social enjoyment, i.e., Campers Jamboree, 5 State Meetings, Eastern Star Picnic, Nebraska Exchange, International Peace Garden Pilgrimage. Examination of a Visitor is carried out on a number of those attending Grand Chapter and a report is made.

TENNESSEE - 99th "Serving Thro' The Centuries" Session was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 30th - May 3rd, 2000. They have 224 chapters and a membership of 28,240. They have lost 970 members and 2,261 members are 50 years plus. Maintain Eastern Star Maintenance Fund for several members confined for medical reasons.

VERMONT- 128th "Come Fly with Us" Session was held in South Burlington on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2000. They have 4,321 members. They have lost 187 members. Special Project was Visiting Nurses Association.

ARIZONA - "Light of Peace" 99th Session was held at Double Paradise Valley Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona with 541 voting members present. There are 55 Chapters with 6,729 members. Their Special Project was the Crisis Centre.

ARKANSAS - 124th Session "Life's Precious Moments" with 982 members in attendance was held at Little Rock Convention Center, Little Rock, Arkansas. The room was decorated as a rose garden, with birdhouses and birdbath with the fun symbols goose and squirrel. Members present were our own Bro. Fred Clarke, Rt. W. G. Trustee; Sis. Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.; Bro. Harold Spencer, G.G.C.C.M. (Heart). This Grand Chapter has an installed appointed Grand Lecture making the number of 19 Grand Officers.

AUSTRALIA - The United Grand Chapter of Australia 7th Biennial was held in Brisbane, Queensland. They have 138 Chapters with 7,175 members. This United Grand Chapter of Australia has jurisdiction over New Zealand, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. Grand Chapters presided over by Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons. Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia are districts. They are presided over by District Grand Matrons and District Grand Patrons. These officiating officers along with the Right Worthy Grand Officers are the only members allowed to wear regalia at the Session (Visitors not included).

GEORGIA - "One Moment In Time" Session was held in Macon, Georgia - their 98th Session. There are 187 Chapters with 17,278 members. Special Project - Social Services State of Georgia, W.G.M. challenged the Chapters to bring in canned food.

IDAHO - "Peace On Earth" 97th Session was held in Doubletree Riverside, Boise, Idaho. There are 50 Chapters with 5,394 members - a special committee called

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Returns report on the Membership status. Their Special Project was Idaho Arthritis Foundation.

IOWA - "Precious Moments Among God's Creation" their 122nd Session. Special Project "Birth Defects Prevention" Research and volunteering at Public Schools. There are 178 Chapters with 21,699 members. Our members present were Bro. Fred Clarke, Rt. W. G. Trustee; Sis. Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. and Bro. Harold Spencer, G.G.C.C.M. (Heart). This Grand Chapter has 20 District Instructors - one for each District.

MANITOBA - "Moments In Time" 78th Session was held at the International Inn, Winnipeg, Manitoba with 418 voting members present. There are 23 Chapters and 2,123 members. Special Project was Arthritis. This Grand Jurisdiction has an Eastern Star Chalet with single and double suites.

MASSACHUSETTS - "Let Our Star Be Your Guide" 123rd Session was held at Memorial Auditorium in Lowell, Massachusetts with 948 members in attendance. There are 96 Chapters and 15,020 members. The Grand Family entered the Grand Chapter room between replicas of lighthouses from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina and Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia. Our members present were Bro. Fred Clarke, Rt. W.G. Trustee and Sis. Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. East meet West fun weekend was planned to promote more social activity between the Eastern and Western Grand Jurisdiction.

MICHIGAN - Held their 132nd Session "A Touch Of Winter Magic" at the Civic Center Saginaw, Michigan with 1,021 voting members, each had four votes. This Grand Chapter published a newspaper called the Starliner Journal. Our members present were Bro. Fred Clarke, Rt. W.G. Trustee and Sis. Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.

MONTANA - Held their 110th Session "Reflections of Our Heritage" at Montana State University Campus, Bozeman, Montana with 558 in attendance. One of their Special Projects was cookbooks - "Our Present Daily Living Recipes" were sold with the funds going to the Masonic Home. Red Wagon - "Our Future" was another fundraiser and the funds were given to the Montana School Children for library books, CD's and videos. History - "Our Treasured Past" was another Special Project. The Grand Chapter Session begins with a Prayer Breakfast at which the ESTARL Awards are presented.

NEW JERSEY - "Victoria's Attic Treasures" 129th Session was held at the Convention Hall, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Special Project "Seeing Eye" Dog Guide School. There are 97 Chapters with 19,654 members. 412 Sisters and Brothers were presented with their 50-year tokens.

NEW MEXICO - "Happy Hearts" 97th Session was held at Albuquerque, New Mexico with 579 in attendance. Their Special Project was Juvenile Diabetes Campship. Their ongoing project is Toys for Children of Trauma and eyeglasses for

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the disadvantaged. New Mexico has a total of 5,184 members and 41 Chapters.

OKLAHOMA - Held their 91st Session "Precious Memories" at Scottish Rite Masonic Temple, Guthrie, Oklahoma. During the year 200 - 50-year pins were presented; one 75-year pin and one 80-year pin was also presented. Six Chapters consolidated. They have 173 Chapters and 18,586 members.

ONTARIO - "Autumn's Golden Splendour", their 84th Session was held in Toronto, Ontario. Their Special Project was Breast and Prostrate cancer. Ontario has 185 Chapters and 17,712 members. Our members present were Bro. Fred Clarke, Rt. W.G. Trustee; Bro. William Clark, P.G.P.; Bro. David Waterbury, P.G.P.; Sis. Ruth Waterbury, G.G.C.C.M. (Education); Sis. Joan Campbell, W.G.M.; Sis. Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.; Sis. Carol Clark, A.G.M.

QUEBEC- "Harbour of Hope and Faith" their 77th Session was held in Granby, Quebec in October with 420 in attendance. They have 15 Chapters with 848 members. Breast Diagnostic Clinic of the Montreal General Hospital is their Special Project. A notice of motion was presented for action at the next session, that all members of the subordinate Chapters be allowed to vote at Grand Chapter Sessions.

WYOMING -"2000" 103rd Session was held at Gillette, Wyoming. They have 38 Chapters and 4,485 members. Their Special Project was Worthy Grand Matrons - Wyoming Eastern Star Cancer Fund and Worthy Grand Patrons - Diabetes. Fundraiser Bike Ride for ESTARL.

Grand Chapter of State of FLORIDA, 95th, April 2000, St. Petersburg. The "Star Lights the World" Session. WGM Tammy Clawson WGP Terry McLaughlin. Grand Representative Mrs. Janet Ray N.S. and P. E.I. of other Grand Jurisdictions in Florida attended. Special Project Heart and Cancer programmes' monies raised \$11,245.49 and \$17,022.00. 206 Chapters, Membership 27,326, Attendance at Session 1,529 There were four 50 year pins presented.

Grand Chapter of WISCONSIN, 180th, May 2000. The "Faith and Friendship" Session. WGM Patricia Rasmussen WGP Raymond Atkinson. Grand Representatives Beverly Albee of N.S. and P.E.I., Harold Beals of N.S. and P.E.I. in Minnesota and Wisconsin attended. Attendance was 814. Special Project, Heart Power for Youth raising \$4100.00. WGM's fun symbol was a Long eared bunny to remind us to take time to listen.

Grand Chapter of MARYLAND, 102nd, May 2000, Hagerstown. The "Heart to Heart" Session. WGM Bonnie Tyree Wagner, WGP Raymond G. Trott, Grand Representative Joann Wilson of N.S. and P.E.I. of other Grand Jurisdictions in Maryland attended. Special Project American Heart Assoc. of Maryland raised

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\$42,000.00. 53 Chapters. Attendance at Session 628. There were nine members received 50 year pins.

Grand Chapter of VIRGINIA, 96th, May 2000, Virginia Beach. The "Ocean Treasures of the New Millennium" Session. WGM Diane Kitchin, WGP Ray Bunnell. Special Project was Eastern Star Home in Richmond, VA, they have 49 residents and the monies raised were \$121,214.08. Sister Marjorie Aitken of Montague Chapter, P.E.I. attended as Grand Representative of Virginia in N.S. and P.E.I. There are 188 Chapters, 6,337 members and 1361 attended the session.

Grand Chapter of DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 96th, May 1992, Washington. The "This Heavenly Reflection Session". WGM Esther Weber, WGP Paul Clarke. Special Project was Endowment of Mesh Corp. which raised \$14,513.94. Membership is 3479, attendance at Session 495.

Grand Chapter of ALABAMA, 100th, October 2000. "God Bless America Session". WGM Shirley Bozeman, WGP Floyd Philpot. Special Projects was Cancer Research raised \$10,000.00 and Heart Assoc. \$13,350.00. Membership is 14,215 and in Attendance 760.

Grand Chapter of QUEBEC, 78th, October 2000, Granby. WGM Joyce Dryden, WGP Fred Cooney. The "Wishing Well of Hopes and Dreams". Special projects were Missing Childrens network raising \$2,435.00 Cancer Gift Cupboard raising \$1,827.00. Membership is 801, and in Attendance 301. One sixty-year member was presented, Sister Mina Lamont P.M. #9.

Grand Chapter of ILLINOIS, 126th, October. The "Safe Harbour" Session. WGM Suzanne Fitch, WGP Arthus Hamman. Special projects were Heart Foundation, \$7,535.87, Shriners Hospital \$14,208.85, Cancer Research \$13,825.65. Membership is 35,411 and in attendance 837.

Grand Chapter of DELAWARE, 79th, May 2000. The "First State" Session. WGM Janet C. Womach, WGP Gordon Kyle. Linda Hamer, Grand Representative of N.S. and P.E.I. to Delaware attended. Special projects were Diabetes raising \$1,895.00 and Masonic Home raising \$1,340.00. Membership is 1975 in 16 Chapters and in attendance 167.

Grand Chapter of ALBERTA, 98th, June 2000, Lethbridge. The "Year of the Little People" Session. WGM Mildred Rinke, WGP Andy Lockhart. Grand Representative Mrs. Fern Leaman of N.S. and P.E.I. to Alberta, and PGM's Megan Church and Diane Hayman attended. Special project was Alzheimer Research raised \$22,388.35. Memberships 4,422 in 57 Chapters, and in attendance were 673.

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Grand Chapter of PENNSYLVANIA, 106th, June 2000. The "Light up the Future" Session. WGM Jean Fey, WGP H. Lin Jones. Grand Representative George Hill of N.S. and P.E.I. to Pennsylvania attended, DDGM Dona Larkins, PGM Margaret Clarke and RWGT Fred Clarke attended. Special project raised \$60,521.56 for the Fraternal Fund. Membership is 50,983 in 279 Chapters with 1,726 in attendance. Note in the jurisdiction there were 1,747 deaths, more persons died than attended Grand Chapter, imagine looking at a room of that many members and realizing that many and more passed on in one year from our Order.

