

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER  
OF  
NOVA SCOTIA  
AND  
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**HELD IN**

**THE DIGBY AREA ARENA  
DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA**

**JULY 5, 6 and 7, 2004**

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**MR. C. ALLEN DENTON  
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**DIVINE SERVICE**

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*"The Golden Harvest"* Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room of the Digby Area Arena and Curling Club, Digby, N.S., at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 5, 2004.

The Assistant Grand Organists and the Grand Choir provided beautiful music during the service. This Divine Service of Worship celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership). As the processional hymn was being sung, the Grand Family entered and was seated in the East. The service of worship was conducted by Rev. Sandra Cox and Rev. Iain Macdonald. The sermon for this service was in keeping with the theme and aim of the Grand Chapter Session.

The offering from this service amounted to **\$1023.89** and was given to the ESTARL Program.

***"THE GOLDEN HARVEST"***  
**DEDICATION**

This Grand Chapter year is humbly dedicated to the following:

- 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 valuable lessons of Ruth and Naomi
- and to the memory of my late husband, Brother Garnet Carson, who gave me the needed Masonic relationship to become a part of our beautiful Order

**SCRIPTURES:**

**W.G.M.:** Psalm 119:103 *"How sweet are thy words, 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.:** Psalm 23 *"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures...."*

**AIM:** Back to Basics: Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness

**MOTTO:** Faith in Peace, Joy in Friendship

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**WATCHWORDS:** Faith, Peace, Joy, Friendship

**HONOUR STATIONS:** Ruth, the Widow's Station  
Warder, the Peacemaker

**EMBLEMS:** Sheaf, Dove, Altar

**COLOURS:** Sunshine Yellow, Shades of Masonic Blue with Silver and Gold accents

**FLOWERS:** Yellow Rose for Thee and me  
Red Clover for the Honey Bee  
Ruth's Lily of the Valley  
Stocks of Wheat, Family Tartans

**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  
Honey - as in the sweetness of true friends  
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*

**W.G.M.:** *Somebody Bigger Than You & I*  
*You'll Never Walk Alone*  
*The Holy City*  
*I Asked the Lord*  
*My God and I*  
*My Peace*  
*Lily of the Valley*  
*Lead Me Guide Me*  
*Pass It On*  
*God By With You, The Meeting's Over*  
*Sunshine on My Shoulders*

**W.G.P.:** *The Lord is My Shepherd*  
*One Day At A Time*  
*The King Is Coming*  
*Consider The Lilies*  
*There Is A River*

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**PERMANENT PROJECT:** Honey Money for ESTARL  
“ESTARL” the permanent project of this Grand Jurisdiction is marking its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during this year. To emphasize its purpose, 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:** **Shriners’ Children’s Hospital Travelling Fund**  
To assist children from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island suffering from orthopaedic deformities, diseases or injuries to receive treatment at the Shriners’ Children’s Hospital in Montreal as required.

**PROJECT SALES:** Honey Bee Pins and Planning Calendars

**NON MONETARY PROJECT:** Heritage, our Fraternal Family

**INFORMAL OPENING  
MONDAY EVENING, July 5, 2004**

**6:45 p.m.**

**EMBLEM CEREMONY**

Narrator:	Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25)
Bible:	Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (15)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Joan Oderkirk (65)
Sheaf:	Sister Lorna Spencer, P.M. (28)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Charlene Davis, W.M. (35)
Broken Column:	Sister Marlene Clyde (28)
Cup:	Sister Sandra Denton (35)

**Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M.:** Sisters and Brothers you will come to order. We are about to begin the emblem placing ceremony. Just a few items of interest before we begin:

- the Altar for the Session is from Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford where our Worthy Grand Matron took the obligation of the Order;
- the Bible is a Masonic Bible, a wedding gift to the Worthy Grand Matron's husband and was used at their wedding ceremony and his funeral service.

Sisters and Brothers please rise.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God."

From these verses from 1 John we are reminded that God is the source of wisdom and our teachings come to us from the pages of His Holy Book. In an ever-

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changing world the Holy Bible continues to be our authority, our inspiration and our hope. Here are all our principles found, and here are recorded our guidelines for every day.

Just as God was at the beginning, so today as we begin our Sessions, His word and His teachings are present to guide us.

(The Emblem Bearers, carrying the Bible and Emblems, now advance from the West to stand behind the Altar and pedestals.)

The Altar is the place where man meets God and from the pages of this sacred volume receives the light by which he must travel life's road.

From its precious opening lines to its closing benediction, the **BIBLE** is our guide and strength. It is placed by Brother Fred Lipskey, PP, Evangeline Chapter #15. It is with deep reverence and a sense of humility that we place upon our Holy Altar this Holy Bible, our guide and inspiration from which come the lessons that are taught in the five degrees of our Order. From its beginning, our Order has exemplified our teachings by means of Emblems. Each has its own story to tell and its own lessons to teach.

Faithful to convictions of right and duty is taught by **ADAH** with Sword and Veil and her colour of heavenly blue.

This emblem is placed by Sister Joan Oderkirk, Atlantic Chapter #65.

Steadfastness to all the duties of life, blending humility and service, is the story of **RUTH** with her sheaf of Wheat reflecting the golden sun.

This emblem is placed by Sister Lorna Spencer, PM, Amethyst Chapter #28.

Loyalty, a noble quality of mind and heart, is taught by **ESTHER** with her Crown and Sceptre and her colour of white which reflects purity and innocence.

This emblem is placed by Sister Charlene Davis, WM, St. Mary's Chapter #35.

The uncertainty of human life and the hope of immortality is taught to us by the Broken Column of **MARTHA** and her colour of green, reflecting nature's life and beauty.

This emblem is placed by Sister Marlene Clyde, Amethyst Chapter #28.

The lessons of love and hospitality are taught by the cup of **ELECTA** where her colour of red reminds us to love one another.

This emblem is placed by Sister Sandra Denton, St. Mary's Chapter #35.

From the beginning, these Emblems have represented the principles and purposes of our Order and have led us to fields of service. May the light of His star continue to guide each of us all the days of our lives.

These emblems were lovingly placed by our Brother and Sisters.

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7:00 p.m.

INFORMAL OPENING

**Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35) and Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)** were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

**Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M.:** Past Grand Patron Brother Ken, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

It is an honour and a pleasure, through the kindness of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez Daye and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen Denton to participate in the informal opening of this, the "*Golden Harvest*" 57th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and to share the East with my friend, Brother Kenneth Smith, Past Grand Patron.

*A warm welcome to all  
Who have travelled from near and far  
To attend this "Golden Harvest" Session  
Of our Order of the Eastern Star.*

*As we meet old friends and make some new  
May the days ahead be pleasant for each one of you.  
May Our Heavenly Father whose love we all know  
Guide our deliberations, that our Order might prosper and grow.*

*We ask for Wisdom, Purity and Reason  
From our minds, our souls, and our hearts  
That this session might be fruitful  
From the very start.*

*So welcome, Sisters, Brothers and Friends  
And when to your homes at last you depart  
May a harmonious session truly leave you  
With "Love" in your heart.*

We are honoured to have with us Civic and Fraternal Leaders as well as members from our General Grand Chapter. I am pleased to welcome Honourable Harold Theriault, Jr., M.L.A., Province of Nova Scotia; Mr. Robert Thibault, Member of Parliament for South West Nova; Past Mayor of Digby; Mr. Richard Levy; Senior Grand Warden, Brother Roger Eisner, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, AF & AM; Worshipful Grand Master Brother Errol Monkley, Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island; and the representative of Shriners Hospital, Past Potentate Brother Phillip Beeler and Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, Sister Barbara Myles. We indeed welcome you all and hope your time with us will be most enjoyable.

We are very pleased to welcome General Grand Chapter Officers, Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and P.G.M. of Oklahoma; Sister

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Rennie O'fton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and P.G.M. of Texas; and our own Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and P.G.P. of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It is indeed my sincere pleasure, Brother Fred, to welcome you to the first session in your own Jurisdiction - we are all very proud of you. I also welcome the General Grand Chapter Committee members including our own Sister Edna Harding, P.G.M., International Temple; Brother William Clark, P.G.P., Visioneer, and myself on Registration. Sister Edna and Brother Bill, I extend my congratulations and know that you will serve our Jurisdiction well. To all our distinguished guests, I bid you welcome, and hope your visit to Nova Scotia and our beautiful town of Digby will be most pleasant. Digby is world famous for its Scallop Fleet and we have recently claimed fame to being the most romantic town in Nova Scotia. I highly recommend a nice feed of fresh scallops in one of our fine restaurants, a stroll on our quaint Main street, and if romance should come your way - I wish you well.

To the Sisters and Brothers of our Jurisdiction, I am delighted to welcome you back to Digby. I bid you all a sincere and cordial welcome and may all your hopes and dreams for this session come true. You are assembled here to review the accomplishments of the past year and legislate for the future welfare of our Order. As you return to your chapters may you all realize what a privilege it is to belong to this beautiful Order.

Brother Ken, the members and visitors would be most pleased to hear from you at this time.

**Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P.:** Good evening Sisters, Brothers and Visitors. It is a privilege for me to be in the East of our Grand Chapter once again. To welcome all our members, friends and distinguished guests of other Grand Jurisdictions, to the informal opening of our "*Golden Harvest Session*."

We hope that each of you will enjoy the next couple of days of our deliberations, and the beauty of our Province and the lovely Town of Digby.

We are very proud and delighted by the presence of our own General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Edna Harding, Sister Cheryl Denton and Brother Bill Clark. We wish you good health and happiness as you continue to serve our Order.

Sister Cheryl it has been my pleasure to assist you in opening our informal session.

**Sister Cheryl:** I now call to order this Informal opening of the 57th annual session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - the "*Golden Harvest*" session. It is the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional and formations which will be narrated by Sister Eleanor Freeman P.G.M.

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Grand Marshal you will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Chapter Ruths and Chapter Warders to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

***"The Golden Harvest" Session Processional Narration***

**Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71):**

This was a year of "BACK TO BASICS" -  
LOVING KINDNESS, TRUTH and CHARITY.  
A year of FAITH, PEACE, JOY and FRIENDSHIP  
'Midst the busy, buzzing HONEY BEE.

Entrance of Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons:

The Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons have formed the **CLOVER**, source of nectar for the Honey Bee. It is from the blossoms of the clover, the RED CLOVER, that the Honey Bee gathers the nectar so necessary for the existence of the Hive.

In the centre of the clover is the **ALTAR** from our Worthy Grand Matron's home chapter, Kwebec Chapter No. 27. The ALTAR, one of our symbols for the year and the physical symbol of our devotion to God, is the focal point, the "heart", of this Grand Chapter Room and each Subordinate Chapter Room.

*"Our Altar is built firm and strong  
for our Bible to rest upon,  
A place to kneel and pledge our lives  
To God who watches from the skies,  
A place to take our burdens to  
And seek Gods help in all we do,  
A place to find great comfort there  
At PEACE with God in humble prayer. "*

Entrance of Chapter Ruths:

Our Chapter Ruths have formed the **SHEAF**, emblem of our honour station, Ruth. The sheaf represents the collective deeds of kindness one does for another.

The story of Ruth's LOVING KINDNESS and devotion to her mother-in-law Naomi, is one of the most touching examples of true FRIENDSHIP.

May we each emulate the example of our heroine, Ruth, in daily acts of kindness to those who come within the circle of our lives so we too may enjoy the gleanings of a "GOLDEN HARVEST" of FRIENDSHIP.

Entrance of Grand Pages:

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The Grand Pages have formed a **DOUBLE D** for DAYE and DENTON. D also stands for Dedication, Devotion, Duty and for the DOVE of PEACE, one of our emblems for the year. Our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, like our heroine, Ruth, have been constant in their dedication and devotion to duty. In return they have reaped the rewards of the JOY IN FRIENDSHIP shared with all those whose lives they have touched during this year of service.

Entrance of Chapter Warders:

Our Chapter Warders have formed the **LETTER "H"** for HERITAGE in recognition of our FRATERNAL FAMILY. We acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the contributions of those who have held positions of leadership in this Grand Chapter and in each Subordinate Chapter, as well as all members of our Fraternal Family who have added to the rich HERITAGE of this wonderful Order we so enjoy.

Entrance of Grand Guards:

The Grand Guards have formed the **SQUARE and COMPASS**, the universal symbol of the Masonic Fraternity. We acknowledge and value our MASONIC HERITAGE and recognize that the strength of our Order comes from our Masonic Brothers, to whom we look for protection and security.

Entrance of Grand Representatives:

The Grand Representatives have enclosed all formations within the **BEE HIVE**.

The BEE HIVE may be compared to our Grand Chapter and the cells, created by the BEE within the Hive, to the Subordinate Chapters within our Grand Chapter. We, Sisters and Brothers, are the working "Bees" of the "Hive". Like the Honey Bee, we are to work for the good of the "Hive" gathering the sweetest of "nectar". From this "nectar" we are to create the "honey" of LOVING KINDNESS which we are admonished to share with others. May we, in our actions towards others, be inspired by one of our scriptures for the year, knowing that if we follow God's laws, God's love will be reflected in our lives through deeds of LOVING KINDNESS to others.

*"How Sweet are thy words unto my taste; yea sweeter than Honey to my mouth."*  
Psalm 119:103

Sisters and Brothers, let us resolve to live each day like a busy, buzzing Bee.

*"B hopeful, B happy, B cheerful, B kind,  
B busy of body, B modest of mind,  
B earnest, B truthful, B firm and B good,  
B sure your B haviour B all that it should.  
B sharp in the morning, and never B flat,  
B ware most of all that you never B that,  
B all of these things and whatever B fall,*

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*B sure you'll B happy and B loved by us all!"*

**Sister Cheryl:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez Daye and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen Denton at the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister Inez and Brother Allen. It is with pleasure that I welcome you to your own "*Golden Harvest*" Session and thank you both for this honour.

Sister Inez, you were one of my District Deputy Grand Matrons in 1998-99. It is with interest that I have watched you travel to the East. I wish for you every success and happiness for your session.

Brother Allen, how very proud I am of you, my own special "Hunny". I commend you on a fine year and I know you have many happy memories and will look back on this as a great experience.

**Brother Ken:** Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, congratulations on your year of service to our Grand Chapter and Order. May these last days of your year as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron be most enjoyable for you and your Grand Officers.

I thank you both for allowing me to assist Sister Cheryl in opening our informal session.

**Sister Cheryl:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

**Sister Cheryl:** Worthy Grand Matron, behold your Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers behold your Worthy Grand Matron and salute her with Grand Honours.

**Brother Ken:** Worthy Grand Patron, behold your Sisters and Brothers. Sisters and Brothers behold your Worthy Grand Patron and salute him with Grand Honours.

*"I Believe"* was sung to Sister Inez by Sister Irene MacIsaac, Sister Kay Horton, P.M. and Brother Ray Horton, P.P. - all members of Starlight Chapter #66.

*"One Day At A Time"* was sung to Brother Allen by Brother Ted Davis of St. Mary's Chapter #35.

**Sister Cheryl:** Worthy Grand Matron, I am pleased to present to you your gavel with the best wishes of all assembled here.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

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**Sister Inez Daye, W.G.M.** thanked Sister Cheryl and Brother Ken for taking part in the Informal Opening of the “Golden Harvest” Grand Chapter session. She presented Sister Cheryl with a gift.

**Brother Allen Denton, W.G.P.** also thanked Sister Cheryl and Brother Ken for opening this session and he presented Brother Ken with a gift of appreciation. Brother Allen thanked Brother Ted Davis for the beautiful solo.

**PRESENTATION OF FLAGS**

(under the direction of Brother George Crouch, P.G.P.)

The **Canadian Flag** was presented by Brother Jack Whalley, P.P. (35). The tribute was given by Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, P.G.M. (15) followed by the singing of “*O Canada*”.

**Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, P.G.M.:**

Tonight I have the honour and privilege to pay tribute to the flag of our country, "Canada". A red maple leaf on a white field with a broad vertical red stripe at each end, represents our 10 provinces and three territories. Our nation's flag was designed by George Stanley of Sackville, New Brunswick, and was adopted by the Canadian parliament in 1965. The Canadian flag is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation: and a symbol of our undying devotion to our country. The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag. It is a symbol of our nation's vast natural resources found within its borders. The red maple leaf reminds me of the blood shed by our men and women who have gone to battle in past wars in order to protect all Canadians. Today with so many adversities facing us, with the ongoing threat of terrorism, we confidently go about our lives knowing the presence of those serving our country, are always, as our national anthem reads, "standing on guard for thee". May we long remember our history whose foundation was built on our faith in God. We should be proud to wave our flag with integrity. It is a symbol of our devotion to our country and should be seen flying from every home. It is truly God's gift to mankind.

May our beautiful maple leaf forever wave from sea to sea to sea, as we are joined together in unity and freedom.

Thank you Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of paying tribute to the flag of Canada, my homeland.

The **Union Jack** was presented by Brother Tabor Caulier, P.P. (27) followed by the singing of “*God Save The Queen*”.

The flag of the **United States of America** was presented by Brother Irving Nicoll, P.G.P., Massachusetts.

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The tribute was given by Brother Ronald "Pete" Forrest, P.G.P. of Maine, followed by the singing of the "*Star Spangled Banner*".

**Brother Pete Forrest, P.G.P.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all.

First I wish to thank Brother Allen Denton for his letter inviting me to pay tribute to the Flag of my country, the United States of America. This to me is a personal honor.

I, like all people of my time, grew up with this flag displayed in every church, public hall, school, and lodge room of our great country. It is the reminder to all, of our country's pledge to peace and freedom for all persons.

I am reminded of the connection between the colors of this great flag and those colors of our Star.

Blue symbolizes fidelity. It teaches us to have an unfaltering faith in our leaders, our countries ideals. We, like Adah, must be prepared to sacrifice our lives to preserve those rights upon which our country was founded, even in the face of death.

White a symbol to us of light, purity and joy. It is also the color indicative of the purity of heart for those that constituted our country. It is for the truths that make us all stand tall - equal with liberty and justice for all.

Red is a symbol of courage as Electa demonstrated with heroic endurance under the wrongs of persecution. There is no question of the courage and sacrifice that the men and women of our country have made for the freedoms we enjoy. And also, has not this flag represented a county where hospitality and generous aide are a way of life.

There is no time where the meaning of this flag was more apparent, then this last January when the Masonic temple in Bangor was decimated by fire. On the third floor of that building in the main lodge room, the one thing that remained intact after the total building was lost, was the American flag standing in the east. To me, this was a true divine intervention and a symbol of the true meaning this flag has for all Americans.

This flag is a symbol of pride in the American way and I believe that way extends to our American neighbors both on our Northern and Southern borders, where free passage is extended to visit and be friends. This, my Sisters and Brothers, is real freedom. God Bless America and God Bless all of you. Thank you for this special moment in my life.

The **Nova Scotia** flag was presented by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71) and the

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**Prince Edward Island** flag was presented by Brother Harrison Ferguson, P.P. (52).

The **Christian** flag was presented by Brother Gordon Bragg, P.P. (1).

The **Eastern Star** flag was presented by Brother Glenn MacAdams, P.P. (34).

**WELCOME BY W.G.M. and W.G.P.**

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** welcomed all our visitors from North America and Scotland, our guests and the members of this Jurisdiction. She thanked Sister Isabelle Pearson

for the beautiful Emblem Ceremony and Sister Eleanor Freeman for the Processional

Ceremony which was so appropriate to the theme of this Grand Chapter Session.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** Good evening Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished guests and friends. Welcome to this 57th "*Golden Harvest Session*".

Tonight I quote from an old English prayer of welcome. It was first seen in an old church in Sussex, England. It was hanging on the door of that church, and I quote:

" O God, Make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block, but rugged and strong enough to turn back all that is not good. Make the doors of our house a gateway to joy and happiness."