Grand Chapter of NEW BRUNSWICK, 70th, July 2000, Moncton. The "Century of Stars" Session. WGM Ann Morton WGP Gorde Steeves. In attendance from our Grand Jurisdiction were Fred Clarke, RWGT, Harold Spencer, GGCCM on Heart, WGM Carol Clark and WGP Murray Gardner, PGM's and PGP's Eleanor Mitchell, Diane Hayman, Marion Conrad, Margaret Clarke, Allison Mitchell, Bruce Atkinson, William Clark, Adrian Pearson, James Dickie, Ken Smith, Neil Archibald. Elected Officers AGM, Isabelle Pearson, AGP, William Thompson, GC, June Macdonald, Appointed Officers, William Allen, G.Chap., Marian Dickie, G. Org., Bonnie Boutilier, G. Ruth, Arna Gardner, G. Esther, Doris Cullen, G. Martha. Grand Representatives Albert Paul, Marsha Myers Fox, Janet Ray, Beverly Albee. DDGM Betty Smith #4 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Special project was Lottie L Kyle Memorial and Educational Scholarship Fund raising \$4,605.00 and the Luxor Transportation fund for Shriners Hospital. Membership is 2400, attendance 437.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of preparing this report.

Sister Inez Daye moved the adoption of this report. Sister Marylyn Swinamer seconded the motion and it was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION

A motion was made by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.G.T. (67), on behalf of the Hostess Chapters for 2005, that the Grand Chapter Session be held at the Old Orchard Inn in July, 2005. This motion was seconded by Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. (22) and carried.

MOTION

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28) moved that the 2004 Grand Chapter Session be held in Digby. This was seconded by Sister Mildred Wagner, P.M. (28) and the motion was carried.

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A motion was made by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) that this Grand Chapter make a donation of \$200.00 U.S. to the Dorothy M. Dewing Memorial Fund. Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) seconded this motion and it was carried. It was noted that individual members may also make donations to the Memorial Fund.

INVITATION

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) asked that the first three rows on the north and south be reserved for the Chapters and families of the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67), on behalf of Fred's Crew, that Fred's Crew have a table to display and sell items at each Grand Chapter Session until 2012. This was seconded by Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Shirley MacLean, P.M. (58) - Transportation for General Grand Chapter - announced that there are still a few seats left for the bus trip to Oregon in October, 2003.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 6:45 P.M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 9, 2003

6:45 P.M. The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of the "Garden of Love and Friendship" Grand Chapter Session.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21) and Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10).

Sister Joan, P.G.M.: Good evening, Sisters and Brothers:
It is a delightful privilege and an honour, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to call to order this final session of the "Garden of Love and Friendship" session. It is an added privilege to share the East with Brother Murray Gardner.

As we come to the final evening of this Grand Session, we realize everything has a beginning and an ending. The end of this Session is as beautiful and meaningful as

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the beginning, just like a beautiful sunset at the close of a perfect day.

Once again our Grand Chapter has completed another cycle of service and growth.

We extend a very cordial and warm welcome to each and every one. To our own members, thank you for your continued interest and support of this Grand Chapter. To our visitors, we sincerely hope you have enjoyed your visit, and when you leave may you have only pleasant memories of our hospitality and a greater love for our beautiful Order.

Brother Murray, P.G.P.: Good evening, Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished Guests, and Visitors. It is my privilege to be asked by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June, to open this final evening of the "Garden of Love and Friendship Session". Also, it is certainly with great pleasure that I share the Grand East with Sister Joan.

Today we have concluded the business and pleasure of this Grand Chapter Session. May we all take time to reflect upon and be thankful for this past year under the leadership of Sister June and Brother George.

As we install a new slate of Grand Officers later this evening, I hope that each one of us will renew our obligation as we look forward with great anticipation to another successful year.

Sister Joan, P.G.M.: It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that the members remain seated during the processional.

Grand Marshall, you will invite the Sister Electas, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives and Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

The Grand Choir sang "*Let There Be Love*".

Sister Joan, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother George, Worthy Grand Matron:
I am indeed honoured to have been chosen to extend to you a sincere and loving welcome to this the final session of your "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session. It is with pride that I welcome you and to thank you for your service to our Grand Jurisdiction on behalf of all our members. We appreciate the time given and the dedication you have shown.

Worthy Grand Matron Sister June, Brother John Newell and I were pleased to have you serve as our Associate Grand Conductress and have watched with much

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interest your journey to the East of this Grand Chapter. I know exactly how you are feeling tonight, happy and yes a little sad too. This evening will be the completion of a year of many dreams and memories. Very shortly you will be joining the ranks of the Past Grand and will have time to look back with the satisfaction that you have accomplished your aim to serve your sisters and brothers with love.

Worthy Grand Patron Brother George, you have given a year of faithful service and have travelled many miles as you accompanied our Worthy Grand Matron on the Official Visits. As you visited each chapter the members enjoyed your verses and of course the hugs.

In the performance of your duties you have brought honour to your chapters and credit to yourself. I know you will have made many wonderful friends and memories in this year of service.

Brother Murray, P.G.P.: Sister June, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother George, Worthy Grand Patron, it is both an honour and a privilege for me to welcome you to this your final session as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. You are a credit to yourselves and to our Grand Jurisdiction for the manner in which you had assumed your responsibilities and carried out your duties this past year. Well done!

In a short time, you will lay aside the mantle of authority and join the ranks of the Past Grands. There you will begin a new phase of your Eastern Star journey. Membership in the Past Grands will require you to use the knowledge and skills you have acquired thus far, and it will renew your sense of responsibility for the prosperity and well-being of our Grand Chapter and of our Order.

I thank you most sincerely for this opportunity of assisting in your "Garden of Love and Friendship Session" and for allowing me to share the East with Sister Joan.

Sister Joan, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Grand Honours were accorded to both Sister June and Brother George.

Sister Joan, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron I present you with your Gavel.

Sister June, W.G.M. thanked Sister Joan and Brother Murray for opening this last evening of the "Garden of Love and Friendship" Grand Chapter Session. She presented Sister Joan with a gift of appreciation.

Brother George, W.G.P.: Sister Joan and Brother Murray,

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It is my pleasure and a great privilege to welcome you both. There were many good times and much laughter these past few years. It's been a joy to get to know you as we made our rounds along the OES trail. Sister Joan you are a great "hugger". Brother Murray please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

The Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter session called from refreshment to labour.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
(not previously introduced)**

Sister Gloria Bowen, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother William Stretton, Worthy Grand Patron of Maine were presented at the Altar, welcomed by the W.G.M. and escorted to the East where they were given Grand Honours.

Sister Norma Crabtree, Grand Conductress of Maine was introduced, escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome. Brother Clyde Boone, Grand Representative of Massachusetts in Maine was introduced, escorted to the East and he was accorded Grand Honours.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Wednesday afternoon session were read by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary. Sister Betty Ann moved that they be accepted as read. Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40) seconded the motion and it was carried.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee Members are: Sister Leda Graham, P.M. (20), Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M. (40) and Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. (2).

Sister Leda Graham, P.M., Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers all:

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| Members from this Jurisdiction: | 460 |
| Visitors | <u>217</u> |
| Grand Total in attendance | 677 |

I would like to thank the members of the Committee: Sister Rhoda Tupper, Mystic Star Chapter No.40 and Brother Richard Coleman, Mayflower Chapter No.2 for their assistance during this GARDEN of LOVE and FRIENDSHIP SESSION. I would like to express my appreciation to all who assisted on the registration desk this past few days. It has been a real pleasure to work with these members during

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this session.

We had members register from 46 of the 47 chapters in our Jurisdiction and members from 32 other Grand Jurisdictions represented.

I would like to sincerely thank you, Sister June, for appointing me to this Committee for the past three years. I have enjoyed it very much especially this year with the Pre- Registrations.

I did not have the opportunity to witness all of your Session but from the reports I have heard from other Sisters and Brothers you have had a very successful Session as well as the wonderful year you and Brother George had as our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. You are to be Commended!!

Sister Leda Graham moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M. (40) and the motion was carried.

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| <u>Chapter Name & Number</u> | Arbutus #30 | 17 | Regent #52 |
| Port Royal #1 | Annaval #31 | 11 | Faith #54 |
| Mayflower #2 | | 3 | Elmsdale #55 |
| Cedar #3 | | 16 | Ruth #57 |
| Keystone #5 | | 19 | Emerald #58 |
| Halifax #7 | <u>Members</u> | 8 | Shoreham |
| Grace #8 | 7 | 2 | #59 |
| Century #10 | 9 | | Queen Esther |
| Queen Elizabeth # 14 | 5 | | #61 |
| Evangeline #15 | 8 | | Atlantic #65 |
| Britannia #18 | 14 | <u>ChapterName &Number</u> | Starlight #66 |
| Victoria #19 | 7 | Queens #34 | Laurel #67 |
| Hon. Joseph Howe #20 | 17 | St. Mary's #35 | Montague#69 |
| Myrtle #21 | 8 | Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 | Crescent #70 |
| Fairfield #22 | 24 | Mae #38 | Pearle #71 |
| Maple Leaf #23 | 7 | Cobequid #39 | <u>Members</u> |
| Crystal #1 PEI | 5 | Mystic Star #40 | 6 |
| Westville #24 | 16 | Armcrest #45 | 16 |
| Harmony #25 | 7 | Florence Fraser #47 | 3 |
| Munro #26 | 11 | Elm #48 | 7 |
| Kwebec #27 | 3 | Scotia #49 | 3 |
| Amethyst #28 | 17 | Sunrise #50 | 14 |

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Total Number of Chapters: 47 Number of Chapters attending: 46

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| TOTAL Members: | 460 |
| Other Jurisdictions | <u>217</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL: | 677 |

FAREWELL
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister June M. Macdonald

Sisters and Brothers: In a very short time another year will be ended in the history of this Grand Chapter; but not the Love and Friendships we have formed, and the happy times we have had together. A special thank you to our Grand Family for travelling so many miles and for exemplifying the teachings of our beautiful Order with love and kindness and sincerity. You are truly the greatest.

And once again I wish to thank each and every one of you for making this such a memorable year and “*Garden of Love and Friendship*” Session for Brother George and me.

*There are some things in life that are above price;
Some things no money can buy,
Some things we never hope to repay,
No matter how hard we try.
'Tis the love of our friends who walk by our side,*

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*Who encourage and cheer us with their smiles
'Tis the faith that is theirs,
Though mistakes we have made,
That has made this year worthwhile.*

And Brother George, this is just for you .

*We have shared a year of service
And, now that the year is through ,
We will share a humble gratitude
For the friendships that we know.
We have a tender memory,
Loving treasures that will bless.
And, as friend to friend, I wish you happiness.*

Thank you Sisters and Brothers and God Bless you all.

**FAREWELL
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Brother George E. Crouch**

Sisters and Brothers: Time has come to close this chapter of my life which leaves me with many tangible memories. It's time to bid "farewell" as your Worthy Grand Patron. This year has given me many rewarding experiences and certainly more knowledge.

I wish to extend to our Grand Family and District Deputy Grand Matrons a most grateful thank you for your presence in lighting my way, and for your love and support. Sister June, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve with you. Our friendship over the past year has grown and I hope it will be a lasting one.

To Sister Mary, my wife, you are my life. Thank you for always being there for me. We were able to make all of Sister June's Official Visits along with our very dear friend, Sister Irma Maxwell.

I consider myself truly blessed to have made many new friendships and a pleasure

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renewing the old.

Brother Allen, I now pass the "HUG BUG" along to you. Use it often.

Love to all of you and many thanks for all the support given me. God Bless each and everyone and many thanks for allowing me to be your Worthy Grand Patron.

PRESENTATION

Sister Inez Daye, A.G.M. and Brother Allen Denton, A.G.P. approached the East and presented Sister June and Brother George each with a gift from the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Chapter Committee Members. Sister Inez read an Irish Blessing to them:

IRISH BLESSING FOR YOU

*May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow,
May the soft winds freshen your spirit,
May the sunshine brighten your heart,
May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you
And may God enfold you in the mantle of his Love.*

Brother Fred Lipsky, W.P. (15) sang: "I Need You, Lord" to Sister June and Brother George.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28), Installing Officer for the Ceremony of Installation of the 2003-2004 Grand Officers presided.

RECESSIONAL OF 2002-2003 GRAND OFFICERS

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) conducted the Recessional and Badge Ceremony.

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar and as the Grand Officers placed their badges on the Altar, Sister Marian Durling sang "Go Now In Peace".

INSTALLATION OF 2003-2004 GRAND OFFICERS

Prior to the Installation ceremony, the family, friends and chapters of the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were escorted to seats in the chapter room.

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8:45 P.M.: Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order. Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (26) attended at the Altar informally and Installing Grand Chaplain, Brother Neil Archibald, P.G.P. (58) led the members in prayer.

Installing Grand Officer: Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28)

Assisted by:

Installing Grand Marshal: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35)
Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. (5)
Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67)
Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15)
Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (58,
Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52)
Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M. (35)
Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. (61)
Brother James Dickie, P.G.P. (37)

Installing Grand Conductress: Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (26)

Installing Grand Chaplain: Brother Neil Archibald, P.G.P. (58)

Installing Grand Organist: Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. 122)

Installing Grand Warder: Brother Royce Hefler, P.G.P. (27)

Installing Grand Sentinel: Brother Vincent Ells, P.G.P. (14)

Soloists: Brother Merrill Hvson, P.P. (22)
Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35)
Sister Virginia Cameron, P.M. (61)

The Grand Officers were escorted by Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P., Installing Grand Marshal, into the Grand Chapter room. The Sisters wore royal blue gowns with sheer royal blue jackets. Their accessories were crystals and rhinestones. They wore yellow rose wrist corsages. The Brothers wore black tuxedos with black bow ties and cummerbunds. Each wore a yellow rose boutonniere in his lapel.

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. installed Sister Inez Daye as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours. Brother Merrill Hyson, P.P. (22) sang "*My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me*" to her.

Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. installed Brother Allen Denton as Worthy Grand Patron. He was escorted to the East and was accorded Grand Honours.

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Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. and wife of the newly installed Worthy Grand Patron, sang “*One Day at a Time*” to Brother Allen.

The following Grand Officers were installed for 2003-2004:

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| Worthy Grand Matron | Sister Inez Daye | (27) |
| Worthy Grand Patron | Brother Allen Denton | (35) |
| Associate Grand Matron | Sister Marylyn Swinamer | (2) |
| Associate Grand Patron | Brother Allan Conrad | (49) |
| Grand Secretary | Sister Betty Ann Loughnan | (40) |
| Grand Treasurer | Sister Dorothy Powroz | (28) |
| Grand Conductress | Sister Marion Miller | (1 PEI) |
| Associate Grand Conductress | Sister Gail Cook | (67) |
| Grand Chaplain | Brother Ronald Boudreau | (70) |
| Grand Marshal | Brother David Wiswell | (65) |
| Grand Organist | Sister Louise Seeley | (5) |
| Grand Adah | Sister Rhonda Fader | (71) |
| Grand Ruth | Sister Sylvia McCleave | (27) |
| Grand Martha | Sister Tracey Hobson | (67) |
| Grand Electa | Sister Cora MacKay | (48) |
| Grand Warder | Brother George Moxsom | (55) |
| Grand Sentinel | Brother John Patterson | (10) |

Following the installation of the Grand Chaplain, Sister Virginia Cameron, P.M. (61) sang “*The Holy City*”.

The Installing Grand Officers were escorted to seats in the East.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Inez Daye

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends. It is with gratitude and humility that I address you as your Worthy Grand Matron. As this special year of service begins my whole being is filled with appreciation, humble thanks and complete awe of the confidence you have placed in me. I willingly and resolutely assume the great responsibilities this office demands. With faith in my ability, I pledge to you my untiring effort to perform all the duties required to the best of my ability with God’s help and the cooperation of my Sisters and Brothers. I pray that God will grant to all our Grand Family, safe travelling and good health during this year.

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Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen - my Worthy Grand Patron. The membership of this Grand Jurisdiction have chosen wisely when they elected you to be here by my side for the coming year. We share many of the same values, fears, opinions, and aspirations and are proving to work very well together. Our friendship over the last two years has grown and I will always treasure it. Your wife, my Grand Chapter Mom, Sister Cheryl, has matured the two of us in fine fashion, and I love you both dearly. I'm not finished yet. This is going to be fun! Brother Allen, the support you have already shown me holds the promise of a busy, productive and successful year for all of us. Many, many thanks.

To the Installing Grand Officers, Sister Marion: The first Grand Session I attended was yours ten years ago. Thank you for such a lovely installation ceremony. You did a fine job. Sister Cheryl and Brother Ward: Both of you hold very special places in our hearts and we couldn't ascend without your support. Brother Ken: How proud I am to have a member of my own Chapter play such a prominent part in this installation. I was very happy to have you guide me to the East. So fitting in that it was you who conferred the degrees of the Order on me at my Initiation. Thank you. Sister Megan: I am so happy you could share your lovely music with us tonight. Thank you for such a good job. Sisters Cheryl, Virginia and Brother Merrill: My how I enjoy your lovely voices and the messages you bring. A wonderful way of communicating. Thank you. Thank you.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, I greatly admire all of you and appreciate the many years of service you have given to our beautiful Order. Your encouragement, advice and warm wishes are gratefully received and I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

Junior Past Grand Matron and Junior Past Grand Patron, Sister June and Brother George. Your "Garden of Love and Friendship" Session has been well attended and our Maritime spirit has shone through. May both of you enjoy warm reflections and fond memories of this 56th Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Best Wishes and Good Luck to both of you.

To our chosen Grand Family - you are tops in our books. Whether you are a line officer or have been appointed, you have all been carefully chosen both by this Grand Chapter and by Brother Allen and myself, and the blend is so sweet. Your enjoyment of this year will be rewarded by your involvement.

To Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan. This next year will fly by jet propelled. Please know that Brother Allen and I are here to support you as you plan for taking command next July.

Sister Betty Ann, Grand Secretary, I have a number of questions you can help me to answer. I look forward to working with you.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

For our new Grand Treasurer, Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel. We congratulate you on your successful election and are so pleased to have you as part of our Grand Family. I welcome you.

Appointed Grand Officers. Brother Allen and I are very grateful that you have accepted your appointments. We wish each of you a year of personal growth, enjoyment and a huge Golden Harvest of the finest kind of memories.

District Deputy Grand Matrons. Aren't they gorgeous! Each of you was chosen especially for your warmth and abilities to show our Star at its finest. Brother Allen and I are very confident that you will meet this new challenge with every success.

Grand Chapter Committee Members: Would you please stand. We are confident that the work of all these workers will be well planned and executed for Grand Session next July in Digby. Thank you very much for willingly accepting your appointments.

Would the members of my home Chapter, Kwebec No. 27, Bedford and my affiliated Chapter, Atlantic No. 65, Tatamagouche please stand. God Bless each one of you. I will do my best to make you proud that one of your own is Worthy Grand Matron and Bless be the tie that binds.

To the Hostess Chapters, District No. 4. Please stand. Yours has been a great challenge and you have met it in the true spirit of Eastern Star. I am very proud of you. Your hard work is not over but we're on the way home. Thank you.

My immediate family is very small, just me and my gem, Garnet. Honey, I am so happy that not only did you get an invitation to come tonight but you are here. Thank you very much for your love and patience. You're my turkey and I love you very much.

My birth family includes my Mom who is at home in Sudbury and unable to travel here. My sister, Lea and her husband, Roy are on their way to the Yukon and Alaska. My brother, Curtis and his wife, Jeannie are vacationing in the Northwest Territories. They haven't yet discovered the secrets of the East Coast.

My chosen family includes Sister Mary Ellen Daye, my mother-in-law who will be 100 years young December 31st. Both of us are Capricorns and she is some act to follow. I had hoped she would be here tonight and she did get as far as the driveway. But anyone who knows Mary Ellen will understand she decided that she wasn't coming in so she had to turn around and go back to Oceanview. She's here in spirit, I know.

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I also have my cousin, Bella who has the required Masonic relationship. She's not a member of Eastern Star. Has anyone got one of those petitions.

At this time I would ask for some of the Brothers to please remove the chairs.

Brother Allen, do you have something that you would like to say now?

**ADDRESS BY THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Brother Allen Denton**

Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors:
It is with great humility that I accept this high honour you have bestowed upon me and my Chapter, St. Mary's #35, Digby. I thank you Sisters and Brothers for the confidence you have placed in me. I pledge to serve you and this Grand Jurisdiction to the best of my ability.

Worthy Grand Matron may I be among the first to congratulate you and wish you a successful year. I am pleased to share the East with you and pledge you my fullest co-operation. I expect we will be a couple of very busy little "bees" this year.

At this time I would like to thank the Installing Officers for the efficient manner in which they performed the Installation Ceremony. Brother Ward Cunningham, Past Grand Patron, I especially thank you for Installing me this evening. I hope for you in the years ahead all the good things life has to offer.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of our Jurisdiction I ask for your wise counsel yet again and look forward to your presence whenever it is possible at the Worthy Grand Matron's official visits and on other occasions. You are our heritage and your leadership has determined the success of our Order.

To the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers and to our District Deputy Grand Matrons I congratulate you all on your elections and appointments. We have a great responsibility and I know that by working together we can accomplish much.

To our Past Grand Matron, Sister June and Past Grand Patron, Brother George congratulations on a very successful year and a beautiful session. May you both enjoy health and happiness in the years ahead and may our friendships never end.

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To my own Chapter, St. Mary's #35, Digby - Please Stand - thank you for coming this evening and forming my Honour Guard and for all the support you have given me on my journey to the Grand East. Any honours bestowed on me is equally shared with all of you.

To Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford - It has been wonderful getting to know you and I look forward to a closer association with you. Thank you for your support and most of all for your friendship.

To the 2004 Hostess Chapter Committees - We have been working together for some time now and I know as I travel you will continue to prepare for our Grand Chapter Session in 2004. Thank you each and every one for your dedication, love and support.