It is in that spirit that I welcome you all and hope that the pleasure you receive from being here is as great as the pleasure I feel in having you here.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.

**INVOCATION**

The **Invocation** was given by **Brother Ron Boudreau**, P.P. (70), **Grand Chaplain:**

O heavenly father, the giver of all good gifts and graces we ask your blessing upon this 57th session of our Grand Chapter. May your guidance and support prevail over this "*Golden Harvest*" session.

We gather here with our Sisters and Brothers not only because we enjoy their Fraternal friendship, but also to discuss points of importance and to make decisions that will navigate our Order into the future. We ask, O Lord! that you guide our thoughts and decisions in ways of pleasantness and paths of peace and that all our decisions reflect honourably on this beautiful Order. May the Grand Officers who guide the work of this Golden Harvest session be also guided by your hand.

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Heavenly Father we give you thanks for the safe travel of our Sisters and Brothers to and from this Golden Harvest session. We ask that through your special guidance all our acts reflect Honour and Glory to your Holy name. Amen.

The Grand Marshal, Brother David Wiswell, proclaimed the Informal Opening of the 57th Annual Grand Chapter Session, the "*Golden Harvest*", called to order.

### PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

#### ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Sister Rennie Ofton**, Right Worthy Grand Conductress and Past Grand Matron of Texas and **Brother Frederick W. Clarke**, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were presented at the Altar, introduced and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Inez thanked Brother Fred for the privilege of nominating him at General Grand Chapter for the position of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** It is indeed an honour for me to welcome you to the 57th "*Golden Harvest Session*". May precious memories make your days complete and the coming years bring blessings ever sweet. Bro. Fred, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel - you are our very own and words cannot express how proud we are of you. We wish you every success and happiness and support you 100%.

Sister Rennie and Brother Fred were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours. The Grand Choir then sang "*Waltz Around Texas*" to both Sister Rennie and Brother Fred.

#### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**(Including our own Sister Edna Harding, International Temple; Sister Cheryl A. Denton, Registration and Brother William F. Clark, Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)**

**Nine** General Grand Chapter Committee Members were presented and introduced and welcomed at the Altar:

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL: Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick; INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE: Sister Edna Harding, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; MEMBERSHIP: Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Co-Chairman (West), Past Grand Matron of California and Sister Margaret Dyer, Past Grand Matron of Maine; REGISTRATION: Sister Cheryl Denton, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; SCOTTISH RITE PROJECT (Canada): Brother Carr Graham, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick; VISIONEERS: MAINE: Brother Ronald "Pete" Forrest, Past Grand Patron of Maine, NEW BRUNSWICK: Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick and NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD

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ISLAND: Brother William Clark, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** warmly welcomed the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and congratulated all, especially our own members on their appointments.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P:** General Grand Chapter Committee Members - It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to our "*Golden Harvest*" Session. We congratulate you and extend very best wishes as you serve our General Grand Chapter.

A very special welcome to three whom we proudly claim as our own - Sister Cheryl Denton - Registration, Sister Edna Harding - International Temple and Brother Bill Clark - visionary. We are proud of you and pleased that our Most Worthy Grand Matron has honoured our Grand Jurisdiction with your appointments .

The Response was given by **Sister Edna Harding**, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on International Temple. She thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour of responding to their welcomes and was pleased to have so many General Grand Chapter Committee Members in attendance.

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

**PROVINCIAL GREETINGS**

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** introduced and welcomed the Honourable Harold "Junior" Theriault, MLA for Digby/Annapolis representing the Province of Nova Scotia.

**Provincial Greetings:** The Honourable Harold "Junior" Theriault, MLA, brought greetings on behalf of the Premier, the Honourable John Hamm, and stated that it was an honour to have the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter Session meet in this area for the third time since 1991. He welcomed all the visitors from across North America and Europe. He told everyone to feel free to enjoy the famous Digby scallops, the whales in the Bay of Fundy and the romantic town of Digby and hoped that all have a pleasant stay and return soon to this beautiful area of Nova Scotia.

**FEDERAL GREETINGS**

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** introduced and welcomed the Honourable Robert Thibault, Member of Parliament for the Digby area.

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**Federal Greetings:** The Honourable Robert Thibault, MP, welcomed everyone to the town of Digby with a special welcome to the visitors from across Canada, the United States and overseas. He congratulated on the Order of the Eastern Star on their work and service of the dedicated members and hoped that it may long continue. He suggested that the visitors take time to do some sightseeing in the area. He concluded his remarks by wishing everyone a successful Grand Chapter session and a safe journey home.

#### CIVIC WELCOME

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** introduced and welcomed Mr. Richard Levy, former Mayor of the town of Digby.

**Civic Welcome:** Mr. Richard Levy, former Mayor, brought greetings on behalf of Mayor Frank MacKintosh, Town of Digby:

Worthy Grand Matron, Inez Daye, Worthy Grand Patron, Allen Denton, Member of Parliament, Robert Thibault, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Junior Theriault, special guests, delegates, guests and visitors.

On behalf of Frank MacKintosh, Mayor, Town of Digby, I bid you welcome to our famous scallop town and the most romantic town in Canada.

I had the pleasure of bringing you greetings and a welcome in 1991 when I served my town as Mayor. The present Mayor is unable to be with you tonight as this is a regular monthly meeting night of Town Council.

This morning I spoke to a couple from Massachusetts who have been to several Canadian Grand Chapter sessions and from them I understand we also have visitors from Oregon and I believe Wyoming, as well as from other states and provinces in Canada. A very special welcome to all of you and a one day late happy Independence Day to our guests from the United States.

1991 was, I believe your first visit to our fair town, you were here in 1999 and now for your 57<sup>th</sup> annual session we welcome again the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Order of the Eastern Star. Our town is pleased to welcome the delegates and guests on your third visit. Since you are being accommodated in various nearby communities may I also extend a welcome on their behalf.

I have been informed that one of your fund raising projects is the Travel Fund for patients and parents requiring assistance in travelling back and forth to the Shriners hospitals. We have a daughter who has been a patient in the Montreal Shriners Hospital, so are aware of costs - a very worthwhile project indeed!

You are also to be congratulated on your ESTARL project for religious education.

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For sure, this world needs all the religion it can get!

Tomorrow it will be a pleasure for me to see you again. I will be part of the choir that will be singing a few songs for you - live in fear, speaking is not my forte and neither is my singing!

In any event, again on behalf of Mayor Frank MacKintosh and the Council of the town of Digby: Welcome to Digby. Enjoy our hospitality. Enjoy our town and area. Have a successful session and may God guide you safely home.

The response was given by **Brother John Patterson, Grand Sentinel:**

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

It is a very special honour and pleasure to respond to the greetings from our Federal, Provincial and Civic leaders.

To you Mr. Harold Theriault Jr., MLA representing the Premier, we thank you for your kind words. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us here this evening at the Informal Opening of *the "Golden Harvest"* Grand Session of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

To you, the Honourable Robert Thibault, Member of Parliament for West Nova. We also appreciate your time with us this evening. We would also extend congratulations to you on your recent re-election as Representative for the West Nova Riding in the Federal Parliament.

To you, Mr. Richard Levy, we thank you for your warm welcome on behalf of the town of Digby. I am sure each of us will enjoy our stay in "The Scallop Capital of the World."

**MASONIC GREETINGS**

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** It is my sincere honour to welcome to our *"Golden Harvest"* Session the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Brother Roger Eisner.

I thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to be with us this evening and extend to you our very best wishes in all your endeavours on behalf of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. I am also honoured to welcome the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, Brother Errol Monkley and thank you sincerely for taking time from your busy schedule and joining on this occasion. I wish you well.

To both of you I ask that you take greetings to your brethren from us and remind them that we are related by the dearest ties - and we have lots of petitions available for those who would like to join us.

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**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** Senior Grand Warden could we hear from you at this time.

**Brother Roger Eisner, Senior Grand Warden:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Guests, Sisters and Brothers;

It is with much pleasure that I bring you Fraternal greetings from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia. Most Worshipful Brother Earl C. MacDonald on this occasion of your 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

As a rule when the Grand Master cannot attend an event he would naturally ask the Deputy Grand Master. In this case I was very honoured to be asked to attend on his behalf as my wife and I are members of Annaval Chapter in Middleton and we have never attended a Grand Chapter Session. (The Deputy Grand Master is not a member.) My wife had planned to attend with me today but unfortunately because of illness she decided it would be best to stay at home and recover.

The Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic fraternity have a close working relationship. Our goals and objectives are similar. Dr. Rob Morris was obviously a man of great vision when he set out to build this organization to become the largest fraternity of its kind in the world. Although some may feel that our fraternities have "slipped" a bit I believe he would be pleased if he were here today. We Masons are very appreciative for the tremendous work the "Star" does to assist and help our fraternity to function.

As a Grand Lodge officer I get to attend many banquets and dinners. More often than not some of these fine meals are prepared by the ladies of the Star. In many instances they cater at many functions in the community.

The numerous projects the "Star" undertakes to aid and assist - the help with the up keep of lodge halls... equipped kitchens ... and the list is endless. Many of these ladies are past the middle age status ... but they still put their hearts into it ... and I know many of the men join in to help .... it is this kind of commitment that keeps your chapters going, and you seldom back away from new challenges.

My wife reminds me that behind every good mason there is probably a very good woman. Any mason in his right mind would not dispute that. My wife keeps me on schedule, sees that I am properly dressed, she has a quick check list before I get out the door...If your wife is a member of the Star it adds another dimension of understanding. Like... all those meetings ... what in the world do you do there... There is something about attending a "lodge meeting" with your wife. It certainly does put a different slant on things. For one thing she can now help you explaining that "secret society thing" to those who will never know regardless of

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how many times we explain it to them..

The Order of the Eastern Star certainly has a vital role to play in our Masonic Fraternity. In the past few years Grand Lodge has had "open Installations". This year we had one of the largest attendance of the ladies. It was great. You add considerably to our event and you get a chance to see what it is we do and share some great fellowship. The result is that we both benefit. And it is also nice to see our ladies looking so attractive and adding some light to our fraternity.

Among things that we as fraternities share is falling membership. We justify this somewhat by saying "Well it is happening to most organizations. Look at the churches, the service clubs".

Sisters...Brothers..I don't believe this is an accurate assessment of our situation. It is not an easy fix. I believe it can be corrected. That is as far as I shall take this subject today.... but keep some of these thoughts in mind.

The Masonic fraternity has experienced many similar slumps over the years and has recovered; but not without effort from within. The reason we have survived is that we have fulfilled a need and we can continue to do so ... except we have lost sight of that relevant fact today. In years past men needed guidance in their lives....fellowship....association... recognition....and they still do today ... perhaps more so than years past....so many young people that are sailing the ocean of life with no compass to steer by....*we can help!*

And if this is not the case why is it then that so many men have maintained their membership for a lifetime in this great fraternity? (This year the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia are awarding two 80 year jewels.)

Worthy Grand Patron ... thank you for your invitation. May this 57<sup>th</sup> Session be successful and eventful. And may the G.A.O.T.U. keep you safely in the palm of his hand.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** Most worshipful Grand Master of Prince Edward Island could we hear from you at this time.

**Brother Errol Monkley, Most Worshipful Grand Master** brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and mentioned the close relationship between the Masonic fraternity and the three Eastern Star Chapters on the Island: Crystal Chapter No. 1, Regent Chapter No. 52 and Montague Chapter No. 69. He also remarked on the impressive floor work done by the Grand Officers this evening.

He concluded his remarks with the following:

The friendships developed as a result of one's membership in the Order of the Eastern Star can be of a very long duration. As with any organization, a person

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will only reap if the seeds are sown. Because of its worldwide organization example, it is possible to meet a Sister or Brother in unexpected places and to have an instant fraternal friendship with them. No matter where we may travel, we will find friends who will provide support, encouragement, fraternal love and a helping hand in good times but even more importantly in times of distress or need. As well, we may be strengthened by knowing there is a power, greater than anyone of us, watching over us. Perhaps the greatest attribute of the Order of Eastern Star is that it teaches us patience and tolerance for others. Sisters, Brothers, I don't think it could be said any better - not only of the Order of Eastern Star, but all our fraternal organizations.

By the way this was written by Anna Carr, P.M. of Crystal Chapter No. 1.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it was my pleasure to have been invited here - thank-you very much.

The **response** was given by **Brother Allan Conrad, Associate Grand Patron:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is indeed an honour to have the privilege to respond to the greetings from Most Worshipful Brother Errol Monkley of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and from Right Worshipful Brother Roger Eisner from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

I thank you very sincerely on behalf of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in this Grand Jurisdiction for taking the time from your busy schedule to be with us. We wish for you a year of harmony and good growth in your respective Grand Lodges as it is the growth of the Masonic Order that we can enjoy growth in the Eastern Star and through working together on membership, we both may prosper. A special word to Brother Eisner, I understand that you are a member of the Eastern Star, maybe if the Grand Master doesn't keep you too busy, I may meet you on the Star trail.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity to give this response.

#### **DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE GREETINGS**

**Sister Inez Daye, W.G.M.** introduced Sister Barbara Myles, Queen of Athena Temple No. 149, Daughters of the Nile and invited her to speak.

**Sister Barbara Myles:**

Protocol being established I would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for recognizing Athena Temple #149.

We are the Wives , Mothers , Daughters , Sisters and other female relatives of Master Masons , Shriners and Daughters of the Nile.

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We work with and for the Children of the Burn Units of the Shrine Hospitals. We provide many items each year for the Burned and Crippled Children and give thousands of volunteer hours to each hospital. Since 1913 the Daughters of the Nile have provided millions of dollars to the Shrine Hospitals.

Again Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron I thank you for this Honour to My Temple.

**PRESENTATION TO SHRINER'S CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL TRAVELLING FUND  
SPECIAL PROJECT FOR 2003-2004**

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** spoke about the "Bee" pins which she had purchased from the Rainbow Girls in the United States to help raise funds for this project. With the sale of the pins, calendars and donations the special project was very successful.

**Sister Inez and Brother Allen Denton, W.G.P.** made a presentation to Brother Phillip Beeler, Past Potentate of the Philae Shriners in the amount of **\$25,012.97** to go to the Shriner's Children's Hospital Travelling Fund. Sister Inez told him there will be more coming over the next few days.

Brother Phillip Beeler accepted this most welcome donation on behalf of Mr. Calvin Myra, Illustrious Potentate of Philae Shriners who was unable to be here this evening. Brother Phillip spoke briefly outlining how this money is allocated and thanked the W.G.M and the W.G.P. for having this as their special project for the past year. He also thanked the members for their generous support of this worthwhile project.

Brother Phillip also thanked the membership on behalf of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for their generosity in donating \$7,000.00 toward the digital talking book machines.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** announced that at this time any Distinguished Guests who wished to leave may do so.

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

**Two** Worthy Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Marjorie Colton, New Brunswick and Sister Jane Sims, New Hampshire.

**Three** Worthy Grand Patrons were presented: Brother Phillip Hubbard, Maine; Brother Evan Thomas, New Brunswick and Brother Levi Johnson, New Hampshire.

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**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** welcomed the Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons and expressed her pleasure at having them attend this Grand Chapter Session and invited them to join her in the East.

The **response** was given by **Sister Marjorie Colton**, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick:

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

It is an honour and a privilege, on behalf of the visiting Worthy Grand Matrons to respond to your kind words of welcome. We wish for you a happy and successful Session.

We are pleased to be here with you this evening and be counted among your fraternal friends. I personally have enjoyed the special friendship I've had with the members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and I want to thank you for the honour of responding to your welcome. We look forward to our continued friendship for many years to come.

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**

**Twenty-one Past Grand Matrons** were presented:

Sister Megan Church, Sister Sarah Doty, Sister Jessie Nutter, Sister Helen Connors, Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Sister Ruth Waterbury, Sister Eleanor Freeman, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Barbara Bowser, Sister Violet Blair, Sister Dora Turnbull, Sister Mildred Denton, Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Margaret Clarke, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Marian Durling, Sister Joan Campbell, Sister Carol Clark, Sister Isabelle Pearson and Sister June Macdonald.

**Fourteen Past Grand Patrons** were presented:

Brother Kenneth Smith, Brother Ward Cunningham, Brother Keith Pettigrew, Brother Vincent Ells, Brother Allison Mitchell, Brother Adrian Pearson, Brother Lewis Smith, Brother Howard MacInnis, Brother David Waterbury, Brother William M. Thompson, Brother John Newell, Brother Murray Gardner, Brother William A. Thompson and Brother George Crouch.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:**

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of our Jurisdiction I say a very hearty welcome. You have been our "Guiding Stars" and each of you mean so

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much to me. I thank you all for your love and support.

*You have so much so often, in so many special ways:  
In gentle words of comfort and in happy words of praise  
In taking time to talk a while, in trying to understand  
In sharing other people's joy, in helping when you can;  
And the thoughtfulness you've shown, in everything you do,  
Makes you the "Guiding Stars" I've treasured, this whole year through!*

The **response** was given by **Sister Violet Blair**. Sister Violet thanked the Worthy Grand Patron on behalf of the Past Grands for the heartfelt welcome and wished both Sister Inez and Brother Allen a harmonious "Golden Harvest" session. She thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for the honour to respond to the welcome.

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

#### **PAST GRAND MATRONS AND PAST GRAND PATRONS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Nine Past Grand Matrons** presented were: Sister Bertha Cadigan, Maine; Sister Virginia Charles, Maine; Sister Pauline Allan, New Brunswick; Sister Ann Morton, New Brunswick; Sister Janet Noland, New Hampshire; Sister Margie McConnell, Oklahoma; Sister Marjorie Morgan, Ontario; Sister Rose Whaley, Saskatchewan and Sister Betty Long, Wyoming.

**Eleven Past Grand Patrons** presented were: Brother Robert Branigan, Indiana; Brother Donald Pierce, Maine; Brother Robert W. McBournie, Massachusetts; Brother Irving Nicoll, Massachusetts; Brother Healy A. Nowe, Jr., Massachusetts; Brother Loren Sandler, Massachusetts; Brother Dick Flashenburg, Nevada; Brother Peter Colton, New Brunswick; Brother Clinton Shaffer, New Brunswick; Brother Glenn Boughton, Saskatchewan and Brother Don Heiser, Wyoming.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** graciously welcomed the visiting Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to the "Golden Harvest" Session and invited them to the East.

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

#### **WELCOME ON BEHALF OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS**

Welcome by **Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28), Chairperson of Hostess Chapters 2004:**

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

Thank you for the privilege of extending the welcome on behalf of the Hostess

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Chapters, namely, Halifax #7, Kwebec #27, Amethyst #28, St. Mary's #35, Mystic Star #40, Armcrest #45, Emerald #58, Atlantic #65 and Port Royal #1.

We have worked hard over the past few years to fulfill our commitment to Grand Chapter. We have had a few mountains to climb, but because of the co-operation of my Co-Chairman, Brother Jack Whalley and Secretary, Barbara Myles and Treasurer, Doreen Edgar and the other Committee members who hung in there with us, we feel we have fulfilled our duties. We wish for you Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron a successful and harmonious Golden Harvest Session.

Welcome to our guests and visitors from our own and other Grand Jurisdictions. May your time with us be the renewing of old friends and the meeting of new friends, filling your hearts with peace and joy in friendship.

Please enjoy your stay with us and when you return to your respective Jurisdictions, may God's richest blessings go with you as you follow the Star in the East.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this privilege of welcoming on behalf of the Hostess Chapters.