To all the Subordinate Chapters - I am so looking forward to meeting with you in the coming year and spending just "some special time" with you. Social enjoyments and cheerful companionships are the very essence of our Order.

To My Mother, Sister Mildred, Past Grand Matron - You started this in our family.
To My Wife, Sister Cheryl, Past Grand Matron - You kept it going.
And now I have the honour to say I hope I'll be the last of the Denton's for awhile in the Grand East. I love you both.

To my family and friends - Thank you all for sharing this very special night in my life with me.

Thank you all for sharing this evening with me. Have a safe journey home and may God Bless you all. Thank You.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT

Brother Allen, W.G.P. presented Sister Inez, W.G.M. with her **Sheaf of Wheat**. The **case** was handcrafted by Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52).

PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

The District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2003-2004 were introduced and escorted to the East where the W.G.M. presented each with her badge of office:

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| District No. 1 | Sister Marian Dickie | (37) |
| District No. 2 | Sister Janet Johnson | (24) |

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| District No. 3 | Sister Gail Cook, A.G.M. | (67) |
| District No. 4 | Sister Marion Miller, G.C. | (1 PEI) |
| District No. 5 | Sister Marylyn Swinamer, A.G.M. | (2) |
| District No. 6 | Sister Stella Trask | (35) |
| District No. 7 | Sister Nora Bishop | (15) |
| District No. 8 | Sister Suzanne Aitken | (69) |

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Sister Beverly Caulier, Worthy Matron and Brother Tabor Caulier, Worthy Patron of Kwebec Chapter No. 27 approached the East and presented Sister Inez, W.G.M. with a beautiful **Gavel and Sounding Block**. This is a gift from one of their members, Sister Audrey Locke, P.M. and was handcrafted by her husband. They also presented her with a gift from the Chapter - a beautiful **stained glass hanging** in a **case** handcrafted by Brother John Powroz, P.P. (28).

Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M. presented Brother Allen, W.G.P. with a gift of an **attache case** and a “cow” **clock**- his travelling fun symbol - on behalf of St. Mary’s Chapter No. 35. His mother, on behalf of the family, then presented him with a beautiful wooden travelling case for his Bible. This case was handcrafted by Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52).

SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister June, P.G.M. and Brother George, P.G.P. were escorted to the Altar by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. While they were signing the Bible, Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. sang “*May God’s Blessings Surround You*” to them. They were escorted back to the East.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. and Ambassador to Southern Italy, presented Sister June Macdonald with her Past Grand Matron’s Jewel.

Brother Allen Denton, W.G.P. presented Brother George Crouch with his Past Grand Patron’s Jewel and Sister Mary Crouch pinned it on him.

Both Sister June and Brother George thanked Grand Chapter for the Jewels which they will wear with pride.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWELS

Brother George Crouch, P.G.P. presented Brother Allen Denton, W.G.P. with the William McLellan Travelling Jewel to wear during the year while he is visiting outside our Jurisdiction.

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Sister June Macdonald, P.G.M. then presented Sister Inez Daye, W.G.M. with the Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel to wear during the year when she is travelling outside our Jurisdiction.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and opened the Bible.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS
FOR 2003-2004**

Sister Inez, W.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress please present the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for the year 2003-2004.

At this time **thirty Worthy Matrons and thirteen Worthy Patrons** for 2003-2004 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Inez and Brother Allen:

Worthy Matrons: Sister Colleen Bragg, Port Royal #1; Sister Marian Durling, Cedar #3; Sister Louise Seeley, Keystone #5; Sister Noreen MacInnis, Halifax, #7; Sister Margaret Chisholm, Century #10; Sister Freda Ells, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Bonnie Lowe, Evangeline #15; Sister Ann Ross, Victoria #19; Sister Mary Withrow, Fairfield #22; Sister Marian MacDonald, Crystal #1 PEI; Sister Diane Hayman, Westville #24; Sister Beverly Caulier, Kwebec #27; Sister Clara Nieforth, Amethyst #28; Sister Helen Hatt, Arbutus #30; Sister Edna Smith, Queens #34; Sister Carolyn Crosby, St. Mary's #35; Sister Audrey Christie, Mystic Star #40; Sister Helen Hazeldine, Armcrest #45; Sister Shirley Conrad, Scotia #49; Sister Marilyn Lisk, Regent #52; Sister Ruth Digdon, Faith #54; Sister Ruth Donaldson, Elmsdale #55; Sister Gail Fudge, Ruth #57; Sister Wilma Verge, Emerald #58; Sister Vicki Perry, Shoreham #59; Sister Tricia Duncan, Queen Esther #61; Sister Elizabeth Langille, Atlantic #65; Sister Kay Horton, Starlight #66; Sister Gladys Hobson, Laurel #67; Sister Marion MacLeod, Montague #69.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Gordon Bragg, Port Royal #1; Brother George Myles, Halifax #7; Brother Fred Lipskey, Evangeline #15; Brother Adrian Pearson, Harmony #25; Brother Tabor Caulier, Kwebec #27; Brother Gerald Hatt, Arbutus #30; Brother Glenn MacAdam, Queens #34; Brother Ray Zinck, Mystic Star #40; Brother Ross Hagar, Ruth #57; Brother Donald Matthews, Queen Esther #61; Brother Ray Horton, Starlight #66; Brother David Hobson, Laurel #67; Brother Stewart Fader, Pearle #71.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT

Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. (5) presented a gift to Sister Inez, W.G.M. on behalf of Sister Edna Smith, W.M. and the members of Queens Chapter #34.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Inez, W.G.M. announced that the School of Instruction to be held on September 20, 2003 will be held at the Port Hastings Fire Hall.

PRESENTATION OF GIFT

Brother Ray Zinck, W.P. (40) approached the East and presented Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) with "an official Grand Gopher badge" and some tools (a small shovel, rake and hoe) to assist her during the year.

CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session closed, to reconvene on July 5, 2004 in Digby, Nova Scotia.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
For 2003-2004**

Jurisprudence: Brother Cyril MacIntosh, P.G.P. (21)
Finance: Brother William Cox, P.P. (30)
Credentials: Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. (1 PEI)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

E.S.T.A.R.L.: Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. (26)

ONE YEAR COMMITTEES

Librarian: Sister Shirley Rogers, P.M. (27)

Temple Fund: Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19)
Brother William Smith, P.P. (48)
Sister Sylvia Hebden, P.M. (35)

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s

Special Project: Sister Arlene Antle, P.M. (40)
Sister Carole Newell, P.M. (14)
Brother Larry Ingham, P.P. (10)
Brother Jacob Hillier, P.P. (57)
Sister Anna Ruth Isnor, P.M. (58)
Sister Julie Bragg, P.M. (1)
Sister Mabel Haynes, P.M. (2)
Sister Elizabeth Langille, P.M. (65)

Eastern Star Journal:

Sister Helen Legge, P.M. (28)
Sister Reta Kaluza, P.M. (50)
Sister Jean Toby, P.M. (27)

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Crafts and Treasures:

Sister Ruth Bond, P.M. (22)
Sister Yvonne Fox, P.M. (66)
Sister Colleen McPherson, P.M.(25)
Brother Larry Horton, P.P. (23)
Brother Ross Hagar, P.P. (45)
Sister Joan Mills, P.M. (8)
Sister Jean MacMillan, P.M. (35)
Sister Muriel Toye, P.M. (18)

Publicity:

Sister Fran Harding, P.M. (52)
Sister Caryl Yates, P.M. (26)
Brother Thomas Drury, P.P. (47)
Sister Helen Wambolt, P.M. (61)
Brother Darrell Thurber, P.P. (7)
Sister Dianne Levy, P.M. (8)
Brother Jack Perry, P.P. (5)
Brother James MacKenzie,P.P.(15)

Courtesy:

Sister June Macdonald, P.G.M. (20)
Brother George Crouch, P.G.P. (15)
Sister Jean Wood, P.M. (3)
Brother Keith Clooney, P.P. (39)

Secretary's Handbook:

Sister Edna MacVicar, P.M. (14)
Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M. (15)
Sister Mary Ellen Bishop,P.M. (21)
Sister Dorothy Jewers, P.M. (34)
Sister June Whitman, P.M. (35)
Sister Clara Hines, P.M. (39)

Membership:

Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)
Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61)
Sister Eleanor Freeman,P.G.M. (71)
Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61)
Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14)

**TRIENNIAL COMMITTEES - 2000-2003
(Three Year Appointments)
(Appointed 2000-2001)**

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Arrangements Committee for General Grand Chapter 2000-2003:

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| Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (General Chairman) | (35) |
| Sister Shirley MacLean, P.M. (Transportation) | (58) |
| Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (Housing) | (58) |
| Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. (Social) | (61) |
| Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P. (Favours) | (66) |

M.W.G.M's Triennial Pins:

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| Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. | (67) |
| Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, P.M. | (67) |
| Sister Carol Little, P.M. | (49) |
| Sister Freda Ells, P.M. | (14) |
| Sister Evelyn Aulenback, P.M. | (34) |
| Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. | (21) |

**(Two Year Appointments)
(2001-2003)**

Reception Arrangements for General Grand Chapter 2003:

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| Brother William Clark, P.G.P. | (24) |
| Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. | (15) |
| Brother John Newell, P.G.P. | (14) |
| Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. | (25) |
| Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. | (49) |
| Sister Geraldine (Betty) Smith, P.M. | (27) |
| Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. | (71) |
| Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M. | (35) |
| Sister Phyllis Veinot, P.M. | (15) |
| Sister Anna Carr, P.M. | (1 PEI) |

***"GOLDEN HARVEST"*
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

To be held in Digby, Nova Scotia
July 5, 6 and 7, 2004

DEDICATION

This Grand Chapter year is lovingly dedicated to:
The widowed Sisters and Brothers of our Order whose numbers steadily increase;

My loving Mother-in-Law, Sister Mary Ellen Daye, who has taught me the many valuable lessons of Ruth and Naomi;

And to the memory of my late husband, Brother Garnet, who gave me the required Masonic relationship to become a part of our beautiful Order.

“Whither Thou Goest, I Will Go”

Aim: Back to Basics: “Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness”

Watchwords: Faith, Peace, Joy, Friendship

Motto: Faith in Peace, Joy in Friendship

Scriptures:

W.G.M.: Psalms 119:103 *“How Sweet are thy words unto my taste,
yea sweeter than honey to my mouth.”*

Galatians 5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace,*

*long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

W.G.P.: Psalms 23 *“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He
maketh me to lie down in green pastures”*

Honour Stations: **Ruth**, the Widow

Warder, the Peacemaker, so badly needed in our Society

Emblems: Sheaf, Dove, Altar

Permanent Project: (Honey Money for ESTARL)

ESTARL, the permanent project of this Grand Jurisdiction, is marking its 50th anniversary this year. To emphasize its importance, several fund raisers will be presented to strengthen the work of this most-worthwhile project. Grand Ruth will oversee one project through the Subordinate Chapter Ruths.

Special Project: Shriner’s Children’s Hospital Travelling Fund to assist children from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island suffering from orthopaedic deformities, diseases or injuries.