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

We appreciate the difficulty that you have had this year, and working with such a distance between your district and Digby for this "The Golden Harvest" Session. We know that you certainly have filled all the expectations and needs of our Grand Chapter, and have made our Members and Visitors feel very welcomed. Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen it is a pleasure to be in your hometown and we acknowledge all your hard work.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen, and your Hostess Committee, may you reap what you have sown at this your "Golden Harvest Session."

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

**Fifteen** Sisters and Brothers were presented: Sister Diane McCormack, Elected Member of Board of General Purposes, Alberta; Sister Norma Crabtree, Associate Grand Matron, Maine; Brother John Coombs, Associate Grand Patron, Maine; Sister Donna Allen, Associate Grand Matron, New Brunswick; Brother John

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Murray, Associate Grand Patron, New Brunswick; Brother Cliff Houk, Associate Grand Patron, Ohio; Brother Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron, Texas; Sister Susan Gaines, Grand Conductress, Maine; Sister Donna McEwen, Associate Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Brother Brian Smith, Grand Chaplain, New Hampshire; Brother Vlade Ampeff, Grand Organist, Ontario; Sister Jean Hubbard, Grand Esther, Maine; Sister Sheralyn Farnham, Grand Esther, Wyoming; Sister Priscilla Gordon, Grand Electa, Massachusetts and Sister Mary Jannenga, Grand Electa, New Hampshire.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** heartily welcomed the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers from other Jurisdictions and wished the elected Grand Officers success as they proceed to the Grand East and she expressed her pleasure at having so many appointed Grand Officers attend and wished them all the best.

**Sister Donna Allen, Associate Grand Matron of New Brunswick** gave the response and thanked the Worthy Grand Matron for this honour.

The Elected and Appointed Grand Officers were extended a hearty welcome and escorted to the East.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS  
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and VISITING DISTRICT GRAND OFFICER**

The following were introduced: Sister Janet Johnson, District No. 2; Sister Stella Trask, District No. 6 and Sister Suzanne Aitken, District No. 8 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Visiting: Sister Betty Martin, Board of Grand Examiners, District No. 5, Texas.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** brought regrets from Sister Marian Dickie, District No. 1 and Sister Nora Bishop, District No. 7. She welcomed the District Deputies and expressed her pleasure at having them present this evening.

The **response** was given by **Sister Janet Johnson, P.M. (24):**

Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you, on behalf of myself, and my chapter, Westville No. 24, for the honour given to me to respond to your gracious welcome, on behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matrons. We had a wonderful experience serving this Order on your behalf, and we were greeted with smiles and love, by members striving to do their best, in each of the chapters we visited. We wish for you both, all the best as you lead us in this Golden Harvest Session. May each day be filled with Faith, Peace, Joy and Friendship; and when this special time comes to a close, may all your dreams have been fulfilled.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons and Deputy Grand Officer were escorted to

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the East and given a hearty welcome.

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS  
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The following **thirty-two** Grand Representatives were introduced: Brother Donald Duncan, Alabama; Sister Elsie Brinkshulte, Australia; Sister Carolyn Crosby, British Columbia and Yukon; Brother James Coolen, California; Sister Marion Buchan, Colorado; Sister Elizabeth Morash, Delaware; Sister Carolyn Matthews, Florida; Sister Stella Myra, Georgia; Sister Elinor Sanford, Idaho; Brother Richard Haynes, Indiana; Sister Georgie Dewey, Iowa; Sister Beulah Lynch, Kansas; Brother Dale Ross, Kentucky; Sister Elizabeth Seymour, Louisiana; Sister Yvonne Stephenson, Michigan; Brother Walter Tingley, Mississippi; Sister Shirley Haugen, Nebraska; Brother Alex Nicholson, Nevada; Sister Patricia Wambolt, New Mexico; Brother Everett Baker, North Dakota; Sister Margaret Keddy, Ohio; Brother Richard Pineo, Ontario; Sister Helen Graham, Oregon; Sister Melda Johnston, Puerto Rico; Sister Carol Nielsen, Quebec; Brother David Boutilier, South Dakota; Sister Emily White, Tennessee; Sister Diane Snowdon, Texas; Sister Carol Wooster, Utah; Brother Glenn MacAdams, Virginia; Sister Frances Johnsen, Washington and Sister Gail Rafuse, Wyoming.

**Sister Marylyn Swinamer, A.G.M:** Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for extending to me the privilege and pleasure of welcoming the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

You, the Grand Representatives, are our Good Will Ambassadors. Yours is a wonderful appointment enabling you to sow seeds of friendship over many miles. We hope you are reaping the benefits of making many new friends. We wish you much joy and happiness in your travels. Welcome to the Golden Harvest Session.

**Response given by Sister Carol Wooster:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It is with great pleasure, that I, on behalf of the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, thank you most sincerely Sister Marylyn, A.G.M. for your warm and cordial words of welcome given to us this evening.

We bring greetings from the Grand Jurisdictions we represent. And as we travel throughout the many Grand Jurisdictions, we will strive to be true Ambassadors and strengthen the bonds of friendship and fraternal love between the sisters and

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brothers of our Grand Jurisdiction and those of the Grand Jurisdictions we represent.

Our appointment as a Grand Representative is an honour that we will always cherish.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen, it is our wish that you may always remember your year in the Grand East with fond memories of a Rich and Golden Harvest.

Sister Inez, I thank you for my commission and the honour bestowed upon me and my Chapter, Evangeline # 15, for the privilege of responding to your warm welcome.

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

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF  
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JURISDICTIONS**

**Fifteen** Grand Representatives were introduced: Sister Laurena Titsing, Alberta; Brother Roy Acreman, California; Sister Joan White, Colorado; Sister Joan Hontz, Delaware; Sister Paulette Thompson, Florida; Sister Sandra Falls, Indiana; Brother Maurice Laird, Mississippi; Brother John Dow, New Hampshire; Sister Eileen Drache, New Jersey; Sister Lamyra Rinard, Ohio; Sister Maxine Helgeson, Oklahoma; Brother John Pinnow, Saskatchewan; Brother Toby Lytle, Texas; Sister Nancy Peterson, Washington and Sister Eunice Heiser, Wyoming.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** I extend to you a sincere and heartfelt welcome to our Jurisdiction. You have travelled many miles to be with us and we hope our deeds as well as our words show the pleasure we feel as we welcome you this evening. Enjoy your stay with us and come back again often.

*Being a Grand Representative is an honour  
I think you'll agree,  
Whether it's for one year, or two, even three.  
It doesn't entail any work  
You're an ambassador of sorts;  
You visit other Chapters  
Just as a sailor visits ports.  
It's an experience of a lifetime  
As you travel both near and far.  
And hands are clasped in friendship...*

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**Response was given by Brother Roy Acreman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members of the Order, Sisters and Brothers - I bring greetings from my home state of California.

It is an honour to speak on behalf of the Grand Representatives present. We are happy to be at this Golden Harvest session and wish to express our appreciation for our appointments and for the honour of serving the Order. I would personally like to thank Sister Inez for my appointment in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Thank you.

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

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

**Ten** Sisters and Brothers were introduced: Brother Marvin Holmberg, New Brunswick in California; Sister Constance Branigan, Australia in Indiana; Brother Ralph Gordon, Saskatchewan in Massachusetts; Sister Virginia Crane, New Brunswick in New Hampshire; Sister Evelyn Houk, New Brunswick in Ohio; Sister Sharon Ampeff, Delaware in Ontario; Sister Ruth McKibben, New Brunswick in Oregon; Sister Mariel Penoyer, Scotland in Pennsylvania; Sister Elizabeth Smith, Rhode Island in Scotland and Sister Glenda Maine, New Brunswick in Vermont.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** welcomed the visiting Grand Representatives and stated how pleased she was to have them attend our Grand Chapter Session and she wished them a pleasant stay.

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

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND OFFICER EMERITUS**

Sister Florence Armstrong, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, New Brunswick, was presented and introduced.

She was welcomed by **Brother Allen, W.G.P.:**

I extend to you a very special welcome and commend you on your dedication, devotion and service to our Order of the Eastern Star. Thank you for honouring us with your presence this evening.

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

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**Thirty** Grand Chapter Committee Members of this Jurisdiction and **Three** Visiting Grand Chapter Committee Members were introduced: **Finance:** Brother William Cox; **Credentials & Registration:** Sister Rhoda Tupper, Brother Richard Coleman; **ESTARL:** Sister Barbara Falkenham, Sister Barbara Nicholson, Sister Marion Robinson; **Librarian:** Sister Shirley Rogers; **Temple Fund:** Sister Sylvia Hebden; **Crafts and Treasures:** Sister Ruth Bond, Sister Joan Mills, Sister Jean MacMillan, Sister Muriel Toye, Brother Ross Hagar; **Courtesy:** Sister Jean Wood, Brother Keith Clooney; **Publicity:** Sister Fran Harding, Sister Caryl Yates, Sister Helen Wambolt; **W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project:** Sister Arlene Antle, Sister Carole Newell, Sister Julie Bragg, Sister Mabel Haynes, Brother Larry Ingham; **Eastern Star Journal:** Sister Helen Legge, Sister Reta Kaluza; **Secretary's Handbook:** Sister LaVerne Porter, Sister June Whitman, Sister Edna MacVicar, Sister Dorothy Jewers, **Fraternal Relations:** Sister June Dauphinee. **Visitors:** Sister Janice Herridge, Arrangements - Stage Page; Brother Fred Johnscher, Dyslexia Chairman, Louisiana; Sister Virginia Laird, W.G.M.'s Special Project, Mississippi.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** I indeed bid you a most sincere welcome to this "Golden Harvest" Session. You have all worked very hard, often behind the scenes and have completed your duties very well. Thank you for accepting your appointments knowing the responsibility it involved. Well done my friends.

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

#### PRESENTATION OF 2003-2004 WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

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

**Worthy Matrons:** Sister Colleen Bragg, Port Royal #1; Sister Arlene Riswold, Mayflower #2; Sister Marian Durling, Cedar #3; Sister Noreen MacInnis, Halifax #7; Sister Stella Myra, Grace #8; Sister Margaret Chisholm, Century #10; Sister Freda Ells, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Bonnie Lowe, Evangeline #15; Sister Mary Withrow, Fairfield #22; Sister Marian MacDonald, Crystal #1(PEI); Sister Diane Hayman, Westville #24; Sister Ann Marie Murdock, Harmony #25; Sister Barbara Nicholson, Munro #26; Sister Beverly Caulier, Kwebec #27; Sister Clara Nieforth, Amethyst #28; Sister Helen Hatt, Arbutus #30; Sister Edna Smith, Queens #34; Sister Audrey Christie, Mystic Star #40; Sister Helen Hazeldine, Armcrest #45; Sister Shirley Conrad, Scotia #49; Sister Vera Rolfe, Sunrise #50; Sister Marilyn Lisk, Regent #52; Sister Ruth Digdon, Faith #54; Sister Ruth Donaldson, Elmsdale #55; Sister Wilma Verge, Emerald #58; Sister Vicki Perry, Shoreham #59; Sister Tricia Duncan, Queen Esther #61; Sister Kay Horton, Starlight #66; Sister Gladys Hobson, Laurel #67.

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**One Visiting Worthy Matron:** Sister Flo Flashenburg, Park #26, Las Vegas, Nevada was also introduced.

**Worthy Patrons:** Brother Gordon Bragg, Port Royal #1; Brother Richard Coleman, Mayflower #2; Brother George Myles, Halifax #7; Brother Fred Lipskey, Evangeline #15; Brother Earl Chisholm, Myrtle #21; Brother Earl Sanford, Fairfield #22; Brother Alex Nicholson, Munro #26; Brother Tabor Caulier, Kwebec #27; Brother Gerald Hatt, Arbutus #30; Brother Ray Zinck, Mystic Star #40; Brother Carson Jackson, Armcrest #45; Brother Ralph Donaldson, Elmsdale #55; Brother Ross Hagar, Ruth #57; Brother Laurie Myra, Shoreham #59; Brother Ray Horton, Starlight #66, Brother David Hobson, Laurel #67; Brother Stewart Fader, Pearle #71.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** Warmly welcomed the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and remarked on what a beautiful sight they made in the west. She enjoyed visiting each and every chapter this past year and was pleased so many were able to attend and be introduced this evening.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons - I extend to each of you my deep appreciation for accepting the responsibility of leading your Chapters this past year. Each and everyone of you did an excellent job and it was my honour to visit you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the courtesies and making me feel so welcome. You are most special.

The **response** was given by **Sister Barbara Nicholson, Chairman, Grand Pages:** Worthy Grand Matron, I would like to thank you for my appointment as Chairman of the Grand Pages.

On behalf of the Grand Pages, we wish to thank you for the privilege of serving at the "Golden Harvest" session, and we wish you a successful and enjoyable Grand Chapter.

The **response** was given by **Brother George Myles, Chairman, Grand Guards:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished and Invited Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

Worthy Grand Patron, it is indeed a pleasure for me to respond to your warm welcome at this "the Golden Harvest Session" of our Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

I thank you Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, for this honour to me and to my Chapter, Halifax Chapter #7 for allowing me to respond to your welcome to the Worthy Patrons of 2004.

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It will be a pleasure for us, the Worthy Patrons as Grand Guards of this Grand Jurisdiction, to work for and with you and we wish for you and Sister Inez a very successful "the Golden Harvest Session". It is winding down. We can count the time in hours now and it will be history. Let us strive to make it a grand session that will be remembered for what we did, not for what we didn't do.

Again many, many thanks to you, Brother Allen, for asking me to be Chairman of the Grand Guards. "Thank you".

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

**PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER RUTHS**

**Six** Subordinate Chapter Ruths were presented and welcomed by **Sister Sylvia McCleave, Grand Ruth:**

Sister Margaret Burhoe, Kwebec #27; Sister Shirley Bezanson, Mystic Star #40; Sister Thelma Low, Armcrest #45; Sister Joan Oderkirk, Atlantic #65; Sister Irene MacIsaac, Starlight #66; Sister Tracey Hobson, Laurel #67.

**Sister Sylvia McCleave, Grand Ruth:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with great pleasure that I extend a sincere welcome to all the Ruths here tonight, the representatives of the "Widows Station", one of the offices that our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron have chosen to honour this year.

As Grand Ruth it was wonderful to travel to all of your Chapters and very special to meet each of you as we share this station and portray the beautiful teachings of our Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your Grand Ruth and for the opportunity of welcoming all of the Ruths to The Golden Harvest Session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Margaret Burhoe, Ruth (27):**

Sister Sylvia, on behalf of all the Subordinate Chapter Ruths, I thank you for the kind and sincere words of welcome to this - *The Golden Harvest Session*.

Knowing Ruth was the honour station, throughout this past year, it has been a privilege for each of us to serve at the second point of the star and to tell the story of the humble gleaner Ruth, who with her devotion, constancy and patient industry teaches us at all times, that by gathering here a little and there a little, we may provide for the infirmities of age.

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Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, personally, I wish to tell you, it is a thrill for me, and an honour for my chapter, to have been asked to respond to this welcome. I thank you.

My wish for you is to be busy like the bees at harvest time, and thus have a productive and successful Session.

The Subordinate Chapter Ruths were escorted to the East and warmly greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

### PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER WARDERS

**Four** Subordinate Chapter Warders and **One** visiting Chapter Warder were presented and introduced and welcomed by the **Grand Warder, Brother George Moxsom:**

Brother Cyril Marsters, Fairfield #22; Brother Robert Eisener, St. Mary's #35; Sister Paula Brigley, Mystic Star #40; Brother Joseph Parker, Armcrest #45.

**Visiting Subordinate Chapter Warder**, Sister Boughton, Corinthian Chapter #89, Saskatchewan.

**Brother George Moxsom, Grand Warder:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

As Grand Warder of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, it is an honour for me to extend a sincere and heartfelt welcome to the subordinate chapter warders - our guards within our Chapter doors. Our badge is an emblem of peace, admonishing us to labour for the peace and harmony of our Chapters. May you - and all sisters and brothers continue to labour for peace and harmony within our Grand Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez and Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Allen - may you enjoy peace and harmony during this Grand Harvest session. I thank you both for appointing me as Grand Warder and the privilege of welcoming Subordinate Chapter Warders - and may our friendship continue to grow and flourish forever.

The **response** was given by **Sister Paula Brigley, Warder (40):** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of responding on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Warders to the gracious welcome extended to us by our Grand Warder, Brother George.

I sincerely hope that the Golden Harvest Session will provide you with many happy memories.

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Thank you again for the honour bestowed upon myself and my chapter, Mystic Star Chapter No. 40.

The Subordinate Chapter Warders were escorted to the East and warmly greeted by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**PRESENTATION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS CONVENORS**

**Seven** Hostess Chapters Convenors were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. - Chairman; Brother Jack Whalley - Co-Chairman and Housing Convenor; Sister Betty Smith and Sister Janet Merry - Co-Convenors - Banquet; Sister Sylvia McCleave - Decorations; Brother Kirk Whitman - Hospitality; Sister Mildred Wagner - Tickets.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** welcomed each of the convenors and thanked them for all their hard work in preparing for this Grand Chapter Session.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** I extend to each of you a very warm welcome. Here we stand together tonight seeing the fruits of our labours. Thank you most sincerely for your dedication and hard work.

The **response** was given by **Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M (28), Chairman** who thanked the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their kind words and again wished them a successful Grand Chapter Session on behalf of the Hostess Chapter Convenors and their committees.

The Hostess Chapter Convenors were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally and the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter called from labour to rest, to reconvene Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at 8:45 a.m.

**FORMAL OPENING  
TUESDAY MORNING, July 6, 2004**

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<b>8:45 a.m.:</b>	<b>Placing of Emblems:</b>
Narrator:	Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25)
Bible:	Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (15)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Joan Oderkirk (65)
Sheaf:	Sister Lorna Spencer, P.M. (28)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Charlene Davis (35)
Broken Column:	Sister Marlene Clyde (28)
Cup:	Sister Sandra Denton (35)

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 Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24) and Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10).

**Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M.:** Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is my happy privilege to welcome you to the formal opening of the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. *"The Golden Harvest"* Session.

It is also wonderful to be back once again to the beautiful town of Digby. It is also great to greet so many visitors from near and far, along with our very own important sisters and brothers.

A special welcome is extended to Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, and of course, Sister Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress (you are one of us now), and our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Edna Harding, International Temple; Sister Cheryl Denton, Registration and Brother William Clark, Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We are very proud of each one of you and we wish you good health and lots of wonderful memories as you travel to other jurisdictions during this triennium, and also to our other distinguished guests who have come to attend our session. Enjoy our hospitality and we hope you can come back often.

This very important Tuesday morning we begin the serious work of our Grand Chapter, review work of the past year, and consider legislation for the future. May we carefully consider the matters brought before us, and as the business is transacted, let us listen closely, think seriously, and act deliberately.

I am very happy to have the opportunity to serve here in the East with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Murray. We do look great together! I am now very pleased to present him for his words of welcome.

**Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P.:**

Good morning Sisters and Brothers and I echo the words of welcome by Sister

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Carol to this the 57<sup>th</sup> *"The Golden Harvest"* Session of our Grand Chapter. What a pleasure to share the East with Sister Carol, on this, the Formal Opening of our Grand Chapter. Sister Carol and I have many happy memories of the good times and Chapters visited during our *"The Touch of an Angel"* year.

We trust that all visitors from other Jurisdictions enjoy their stay in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and will return home with pleasant memories of our friendly hospitality. To the members of our own Jurisdiction, today, begins our business session - let us work for the good of our Order.

**Sister Carol, P.G.M.:** I now call to order this 57<sup>th</sup> formal opening of the Golden Harvest session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

**Sister Carol, P.G.M.:** Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, Grand Representatives, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Chapter Ruths and Chapter Warders 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.

**FORMATIONS**

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

**Sister Carol, P.G.M.:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.

**Sister Carol, P.G.M.:** Sister Inez, it is with much joy that I greet you on this formal opening of *"The Golden Harvest"* Grand Chapter Session. You and I became good friends during Sister Cheryl's and Brother Ted's *"Harbour of Dreams"* year, you as District Deputy Grand Matron and myself as Grand Conductress and we have shared a good friendship ever since. Now I can say you are also one of my kids.

Sister Inez, you have had a wonderful year and you are now fast approaching the final days of your Session. I extend to you my own sincere congratulations for all the accomplishments you have had and best wishes for a successful Grand Chapter Session.

Brother Allen, our Grand Marshal. You have been one of our special appointments. Right now I feel like the proud Mom, welcoming you to your own Grand Chapter Session. The Clark's and the Denton's have formed a fraternal bond and friendship and now we have become full circle. I know that you have enjoyed your year and that you will have many wonderful memories to look

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forward to in the future.

**Bro. Murray, P.G.P.:**

Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron welcome to your "*The Golden Harvest*" session. Congratulations to you both for an excellent year of service to our Order. Seems like such a short time ago that the both of you were part of our Grand Family. It is a privilege and honour, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for me to assist Sister Carol in the East in this formal opening, and wish for you both a "fantastic" session.

**Sister Carol, P.G.M.:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will now escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sister Inez and Brother Allen were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) sang "*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*" to Sister Inez. Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (15) sang "*The Lord Is My Shepherd*" to Brother Allen.

**Sister Carol, P.G.M.:** Sister Inez, it is a pleasure for me to present you with your gavel, the emblem of your authority. May love and kindness abide all through this Grand Chapter Session and when it is over:

*May love and peace and joy  
And all that makes life dear  
Abide with you each day  
And bless you year by year.*

The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Chaplain gave the invocation at the Altar.

The Opening Ode: "*Just A Closer Walk With Thee*" was sung.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Session called from rest to labour.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and closed the Bible. The Grand Chapter was then opened formally.

Following the formal opening of this Grand Chapter session the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez, thanked Sister Carol and Brother Murray for opening this session and presented each with a gift. Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, also thanked Sister Carol and Brother Murray for opening this Grand Chapter session and for all the kindness shown to him during the year.

## PRESENTATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sister Sandra Falls, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Indiana presented Sister Inez, W.G.M. with a special gavel. Sister Inez thanked Sister Sandra and announced that she will use it during this morning's session.

Sister Inez announced that pictures of some of our Past Grands, along with their baby pictures, are located at the back of the Grand Chapter room. Tickets will be sold to match the photos. The proceeds will go to the "Honey Money" for ESTARL.

Sister Inez reminded all members to pick up their luncheon and banquet tickets.

Sister Inez announced that if any members would like to have their digital camera photos developed immediately they are to see Sister Clara Nieforth.

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M., apologized for omitting the name of Armcrest Chapter No. 45 in her report of the Hostess Chapters last evening.

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

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

**General Grand Chapter Officer: Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron**, Past Grand Matron of Oklahoma, was presented at the Altar, graciously welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where she was given Grand Honours.

**General Grand Chapter Committee: Brother Tom Benton, Registration**, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma, was presented at the Altar, warmly welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where he was accorded Grand Honours.

**Past Grand Patron:** Brother Robert Penoyer, Past Grand Patron of Pennsylvania was presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East where he was also accorded Grand Honours.

**Elected and Appointed Grand Officers:** Sister Bonnie Zumalt, Grand Conductress, Massachusetts, Brother Craig Wallace, Grand Sentinel of Massachusetts and Sister Barbara Comtois, Grand Martha of Vermont were

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presented in the West, introduced, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

**Grand Representatives:** Sister Mariel Penoyer, Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland in Pennsylvania and Brother Charles Stuart, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were presented, welcomed and escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

#### RULES OF ORDER

##### **Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25), Parliamentarian 2004:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron - Thank you for the privilege of serving as Parliamentarian for your Golden Harvest Session.

Sisters and Brothers, as we approach the business of this Grand Chapter, let courtesy and love prevail.

Officially, Roberts Rules of Order shall apply to our deliberations. Following are ten selected items:

1. All remarks shall be addressed to the Presiding Officer.
2. All motions must be seconded before discussion.
3. No one shall speak more than twice to a motion.
4. No one shall speak longer than two minutes at one time.
5. The mover is entitled to speak last to her/his motion.
6. None may speak a second time to a motion until those wishing to speak once have been heard.
7. All motions shall be in the affirmative.
8. A motion may be withdrawn with agreement of the seconder.
9. A standing vote may be called upon request.
10. Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail on all matters.

Thank you all for your co-operation.

#### ADOPTION OF 2003 MINUTES

**Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary** moved the adoption of the 2003 minutes as printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40). The motion was carried.

#### REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2003-2004

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**SISTER INEZ A. DAYE**

Sister Inez Daye, Worthy Grand Matron, addressed the members for one hour and gave a detailed report of her activities during the year.

Sister Inez moved the adoption of her report. This was seconded by Sister Janet Merry, P.M. (27) and carried.

No written copy of the report was submitted to the Grand Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2003-2004  
BROTHER C. ALLEN DENTON**

Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers:

One of the nicest journeys I have ever taken is my journey to the East in this Grand Chapter. I have had a wonderful year and created many, many beautiful memories. Each and every Chapter has been absolutely wonderful to me. I was able to attend all our Worthy Grand Matron's official visits with the exception of two and I hope to make a special visit to these two chapters in the near future. I thank you all for the courtesies extended to me - the boutineers, the delicious suppers, the addendums, the gifts and most especially your donations to our Special Project, "Shriner's Crippled Children Travelling Fund." You have gone the extra mile and I truly appreciate your kindness and generosity. You, the Grand Chapter, have been an excellent employer and I hope I have served you well and been a good employee.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez - It has been an interesting journey and here we are at our "Golden Harvest Session." Our hopes and dreams are being realized and I wish you all the best in all your future endeavours.

Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron - Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan, you have been wonderful to me and I couldn't have had a better Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron than you. Our Grand Chapter will be blessed by your leadership.

To Sister Marion Miller, Grand Conductress and Brother John Patterson, Grand Sentinel, it has been my pleasure getting to know you both. You will be a breath of fresh air and our Jurisdiction will be blessed again in your capable hands.

To Sister Gail Cook - yet another blessing to our Jurisdiction. I know you will have a wonderful year and I wish you all the best.

To our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann and our Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy

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- words cannot express how truly wonderful you have both been to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart but most especially for your sincere and true friendship.

To our Appointed Officers - you were all well chosen and every one of you have served your Grand Chapter well and with honour. I am proud that you were a part of our Grand Family.

To our District Deputy Grand Matrons - Congratulations on a job very well done- especially for the beautiful Estarl Church Services - one of our highlights of this year.

To The Hostess Chapters and all Grand Chapter Committee Members - Thank you all for your dedication and hard work. Our Grand Chapter Session is a success because of all the time and hard work you have put into it.

To Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford - it has been my delight getting to know you all and I thank you all for your kindness and friendship. You are like a second home to me.

To my Wife, Sister Cheryl and my Mother, Sister Mildred - I love you both and thank you for all you have done for me.

To Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel - congratulations on your election to this high office. I wish you every success and happiness on your newest journey and good health. Enjoy it thoroughly and we support you all the way 100%.

To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Edna Harding - International Temple, Brother Bill Clark -Vision and Sister Cheryl Denton on Registration - congratulations on your appointments and my best wishes to each of you.

To St. Mary's Chapter #35, Digby - my home Chapter. Words cannot express my sincere appreciation for all you have done for me. I will forever be indebted to you and I thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart. I love you all dearly.

My official duties began on July 10th, 2003 when I attended a luncheon hosted by Emerald, Amethyst and Halifax Chapters for a group of 83 O.E.S. members from Ohio who were aboard a cruise ship docked in Halifax. What a wonderful way to start off the year.

July 24th/03- I attended Brother Ted Miller, P.G.P.'s funeral at Higginsville, N.S.

August 20th/03- I attended the funeral for Brother Neil Archibald, P.G.P. in Halifax.

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October 4th/03- I received an Honourary Membership from Crescent Chapter #70, Lockeport at a special German Dinner.

Nov. 15th/03- I received an Honourary Membership from Keystone Chapter#5, Yarmouth.

Nov. 19th/03- I attended a regular meeting at Laurel Chapter # 67- Bro. Fred Clarke's first visit to his home Chapter after being elected Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter.

December 11th/03- Our official visit to St. Mary's Chapter #35. I had the honour to present Brother Roger Beckwith with his 50 year jewel and I received a Life Membership to my home Chapter.

May 8th/04- I attended Maritime Exchange in Shediac, New Brunswick.

May 17th, 18th, and 19th- I attended the Grand Chapter of Maine held in Augusta, Maine.

June 5th/04- I attended the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Truro, N.S.

June 19th/04- I received an Honourary Membership from Kwebec Chapter #27, Bedford, N.S.

June 21st/04- I received an Honourary Membership from Port Royal Chapter #1, Annapolis Royal, N.S.

During my term as Worthy Grand Patron I approved the following amendments to the By-Laws of (6) subordinate Chapters:

1. Port Royal #1 - Sept/03 - Meeting time change for D.D.G.M. and housekeeping
2. Harmony #25 - Oct./03 - Meeting date change (holidays or Grand Chapter)
3. Victoria #19 - Apr./04 - Regarding Trustees
4. Regent #52 - Mar/04 - Change in months closed
5. Sunrise #50 - May/04 - Meeting time change
6. Cobequid #39 - Apr/04 - Meeting time change

Attached to this report will be a complete list of all donations given to me during the past three years for our Special Project - "Shriners Crippled Childrens Hospital

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Travelling Fund.

Sisters and Brothers I thank you all for the beautiful memories. May God Bless you all dearly.

I move the adoption of this report - Brother Allen Denton, W.G.P. This motion was seconded by Sister Colleen Bragg, P.M. (1) and carried.

**DONATIONS**

**As Grand Sentinel:**

Marylyn and Ralph Swinamer	\$ 10.00
Jeannette Rawding - in memory of Robert	10.00
Linda Townsend	5.00
Stella Trask	50.00
Howard and Anna Ford	10.00
Eleanor and Raymond Freeman	10.00
Card not signed	10.00
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson	10.00
Howard and Noreen MacInnis	20.00
Ella B. DeLay	150.90

**As Associate Grand Patron:**

Margaret Allen	10.00
Vicki Perry	50.00
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson	20.00
Kirk and June Whitman	15.00
Louise Seeley	10.00
Murray and Stella Trask	20.00
Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer	10.00
Mildred Denton and Harley	100.00
LaVerne Porter	10.00
Patricia Wamboldt and Velda Forrest	10.00
Tracey Hobson	10.00
Howard and Noreen MacInnis	20.00
Sylvia Hebden	20.00
Donald and Karyn Grant	10.00
Pat Armstrong	5.00
Arlene and Mel Antle	10.00
Mildred Wagner	10.00
Fred and Joan Ross	5.00
Maurine Arnold	10.00
Raymond and Eleanor Freeman	10.00
Sarah Doty	20.00
Ken and Betty Smith	10.00

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Ron and Grace Boudreau	5.00
George and Barbara Myles	10.00
Ward and Joyce Cunningham	5.00
Rhonda and Ken Fader	10.00
Howard and Anna Ford	10.00
Carol and Cecil Boutilier	10.00
Shirley MacLean	10.00
Allison and Eleanor Mitchell	20.00
Murray and Arna Gardner	25.00
Anna Horne	10.00
Mildred Denton	100.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton - in memory of Carol Boutilier	50.00
 <b><u>As Worthy Grand Patron:</u></b>	
Gloria Bowing, W.G.M., Maine	10.00
John and Carole Newell	50.00
Edna Smith - in lieu of gifts to Installing Officers	50.00
Cedar Chapter #3	25.00
Faith Chapter #54	10.00
Edna Harding - P.G.M.'s Special Project	112.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton - in memory of Ted Miller, P.G.P.	100.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	20.00
Mae Chapter #38	20.00
Stella Trask - in memory of Ted Miller, P.G.P.	20.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton - in memory of Neil Archibald, P.G.P.	50.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton - in memory of Cheryl's nephew, Colin Wall Royal Military Police - killed in Iraq	100.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	25.00
Maple Leaf Chapter #23	75.00
Port Royal Chapter #1 - sale of tomatoes	26.00
Queen Esther Chapter #61	25.00
June Dauphinee	25.00
Ken Smith, G.G.C.C.M. (Guest speaker at Shoreham Chapter #59)	15.00
Mary Jane Noyse (U.S.)	50.00
Grace Chapter #8	25.00
Grace Chapter #8 - Officers Club	25.00
Louise Seeley - in lieu of gifts at Installation	20.00
Queens Chapter #34	50.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	25.00
Pearle Chapter #71	10.00
Emily Bigelow	50.00
Ruby and James MacKenzie	25.00
Armcrest Chapter #45	25.00
Thelma Low	20.00

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Scotia Chapter #49	50.00
Stella Trask - in honour of Grand Officers at Christmas	50.00
Elm Chapter #48	25.00
Jack and Amelia Whalley	25.00
June and Kirk Whitman	25.00
Edna Harding, G.G.C.C.M.	140.00
Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20	25.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	50.00
Mystic Star Chapter #40	50.00
Mystic Star Chapter #40 - Past Matrons & Past Patrons Club	10.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35	100.00
Westville Chapter #24	50.00
Garry and Marianna Hope	25.00
Ruth Chapter #57	25.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55	25.00
Halifax Chapter #7	25.00
George and Barbara Myles	25.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	25.00
Joan Campbell	50.00
George Moxsom - gift received from John & Diane Patterson	10.00
Century Chapter #10	100.00
Olive Munroe	50.00
Atlantic Chapter #65	50.00
Charles and Anna Carr	25.00
Regent Chapter #52	35.00
Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI)	25.00
Montague Chapter #69	25.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton - in memory of Lila Trask	50.00
Emerald Chapter #58	25.00
Howard and Noreen MacInnis	20.00
Maurine Arnold - in lieu of gifts to G.C.C.M.'s of St. Mary's #35	25.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14	100.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 - Silver Drill	55.65
Munro #26	15.00
Evangeline Chapter #15 - in name of Howard Ford - (\$400.00 from the Chapter, \$200.00 from Violet Blair)	600.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55 - in memory of Robie Horne	25.00
Shoreham Chapter #59	15.00
Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer - in honour of G.C.C.M.'s of #35	20.00
Edna Harding, G.G.C.C.M.	40.00
Jack and Amelia Whalley	25.00
Jackie and Sheila MacDonald	20.00
Richard Coleman	10.00
Murray and Arna Gardner	50.00

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Ross and Betty Hagar	100.00
Dorothy Allan - in honour of Louise Seeley, W.M., Jack Perry, W.P. and Jean MacMillan	50.00
Alfred and JoAnne Newell - in honour of W.G.M., W.G.P., Gr. Org., Gr. Chap. and all members of Keystone #5 and Crescent #70	50.00
Louise Seeley - in lieu of gifts on her Honour Night:	
Ward and Joyce Cunningham	25.00
George and Mary Crouch	10.00
Barbara Boyd	10.00
Loose change in basket	5.00
Mary Smith	25.00
Betty Ann Loughnan - in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers	100.00
Helen Dauphinee - in lieu of personal gifts	50.00
Barbara Boyd	10.00
Sarah Doty	40.00
Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer	250.00
Louise Seeley	50.00
Jean MacMillan	20.00
Gail Cook - in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers	25.00
Dorothy Powroz - \$100.00 in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers, \$50.00 in memory of mother, Hilda	150.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35	500.00
Linda McKay	25.00
Mildred Denton - \$100.00 for Special Project, \$100.00 in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers	200.00
Stella and Murray Trask	100.00
George and Mary Crouch	50.00
Bill and Carol Clark	50.00
Vincent and Irma Maxwell	25.00
Janet Merry - in memory of Neil Archibald	35.00
Fred and Carol Wooster	10.00
Julie Baker	5.00
Sylvia Hebden	25.00
Morley and Marion Robinson	50.00
Claretta Palmer	25.00
Marion Miller	200.00
Marvis Mansfield	5.00
David and Gladys Hobson	10.00
Ted and Charlene Davis	10.00
Janet Menzies	200.00
Jean Proffitt	20.00
Allan and Shirley Conrad	15.00
Reginald and Gladys MacRae	25.00
Bill and Mary Ellen Bishop	50.00

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George and Barbara Myles	25.00
June Dauphinee - \$25.00 in lieu of Honour Night gifts, \$25.00 in honour of W.G.P.	50.00
Howard and Noreen MacInnis	20.00
Eleanor and Allison Mitchell	40.00
Glenn and Evelyn MacAdams	10.00
Irene and Glenn Johnson - in honour of Sylvia McCleave	20.00
Cora MacKay	20.00
Ross and Mary Lou Higgins	25.00
Dorothy Allan	20.00
June and Kirk Whitman	25.00
The "Gamblers" - in memory of Neil Archibald, P.G.P.	300.00
Officers and Members of Shoreham Chapter #59	100.00
Officers and Members of Shoreham Chapter #59 - in honour of Helen Dauphinee and Janet Menzies	50.00
Officers and Members of Keystone Chapter #5 - in lieu of bar for Louise Seeley, W.M.	200.00
Mildred Denton, P.G.M. - \$100.00 in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers \$100.00 for Special Project	200.00
Carol Nielsen	25.00
Leda Graham	10.00
June and Scott Macdonald	100.00
Millie Wagner	10.00
Mel and Arlene Antle	25.00
Darlene Amirault and Carol Little	20.00
Sandra Denton	25.00
Rev. and Mrs. John Dickinson	100.00
Ken and Betty Smith - in memory of Neil Archibald, P.G.P.	25.00
Donald and Barbara Cooke	10.00
Ray and Mary Zinck	20.00
Fred and Margaret Clarke	20.00
Vivian Irving and Jeanette Durnnian	10.00
John and Carole Newell	100.00
Jack and Amelia Whalley - in lieu of gifts to Louise Seeley, Jack Perry, Jean MacMillan and Marylyn Swinamer	25.00
Roger and Jean Beckwith	25.00
Whit and JoAnne Giffin	100.00
Louise Seeley - in lieu of gifts for Installing Officers 2003-2004	10.00
Tracey Hobson - on behalf of Grand Officers and D.D.G.M.'s	75.00
Mary Hughes-Kelley	10.00
Katherine Evans	25.00
June and Kirk Whitman - in honour of Stella Trask, D.D.G.M. and Gr. Reps. - Amelia Whalley and Carolyn Crosby	20.00
Louise Seeley - gift on her honour night	20.00

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Jim and Marian Dickie - in honour of Grand Family	25.00
Rhoda Tupper	25.00
David and Gladys Hobson	50.00
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson	50.00
Lorna Spencer	75.00
David and Ruth Waterbury	25.00
Larry and Vivian Ingham	20.00
Velda Forrest	10.00
Irene and Phillip Beeler	40.00
Louise Seeley - in honour of June Whitman, Jack Perry and Jean MacMillan	10.00
Amelia Whalley - in lieu of gifts to Amelia and Stella from Win Baker	20.00
John and Diane Patterson	20.00
Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20 - in memory of Earl Burgess	15.00
Grand Representatives Association	100.00
P.A.G.O.'s Association	200.00
George and Nora Moxsom	100.00
Owen and Rita Baker	75.00
Dale and Linda Townsend	50.00
Group from Massachusetts	13.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton - in lieu of gifts to Hostess Chapter Committee Members	400.00
Bank Interest	32.66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,020.21</b>

**MOTION**

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, A.G.M., moved that her District Deputy Grand Matron's report for District No. 5 be accepted and be printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Sister Arlene Riswold, W.M. (2) and the motion was carried.