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Non-Monetary Project: Heritage - Our Fraternal Family

Flowers: Yellow Rose for Thee and me, Red Clover for the Honey Bee, Ruth's Lily of the Valley, stocks of wheat and Family Tartans.

Colours: Sunshine Yellow, Shades of Masonic Blue with Silver and Gold accents

Project Pin: Honey Bee - Unique among all God's creatures, only the Honey Bee improves the environment and preys not on any other species.

Fun Symbols: Beehive - representing Patient Industry and Plenty
Honey - as in the sweetness of true Friendship
Honey Bears - especially "Pooh" for loyalty and gentle bear hugs
of Friendship

Musical Selections:

Theme Song: *"When You're Smiling"*

Fun Song: *"You Are My Sunshine"*

N.S. Home Song: *"The Atlantic Lullaby"*

P.E.I. Home Song: *"Island Home"*

W.G.M.: *"You'll Never Walk Alone"* *"I Believe"*
"The Holy City" *"My Peace"*
"Lily of the Valley" *"Pass It On"*
"God Be With You, The Meeting's Over"
"Somebody Bigger Than You and I"
"I Asked The Lord" *"My God and I"*
"Lead Me, Guide Me" *"Sunshine on My Shoulders"*
"Make Me An Instrument"

W.G.P.: *"The Lord Is My Shepherd"* *"The King Is Coming"*
"There Is A River" *"One Day At A Time"*
"Consider the Lilies"

DECORATIONS

The 56th Grand Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was held in the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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The description of the Grand Chapter Room is as follows:

The "*Garden of Love and Friendship*" Session was held in the Commonwealth Room of the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, July 7,8 and 9, 2003. Grand Officers and Visitors entered the Grand Chapter Room through a trellis decorated with red rose garlands and sprays of yellow roses; white tulle covered the arch and it was outlined with white mini lights. White ropes cordoned off the Grand Chapter area with pedestals at equal distances adorned with crocheted bells and alternated with crocheted baskets of various coloured roses. Tulle was draped along the rope and had suspended in the drape roses of red and yellow. Large crocheted bells were on either side of the podium with smaller crocheted baskets of roses. Large bells were also placed on either side of the trellis. Names of each Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron attached to red and yellow roses were displayed to the left of the stage along with the red rose, in a display case, given to the Worthy Grand Matron by her home Chapter, Honourable Joseph Howe No. 20. The Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's desks were decorated with garlands of white and red roses ; and crocheted baskets of roses and crocheted bells. The Canadian and American flags stood on the left and the Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Eastern Star and Christian flags on the right of a mural with the "*Garden of Love and Friendship Session*" written on it. Four large red roses, two cats, an open Bible and Electa's Cup, our Worthy Grand Matron's honour station, were painted on the mural; it was outlined in white mini lights. An assortment of stuffed cats and a bird house the Worthy Grand Patron had received on the Official Visits were displayed on the right side of the podium. The stage area was trimmed with tulle and mini lights the colours of our Order's heroines. At each station stood a large basket of flowers appropriate to the heroine.

GRAND CHAPTER GOWNS

All female participants (Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Worthy Matrons) wore identical loose fitting gowns with lace overlay short sleeve tops in colours of pink (Grand Officers), yellow (District Deputy Grand Matrons) and blue (Worthy Matrons) with accents of silver. The male counterparts wore black tuxedos.

FORMATIONS

On entering the labyrinth the Grand Officers formed a Cup - symbolizing the honour station of Electa. The District Deputy Grand Matrons in their yellow gowns, carried yellow roses and formed an arch symbolizing the golden arch of friendship. Worthy Matrons formed a bell - the Worthy Grand Matrons symbol for the year. Worthy Patrons formed a trowel, a Masonic emblem, symbolically spreading brotherly love.

Subordinate Chapter Electa's dressed in white carrying red roses formed a cross, the symbol of Christianity. The whole procession was then encircled by all Grand Representatives standing in the form of the letter 'C', symbolizing caring, one of the traits of our wonderful Order.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

All Social Events for the “Garden of Love and Friendship” Grand Chapter Session were held in the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia as follows:

Monday, July 7, 2003

At 11:00 a.m. **The Past Grands Club** held their meeting in the Lunenburg Room. This was followed by their **“Golden Cup” Luncheon** in the Atlantic Ball Room at 12:30 p.m.

At 11:30 a.m. **The Grand Representatives Association** held their meeting in the Maritime Room.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The **Afternoon Tea** was held in the Reception Room and was well attended with many of our members having the opportunity to enjoy the abundant refreshments while chatting with friends.

5:00 p.m. The **Church Service** was held in the Commonwealth Room (the Grand Chapter Room). The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

7:00 a.m. the **Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast** was held in the Atlantic Ball Room.

12:30 p.m. The annual **Grand Representatives Association Luncheon** was held in the Atlantic Ball Room.

12:30 p.m. The **Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons “Blue Bird” Luncheon** was held in the Harbour Suites Room.

6:30 p.m. **The “Candlelight and Roses” Main Banquet** was held in the Commonwealth Room. This was followed by entertainment of several musical groups and a hand bell choir and was enjoyed by all.

Wednesday, July 9, 2003

7:15 a.m. The **Grand Family Breakfast** was held in the Maritime Room.

12:30 p.m. The **Secretaries and Treasurers “Yellow Rose of Friendship” Luncheon** was held in the Harbour Suites Room.

12:30 p.m. The **Past Matrons and Past Patrons “Red Rose of Love” Luncheon**

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 was held in the Atlantic Ball Room.

HONOURARY MEMBERS

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| * Mr. Donald R. Stewart, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | June 1948 |
| * Mrs. Jean Stewart, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick | June 1948 |
| * Mrs. Abbie Hanson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | June 1950 |
| * Mr. Franklyn W.L. Miles, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | June 1951 |
| * Mrs. Mamie Lander, P.M.W.G.M. & Grand Secretary | June 1951 |
| * Mrs. Ruth A. Jones, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | June 1954 |
| * Mr. John Batson, Past Grand Patron of District of Columbia | June 1954 |
| * Mrs. Carrie B. Batson, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (47-49) | July 1958 |
| * Mrs. Florence A. Plummer, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1958 |
| * Mr. Lloyd K. MacRae, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1961 |
| * Mr. Hugh J. Tamisiea, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1962 |
| * Mrs. Mabel Aldrich, Past Grand Matron of Rhode Island | July 1967 |
| * Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1967 |
| * Mr. Avery Day, Past Grand Patron of Ontario | July 1968 |
| * Mrs. Esther West, P.G.M. & Grand Secretary of Quebec | July 1969 |
| * Mrs. Sayda E. Patterson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1971 |
| * Mrs. Mae E. Mickleson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1974 |
| * Mrs. Marguerite Kennerdell, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1975 |
| * Mr. LaVerne Courtney, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1977 |
| * Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1978 |
| * Mr. William E. George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1980 |
| * Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1980 |
| * Mr. Everett Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1983 |
| * Mr. David J. Miller, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1984 |
| * Mrs. Carol Strizek, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1987 |
| Mrs. Helen D. Roquemore Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1988 |
| Mr. Ray McRoberts, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1990 |
| Mrs. Lois J. Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1990 |
| Mr. Edward F. McDonald, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1990 |
| * Mrs. Sarah Foster, P.G.M. & Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Rhode Island | July 1990 |
| * Mr. Ralph Foster, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (83-84) | July 1990 |
| Mrs. Ella B. Delay, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (66-68) | July 1990 |
| * Mr. Tom Delay, Past Patron of Tennessee | July 1991 |
| Mr. Dick Flashenburg, P.G.P. & Grand Secretary of Nevada | July 1991 |
| Mrs. Florence Flashenburg, Past Matron of Nevada | July 1991 |
| Mrs. Mary Jane Noyes, Past Grand Organist of Florida | July 1991 |
| Mrs. Irene Campbell, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (82-84) Ohio | July 1991 |
| * Mr. Charles Campbell, Past Patron of Ohio | July 1991 |
| Mrs. Hazel B. Luisgnan, Past Matron, Ontario | July 1992 |
| Mrs. Christie Peterson, Past Grand Matron of South Dakota | July 1992 |
| Mrs. Bette Macintosh, Past Grand Matron of Ontario | July 1992 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (88-90) New Brunswick | July 1992 |
| Mr. Joseph Potter, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick | July 1992 |
| Mrs. Beverly Wilson, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (68-70) | July 1992 |
| * Mrs. Virginia M. Painter, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1993 |
| Mr. Ray G. Osborne, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1993 |
| Mrs. Anna Hill, Past Grand Matron of Quebec | July 1993 |
| Mrs. Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of New Brunswick | July 1993 |
| Miss Pauline Allan, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick | July 1993 |
| Mrs. Ann Lister, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick | July 1993 |
| Mr. DeWitt Lister, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick | July 1993 |

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| Mrs. Lottie MacCallum, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick | July 1993 |
| Mr. Alexander MacCallum, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick | July 1993 |
| Mrs. Flora Whalen, Past Grand Matron of Ontario | July 1995 |
| Mrs. Vera Heffel, Past Grand Matron of Ontario | July 1995 |
| Mr. James Heffel, Past Grand Patron of Ontario | July 1995 |
| * Mrs. Geraldine A. Nowe, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts | July 1995 |
| Mr. Healy A. (Skip) Nowe, Past Patron of Massachusetts | July 1995 |
| Mrs. Maxine Flint Justice, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1996 |
| Mr. Robert L. Baker, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1997 |
| Mrs. Florence Adair, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron | July 1998 |
| Mrs. Hazel Sandler, Past Matron, Massachusetts | July 1998 |
| Mr. Loren Sandler, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts | July 1998 |
| Mrs. Ilsa Nicoll, Past Matron, Massachusetts | July 1998 |
| Mr. Irving Nicoll, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts | July 1998 |
| Mrs. Hazel Lovington, Ontario | July 1998 |
| Mr. Lennart A. Johnson, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 1999 |
| Mrs. Janice Renn, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (96-97) Florida | July 1999 |
| Mrs. Natalie Graham, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (93-94) New Brunswick | July 2000 |
| Mr. Carr Graham, Past Grand Patron, New Brunswick | July 2000 |
| Mrs. Betty J. Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Secretary | July 2000 |
| Mr. William Briggs, Past Patron, Iowa | July 2000 |
| Mr. Bruce Wedlock, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (98-00) New Hampshire | July 2000 |
| * Mrs. Dorothy M. Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron (2000-2003) | July 2001 |
| Mr. Harles I. Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron | July 2001 |
| Mrs. Jeanette Vreeland, Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. (97-98) New Jersey | July 2001 |
| Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Cond., Past Grand Matron, Texas | July 2002 |
| Mrs. Estelle Creech, Past Matron, Louisiana | July 2002 |
| Mrs. Margaret Dyer, Past Grand Matron, Maine | July 2002 |
| Mr. Ronald "Pete" Forrest, Past Grand Patron, Maine | July 2002 |
| Mrs. Carol Jean Forrest, Past Matron, Maine | July 2002 |
| * Mrs. Reta Fogg, Past Grand Matron, Manitoba | July 2002 |
| Mrs. Marjorie Morgan, Past Grand Matron, Ontario | July 2003 |
| Mrs. Margaret McBournie, Past Matron, Massachusetts | July 2003 |
| Mr. Robert McBournie, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts | July 2003 |
| Mrs. Judy Fenner, Past Grand Matron, Massachusetts | July 2003 |
| Mr. Frank Fenner, Past Patron, Massachusetts | July 2003 |

PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 24, 1947

PAST GRAND MATRONS

| | |
|--|---------|
| * Mrs. Annie Patterson | 1947-48 |
| * Mrs. M. Edna Browne | 1948-49 |
| * Mrs. Queenie J. Moseley | 1949-50 |
| * Mrs. Ethel Kinsman | 1950-51 |
| * Miss Maude Layton | 1951-52 |
| Mrs. Adline Purves, 20 Huron Ave., Sydney Mines, N.S., B1V 2H3 | 1952-53 |
| * Mrs. Eva May Kohler | 1953-54 |
| * Mrs. Luceba Mosher | 1954-55 |
| * Mrs. Hazel Muggah | 1955-56 |
| * Miss Jessie C. Moss | 1956-57 |
| * Mrs. Gladys Horton | 1957-58 |
| * Mrs. Helen Herring, | 1958-59 |
| * Mrs. Helen Reid | 1959-60 |
| * Mrs. Hildred Graham | 1960-61 |
| * Mrs. Annie Horton | 1961-62 |

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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| * Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox | 1962-63 |
| * Mrs. Eulalia MacLeod-Robertson | 1963-64 |
| * Mrs. Ethel Corkum | 1964-65 |
| * Mrs. Olive Croft | 1965-66 |
| * Mrs. May Cotter | 1966-67 |
| Mrs. Claretta Palmer, 130 Water St., Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 1A7 | 1967-68 |
| * Mrs. Leah Conn | 1968-69 |
| * Mrs. Agnes Hallyburton | 1969-70 |
| Mrs. E. Megan Church, P.O. Box 804, Windsor, N.S., BON 2T0 | 1970-71 |
| * Mrs. Ada Bayers | 1971-72 |
| Mrs. Sarah Doty, 118 Parade St., Yarmouth, N.S., B5A 3B7 | 1972-73 |
| * Mrs. Ethel Lovett | 1973-74 |
| * Mrs. Dorothy Hill | 1974-75 |
| Mrs. Jessie Nutter, 130 Young St. #208, Truro, N.S., B2N 3X4 | 1975-76 |
| Mrs. Helen Connors, Box 858, Park St. Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0 | 1976-77 |
| * Mrs. Alice Cole | 1977-78 |
| Mrs. Eleanor J. Mitchell, 2 Lake Dr., #401, Bedford, N.S., B4A 4H7 | 1978-79 |
| * Mrs. Ellen Webster | 1979-80 |
| Mrs. Ruth Waterbury, 15 School St., Mahone Bay, N.S., B0J 2E0 | 1980-81 |
| * Miss Dorothy Oliver | 1981-82 |
| Mrs. Edna Harding, P.O. Box 62, Mulgrave, N.S., BOE 2G0 | 1982-83 |
| * Mrs. Helen Turner | 1983-84 |
| * Mrs. Eunice Brown | 1984-85 |
| Mrs. Eleanor Freeman, R.R.#1 Caledonia, Queens Co., N.S., BOT 1B0 | 1985-86 |
| Mrs. Diane Hayman, 1900 Drummond Rd., Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0 | 1986-87 |
| Mrs. Barbara Bowser, 20 Brigadoon Ave., Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 2B5 | 1987-88 |
| Mrs. Violet E.R. Blair, 467 Canaan Cross Rd., Kentville N.S., B4N 4K1 | 1988-89 |
| Mrs. Dora Turnbull, Box 654, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0 | 1989-90 |
| Mrs. Mildred E. Denton, Little River, Digby Co., N.S., B0V 1C0 | 1990-91 |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Pettigrew, 49 Durno Dr., Cambridge, N.S., BOP 1G0 | 1991-92 |
| Miss Marion V. Conrad, 2100 Poplar St., Halifax, N.S., B3L 2Y7 | 1992-93 |
| Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, Kensington R.R #6, P.E.I., COB 1M0 | 1993-94 |
| * Mrs. Irene Liggins | 1994-95 |
| Mrs. Margaret A. Clarke, 1001 Maple Drive, New Minas, N.S., B4N 4C6 | 1995-96 |
| Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, 14 Oland Ave., Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1 | 1996-97 |
| Mrs. Marian Durling, 127 Golden Sands Dr., Malagash Mines, N.S., B0K 1E0 | 1997-98 |
| Mrs. Cheryl A. Denton, Little River, Digby Co., N.S., B0V 1C0 | 1998-99 |
| Mrs. Joan Campbell, 188 Burnyeat Street, Truro, N.S., B2N 4R1 | 1999-00 |
| Mrs. Carol D. Clark, 2121 Rathburn Rd.E., #401, Mississauga, Ont., L4W 2X3 | 2000-01 |
| Mrs. Isabelle M. Pearson, P.O. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0 | 2001-02 |
| Mrs. June M. Macdonald, 31 Russell Lake Dr., A.110, Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6J3 | 2002-03 |

PAST GRAND PATRONS

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|---------------------------|---------|
| * Mr. J. William McLellan | 1947-48 |
| * Mr. A.J.W. MacKeigan | 1948-49 |
| * Mr. Laurie Gibson | 1949-50 |
| * Mr. Floyd Smith | 1950-51 |
| * Mr. Douglas Horton | 1951-52 |
| * Mr. Willard V. Longley | 1952-53 |
| * Mr. Maxwell Wharton | 1953-54 |
| * Mr. Joseph Steadman | 1954-55 |
| * Mr. J. Alburne Ruffee | 1955-56 |
| * Mr. Ray Schwartz | 1956-57 |
| * Mr. Lauchie Johnson | 1957-58 |
| * Mr. W. Everett Moseley | 1958-59 |
| * Mr. Jephtha Munro | 1959-60 |

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| * Mr. Walter Hines | 1960-61 |
| * Mr. Mert MacLellan | 1961-62 |
| * Mr. Chesterton Davies | 1962-63 |
| * Mr. Hector Grimley | 1963-64 |
| * Mr. Vernon Robart | 1964-65 |
| * Mr. Frank Ripley | 1965-66 |
| * Mr. Winthrop Doty | 1966-67 |
| Rev. Bruce Atkinson, 5524 Heatherwood Crt., Apt. 604, Halifax., N.S., B3K 5N7 | 1967-68 |
| * Mr. Edward Brown | 1968-69 |
| * Mr. Robert Fraser | 1969-70 |
| * Mr. Keith MacKinnon | 1970-71 |
| * Mr. Wilfred Cole | 1971-72 |
| Mr. Charles Thompson , 29 Valleyfield Rd., Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 1N2 | 1972-73 |
| * Mr. William Ross | 1973-74 |
| Mr. Royce Hefler, 239 Lucasville Rd., Lower Sackville, N.S. B4B 1S1 | 1974-75 |
| * Mr. Kenneth Henderson | 1975-76 |
| * Mr. William Anderson | 1976-77 |
| * Mr. Warren Walker | 1977-78 |
| * Mr. Harold Spencer | 1978-79 |
| Mr. Cyril MacIntosh, 150 Smith Ave., Truro, N.S., B2N 1C7 | 1979-80 |
| * Mr. Chester Turnbull | 1980-81 |
| Mr. Kenneth Smith, 100 Union St., Bedford, N.S., B4A 2B7 | 1981-82 |
| Mr. Ward Cunningham, Box 6, Pubnico, Yarmouth Co., N.S., BOW 2W0 | 1982-83 |
| Mr. Lawrin Armstrong, RR#4 Shubenacadie, N.S., BON 1H0 | 1983-84 |
| Mr. Neil Archibald, 5517 Columbus Place, Halifax, N.S., B3K 2G7 | 1984-85 |
| Mr. Keith Pettigrew, 49 Durno Dr., Cambridge, N.S., BOP 1G0 | 1985-86 |
| Mr. Cecil S. Dean, Box 47, Brooklyn, Queens Co., N.S., BOJ 1H0 | 1986-87 |
| Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, 1001 Maple Drive, New Minas, N.S., B4N 4C6 | 1987-88 |
| Mr. G. Reginald MacRae, 704 Water St.E., Summerside, P.E.I., C1N 4J1 | 1988-89 |
| Mr. Vincent Ells, 781 Westmount Road, Sydney, N.S., B1R 1B9 | 1989-90 |
| Mr. William F. Clark, 2121 Rathburn Rd.E., #401, Mississauga, Ont., L4W 2X3 | 1990-91 |
| Mr. A. Allison Mitchell, 2 Lake Dr., #401, Bedford, N.S., B4A 4H7 | 1991-92 |
| Mr. Adrian A. Pearson, P.O. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0 | 1992-93 |
| Mr. James Dickie, 260 Rte.223, R.R.#1 Little Narrows, N.S., B0E 1T0 | 1993-94 |
| Mr. Lewis Smith, 39 Cemetery Rd., Port Hastings, N.S., B9A 1K5 | 1994-95 |
| Mr. J. Howard MacInnis, 5512 Livingstone Place, Halifax, N.S., B3K 2B9 | 1995-96 |
| Mr. David J.C. Waterbury, 15 School St., Mahone Bay, N.S., B0J 2E0 | 1996-97 |
| Mr. William M. Thompson, Sr., Box 272, Trenton, N.S., B0K 1X0 | 1997-98 |
| Mr. Ervin T. Miller, R.R.#2, Middle Musquodoboit, N.S., B0N 1X0 | 1998-99 |
| Mr. John Newell, 49 Hebrides Drive, Sydney, N.S., B1R 2A3 | 1999-00 |
| Mr. Murray F. Gardner, 316 Hollis St., New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 1P4 | 2000-01 |
| Mr. William A. Thompson, 2387 Picken Street, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0 | 2001-02 |
| Mr. George E. Crouch, 2016 Langille Dr., Coldbrook, N.S., B4R 1C3 | 2002-03 |

GRAND SECRETARY

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| * Miss Jessie C. Moss | 1947-53 |
| * Mrs. Ethel Kinsman | 1953-63 |
| * Mrs. Gertrude Dowell | 1963-77 |
| Mrs. Hazel MacLeod | 1977-85 |
| * Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz | 1985-98 |
| Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan | 1998- |

GRAND TREASURER

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| * Mrs. Evelyn Ladner | 1947-51 |
| * Mrs. Mary Walker | 1951-55 |
| * Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox | 1955-59 |

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|----------------------|---------|
| * Mrs. Mary Walker | 1959-64 |
| * Mrs. Eunice Davies | 1964-68 |
| * Mrs. Mabel Johnson | 1968-88 |
| Mrs. Margaret Clarke | 1988-92 |
| Mr. Cecil E. Decker | 1992-03 |
| Miss Dorothy Powroz | 2003- |

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| * Mrs. Gertrude Dowell | 1977-82 |
| Mrs. Hazel MacLeod | 1994- |
| * Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz | 1998-01 |

GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS

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| * Mrs. Mabel Johnson | 1988 |
| Mr. Cecil E. Decker | 2003- |

**GRAND SECRETARIES
WITH MONTH OF
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

ALABAMA - Oct. - Mrs. Johnnie Y. Burden, 1423 Upper Kingston Rd., Prattville, AL, 36067
 ALBERTA - June - Mrs. Isabel McPherson, 201- 5403 Crowchild Trail N.W., Calgary, AB, T3B 4Z1
 ARIZONA - Mar. - Mrs. Betty Lou Louhi, PGM, 4600 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016-5204
 ARKANSAS - Dec. - Mrs. Rosemary Messersmith, PGM, 610 Royal Lane, Bentonville, AR, 72712
 AUSTRALIA - June - Mrs. Elaine O'Brien, PMWGM, 92 First Ave., Berala, N.S.W. 2141, AUS.
 BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON - June - Mrs. Ruby Davison, #318 11601 227th St., Maple Ridge, BC, V0X 0J7
 CALIFORNIA - Oct. - Mrs. Shirley Orth, 16960 Bastanchury Rd., Suite E, Yorba Linda, CA, 92886-1711
 COLORADO - Sept. - Mrs. Carolyn Devault, 2445 South Quebec, Ste. B, Denver, CO, 80231-6000
 CONNECTICUT - Apr. - Mrs. Marilyn Mattoon, PGM, Box 143, Plymouth, CT, 06782
 DELAWARE - May - Mrs. Vickie J. Nicklas, 25118 Oak Road, Seaford, DE, 19973-2901
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - May - Mrs. Dorothy Todd, PGM, 122C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001
 FLORIDA - Apr. - Mrs. Alice Lanier, PGM, P.O. Box 292833, Tampa, FL, 33686-2833
 GEORGIA - June - Mrs. Montine Mize, PGM, Box 187, Hephzibah, GA, 30815-0187
 IDAHO - June - Mrs. Pauleen Grant, P.O. Box 307, Horseshoe Bend, ID, 83629
 ILLINOIS - Oct. - Mrs. Janice M. Shank, P.O. Box 317, Macon, IL, 62544-0317
 INDIANA - Apr. - Mrs. Beulah F. Jones, P.O. Box 86, Franklin, IN, 46131
 IOWA - Oct. - Mrs. Carolyn Anderson, Box 188, 125 East High St., Toledo, IA, 52342
 KANSAS - Apr. - Mrs. Dorothy J. Higgs, 1109 South Topeka Ave., Topeka, KS, 66612-1683
 KENTUCKY - Oct. - Mrs. Carolyn Perkins, 102 Washington St., P.O. Box 7, LaGrange, KY, 40031-0007
 LOUISIANA - Mar. - Mrs. Terrie Castay, PGM, P.O. Box 740412, New Orleans, LA, 70174-0412
 MAINE - May - Mrs. Corley Anne Byras, P.O. Box 119, Bowdoinham, ME, 04008
 MANITOBA - May - Miss Elizabeth Evans, 52-525 Cathcart St., Winnipeg, MAN., R3R 0S6
 MARYLAND - Apr. - Mrs. Leona Vincent, PGM, 8508 Loch Raven Blvd., #J, Baltimore, MD, 21236
 MASSACHUSETTS - May - Mrs. Elaine R. Wallace, PGM, P.O.Box 600583, Newtonville, MA, 02460
 MICHIGAN - Oct. - Miss Mary Ivey, 13464 Preston Dr., #250, Marshall, MI, 49068-9684
 MINNESOTA - May - Mrs. Robyn E. Johnson, Suite 210, 6121 Excelsior Blvd., Minneapolis, MN, 55416
 MISSISSIPPI - Apr. - Mrs. Louise W. Putt, PGM, Box 142, Booneville, MS, 38829-0142
 MISSOURI - Oct. - Mrs. Marilyn Woods, PGM, P.O. Box 1065, High Ridge, MO, 63049
 MONTANA - June - Mrs. Marlene Pfaff, P.O. Box 578, Laurel, MT, 59044

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NEBRASKA - May - Mrs. Cathy Wagner, P.O. Box 156, Fremont, NE, 68026
 NEVADA - Oct. - Mrs. Barbara L. Redmond, 1825 Pocono Court, Sparks, NV, 89434
 NEW BRUNSWICK - July - Miss Brenda Saunders, PGM, 214 Downey Ave., Riverview, N.B.,
 E1B 1W7
 NEW HAMPSHIRE - Sept. - Mrs. Emily Johnson, PGM, P.O. Box 215, Tilton, NH., 03276-0215
 NEW JERSEY - May - Mrs. Dorothy Banta, PGM, 111 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater, NJ, 08807-3101
 NEW MEXICO - Oct. - Mrs. Loretta May, P.O. Box 152, Tryone, NM, 88065-0152
 NEW YORK - Oct. - Mrs. Lois M. Carlsen, 1400 Utica St., Box 106, Oriskany, NY, 13424
 NORTH CAROLINA - June - Mrs. Donna Morgan, P.O. Box 1398, Mooresville, NC, 28115-1398
 NORTH DAKOTA - June - Mrs. Judy Foster, P.O. Box 5268, Grand Forks, ND, 58206-5268
 NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - July - Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan, 2375 Roosevelt
 Dr.,
 Halifax, NS, B3L 3H8
 OHIO - Oct. - Mrs. Barbara Price, P.O. Box 419, Grand River, OH, 44045
 OKLAHOMA - Oct. - Mrs. Margie Onkst, 1415 N. Walnut, Guthrie, OK, 73044-2003
 ONTARIO - Sept. - Mrs. Betty Romenick, 57 Edilou Dr., Etobicoke, ON, M8W 4B4
 OREGON - June - Mrs. Judy C. Smith, 1507-B SW. Morrison St., Portland, OR, 97205
 PENNSYLVANIA - June - Mrs. Ann Berger, PGM, P.O. Box 60157, Harrisburg, PA, 17106-0157
 PUERTO RICO - Apr. - Mrs. Betty G. Vega, Box 810255, Carolina, PR, 00981-0255
 QUEBEC - Oct. - Mrs. Anita Young, PGM, 1301 Barsalou, Chambly, PQ., J3L 2X8
 RHODE ISLAND - Oct. - Mrs. Kathryn A. Newman, PGM, 19 Preston Dr., Warwick, RI., 02886
 SASKATCHEWAN - Apr. - Mrs. Mabel Andrew, 503-111 Lockwood Rd., Regina, SA, S4S 3G5
 SCOTLAND - Apr & Oct. - Mr. James T. Smith, 143 West Regent St., Glasgow, Scotland, G2 2SG
 SOUTH CAROLINA - June - Mrs. Virginia Gilreath, PGM, 112 Lybrand St., Great Falls, SC, 29055
 SOUTH DAKOTA - Oct. - Mrs. Eileen Harmes, PGM, 513 West Fourth, Mitchell, SD, 57301
 TENNESSEE - Apr. - Mrs. Bonnie Poindexter, PGM, 100 7th Ave. N at Broadway, Nashville, TN,
 37203-3704
 TEXAS - Oct. - Mrs. Alma Carter, PGM, 1111 E Division, O.E.S. Office Bldg, Arlington, TX, 76011
 UTAH - Oct. - Mrs. Margo Bird, PGM, 1026 Rambler Dr., Salt Lake City, UT, 84116
 VERMONT - June - Mrs. Jerri Riegler, PGM, 65 Lindale Dr., Colchester, VT, 05446
 VIRGINIA - May - Mrs. Lillian D. White, P.O. Box 6633, Richmond, VA, 23230-0633
 WASHINGTON - June - Mrs. Norma Jean Roberts, 615 North St., SE, Tumwater, WA, 98501-3438
 WEST VIRGINIA - Oct. - Mrs. Dixie Barley, PGM, P.O. Box 245, Bradley, WV, 25818
 WISCONSIN - May - Mrs. Sharon Swartwout, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI, 53118-9349
 WYOMING - Aug. - Mrs. Patricia Harwood, 2645 Torrey Pines Ct., Gillette, WY, 82718-5560

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Alma Hoddinott (26) | Alabama | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Marianna Hope (24) | Alberta | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Irene Beeler (1) | Arizona | Jan. 01, 2005 |
| Bruce Langille (65) | Arkansas | Feb. 01, 2005 |
| Elsie Brinkschulte (20) | Australia | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Cora MacKay (48) | B.C. & Yukon | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Howard Spence (18) | California | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Marion Buchan (67) | Colorado | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Vesta Allan (21) | Connecticut | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Allister Thompson (24) | Delaware | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Alexander MacLeod (19) | District of Columbia | Mar. 31, 2005 |
| Carolyn Matthews (8) | Florida | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Edith Conrod (61) | Georgia | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Elinor Sanford (22) | Idaho | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Harrison Ferguson (52) | Illinois | Mar. 10, 2004 |

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|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Richard Haynes (2) | Indiana | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Georgie Dewey (10) | Iowa | Apr. 01, 2005 |
| Beulah Lynch (28) | Kansas | Nov. 14, 2004 |
| Dale Ross (18) | Kentucky | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Morley Robinson (67) | Louisiana | July 01, 2004 |
| Edward Grant (54) | Maine | Mar. 01, 2005 |
| Evelyn Logan (23) | Manitoba | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Amelia Whalley (35) | Maryland | June 15, 2004 |
| Jack Wheeliker (12) | Massachusetts | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Hazelann Sterling (50) | Michigan | Jan. 01, 2004 |
| Annie Drover (58) | Minnesota | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Alexander MacDonald (14) | Mississippi | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Daniel Campbell (7) | Missouri | June 16, 2005 |
| Trudy Johnson (21) | Montana | Mar. 13, 2005 |
| Carolyn Phinney (4) | Nebraska | Oct. 01, 2003 |
| Alexander Nicholson (26) | Nevada | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Peter Kay (25) | New Brunswick | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Constance MacDonald (1 PEI) | New Hampshire | Mar. 31, 2004 |
| Hayward Meisner (70) | New Jersey | Jan. 01, 2005 |
| Patricia Wamboldt (71) | New Mexico | Jan. 01, 2005 |
| Robie Horne (55) | New York | May 01, 2005 |
| Linda MacDonald (47) | North Carolina | Jan. 01, 2005 |
| William Hardstaff (28) | North Dakota | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Brian MacKeigan (12) | Ohio | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Eileen Paul (50) | Oklahoma | Feb. 15, 2005 |
| Richard Pineo (15) | Ontario | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Cyril Marsters (22) | Oregon | May 01, 2004 |
| Doreen Gillespie (38) | Pennsylvania | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Melda Johnston (52) | Puerto Rico | Mar. 31, 2005 |
| Carol Nielsen (20) | Quebec | July 01, 2005 |
| Myrna MacPherson (10) | Rhode Island | Feb. 01, 2004 |
| Owen Baker (49) | Saskatchewan | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Jan Whamond (15) | Scotland | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Charles Paterson (55) | South Carolina | Feb. 01, 2004 |
| Margaret MacRae (19) | South Dakota | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Gerald Gillis (37) | Tennessee | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| John Buchanan (69) | Texas | Mar. 25, 2004 |
| Judy Clooney (39) | Utah | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Irene Johnson (48) | Vermont | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Glenn MacAdam (34) | Virginia | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Claudette Smith (57) | Washington | Mar. 01, 2004 |
| Edward Backman (30) | West Virginia | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Hazel Wagner (20) | Wisconsin | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Gail Rafuse (7) | Wyoming | Dec. 31, 2004 |