The following is her report:

District No. 5  
District Deputy Grand Matron's Report

As in other Districts, District No. 5 have some Chapters that are struggling to fill all their offices.

All the Chapters exemplified the ritualistic work very well.

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It was very heart warming to see the cooperation among the Chapters and the manner in which the members help each other.

Several members were concerned about memorizing their work, so I suggested they read what they couldn't memorize. Hence, the ceremonies flowed more smoothly.

I was very impressed with one Worthy Matron who in her eighties needed a prompt of only one word.

I was privileged to witness the initiation of one new member and heard the election of four candidates.

Marylyn Swinamer, D.D.G.M., Associate Grand Matron 2003 - 2004

P.S. Thank you to Sister Stella Trask D.D.G.M. Dist. No. 6, who graciously deputized Pearle Chapter No. 71 for me as I had seven(7) Chapters to deputize and She had only four (4) Chapters.

#### **JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2004**

The Jurisprudence Committee: Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) Chairman, Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52) and Brother Cyril MacIntosh, P.G.P. (21). (Brother Reg MacRae was unable to be present due to medical reasons.)

As Sister Diane Hayman was the only member of the Jurisprudence Committee in attendance she read their report as follows:

#### **Jurisprudence Report on Notices of Motion 2004**

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 Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. regarding the use of Canadian Parliamentary Law at all sessions/meetings of Grand and Subordinate Chapters and Committees thereof. The committee asked for rationale from Brother Dave, and it was received, and will be presented at this session.

**This motion is in order.**

**This motion was withdrawn by Brother David Waterbury.**

**Notice of Motion No. 2** to be presented by Brother Frank Cullen, P.P., regarding the amount of money spent on ESTARL bursaries in a year that an extraordinary funding occurrence might occur.

**This motion is in order.**

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**Notice of Motion No. 3** to be presented by Brother William Clark, P.G.P. regarding the deletion of the section which states that no member may serve in more than one capacity at any time (with the exception of Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress as District Deputy Grand Matrons). We asked for rationale from Brother Bill, and it was received, and will be presented at this session.

**This motion is in order.**

**Notice of Motion No. 4** to be presented by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M., regarding allowing elected officers to be members of the auditing committee in a chapter.

We agree that many small chapters may find it difficult to appoint auditors without using elected officers; however we feel that the Secretary and Treasurer should not audit their own books, and they should be the only elected officers not eligible to be appointed as auditors.

**The committee makes no recommendation. The members of Grand Chapter can decide.**

**Notice of Motion No. 5** to be presented by Sister Carol Wooster, P.M. regarding the sending of proposed amendments for the C L and R (Red Book) of General Grand Chapter to all Chapter Secretaries as well as voting delegates.

**This motion is in order.**

**Notice of Motion No. 6** to be presented by Brother William Cox, P.P. regarding the changing of General Grand Chapter Temple Fees from five dollars (U.S.) to seven dollars and fifty cents (Can.).

**This motion is in order.**

**Notice of Motion No. 7** to be presented by Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. re the formation of a committee to draw up guidelines for Chairpersons and Committee members.

**This motion is in order.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Worthy Grand Matron announced that the Banquet hall will open at 6:15 p.m. this evening.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the "Golden Harvest" Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, July, 2004:

**1. MOTION:**

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Take notice that I will move or cause to be moved at the session of the 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."**

David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15)

**This motion was withdrawn.**

**2. 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.

Frank Cullen, P.P. (24)

**Brother Frank Cullen moved, seconded by Sister Barbara Falkenham, P.M. (55) that this motion be accepted. The motion was carried.**

**3. MOTION:**

I will move or cause to be moved the following at Grand Chapter, July 2004:

Article 1, Section 3, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter - **that this section be deleted.**

William Clark, P.G.P. (24)

**This motion was moved for acceptance by Brother William Clark and seconded by Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24). The motion was defeated.**

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**4. MOTION:**

I will move or cause to be moved the following motion: Under the Laws and Regulations of the Subordinate Chapters: Page 18, Article 20: Remove the words: "**none of whom shall be an elected officer of the Chapter**".

**Rationale:** It is very hard for the Worthy Matron of some small chapters to appoint an Audit committee without using Elected Officers. It would be beneficial for our Line officers--i.e. Conductresses, Associate Patron to act on this committee and become knowledgeable with our bookkeeping system.

Marian E. Durling, P.G.M. (3)

**Sister Marian Durling moved that this motion be accepted. This was seconded by Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3). After some discussion, Sister Marian Durling moved that the motion be amended to read: "with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer". Sister Margaret Allen seconded the motion and the amendment was carried.**

**The motion as amended was then voted upon and it was carried.**

**5. MOTION:**

At the fifty-seventh annual session of Grand Chapter of the Order of The Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in July 2004, I, Carol Wooster, P.M. of Evangeline Chapter #15, will move or cause to be moved the following:

**LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER ARTICLE 2 - Duties of Officers, Grand Secretary, page 17, Delete # 39**

Item #39. send out amendments for the CL&R (Red Book) of the General Grand Chapter to all our voting delegates.

**Replace with:**

Item #39. send out **proposed** amendments for the CL&R (Red Book) of the General Grand Chapter to all voting delegates **and to all Chapter secretaries.**

**Rationale:**

This would enable all members to know what motions or resolutions are going to go before the voting delegates at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. They would have the opportunity to make any comments or ask for input from the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron who are the voting Delegates of this Grand Chapter. The voting Delegates would then have a feel of what the members wished.

The Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is the governing body for all of the subordinate chapters throughout these two provinces. We the members of these subordinate chapters have a say in what takes place within our Jurisdiction. The General Grand Chapter is made up of all of the Grand Chapters and all subordinate Chapters of General Grand Chapter. These Grand Jurisdictions have a voice in what takes place at each General Grand Chapter Assembly. All Delegates who attend the General Grand Chapter Assembly are the voting

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Delegates for that session. Since these Delegates represent their respective Grand Jurisdictions, they should be voting on behalf of their members and not just for themselves. Therefore, the Delegates should inform all of their subordinate chapter members of any business and/or motions that will be coming before them at the General Grand Chapter meeting and get input and some direction of how they should be voting on certain matters coming before them at the General Grand Chapter Assembly.

Following the completion of the General Grand Chapter session, the results of any motions and any changes to the Laws and Regulations and/or to the ritual should be sent to each subordinate chapter secretary as per the Worthy Grand Matron duties. That in turn would ensure these changes are presented to their members.

This resolution was presented at Evangeline Chapter #15, February 3, 2004 and has the approval of the Chapter and authorizes Sister Carol Wooster P.M. to present this notice of motion to Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Carol Wooster, P.M. (15)

**Sister Carol Wooster moved that this motion be accepted. Sister Nora Bishop, P.M. (15) seconded the motion. On the question Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27), felt this motion is in conflict with the General Grand Chapter Red Book. On the question Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary, spoke on the high cost of printing and sending out these recommendations.**

**The motion was defeated.**

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) suggested that the Past Grands report to their chapters on the recommendations of General Grand Chapter.

**6. MOTION:**

At the Grand Chapter Session of The Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in July, 2004 I will move or cause to be moved the following amendment to the C. L. & R.:

**ARTICLE 22- PAGE 19- FEES DUES AND ASSESSMENTS Paragraph 1 line 3, change five dollars to read seven dollars and fifty cents.**

**Rationale:**

General Grand Chapter at its session in 2003 changed the amount of the Temple Fund from \$1.00 U.S to \$5 00 U.S. With the current rates of exchange the sum of \$5.00 is insufficient to cover a remittance of \$5.00 U.S. which has at times been as high as 50%. Chapters as well as Grand Chapter should not be out of pocket to remit funds as a carrier for General Grand Chapter.

William A. Cox, P.P. (30)

**Brother William Cox moved, seconded by Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10), that this motion be accepted. The motion was carried.**

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**7. MOTION:**

Take notice that at the Fifty-seventh Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Digby, Nova Scotia, July 5,6,7, 2004, I will move, or cause to be moved the following:

“The Incoming Worthy Grand Matron will appoint a Committee of seven to Draw Up Guidelines for Chairpersons and Members of the following Committees: Librarian; Temple Fund; Crafts and Treasures; Courtesy; Publicity; Eastern Star Journal; and Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project; and report at the 2005 Grand Chapter Session for approval by the Members.”

**Rationale:**

There seems to be confusion as to exactly what are the responsibilities and duties of members of these committees- especially that of the Chairpersons - e.g. When should letters be sent out to Chapters? Who sends them after they have been approved? Who provides the books for presentation by the Publicity Committee? Who pays for any expenses incurred? (just a few items that need clarification). We need to have written guidelines so that when members are being asked to serve on these committees, they can be informed exactly as to what the job entails and what is expected of them.

I would suggest that those being asked to serve on this committee, be Sisters or Brothers who have previously served on the seven named committees- preferably as the Chairperson.

Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24)

**Sister Diane Hayman moved that this motion be accepted. Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25) seconded the motion and it was carried.**

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. sharp.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON, July 6, 2004**

**2:00 p.m.** Grand Chapter was called to order and the Grand Officers resumed their stations. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

**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.

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The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter session from refreshment to labour.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
(not previously presented)**

Sister Nora Bishop, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 7 was presented, welcomed and escorted to the East where she was given a hearty welcome.

Brother James Malyk, Grand Representative of Maryland in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island was presented, welcomed and escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Grand Chapter Committee Member - Brother Darrell Thurber, P.P. (7) on Publicity was introduced, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and escorted to the East.

**PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES**

**Twenty** 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); Brother Donald Riswold (2); Sister Barbara Myles (7); Sister Olive Bowen (10); Sister Edna MacVicar (14); Sister Peg Lipskey (15); Sister Anna Carr (1 PEI); Sister Isabelle Pearson (25); Sister Sheila MacDonald (26); Sister Dorothy Jewers (34); Sister June Whitman (35); Sister Mary Zinck (40); Sister Edna Harding (54); Sister Ethel Brown (55); Sister Marion Tizard (57); Sister Doreen Edgar (58); Sister Edith Conrod (61); Sister Alena Buchanan (69); Sister Mary Jean Page (70); Sister Eleanor Freeman (71) and Sister Jeanette Vreland, Chapter Secretary, New Jersey.

**Sister Betty Ann:** Sisters and Brother - What a beautiful sight!  
I am pleased to have this opportunity to welcome you, the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries, to the "Golden Harvest" Session.

The office of Secretary is an integral part of our Order and your dedication to duty is essential in the smooth operation of your Chapter. I feel honoured to work with such devoted members and to have this chance to express my gratitude to each of you for your co-operation.

*Within my book of memories are special thoughts of you,  
And all the many nice things you so often say and do,  
And as I turn the pages, and recall each single thought,  
I realize the happiness that knowing each of you has brought.*

Welcome and may you enjoy this Grand Chapter Session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Ethel Brown**, Secretary, (55):  
Sister Betty Ann Loughnan , Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Subordinate

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 Chapter Secretaries I take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful  
 welcome today, and for your help and guidance to us over the past years.

Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, thank  
 you for the honour of responding to this welcome.

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

### REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

The office of Grand Secretary is a busy one as evidenced by the list of duties  
 outlined in the Constitution, Laws and Regulations. I have worked diligently to  
 carry out these duties in an efficient manner.

In June, 2003 we were saddened to lose another Subordinate Chapter when Acadia  
 Chapter, No. 4 surrendered it's Charter.

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 2002 to 31 May 2003**

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2002:		<b>2,906</b>
No. of Members Initiated:	44	
No. of Members Affiliated:	24	
No. of Members Re-Instated:	<u>1</u>	<u>69</u>
TOTAL:		2,975
No. of Members Died:	94	
No. of Members Demitted:	66*	
No. of Members Suspended:	<u>22</u>	<u>182</u>
<b>No. of Members as of 31 May 2003:</b>		<b>2,793</b>
No. of Chartered Chapters:	48	
No. of Members paid full Per Capita:	2,793	
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation:	29	

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No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership: 32

\* Note: 32 of this number are from Cape Breton Chapter No. 12: Charter surrendered on May 12, 2003.

Statistics in this report are to **31 May 2003**, the end of the Subordinate Chapter year.

**Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2002 to May 31, 2003:**

<u>Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Init.</u>	<u>Affil.</u>	<u>Rein st.</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Demi t</u>	<u>Susp.</u>	<u>No. members May 31,2003</u>
Port Royal #1							35
Mayflower #2				1		3	56
Cedar #3							33
Acadia #4				4			35
Keystone #5	1			2		5	48
Halifax #7				2			52
Grace #8						1	47
Century #10	1			1	1		86
Cape Breton #12				1	30	1	0
Queen Elizabeth #14		4		3	3		58
Evangeline #15	1	1		2	1		102
Britannia #18	1						52
Victoria #19				2			97
Hon. Joseph Howe #20				3	4		60
Myrtle #21		1		3	1		78
Fairfield #22				2	3		53
Maple Leaf #23				1	2		50
Crystal #1 PEI	6			5	1		128
Westville #24	2			2	1	1	107
Harmony #25	2			2	2		89
Munro #26	4	1		3			68
Kwebec #27		1		1	2		71
Amethyst #28	9			3	1		69
Arbutus #30				1	1	4	50

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<u>Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Init.</u>	<u>Affil.</u>	<u>Rein st.</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Demi t</u>	<u>Susp.</u>	<u>No. members May 31,2003</u>
Annaval #31	2			5			45
Queens #34		2		3		1	29
St. Mary's #35	1			2			55
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37				2	1		57
Mae #38	1			4	1	1	50
Cobequid #39							77
Mystic Star #40		3		2			52
Armcrest #45	2	2		2	1		57
Florence Fraser #47				2	1		47
Elm #48	1			1			57
Scotia #49	1			1			42
Sunrise #50				4			50
Regent #52		1		2			53
Faith #54		1	1	2	1		42
Elmsdale #55				1			47
Ruth #57				2			41
Emerald #58				1	1		58
Shoreham #59		1					45
Queen Esther #61	3			3			84
Atlantic #65				1	5		31
Starlight #66	3	3		1		2	34
Laurel #67		1		1	1		59
Montague #69				5	1		56
Crescent #70	1	2		2			52
Pearle #71	2			1		3	49

**DONATIONS TO CHARITIES**

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ESTARL

(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

**From Chapters and Members:**

Port Royal #1		30.00
Mayflower #2		50.00
Cedar #3	In memory of Bro. Murray Reeves	20.00
	In memory of Bro. Layton Purdy	20.00
Acadia #4		524.98
Keystone #5		15.00
	Louise Seeley - in lieu of gifts on Honour Nights	25.00
	In memory of Sis. Dorothy Brush	25.00
	In memory of Sis. Dorothy Stewart	25.00
Century #10		385.00
	2003-4 W.M. in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	50.00
	William Thompson, Sr. in honour of Sis. Myrna	20.00
	MacPherson, Gr. Rep. & Bro. John Patterson, Gr. Sent.	
	Myrna MacPherson in lieu of gifts to Gr. Reps. on	15.00
	honour night	
	William Thompson, Sr. in hon. of Janet Johnson, D.D.G.M.	20.00
Queen Elizabeth #14		200.00
	In memory of Sis. Joyce Urquhart	25.00
	In memory of Sis. Emily Vail	25.00
	John & Carole Newell in memory of Bro. N. Archibald, PGP	25.00
	Vincent & Freda Ells in memory of Bro. N. Archibald, PGP	20.00
	and Bro. Ted Miller, P.G.P.	
	John & Carole Newell in memory of Bro. Ted Miller, PGP	25.00
Evangeline #15	In memory of Sis. Edna Martins-Poole and	100.00
	Sis. Eleanor Veague	
	In memory of Mrs. Alvona Lowe	50.00
	In memory of Sis. Lucy Ripley	50.00
	Past Matrons Club in memory of Sis. Lucy Ripley	50.00
	In memory of Bro. Gerald Buchan	50.00
	In memory of Michael Lowe	50.00
	In memory of Sis. Myrtle White	50.00
	Marie Black in memory of Sis. Lucy Ripley	25.00
	Phyllis Veinot in memory of Sis. Lucy Ripley	50.00
	Phyllis Veinot in memory of Sis. Myrtle White	25.00
	Peg Harrison in memory of Sis. Myrtle White	50.00

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Britannia #18		50.00
Victoria #19		170.00
	In memory of Sis. Sarah MacAulay	10.00
	Ann Ross in memory of Christy MacRae	100.00
Hon. Jos. Howe #20		100.00
	Ken Conrod in memory of Alexander Holmes	20.00
	June Macdonald in honour of George Moxsom, Gr. Ward.	25.00
Myrtle #21		300.00
	In memory of Sis. Ellen Worthylake	25.00
	In memory of Sis. Rebecca McCuspie	25.00
	Joan Campbell in memory of Bro. Ted Miller, PGP	10.00
Fairfield #22		
	In memory of Shawn Sullivan and Sis. Emma Millard	40.00
	In memory of Sis. Sadie White and Sis. Blanch Huggins	40.00
Maple Leaf #23		125.00
Crystal #1 PEI		600.00
	Worthy Matron's Special Project	430.11
	In honour of Leone & Erroll Bagnell's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	30.00
	In lieu of gift to Constance MacDonald, Gr. Rep.	20.00
	In memory of Harold MacDonald	10.00
	In memory of Wendell Large	10.00
	In memory of Mr. Elmer MacPherson	10.00
	In memory of Heather LePage and Loring Rayner	30.00
	In memory of Jane Smith	50.00
	In memory of Sandra Younker	10.00
	In memory of Dr. D. Huntley	20.00
	In memory of Mrs. Emma MacMillan	30.00
	Estate of Sister Ellen Webster, P.G.M.	250.00
	Edith Lewis in memory of Heather LePage & Loring Rayner	20.00
Westville #24		500.00
	In memory of Bro. Lauchie Johnson, PGP	500.00
	In honour of Jim & Marian Dickie's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	50.00
	In honour of Sis. Maureen Roddick, Organist and Sis. Arleigh Hardy, Secretary	40.00
	In memory of Sis. Barbara Brown	50.00
	Diane Hayman & Janet Johnson in honour of Frances Johnsen, Frank Cullen and Joan Campbell's mother	30.00
	Bill & Hilda Allen in honour of Sis. Helen Connors and Jean Connors - 50 year members	20.00
	In memory of Clarence McFadden and	

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in honour of Lottie McFadden's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday:

	Leigh Townsend & Claire Tremblay	20.00
	Eric and Anne Wood	25.00
	David and Natalie Redfern	50.00
	Joyce Roode	30.00
	Helen Connors	50.00
	Sharon Ward in honour of Jean Cameron	10.00
	Bill & Hilda Allen in honour of Bro. Earl and Sis. Goldie Chisholm's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	25.00
	Bill & Hilda Allen	20.00
	Wanda Leese	5.00
	Bonnie Linkletter	2.50
	Eyleen MacLeod in memory of Sis. Dorothy Thompson	10.00
	Tim & Rosemary Hayter in memory of Chris Dewtie	25.00
	Diane Hayman & Janet Johnson in memory of Agnes Saunders	10.00
	Diane Hayman & Janet Johnson in honour of Jim & Marian Dickie's 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	10.00
	William Thompson, Jr. gift to Janet Johnson, DDGM	10.00
Harmony #25		200.00
	In honour of Ken Smith, GGCCM - guest speaker	20.00
	In honour of visiting Gr. Reps. on honour night for P. Kay	15.00
	2003-04 W.M. & W.P. in honour of Installing Team	25.00
Munro #26		20.00
	April collection	157.00
	In memory of Sis. Myrtle Walton	50.00
	Sheila & Jackie MacDonald in honour Sis. Adline Purves, PGM, 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday	10.00
	Sheila & Jackie MacDonald in mem. of Sis. Myrtle Walton	20.00
Kwebec #27		225.00
	Music Award in memory of Sis. Phyllis Doyle	600.00
Amethyst #28		400.00
	Past Matrons Club	100.00
Arbutus #30		50.00
	In memory of Rodney Frail	50.00
Annaval #31		25.00
St. Mary's #35		50.00
Mae #38		50.00
	Norman & Janet Pentz Fund	300.00