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF
OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
REPRESENTING NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

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|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| David Jordan | Alabama | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Julia Ewing | Alberta | Mar. 01, 2004 |
| Doris Krugen | Arizona | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Betty Studer | Arkansas | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Blanche Watt | Australia | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Dorothy Cairns | B.C. & Yukon | Dec. 31, 2003 |

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| Leslie Welbourn | California | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Donna Haas | Colorado | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Patricia Shelton | Connecticut | May 07, 2004 |
| Brenda Stineman | Delaware | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Marjorie Stinchcomb | District of Columbia | June 30, 2004 |
| Gloria Sue Briggs | Florida | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Colee Mauney | Georgia | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Leah Smith | Idaho | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Carol Kammerer | Illinois | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Patricia Hunt | Indiana | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Douglas Seelye | Iowa | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Judith Bush | Kansas | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Eva Mae Combs | Kentucky | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Linda Sorrell | Louisiana | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Phillip Graham | Maine | May 31, 2004 |
| Nancy Hamilton | Manitoba | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Beverly Geisler | Maryland | June 01, 2004 |
| Gerald Burge | Massachusetts | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Carol Orsborn | Michigan | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Helen Mehus | Minnesota | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Maurice Laird | Mississippi | Apr. 01, 2005 |
| Gregory Leaming | Missouri | Mar. 31, 2004 |
| Martha Orcutt | Montana | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Howard Whitmore | Nebraska | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Janet Hollinger | Nevada | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Shirley Furge | New Brunswick | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| John Dow | New Hampshire | Oct. 31, 2004 |
| Eileen Drache | New Jersey | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Peggy Dettmer | New Mexico | Jan. 01, 2005 |
| Gale Cooper | New York | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Marjorie Smith | North Carolina | Jan. 01, 2005 |
| Frances Greer | North Dakota | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Lamyra Rinard | Ohio | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Lowann Major | Oklahoma | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Joyce Saunders | Ontario | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Marian Mephram | Oregon | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Dorothy Brant | Pennsylvania | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Zaida Cardona de Egea | Puerto Rico | Apr. 30, 2005 |
| Adelaide Lanktree | Quebec | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Violet Hill | Rhode Island | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Jack Pinnow | Saskatchewan | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Ann Brown | Scotland | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Doyle Launius | South Carolina | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Mary Jean Jensen | South Dakota | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Mary Fortner | Tennessee | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Toby Lytle | Texas | Nov. 18, 2004 |
| Maurine McKellar | Utah | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Donna Wyman | Vermont | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Marjorie Brooks | Virginia | May 01, 2005 |
| Wanda "Midge" Swegle | Washington | Dec. 31, 2003 |
| Sheila Redman | West Virginia | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Craig Wepprecht | Wisconsin | Dec. 31, 2004 |
| Eunice Heiser | Wyoming | Dec. 31, 2004 |

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**SECRETARIES
OF
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS
2002-2003**

| <u>CHAPTER NO.</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>SECRETARY</u> | <u>MEETING NIGHT</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Port Royal #1 | Annapolis Royal RR#2, Box 2061 | Mrs. Joan Ross Granville Ferry, N.S., B0S 1K0 | 3 rd Monday |
| Mayflower #2 | Kingston | Mr. Donald Riswold Box 469, Greenwood, N.S., B0P 1N0 | 2 nd Tuesday |
| Cedar #3 | Wallace | Mrs. Marian Durling, P.G.M. 127 Golden Sands Dr., Malagash Mines, N.S., B0K 1E0 | 2 nd Friday |
| Acadia #4 | Lawrencetown | Mrs. Elizabeth MacGregor R.R.#1, Lawrencetown, N.S., B0S 1M0 | 2 nd Monday |
| Keystone #5 | Hebron | Mrs. Joyce Cunningham Box 6, Pubnico, N.S., B0W 2W0 | 2 nd Tuesday |
| Halifax #7 | Halifax | Mrs. Barbara Myles 158 Old Sambro Rd., Halifax, N.S., B3R 1R3 | 3 rd Monday |
| Grace #8 | Lunenburg | Mrs. Geraldine Delk RR#2, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0 | 2 nd Thursday |
| Century #10 | New Glasgow | Mrs. Olive Bowen 34 North Albert Street New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 3V1 | 4 th Tuesday |
| Cape Breton #12 | Glace Bay | Mrs. Amour Gonneville 10 Sunset Drive Glace Bay, N.S., B1A 6C3 | 2 nd Monday |

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| Queen Elizabeth #14 | Sydney | Mrs. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy., Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1 | 3 rd Thursday |
| Evangeline #15 | Kentville | Mrs. LaVerne Porter P.O. Box 464, Kentville, N.S., B4N 3X3 | 1 st Tuesday |
| Britannia #18 | Amherst | Mrs. Marilyn Boss 113 Spring St., Amherst, N.S., B4H 1T2 | 4 th Thursday |
| Victoria #19 | Baddeck | Mrs. Dolena Matheson R.R.#2, Baddeck, N.S., B0E 1B0 | 4 th Monday |
| Hon. Joseph Howe #20 | Dartmouth | Mrs. Leda Graham 30 Brookdale Crescent, #904 Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 4T7 | 2 nd Monday |
| Myrtle #21 | Truro | Mr. Stephen Swan 295 Brunswick St., Truro, N.S., B2N 2J4 | 3 rd Tuesday |
| Fairfield #22 | Windsor | Mrs. Maxine Horncastle Box 221, Windsor N.S., BON 2T0 | 1 st Thursday |
| Maple Leaf #23 | Sheet Harbour | Mrs. Evelyn Murphy Box 98, Sheet Harbour, N.S., BOJ 3B0 | 3 rd Wednesday |
| Crystal #1 PEI | Charlottetown, P.E.I. | Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Crescent Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3 | 3 rd Friday |
| Westville #24 | Westville | Mrs. Arleigh Hardy R.R.#1, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0 | 3 rd Monday |
| Harmony #25 | Stellarton | Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. P.O. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0 | 2 nd Thursday |
| Munro #26 | North Sydney | Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. 14 Oland Avenue, Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1 | 1 st Thursday |
| Kwebec #27 | Bedford | Mrs. Beverly Caulier 40 Chelton Woods Lane, A105 Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2 | 4 th Monday |
| Amethyst #28 | Halifax | Mrs. Iris Newman 5538 Livingstone Place, Halifax, N.S., B3K 2B9 | 4 th Thursday |
| Arbutus #30 | Milton | Mrs. Pauline Hatt Box 353, Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0 | 1 st Thursday |
| Annal #31 | Middleton | Mrs. Dianne LeGard RR#3, Middleton, N.S., B0S 1P0 | 3 rd Tuesday |
| Queens #34 | Liverpool | Mrs. Dorothy Jewers Box 1667, Liverpool, N.S., B0T 1K0 | 3 rd Thursday |

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| St. Mary's #35 | Digby | Mrs. Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. Little River, Digby Co., N.S., B0V 1C0 | 2 nd Thursday |
| Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 | Whycocomagh | Mrs. Diann Campbell-Kinney Box 162, Whycocomagh, N.S., B0E 3M0 | 2 nd Thursday |
| Mae #38 | Bridgewater | Mrs. Helen Holden R.R.#4, Bridgewater, N.S., B4V 2W3 | 2 nd Wednesday |
| Cobequid #39 | Maitland | Mrs. Clara Hines East Noel, Hants Co., N.S., B0N 1J0 | 4 th Monday |
| Mystic Star #40 | St. Margaret's Bay | Mrs. Mary Zinck 3003 Olivet Street, Apt. 409, Halifax, N.S., B3L 4A1 | 1 st Monday |
| Armcrest #45 | Bedford | Mrs. Hazel MacLeod 1822 Robie St., Halifax, N.S., B3H 3G3 | 1 st Wednesday |
| Florence Fraser #47 | Sherbrooke | Mrs. Barbara Crosby Box 99, Sherbrooke, N.S., B0J 3C0 | 2 nd Tuesday |
| Elm #48 | Upper Stewiacke | Mrs. Lyda Fisher RR#3, Brookfield, N.S., B0N 1C0 | 2 nd Tuesday |
| Scotia #49 | Musquodoboit Harbour | Mrs. Marjorie Davis-Snow 6 Rosehill Dr., Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6E5 | 2 nd Thursday |
| Sunrise #50 | Pugwash | Mrs. Hazelann Sterling River Philip, R.R.#1, N.S., B0M 1V0 | 4 th Monday |
| Regent #52 | Central Bedeque, P.E.I. | Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, P.G.M. Kensington RR#6, P.E.I., C0B 1M0 | 3 rd Tuesday |
| Faith #54 | Mulgrave | Mrs. Edna Harding P.G.M. Box 62, Mulgrave, N.S., B2S 1A3 | 3 rd Wednesday |
| Elmsdale #55 | Elmsdale | Mrs. Ethel Brown 114 Hemlock Dr., Elmsdale, N.S., B2S 1B8 | 2 nd Wednesday |
| Ruth #57 | Dartmouth | Mrs. Marion Tizard 14 Athorpe Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 3A5 | 2 nd Friday |
| Emerald #58 | Halifax | Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Crescent Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1C9 | 2 nd Thursday |
| Shoreham #59 | Chester | Mr. Melvin Antle 45 Vimy Ave., #821, Halifax, N.S., B3M 4C5 | 3 rd Tuesday |
| Queen Esther #61 | Dartmouth | Mrs. Bonnie Boutilier 245 Cavalier Drive Lower Sackville, N.S., B4C 3L1 | 1 st Tuesday |

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| Atlantic #65 | Tatamagouche | Mrs. Annie Leslie 242 Coupar Road, Fr. River RR#2, Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0 | 4 th Wednesday |
| Starlight #66 | Port Hawkesbury | Mrs. Jean Pierce 1877 Crandall Road Sugar Camp, N.S., B9A 1T4 | 4 th Wednesday |
| Laurel #67 | Berwick | Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Box 281, Berwick, N.S., B0P 1E0 | 3 rd Wednesday |
| Montague #69 | Montague, P.E.I. | Mrs. Alena Buchanan Montague, P.E.I., C0A 1R0 | 2 nd Monday |
| Crescent #70 | Lockeport | Mrs. Mary Jean Page RR#1, Sable River, Shelburne Co., N.S., B0T 1V0 | 2 nd Monday |
| Pearle #71 | Caledonia | Mrs. Anna Ford RR#2, Caledonia, N.S., B0T 1B0 | 4 th Thursday |

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