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Cobequid #39		100.00
Mystic Star #40	Betty Ann Loughnan in honour of 90 <sup>th</sup> birthdays of Sis. Helen Dauphinee and Sis. Janet Menzies	100.00 50.00
Armcrest #45		150.00
Florence Fraser #47		209.60
Elm #48		300.00
Scotia #49		125.00 305.00
Regent #52	2002-03 W.M. Special Project In hon. of Sis. Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy: Evelyn & Marshall Thompson Doris Paynter Rev. Eric & Sis. Dorothy Ingraham in memory of Sis. Mayme Champion	112.75 25.00 20.00 10.00
Faith #54	In memory of Sis. Alma Elms Edna Harding from Special Project Edna Harding in memory of Sis. Alma Elms and Sis. Muriel Davis	15.00 40.00 20.00
Elmsdale #55	In memory of Bro. W. Wotherspoon & Sis. E. Nelson Past Matrons Helen Barron in hon. of Cecil Decker and Mary Hinde Helen Barron in hon. of Graham Bowser, Harry Daine, Don & Karyn Grant, Ruth & Ralph Donaldson Helen Barron in memory of Bro. Robie Horne Florence and Jim Boughen in mem. of Bro. Robie Horne Mary Hinde Mae Oderkirk Wanda Leese	50.00 50.00 65.00 20.00 60.00 15.00 25.00 40.00 70.00 5.00
Ruth #57		200.00
Emerald #58	Past Matrons in memory of Sis. Martha MacInnis and Sis. Alma Duggan	200.00 25.00
Shoreham #59		50.00

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		25.00
	2003-04 W.M.'s Special Project	135.00
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	Sale of Doily Tickets	106.00
	Ruth & David Waterbury in memory of Bro. Gerald Buchan	20.00
	Greta Baltzer in memory of Sis. Frances Mader	20.00
Queen Esther #61		200.00
Laurel #67		200.00
	In memory of the Veterans	35.00
	In memory of Sis. Edith Foster	30.00
	In honour of Sis. Jean Foster (60 yr. member), Sis. Carolyn Galley-Card, GCCM, Bro. Morley Robinson, Gr. Rep.	20.00
	In memory of Bro. Gerald Buchan	30.00
	In memory of Peter Colton	30.00
	In memory of Sis. M. Todd	30.00
	Tracey Hobson - gift received on her honour night	15.00
Crescent #70		75.00
Pearle #71		150.00
	Raymond & Eleanor Freeman in memory of Sis. Elizabeth Christensen and Bro. Neil Archibald	20.00
<b>Other Donations to ESTARL:</b>		
District ESTARL Church Services:	District #1	425.00
	District #2	231.00
	District #3	267.50
	District #4	208.25
	District #5	145.00
	District #6	232.71
	District #7	150.00
	District #8 (N.S.)	158.50
	District #8 (P.E.I.)	215.00
Grand Chapter Church Service, July 5, 2004		1,024.09
Past Grands Club	In memory of Brother Ted Miller, P.G.P.	25.00
	In memory of Bro. Neil Archibald, P.G.P.	25.00
	In memory of Sister Ella B. Delay	25.00
	In honour of 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries of	50.00

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Sis. Marian & Bro. Jim Dickie, P.G.P. and  
Sis. Arna & Bro. Murray Gardner, P.G.P.

Grand Representatives Association	500.00
M.W.G.M.'s Triennium Pin Committee - Pin Sales for ESTARL	466.72
In honour of Bro. Fred Clarke, R.W.G.S. from his personal pages: Helen Connors, Mildred Denton and Sheila MacDonald	75.00
In honour of Sis. Jean Chisholm:	
Doreen Bennett	50.00
Joan Stewart	25.00
M. Geraldine Bulley	25.00
Janet Randall	20.00

**Honey Money:** under the direction of Grand Ruth, Sister Sylvia McCleave:

Past Matrons Club, Kwebec Chapter #27 - yearly donation	25.00
Victoria Chapter #19 - Honey Bee	134.15
Laurel Chapter #67 - Honey Money	140.00
Marilyn Parker - in memory of her mother, Mildred McKenzie	10.00
Margaret Allen - honour night for Cora MacKay	10.00
Margaret Allen - honour night for Sylvia McCleave	10.00
Marjorie Cushing - ESTARL Project	65.00
Crystal Chapter #1 PEI	177.60
Sylvia McCleave - gifts received on honour night from: Arlene & Mel Antle, Dorothy Pushie, Janet Merry	30.00
Armcrest Chapter #45 - Honey Money	150.00
Westville Chapter #24 - ESTARL Bee	229.39
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 - ESTARL	106.10
Arbutus Chapter #30	67.40
Mae Chapter #38 - ESTARL	190.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35 - ESTARL Honey Money Funds	145.05
Mae Chapter #38 - ESTARL	12.75
Elm Chapter #48 - ESTARL	52.00
Scotia Chapter #49 - Honey Money	67.51
Shoreham Chapter #59	135.75
Mystic Star Chapter #40 - Honey Bee	46.02
Grace Chapter #8	141.50
Joan Mills, Grace Chapter #8	20.00
Grace Chapter #8 - Honey Bee	34.25
Annaval Chapter #31 - Honey Bee	43.57
Laurel Chapter #67 - Honey Bee	10.00
Leota Meisner, Crescent Chapter #70 - Bee Project	20.00
Margaret Burhoe, Kwebec Chapter #27 - ESTARL Project	10.00
Amethyst Chapter #28 - Honey Money	71.42
Amethyst Chapter #28 - Silent Auction	88.00
Queen's Chapter #34 - ESTARL Project	21.20

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Queen Esther Chapter #61 - Honey Money	54.00
Starlight Chapter #66 - "Bee" - Dimes	35.00
Starlight Chapter #66 - "Bee"	45.00
Montague Chapter #69 - Honey Bee	28.00
Keystone Chapter #5 - Bee Money	22.09
Starlight Chapter #66 - Bee	15.00
Myrtle Chapter #21 - Honey Money	39.10
Atlantic Chapter #65 - Bumble Bee	39.63
Britannia Chapter #18 - ESTARL	50.00
Emerald Chapter #58 - Bee	7.40
Cedar Chapter #3 - ESTARL April Project	75.00
Cedar Chapter #3 - Honey Bee	100.00
Crystal Chapter #1 PEI - Honey Bee	46.88
Evangeline Chapter #15 - Bee	77.00
Evangeline Chapter #15 - Money from Bee	20.00
Harmony Chapter #25 - Bee collection	75.00
Ruth Chapter #57 - Honey Money	50.00
Munro Chapter #26 - Honey Money	95.25
Port Royal Chapter #1 - Honey Money Jar	56.47
Pearle Chapter #71 - Honey Money	49.50
Florence Fraser Chapter #47 - Bee Jar	12.75
Cobequid Chapter #39	73.20
Century Chapter #10	120.16
Maple Leaf Chapter #23	16.00
Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20	42.60
Kwebec Chapter #27	242.62
Britannia Chapter #18	5.96
Regent Chapter #52	109.25
Elmsdale Chapter #55	45.00
Annie Drover in memory of Bro. Neil Archibald and Sis. Martha MacInnis	40.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	10.93
"Photo & Beehive"	9.00
"Then and Now Pictures of Past Grands"	15.00

**ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM SOCIETY**

Keystone #5	15.00	St. Mary's #35	10.00
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**BENEVOLENT FUND**

Westville #24	Sharon Ward in honour of Sis. Helen Connors	20.00
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**BONNY LEA FARM**

Keystone #5	15.00
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**CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY**

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Keystone #5	15.00	Queen Elizabeth #14	100.00
Myrtle #21	50.00	Annaval #31	25.00
St. Mary's #35	20.00	Pearle #71 in memory of Sis. Dorothy Dewing, MWGM	25.00

**CRAFTS & TREASURES COMMITTEE**

Laurel #67	100.00	Sales at Grand Chapter	1,609.35
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**HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION**

Acadia #4	25.00	Annaval #31	25.00
St. Mary's #35	25.00		

**INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND**

Port Royal #1	25.00	Queen Elizabeth #14	50.00
Victoria #19	200.00	Amethyst #28	25.00
Queens #34	75.00	St. Mary's #35	50.00
Mystic Star #40	50.00	Emerald #58	25.00

**KIDNEY FOUNDATION**

Annaval #31			25.00
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**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION**

Port Royal #1	60.98	Cedar #3	34.00
Grace #8	42.51	Harmony #25	55.25
Queens #34	20.15	Mae #38	34.15
Pearle #71	25.00		

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY**

Keystone #5			15.00
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**NOVA SCOTIA LUNG ASSOCIATION**

Keystone #5			15.00
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**SHRINER'S CHILDREN'S TRAVEL FUND  
SPECIAL PROJECT OF W.G.M. & W.G.P.**

MWGM's Triennium Pin Committee - Sale of Pins			428.50
Century #10 - Vesta Mosher in memory of Kathleen Ripley			50.00
Century #10 - Vesta Mosher in memory of Lucy Ripley			50.00
Pearle Chapter #71	25.50	Regent #52	50.00
Emerald #58	25.00		

**SHRINE HOSPITAL - MONTREAL**

Margaret Clarke			100.00
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**VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES**

Annaval #31			25.00
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**IN APPRECIATION**

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**GRAND SECRETARY**

**Sister Betty Ann:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Once again I wish to express my appreciation to all members for the support and encouragement shown to me during this past year.

At this time I want to welcome our new Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy Powroz. Sister Dorothy, you took over the finances at one of the busiest times of the year and were able to carry out your duties effectively despite having to learn a new accounting programme immediately. You are to be congratulated and I thank you for your co-operation and promptness in dealing with the financial requests.

To the Chapter Secretaries: It is always a pleasure working with you and I do enjoy all the notes, e-mails and phone calls that I receive from you. All the care and effort you put into your duties to make sure all requests are met at the proper time are truly appreciated.

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.

**PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS**

**Thirteen** Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented and welcomed by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28), Grand Treasurer: Brother Ward Cunningham (5); Brother Howard MacInnis (7); Brother Vincent Ells (14); Sister Goldie Chisholm (21); Sister Elinor Sanford (22); Brother Allison MacDonald (1 PEI); Sister Caryl Yates (26); Sister Donna Ball (27); Sister Helen Legge (28); Sister Evelyn Aulenback (34); Sister Barbara Ferguson (65); Brother Lewis Smith (66); Sister Jean Luxton (71).

**Sister Dorothy:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers to this, my first Grand Session. The office of treasurer is one of great responsibility and I know your election in each one of your Chapters is representative of the trust and esteem your members have for you. I congratulate you on a year of dedicated service and hope you enjoy your time at this session.

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**The Treasurer**

Write a poem for the treasurers said they.  
For days and days I've been racking my brain.  
Inspiration won't come,  
There are accounts to be done.  
*All in a Treasurer's day.*

We need all our fingers and thumbs  
To help us with our sums.  
To the Bank each week we go,  
In the wind and the rain, sunshine or snow.  
Oh, why are dimes so small?  
To count, they're the worst of all  
*All in a Treasurer's week.*

The per capita has got to be paid  
Now which Bank account can we raid?  
Has the mail brought more bills today?  
No, it's a large cheque ... hooray!  
That will certainly help the cash flow,  
The chapter money will steadily grow.  
*All in a Treasurer's month.*

In which column does this item fall?  
And we must remember each telephone call.  
It's not as easy as it looks  
To balance all the Chapter's books.  
Monthly meetings to attend  
But the auditor's happiness is our end.  
*All in a Treasurer's year.*

Now on whom can we put the blame  
For every year putting forward our name?  
But we've always liked figures you see  
So we're all quite happy to be  
***The Treasurer!***

The **response** was given by **Brother Ward Cunningham**, P.G.P., Treasurer (5). Sister Dorothy Matthews, P.M. (61) who was appointed to give the response was unable to attend the session due to illness. Brother Ward thanked Sister Dorothy for her kind words and the poem which was very appropriate and wished her all the best as she serves this Grand Chapter.

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

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

**Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer:** To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island:

I would first like to thank all the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for having the faith and trust in me by electing me to this office. This first year has been a true learning experience and one I have enjoyed. I would not have been able to fulfill my responsibilities without the wonderful support from our Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Brother Cecil who answered my 911 calls and e-mails promptly, never tired of my constant questions and who was always there when I needed him. My heartfelt thanks Brother Cecil. The other person who has been my rock this year is our Grand Secretary, who with her incredible knowledge, common sense, patience and laughter has made this a great year. We have formed a great partnership and I hope we have many years together in service to this Grand Chapter. I would also be remiss if I didn't acknowledge Deborah, Sister Betty Ann's daughter who so many times this year gave unselfishly of her time to help me with my "techie" questions and who designed the template for me to prepare the financial statements. I would also like to thank the Finance Committee for their assistance with the budget and for their work and suggestions.

I submit the Auditor's Report, Audited Balance Sheet as at May 31, 2004 and Income Statement for the year ended May 31, 2004. I move that the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements, as distributed to the membership at registration, be adopted.

Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M. (28) seconded the motion and it was carried.

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**GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2004

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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, 2004 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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June 25, 2004  
Lawrencetown, N.S.

Langmead & Associates Consulting Services

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**HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS**

**Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.** (61) and President of the Past Grands Club, recommended that Honourary Memberships to this Grand Chapter be given to:

Sister Janice Herridge, P.M. of Texas; Brother Donald Heiser, P.G.P. of Wyoming and Sister Eunice Heiser, P.M. and Grand Representative of N.S. & P.E.I. in Wyoming; Sister Nancy Barr, P.G.M. of Connecticut; Sister Kathleen MacDonald, P.G.M. of California and Sister Frances Groat, P.M. of California.

**Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.** moved that Honourary Memberships to this Grand Chapter be given to these members. This motion was seconded by Brother William M. Thompson, P.G.P. (10), and the motion was carried.

The Grand Conductress escorted Sister Janice Herridge and Sister Eunice Heiser to the East where Sister Marian presented them with their Honourary Memberships. Both expressed their deep appreciation for these Honourary Memberships.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS**

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. A thank you letter from **General Grand Chapter** for the Memorial donation of \$200.00 U.S. from this Grand Jurisdiction for the International Temple Restoration Fund in memory of Sister Dorothy Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron.
2. A card of sympathy from **the Sisters and Brothers of Florence Fraser Chapter No. 47** on the passing of Brother Neil Archibald, Past Grand Patron.
3. A thank you letter from **Sister Marjorie Morgan, Past Grand Matron of Ontario**, for the Honourary Membership.
4. **Regrets** were received from: **Sister Katherine Newman, W.G.Marshal, Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Claretta Palmer, Past Grand Matron, Brother Reginald MacRae, Past Grand Patron, Sister Judith Fenner, Ambassador to Bolivia and Brother Frank Fenner, P.P., Massachusetts.**

These members also sent best wishes for a successful Grand Chapter Session.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Partial Report of the CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

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Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M. (40), read the partial report of the Credential Committee as follows: **Members from this Jurisdiction: 393, Visitors: 137** for a **total of 530** in attendance. This report was moved for adoption by Sister Rhoda Tupper, seconded by Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. (2) and carried.

**E.S.T.A.R.L.**

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

The E.S.T.A.R.L. Committee Members: Chairman: Sister Barbara Falkenham, P.M. (55); Brother Rev. Charles McPherson, P.P. (25), Sister Phyllis Munroe, P.M. (38), Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. (26), Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67).

**Sister Barbara Falkenham, Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron - and all members of this jurisdiction:

It is a humbling experience to stand here with fellow committee members of this Project which is so "special" to each of us. Brother Charles MacPherson has sent his regrets - and I miss him; Sister Phyllis Munroe, Sister Barbara Nicholson, Sister Marion Robinson and I am Sister Barbara Falkenham. My mind goes back to 1999 when that letter arrived from Sister Joan Campbell - and I am grateful to you Sister Joan for offering me the opportunity to serve for this cause, as well as to those previous committee members who have helped lead me in the past five years.

The ESTARL project was adopted in this jurisdiction in 1954 in Lunenburg -  
**- making 2004 our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Sis Ruth Jones, M.W.G.M. who facilitated the concept of this project, attended that session.

I have compiled a list of all those who have received our awards, since 1954:  
In those 50 years - **839** awards have been issued - representing **611** students -  
a total of **\$423,374** expended.

When we met November last year - 18 applications were received (one of which was for a music student) - all qualified - pleasing us that none needed to be rejected. These were granted, each in the amount of \$1,200. The listing of these students is attached and has been made available to each of our Chapters.

A year ago Brother John Patterson was one of ours - but the membership saw fit to claim him for other purposes - so we invited him to join us at our meeting- as a guest. We are blessed with one clergy -but two can't hurt. Thank you Brother John for your presence.

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It is from those “here a little - there a little” contributions that these awards are possible. We thank you each for all of the ways in which these gifts are offered. The thanks you receive from those students make it all worthwhile.

Sister Barbara Falkenham moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67) and the motion was carried.

**Awards listed by University**

**Atlantic School of Theology:**

Helene Burns	Patricia Simpson
Pix Butt	Elliot Siteman
Joan Griffin	Jonathan Tait
Joan MacDonald	Aaran Thorpe
Alexander Mosher	Katherine Vaux Aven
Nancy Ritchie	

**McGill Presbyterian College:**

Scott Anderson

**Queen’s Theological College**

JoLyn Campbell

**Acadia Baptist College):**

Mark Reece  
Danny Smith

**Presbyterian College:**

Alexander Sutherland

**Briercrest Bible:**

Holly Reece

**Music under Vesta Mosher:**

Brenda Wilson

**REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**BROTHER FREDERICK W. CLARKE  
RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SENTINEL  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

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

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for giving me the opportunity to address our Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I bring you the greetings and best wishes for a very productive Session from our Most Worthy

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Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Rasmusson and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark. Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, thank you for coming to our Grand Chapter again. Sister Rennie is so nice to have you with us again and also to have the members from Texas who have come with you. The Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have embarked on a great venture. Working together we can accomplish this venture. In the year 2012 it will be accomplished - the final days will be spent in Assembly in Fort Worth Texas where the record of Sister Rennie's service to the General Grand Chapter will be told. I will be most proud to assist her to make it one of the best ever. We are going to serve in the Offices of Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron for you the members of the Order. The satisfaction of serving will be if we can accomplish what pleases the membership of the Eastern Star world. Until last year we were known as the newest Grand Chapter serving under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

In 2003 there was a new Grand Chapter formed in Sao Paulo, Brazil so they now take over the distinction of being the newest Grand Chapter. They will not hold that distinction very long because the most Worthy Grand Patron is on his way to South America to institute the Grand Chapter of Bolivia. Things are progressing in other parts of the world.

If you look around this room every man you see is a Mason, and we need to start a real communication with our Grand Lodges and the Members of Subordinate Lodges. We need a program of information aimed at those members so they can evaluate our worth as a Fraternal Body, informing them that The Order of the Eastern Star is worthy of the support of all good Masons. They will not join any organization of which they know little about. Every Grand Lodge has more than twice the membership of the Eastern Star Grand Chapters. Every Mason has the potential of bringing to the Eastern Star at least five of his immediate female relatives. Membership is in the hands of you the membership of the Subordinate Chapters. Only you the members of the Chapters can obtain petitions. All the General Grand Chapter and Grand Chapters can do is help formulate ways and means to accomplish those objectives and encourage the members of the subordinate Chapters to accomplish those goals. Sisters and Brothers using the old adage "If it's going to be it's up to me". Also it is said that "The Lord helps only those who help themselves".

As you know, in Portland, Oregon I had the honour of having our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez Daye and the Chair of the Past Grands Association, Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. nominated me for the Office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. Thanks to the Grand Chapter and The Past Grands Association for endorsing me for that Office. I also thank Sister Rennie Oton for having the confidence in me to ask me to be her running Mate. It is great to be a Partner with you and work together for the good of the membership of The General Grand Chapter. I thank the voting delegates also for electing me to the Office of Right

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Worthy Grand Sentinel. My first term of Office as Right Worthy Grand Trustee was served with these two Elected General Grand Chapter Officers, Sister Barbara Benton as Chair and Sister Rennie Ofton as Vice Chair, both of these Sisters have secretarial experience. Would you believe that they elected me to be Secretary of the Board.

If everything goes as expected we will be installed in the Office of Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the year 2009, serving in those offices until the year of 2012. The General Grand Chapter is the governing body of all the Grand Chapters which are chartered by The General Grand Chapter. The General Grand Chapter controls the Ritual and Landmarks of the Order. Every Grand Chapter is amenable to the Laws of General Grand Chapter and cannot make any rules or regulations that conflict with the Constitution rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter. The voting Delegates are Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. They are your representatives at General Grand Chapter and when resolutions are voted on they are voting for every member of their jurisdiction. They are voting on your behalf and the members should be informed what those resolutions contain and their wishes expressed by the delegates vote. It may be time for a resolution that everyone who is a dues paying member of the Order of the Eastern Star who register and attend be a delegate and have voting privileges at the General Grand Chapter Assembly. Then the direction the General Grand Chapter would reflect the wishes of all members.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of Fred's Crew who are working so hard to provide funding for the assembly in Fort Worth, Texas in the year 2012 and the up front costs that will occur at the next two Assemblies in Minnesota and Oklahoma. Time has a habit of slipping away and it soon will be over.

Thanks to all the Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for their support. I also thank the members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for hosting the candidate reception in Portland. It was well done by the efforts of all concerned. There was a group of Sisters who wore red hats during the times of leisure in Portland. They had everyone asking who they were and what they were doing in Portland. I suppose they received more public recognition for the Order of the Eastern Star than every other group there. They were telling the story of Eastern Star to every one who asked - A good job girls. The main thing they had fun and enjoyed themselves. I also want to thank the members of other jurisdictions for their support and Best Wishes. While at The Grand Chapter of Maine a generous donation from the Past Grands Association was given to Fred's Crew as a way they could show their support. I thank them for their generous donation and support.

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Sisters and Brothers in this Order we are taught some very great and profound lessons of Fidelity, Loyalty, Constancy, Faith, and Love. If we practice these lessons we are taught we can have a great fraternal relationship with each other.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I wish for you a harmonious session and now you have started a life time of service to our Grand Chapter. These Offices are not for a year but for a life time. I wish for our Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron a very rewarding year of service. I know that you are going to be a team. You will note that there is not an "I" in the word Team. I also wish the next slate of Officers well and urge you to support your Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as you would like to be supported. (The Golden Rule). Working together we can move mountains and accomplish great things.

Thank you to our visitors for coming to our Grand Chapter. You make a difference. I hope you have a chance to view the beautiful scenery of the area and sample the best seafood in the world.

Brother Bill, Sister Cheryl and Sister Edna, it is going to be great working with you for the next three years. I wish you each success in your endeavors as General Grand Chapter Committee Members. Sisters and Brother these are your representatives on the Committees of General Grand Chapter for our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. I am sure that any one of them would be most happy to accept an invitation to come to your Chapter and explain just what they are trying to accomplish and that will give you an insight of the workings of General Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I congratulate you on your endeavours on behalf of the Shrine's Children's Hospital travel fund. As the Motto of the Shrine says "No Man stands so tall then when he bends to help a child".

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this time.

**Brother Jerry Martin, Associate Grand Patron of Texas** was escorted to the East and presented Brother Fred with a Texas Passport and made him an honorary Texan.

Brother Fred thanked Brother Jerry and the members from Texas for these honours.

**SISTER EDNA HARDING  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER  
ON INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE**

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Sister Edna Harding brought greetings on behalf of the members on the International Temple. They will be working hard during the next three years raising funds to assist the Temple in the restoration projects. Several pins are being sold throughout the General Grand Chapter jurisdictions to help raise funds for the Most Worthy Grand Matron's special projects and she urged all members to purchase them. She also thanked the members of this jurisdiction for their support and is looking forward to serving on this important committee for the next three years.

**BROTHER WILLIAM F. CLARK  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER  
VISIONEER  
FOR NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Fred, Sister Rennie and Sister Barbara

Good afternoon Sisters and Brothers, first of all let me tell you how thrilled I am to be one of the General Grand Chapter Committee Members for our Grand Chapter for this triennium. It is a pleasure serving with Sisters Edna Harding and Cheryl Denton and of course Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. When I received a letter in March of 2002 to serve as a GGCCM we were living in Ontario and I did not feel it was right for a GGCCM of NS & PEI to be living in another jurisdiction, however the RWAGM said you never know you might be back in Nova Scotia by the time General Grand Chapter arrives, so I agreed to accept the position. Little did I know that Sister Pat would be correct.

The function of a Visioneer is as follows:

1. to establish a membership committee in each jurisdiction that does not already have one - this has been completed in our jurisdiction - thank-you Sister Inez for appointing this committee and Sister Marylyn for re-appointing for next year.
2. to meet with the elected line officers to have them sign a commitment form to obtain their support for each of the goals and objectives of the GG Chapter Vision team - this has also been completed in NS & PEI
3. to establish goals and objectives for our own jurisdiction - this will be completed this year - there is a great deal of work to be completed to make this happen - I will be presenting information to the WGM, WGP and Grand Officers within the next two months

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4. to establish a Vision statement for our jurisdiction - we will do this in the next three months with the assistance of the elected Grand Officers

5. to establish a 3 year development plan for our Grand Chapter - this will be started immediately with our new elected officers

6. to work with the elected lines officers to have them work TOGETHER, share information and to have a more harmonious relationship among all elected LINE officers

7. to hold a vision conference once during the years 2003-2006. This will be held August 20, 2005 in Truro. Time and location to be confirmed

Sisters and Brothers the above will take a great deal of work and much cooperation from all concerned and I have no doubt that this will be completed as outlined. I personally believe in what our MWGM and MWGP are attempting to accomplish with their Vision project and I will do all I can to ensure these objectives are met.

**SISTER CHERYL A. DENTON  
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER  
ON REGISTRATION**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez, I thank you for this opportunity to bring greetings to our Jurisdiction and to speak for a moment on the committee of which I am a part - the Registration Committee. I am very glad to have Brother Tom Benton, a member of this committee here.

I especially want to thank Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron, for conferring upon me this honour - an honour not only for me but for this Grand Jurisdiction - Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and for my chapter - St Mary's Chapter #35, Digby, N.S. I thank you both most sincerely and pray I will be able to carry out my duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability and to your satisfaction.

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I congratulate Sister Edna Harding and Brother Bill Clark on their General Grand Chapter appointments and am very pleased to be a part of this distinguished group.

The committee to which I have been appointed is the Registration Committee and considered a working committee. My duties will not start until next year - at which time I expect to be quite busy. There are ten (10) appointments to the committee and I am responsible for the Eastern half of Canada - Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Since November 13th, 2003 I have been very fortunate to attend 35 of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's official visits in our Jurisdiction. I must admit it was very convenient to have my husband as Worthy Grand Patron.

Last November at a breakfast for General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Edna and I both agreed to sell Angel pins and Postage Stamp pins for our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. The monies raised from the Angel pins are to support ESTARL, and monies earned from the Postage Stamp pin with candle and snowflakes is for The Fabulous Fraternal Family Project. Proceeds will be divided between Youth Organizations (50%) and other projects of other Masonic bodies such as Scottish Rite clinic and Shrine transportation (50%) and return to our jurisdiction.

Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron I am sure you must be very pleased with the selling of these pins as two of the projects are very near and dear to your heart - ESTARL and Shrine Transportation. So we will endeavour to see that everyone is wearing these pins.

I would like at this time to sincerely thank the Chapters I have visited for the courtesies extended to me. Your kindness and generosity is truly appreciated and add to my beautiful Eastern Star Memories.

Thank you again Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity to make a few remarks. May all your hopes and dreams for this session be realized and may you be blessed also with beautiful Eastern Star memories.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### JURISPRUDENCE

**Sister Diane Hayman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I stand here as a committee of one, and bring the sincere regrets of Brother Cyril MacIntosh, P.G.P. (21) and Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52) who are both absent due to medical reasons. Needless to say, they are both very sorry they are not present, and sent their best wishes to you, Sister Inez and Brother Allen, for a

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great "Golden Harvest Session" and you can be assured they are here in thought!

Our committee began the year attending the School of Instruction for the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons, and were pleased to respond to questions and offer advice throughout the day.

At least two members of the committee attended each of the three Schools of Instruction, and we commend the Grand Officers for their fine work at each school. We were pleased to offer some Instruction, and answer many questions re the Ritualistic work of our Order at these three events. All schools were well attended.

Although we never met together in person between October and March, we met many times via telephone and email- and kept each other up-to-date. We did meet again formally in April in Prince Edward Island, and at Shediac, New Brunswick in May.

During the year, the Worthy Grand Matron kept in contact with each of the Committee Members for our opinions on answers to questions asked of her by members; and we thank her for the confidence she placed in us throughout the year.

During the year we answered the following questions:

1. A letter from Britannia Chapter No.18, forwarded by the Grand Secretary, re clarification of the amendments passed at General Grand Chapter in November 2003, and sent to Chapter Secretaries. A letter was sent to the Secretary explaining how each amendment did or did not affect the Subordinate Chapters, and an explanation of each amendment was provided.

2. Is there any written instruction as to the wearing of a Past Matron's/Patron's jewel with a Grand Representative's pin? Answer: "There is nothing written- and this is a personal choice of the member. Because you must be a Past Matron or Patron to be recommended as a Grand Representative, some members choose to wear only that pin for the term of their appointment, while others choose to wear their Past Matron's or Past Patron's jewel along with their Grand Representative's pin."

3. Can a Worthy Grand Matron be installed as Worthy Matron of a chapter? Answer: "Yes, these are two separate bodies; and as our Installations take place in the month of June, and Grand Chapter meets within one month, the newly installed Worthy Matron only holds these offices together for a very few weeks."

4. Which Worthy Matron gives the report on Grand Chapter to their

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members? Answer: "There is nothing written regarding this, but we agree that the Worthy Matron who served under the Worthy Grand Matron presiding at the Grand Chapter Session, should give the report in chapter."

We each received a draft and final copy of the proposed Secretaries Handbook, from the committee appointed to carry out this duty; and we congratulate them for all their time and efforts in this project. We know it will be most beneficial for the secretaries in our chapters.

We reviewed the amendments passed at our 2003 Grand Chapter Session prior to our Grand Secretary sending them to the Subordinate Chapters and thank her for her promptness in sending these to us.

We reviewed the Worthy Grand Matron's report and agree with the answers given to all questions listed and the dispensations granted.

The irregularities listed in her report should be noted by all members so that these mistakes are not continued over and over again.

We would like to comment on Numbers 5 and 10.

**Number 5: A District Deputy Grand Matron refusing to follow the instructions of the Worthy Grand Matron as requested; and questioning as to the validity of the instructions given.**

Our District Deputy Grand Matrons must follow all verbal and written instructions of our Worthy Grand Matron. These instructions were presented to the Jurisprudence Committee and received their approval prior to being given to the District Deputy Grand Matrons for their visits to the Subordinate Chapters. We must remember that District Deputy Grand Matrons are visiting the Chapters on behalf of the Worthy Grand Matron, and are carrying out her wishes for the year. Unless the instructions violate the C L and R there is no reason to question the instructions. All reports forwarded to the Worthy Grand Matron must be an original, be completed and legible, and must be signed by the District Deputy Grand Matron.

**Number 10: Instructions, music, and announcements of the Schools of Instruction sent out without the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron.**

All letters sent out to chapters through our members must have the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron. **Instructions and Music for the new Grand Chapter year are given to the District Deputy Grand Matrons after the Installation of the new Grand Chapter Officers-** either following Grand Chapter closing or at the School of Instruction for the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. Then, the District Deputy Grand Matrons will make sure that these are

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in the hands of the Worthy Matron and Secretary of each Subordinate Chapter at least two weeks prior to the Schools of Instruction held in late summer/early fall.

We reviewed the recommendations of the Worthy Grand Matron and advised her as follows:

**Number 1** regarding relieving the Associate Grand Matron from the duties as a District Deputy Grand Matron. This must be presented as a Notice of Motion.

**Number 2** regarding the In-coming Grand Conductress looking into resuming Maine Maritime Night in General Grand Chapter year. We believe this is a good idea and would encourage Sister Gail to look into this following her election as Grand Conductress.

**Number 3** regarding District Deputy Grand Matrons making their visit to the Subordinate Chapters in the month of October only. This must be presented as a Notice of Motion.

**Number 4** regarding the entering of all records into a data bank on the computer at the Grand Secretary's Office. We believe this would be helpful for all members when requesting information; and are sure there are many computer knowledgeable Sisters and Brothers who would be willing to help the Grand Secretary with such a project.

**Number 5** regarding the preparation of guidelines for Chairpersons of Grand Pages and Grand Guards. This should be made as a motion to form a committee to prepare these guidelines.

**Number 6** regarding the review and re-design of the record of inspection by the District Deputy Grand Matrons. We agree that this has not been up-dated in many years, and we would suggest that the In-coming Associate Grand Matron, Grand Conductress, and Associate Grand Conductress draw up a new form which could be used for the first time in the year 2005-2006 by the District Deputy Grand Matrons.

We reviewed all Notices of Motion to be presented at this Grand Chapter Session, and our comments were presented prior to this report.

We reviewed the Worthy Grand Patron's report on By-Law changes approved for Port Royal Chapter No.1; Harmony Chapter No.25; Victoria Chapter No.19; Regent Chapter No.52; Sunrise Chapter No.50; and Cobequid Chapter No.39, and agree with all the changes in their By-Laws.

We received the Instructions for 2004-2005 from the Associate Grand Matron by mail at the end of February, and following discussions with each other, the Jurisprudence Committee delivered a letter with some recommendations and explanations to the Associate Grand Matron on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. As we would all be

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attending Maritime Exchange on May 8, in Shediac, N.B. we asked to meet following that meeting to review the Instructions. When a call was made on May 3<sup>rd</sup> as a reminder of the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, we were informed that the Instructions had already been sent to the District Deputy Grand Matrons. This is in direct conflict with the C L and R which states under **Duties of the Worthy Grand Matron**, Article 2, Page 3, Number 8, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter "review her instructions for District Deputy Grand Matrons with the Jurisprudence Committee before issuing to the District Deputy Grand Matrons" and Article 2, Page 5, Number 22 "prepare for distribution the following correspondence (b) instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons." We must remember, that even though an Associate Grand Matron must prepare for her up-coming year, she is not the Worthy Grand Matron until installed into this office. At the meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> we asked that a cover letter, containing the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee, be prepared for the District Deputy Grand Matrons to attach to the Instructions. As of this date, the Jurisprudence Committee Members have not received this cover letter for our review.

**Recommendation No.1:** When the District Deputy Grand Matrons visit the Chapters on their Official Visitation, under the Good of the Order, they shall review the Signs and Passes for each degree, with the correct wording for the signs read from the Secret Work; and also demonstrate the Salutation Sign, Reverent Attitude, Attitude of Prayer, and Grand Honours, and explain when these are used by the members.

During this year, we have been contacted by members who are concerned with the animosity among members of our Grand Family and as well in some Subordinate Chapters, and we have been disturbed by some of the things we have seen and heard. Sisters and Brothers, each one brings to this Order his or her own individual personality, likes and dislikes. However, these must not infringe on the rights and views of others; and we must not undermine the authority of those who are our leaders. We are dealing with positions of leadership- not personalities- and the success of our Order depends upon the manner in which we exemplify the teachings of our Order in our daily lives. The utter disregard of the teachings of Electa, to "Love One Another", by performing unjust and unkind acts towards our Sisters and Brothers is one of the greatest causes of disharmony, apathy and discouragement among our members. We are, as one of our members has put it: "killing ourselves from within". It takes the harmony and hard work of each member in the Grand Jurisdiction to make our Order prosper and grow; and it will only grow if we work together and govern ourselves in words and deeds by the Golden Rule, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen, we congratulate you both on your reports and commend you for your service to our Order. It has been a pleasure working with both of you, and we wish you and

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your Grand Officers a very happy, and rewarding, "Golden Harvest Session".

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the privilege of serving as your Jurisprudence Committee this year. I have enjoyed being your Chairperson, and I sincerely hope that our phone calls and friendship will not end at the close of this session. On a personal note, I wish to thank Sister Isabelle Pearson, Past Grand Matron, and Brother William A. Thompson, Past Grand Patron, for giving me this appointment three years ago. It has been a great experience and I thank Brothers Ken Smith and James Dickie, Past Grand Patrons, with whom I served previously, for lighting my way. To Brothers Reg and Cy, thank you for your support and help during this past year; and I send along my best wishes as you continue to serve Grand Chapter on this Committee.

In closing, I wish to leave you with this poem I found recently.

**The Road That Counts**

It isn't the length of the road that counts  
Or the number of days we live,  
It's the way we spend our allotted time,  
And the service to man we give;  
For a lengthy road is useless  
And so are the countless days  
If idly spent or on pleasure bent,  
Uncaring for others, always.

Whether near us, or passing afar;  
But the way we treat the ones we meet  
Shows the kind of a person we are.  
There are those who are strong and able  
That we see only now and then,  
But the weak with their care, too heavy to bear,  
Truly have need of a friend.

It isn't the kind of a road that counts,  
Whether smooth or rocky or steep;  
If we follow the star of faith and love,  
Our footsteps He'll guide and keep.  
He'll make the rough way even,  
He'll lower the lofty hills,  
The shadow of the night will fade from sight  
If we walk the way He wills.

So let us walk on the road that counts,  
That our living may not be in vain;

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Doing whatever good we can, for we  
Shall not walk this way again.  
Seeking to help our fellowman  
His trials of life surmount;  
Guide us, we pray, as we walk each day,  
On the only road that counts. (Author unknown)

I move that the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be accepted as read.  
Seconded by Brother William Clark, Past Grand Patron (24) and carried.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion will be presented at the 2005 Grand Chapter Session by Sister Diane Hayman:

**I move that when the District Deputy Grand Matrons visit the Chapters on their Official Visitation, under the Good of the Order, they shall review the Signs and Passes for each degree, with the correct wording for the signs read from the Secret Work; and also demonstrate the Salutation Sign, Reverent Attitude, Attitude of Prayer, and Grand Honours; and explain when these are used by the members.**

**FINANCE**

**Brother Phillip Beeler:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished members in the East, Sisters and Brothers.

We your Finance Committee for 2003-2004 consisting of Phillip Beeler. P.P.( 1) and William A. Cox, P.P. (30), John Langmead., P.P. (31) Chairman would like to submit the following report:

Your committee met twice during the year. On September 14/03 we met at the home of committee member Phillip Beeler and the second time on April 8, 2004 at the home of the Grand Treasurer, Dorothy Powroz. We extend our thanks to each of them for the use of their homes for the meetings.

At the September meeting we met with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to discuss matters of concern and to make recommendations for their resolution. This was a time for the committee to get acquainted and upon learning what each brought to the table reviewed some procedures and practices of the Grand Chapter and will be submitting some recommendations for your

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consideration, to deal with some concerns.

The second meeting was held to review the budget that had been prepared by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer and to review it and make adjustments considered necessary. Such adjustments included an increase in postage of \$500.00 due to an increase in postage plus a gasoline surcharge on parcels as well as a change in the definition of a parcel. We also considered the additional work load of the Grand Secretary and granted a small increase in her honorarium. We wished to present a balanced budget so were faced with two choices: (1) cash in a \$5,000. investment or (2) increase the per capita tax to \$10.00. We chose the latter as it was felt by the committee that the current operating expenses of the Grand Chapter should be borne by its membership. To cash in the investment would mean the depletion of reserves that may be more urgently required in the future, bearing in mind our declining membership. We also looked at our current insurance coverage and felt that certain coverage may no longer be required. We requested a schedule of coverage and charges from our insurers, but these have not yet been received. We also looked at the jewels of the Grand Chapter Officers and felt they have been around for a long time. It was felt that four could be replaced each year from the amortization on the paraphernalia.

We considered the audit and felt that John Langmead who had performed the audit since 2002 should continue as a tight time line may not be suitable for a new auditor.

The budget was accepted and approved unanimously.

Brother Phillip Beeler moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother William Cox, P.P. (30) and carried.

**MOTION FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Brother William Cox** moved that the per capita tax for each active member be increased to \$10.00 per year commencing with the 2004-2005 fiscal year. This motion was seconded by Brother Phillip Beeler. On the question Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) asked if a smaller increase would be feasible. Brother Bill Cox explained the deficits we have at present.

A motion was then made by Brother William Clark, P.G.P. (24) to table this motion until the Wednesday morning session, after the budget is discussed. This was seconded by Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. and this motion was carried.

**MOTION  
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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1. All funds being held by Grand Chapter officers, committee chairs and others, responsible for funds of the Grand Chapter must be held in strict accord with Our Trust. All funds should be safeguarded, by depositing them in a bank account, with alternate signing authority. Such situations should be covered by a letter, to the Grand Secretary, describing: name of bank, branch, account number, purpose of the funds and the signing authority of the account.
2. Funds for pins, calendars, etc. are frequently placed in personal accounts, this should be discontinued as the funds could become part of a personal estate, if not properly designated. Open an account and provide details to the Grand Secretary.
3. In regard to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron their Special projects generate a lot of funds which are handed to them in cash during Chapter visits. These funds should be placed in a bank account as per (1) above with the letter clearly stating Worthy Grand Matron's/ Patron's Special Project.
4. The deductible on our insurance is now in excess of the value of The Grand Officers jewels, so each officer is individually responsible for their jewel, it is recommended that a new receipt be devised to state that " this jewel was received in good condition and that the officer is responsible to replace it if lost and that it must be returned to Grand Chapter at the end of their term in office. All repairs and cleaning must be carried out by the Grand Chapter's jeweler through the Grand Secretary.
5. Insurance costs continue to rise, we recommend that funds be set aside each year, in a reserve fund, to self insure any Grand Chapter equipment held at the Grand Secretary's house.
6. A major portion of the value our regalia, is in our O.E.S. rug, we recommend that we continue to insure it until our reserve fund has reached it value.
7. We recommend that we look into doing away with insurance on our paraphernalia, except for our rug, and our regalia. We have requested information as to savings from our insurers.
8. The jewels of Grand Chapter officers are now getting old and we recommend the establishment of a fund to cover repair and replacement of jewels , about four per year, old ones being retained as back up.
9. We recommend that the assets of Grand Chapter be evaluated and amortized over twenty years, the amortization to become a replacement reserve.

**Brother Bill Cox, P.P. (30)** presented the above recommendations of the Finance Committee. Brother Bill Cox moved that these recommendations be accepted by Grand Chapter. Brother Phillip Beeler, P.P. (1) seconded this motion. On the question, Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) moved that these recommendations be tabled until the Wednesday morning session. Bro. William Clark, P.G.P. (24) seconded this motion and it was carried. Brother Bill Cox agreed to this suggestion.

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.:**

We will now pause our Proceedings to pay Tribute to those Sisters and Brothers who have departed this earthly life during the year of our Golden Harvest.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.:**

When the splendour of their days was ended and the light in the window was clear, they had travelled the labyrinth of their earthly life that ended at the pathway to the garden of the soul where God reaps his Golden Harvest. They had looked into the faces of those whom loved them and now seek immortality with our saviour. They enjoyed the wonders of this earthly life and now seek the guidance of our Eternal friend whose all powerful hand will lead them safely to their eternal home.

**TRIBUTES**

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

***BROTHER ROBERT L. BAKER  
PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
PAST GRAND PATRON OF VIRGINIA  
HONOURARY MEMBER OF NOVA SCOTIA  
AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND***

***PASSED AWAY JANUARY 28, 2004***

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***BROTHER ERVIN T. "TED" MILLER  
PAST GRAND PATRON  
PAST PATRON OF ELM CHAPTER NO. 48  
UPPER STEWIACKE, NOVA SCOTIA***

***PASSED AWAY JULY 21, 2003***

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***BROTHER NEIL S. ARCHIBALD  
PAST GRAND PATRON  
PAST PATRON OF EMERALD CHAPTER NO. 58  
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA***

***PASSED AWAY AUGUST 18, 2003***

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**Tribute to Brother Robert L. Baker**  
**Most Worthy Grand Patron 1994-1997**  
**Past Most Worthy Grand Patron**  
**and**  
**Honourary Member of our Grand Chapter**  
by  
Brother Frederick W. Clarke  
Right Worthy Grand Sentinel

Brother Bob, as he was affectionately known, passed into eternal rest January 28, 2004 in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Brother Bob received his education in Portsmouth Public schools and Fort Union Military Academy. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a basic training instructor and then served in the Asian Theatre and was honourably discharged in 1946.

Our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sister Elaine R. Baker, a son Dr. James W. Baker and his wife Barbara, a daughter Betty Jo Bass and her husband Steven; five grandchildren: Blair Baker, Catherine Baker, Kelly Riddell, Keri Riddell and Jason Bass.

Bob was a member of Esther Chapter No.37 and served as Worthy Patron in 1962-63. He served on many Committees of Grand Chapter and was elected to the Board of Governors of the Eastern Star Home of Virginia serving as its President for four years. Brother Bob was elected Worthy Grand Patron of Virginia 1985-86.

In 1991 Brother Bob was appointed to serve the unexpired term of the Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Brother Gerald Cashin and was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron 1991-1997 Triennium of the General Grand Chapter. Brother Bob was elected to the Office of Most Worthy Grand Patron 1994-1997 Triennium, serving with Maxine Flint Justice, Most Worthy Grand Matron at the 42nd Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter in Orlando, Florida, "The Guiding Star Assembly", Nov 1-7, 1997.

Brother Bob instituted and constituted many new Eastern Star Subordinate Chapters starting a long list of new subordinate Chapters around the world. Brother Bob loved to visit Grand Chapters, making many new friends. He was very a sentimental man and had a very jovial personality.

Bob was a fifty year member of Naval Lodge No. 100, Portsmouth, a member of

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Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter No. 11, Portsmouth Commandry No. 5,  
Scottish Rite Valley of Portsmouth and Khedive Temple AAONMS, The Royal  
Order of Jesters of Norfolk Court No. 75. He was recently Coroneted as Honorary  
33o of the Scottish Rite.

**PHOTO OF BROTHER ROBERT L. BAKER  
ON LEFT HAND PAGE  
in the middle of HIS TRIBUTE**

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Brother Bob retired from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. of Virginia, as District Manager, with 39 years of service. Brother Bob held various management positions in Culpeper, Norfolk, and Richmond, Virginia including an assignment at Bell Laboratories in Murray Hills, New Jersey.

His Masonic and Eastern Star services were held January 30, 2004 at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, Virginia. We of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island extend our condolences to his Family, his Chapter and Grand Chapter. He will be sadly missed by his Sisters and Brothers worldwide.

***Each of us are given A Bag of Tools***

*Isn't it strange?  
That princes and kings,  
And clowns that caper  
In sawdust rings,  
And common people  
Like you and me  
Are builders for eternity?*

*Each is given a bag of tools  
A shapeless mass,  
A book of rules;  
And each must make  
Ere life has flown-  
A stumbling block  
Or a stepping stone.*

Poem of R. L Sharpe

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**PHOTO OF TED MILLER  
ON LEFT HAND PAGE  
BEFORE TRIBUTE TO HIM**

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**Tribute to Brother Ervin T. "Ted" Miller**  
**Past Grand Patron**  
**Worthy Grand Patron 1998-1999**  
by  
Sister Cheryl A. Denton  
General Grand Chapter Committee Member

It is with great honour and deep sorrow that I pay tribute to my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ervin Miller, affectionately known as Ted, who passed away on July 21, 2003 in Middle Musquodoboit, N.S. I attended Brother Ted's funeral service on July 24, 2003 at the beautiful Higginsville United Church. It was a glorious sunny day, the church was overflowing and many fond memories were shared among us. There was a special peace and serenity that afternoon and I know Brother Ted was looking down, well pleased and making sure that we all read his own words that he had inscribed on his head stone - "I have worn many hats and all with Honour."

Brother Ted was initiated on November 12, 1974 in Elm Chapter #48 and served as Worthy Patron six times. He affiliated with Maple Leaf Chapter #23 on May 17, 2000. He was a life member of Elm Chapter #48 and held Honourary Memberships in St Mary's Chapter #35, Digby, Port Royal Chapter #1, Annapolis Royal and Adah Chapter #219 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Brother Ted was also active in the Masonic Fraternity and received the 32nd Degree of the Scottish Rite.

He was also a member of several organizations relating to his work and community. A little known fact about Ted and one of which he was very proud was that he had achieved considerable fame as a marksman and was one of the best shots in Canada.

Brother Ted served with me at our "Harbor of Dreams" Session in Digby in July 1999. How ironic that five years later I would be standing in the same spot and giving a Tribute in his memory. I miss you, Ted, I miss the war stories, the stories

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of your life on the sea. I especially remember the stories of rogue waves. It was my sincere honour to have you walk by my side. I cherish our friendship. I know your fondest dreams and hopes came true the day you were installed as Worthy Grand Patron of this jurisdiction.

I extend my deepest sympathies to his daughter Sharon; his sisters and brothers; his special friend Irene Scott; to the members of Elm Chapter and Maple Leaf Chapter and to this jurisdiction.

*Only for a little while,  
Our loved one leaves our sight  
For just beyond the hills he waits  
In God's eternal light.*

*He slipped away to follow the star  
In a land beyond our sight.  
And we know he journeys there as here  
In our bright Eastern Star light.*

*No matter how winding the labyrinth  
Ted knows each step of the way,  
With face towards the East he shines  
In the land of Eternal day.*

*Lovingly, I say farewell dear friend  
With whom I walked awhile,  
Our lives are richer for your friendship true,  
Your handclasps and your gentle smile.*

*We will not forget thee  
We who stay to work a little longer here.*

*"Ted answered the call of the Master  
And entered the Chapter above,  
And there in God's wondrous glory  
Ted will finish his labour of love."*

Farewell, my friend, Farewell

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**Tribute to Brother Neil S. Archibald**  
**Past Grand Patron**  
**Worthy Grand Patron 1984-1985**  
by  
Brother Kenneth Smith  
Past Grand Patron

Sisters and Brothers, each year we pay tribute at Grand Chapter to the memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers. It is with a sense of sadness that I pay tribute to the memory of my good friend, Brother Neil Archibald, who was called on August 18, 2003 to the Grand Chapter above.

Neil was born, raised and educated in Upper Musquodoboit. He came from a family of nine, he was employed in the autobody industry until his retirement.

I have known Neil and Dot for the past sixty years, but Betty and I have been close friends with them for over twenty years. This friendship grew from our association in the Order of The Eastern Star. We travelled together throughout the Province as well as nationally and internationally. Neil was always my co-pilot, but unfortunately map reading was not one of his strong skills. Sometimes a left turn (which should have been a right turn) took us to far-away places- that is, places far-away from where we were supposed to go.

Neil was a member of Athole Lodge #15, and recently received his fifty year jewel. He was a member of United Memorial Church in Halifax. He joined Emerald Chapter #58, Order of The Eastern Star in 1957. He received a life membership from his Sisters and Brothers of Emerald Chapter in 1985. He was

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an Honourary Member of T.D. Mabe Chapter #62, Mayflower Chapter #2 and Kwebec Chapter #27. He served his Chapter with distinction serving six times as Worthy Patron and at the time of his passing held the office of Associate Patron. He held many other offices in the chapter and was always available to carry out any duties as needed. In 1981 he received a Grand Representative Commission to Mississippi.

Neil was elected and installed as Worthy Grand Patron in 1984, and served with the late Sister Eunice Brown, W.G.M., at the Cup of Loving Kindness Session in Halifax. He served on the following Grand Chapter Committees: Honourary Membership, Grievance, Courtesy, Inquiry, Paraphernalia and Eastern Star Journal.

Monthly Neil and Dot set up their Chapter room for the meeting and many times when I was leaving, I said good night to Neil and Dot in the kitchen, where Neil had been demoted from Worthy Patron to chief dishwasher.

Neil and Dot celebrated their 60th anniversary this past year. Dot, his daughter Carol Ann and his grandsons, Todd and Brian were loves of his life.

**PHOTO OF NEIL ARCHIBALD  
ON LEFT HAND PAGE  
BEFORE TRIBUTE**

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Neil also loved fishing and hunting with his brothers, his son-in law, Wayne and his friends, especially, the late brother Harold Todd. He spent many enjoyable days at his camp near Upper Musquodoboit.

Neil loved his family, enjoyed his friends, liked to dance, sing, play cards and travel. He was a quiet, good-natured man who enjoyed life to the fullest. He will be missed by all.

Farewell my Brother ---- Farewell my Friend ---- Farewell.

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### REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

**Brother Ron Boudreau, Grand Chaplain:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen, please accept my humble and sincere thanks for appointing me Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the Golden Harvest Session 2003-2004. The honour you have bestowed on my Chapter, Crescent #70 and myself, is deeply appreciated. This is a wonderful office as it has permitted me to travel and socialize with many Chapter members and a Grand Family that I shall remember fondly for the rest of my days. I have found them caring, helpful and fun. To stand for introduction beside my counterparts of this Grand family was a proud moment for me and I thank them for their friendship.

During the year I participated in three Schools of Instruction and sincerely hope that my part was of some benefit to attending subordinate Chapter Chaplains. I also attended 38 official visits and was often honoured to give the Grace at meals and to fill the office of Chaplain at a number of Chapters; I thank those Chapters for their kindness to me. When time permitted I travelled to as many regular Chapter meetings and Honour nights as my cable tow would permit. Please allow me this moment to thank my wife, Grace, as she has been my constant travelling

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companion, my best friend and Guardian Angel for 47 years and this year has been no exception. Without her it would have been much more difficult for me to fill this office. To my Chapter members who travelled with me to various Chapters I give my heartfelt thanks for their support, it meant more to me than you can imagine.

After our Installation in 2003 I travelled to New Brunswick for the introduction of this Grand Family at their Grand Session. I also participated in Maritime Exchange in New Brunswick, May 2004.

I wish to thank our Grand Secretary for her cheerful smile, her understanding of my inquiries, and her efficiency in all correspondence she passed to me. Sister Betty Ann, from my point of view, you are truly a great asset to this Grand Chapter.

During this year we were saddened by the passing to their Eternal Home of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Robert L. Baker of the General Grand Chapter on the 28 January 2004, and two Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Brother Ervin Theodore "Ted" Miller, Elm Chapter #48 on 21 July 2003 and Brother Neil Seymour Archibald, Emerald Chapter #58 on 18 August 2003.

The only duty of my office as Grand Chaplain that I found difficult was to extend our Grand Chapter's condolences to our Subordinate Chapters and other Grand Jurisdictions by way of sympathy cards on the passing of a beloved member to their Eternal Home. It is with my deepest feelings that I have prepared the Memorial Service for this Golden Harvest session.

During the year I forwarded 95 Memorial cards within our Grand Jurisdiction and 77 cards of sympathy to other Grand Jurisdictions within Canada and the United States of America.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this honour.

Brother Ron Boudreau moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Sister Mary Jean Page, P.M. (70) and the motion was carried.

#### **DRAPING OF THE ALTAR**

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.:** The Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress assisted by the Grand Chaplain will now drape the Altar in loving memory of our dearly departed Members.

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Following the draping of the Altar, a touching and beautiful rendition of “*The Lord’s Prayer*” was sung by Brother Ted Davis, (35) and performed in Indian sign language by Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, dressed in her native costume.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.:** Grand Secretary, you will now read the Scroll of names of the dearly departed members of our Subordinate Chapters.

**SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS**

**PORT ROYAL #1**

Thomas Kadey

**MAYFLOWER #2**

Robert Stevens

Jean Clark

**CEDAR #3**

Murray Reeves, P.P.

Layton Purdy, P.P.

**KEYSTONE #5**

Dorothy Brush, P.M.

Dorothy Stewart

**HALIFAX #7**

Martha MacInnis, P.M.

**CENTURY #10**

Elizabeth Christensen, P.M.

Lois Macdonald

Lee MacDonald

**QUEEN ELIZABETH#14**

Ethel Ball, P.M.

Joyce Urquhart, P.M.

Kathleen Ripley

Emily Vail

Murdock Matheson

D. Frank MacKay

**EVANGELINE #15**

Lucy Ripley, P.M.

Margaret Harrison

Myrtle White, P.M.

Irene MacIvor

**BRITANNIA #18**

Ethel Pettigrew, P.M.

Eileen Chapman

Vera Chapman

Madlyn Saddler

Alpha Treen, P.M.

Eileen Embree, P.M.

**VICTORIA #19**

Sarah MacAulay

Charles Nicholson, P.P.

**HON. JOSEPH HOWE#20**

Catherine Urquhart

**MYRTLE #21**

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Ellen Worthylake, P.M.	Earl Baker	Robie Horne, P.P.
Laird Arenburg, P.P.	<b><u>QUEENS #34</u></b>	<b><u>RUTH #57</u></b>
Rebecca MacCuspie	Wilbur McCoombs	John Skinner, P.P.
Clarence Langille	<b><u>ST. MARY'S #35</u></b>	<b><u>EMERALD #58</u></b>
	Bessie Height, P.M.	Neil Archibald, P.G.P.
<b><u>FAIRFIELD #22</u></b>	<b><u>DR. GORDON MACLEOD</u></b>	Martha MacInnis, P.M.
Sadie White, P.M.	<b><u>#37</u></b>	Doris Partridge
Blanch Huggins	Jemima Matheson	Alma Duggan, P.M.
<b><u>CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)</u></b>	Roberta Pike	<b><u>SHOREHAM #59</u></b>
Catherine MacDonald, P.M.	<b><u>MAE #38</u></b>	Frances Mader, P.M.
Jane Smith	Mary Judge	<b><u>QUEEN ESTHER #61</u></b>
<b><u>WESTVILLE #24</u></b>	Richard Hirtle, P.P.	Carol Boutilier, P.M.
Christina Dewtie, P.M.	<b><u>COBEQUID #39</u></b>	Sister Lola Clarke
Agnes Saunders	Heather Murphy	<b><u>ATLANTIC #65</u></b>
Barbara Brown, P.M.	<b><u>ELM #48</u></b>	Frances Dwyer
Dorothy Thompson	Ellen Worthylake, P.M.	<b><u>STARLIGHT #66</u></b>
<b><u>HARMONY #25</u></b>	Ervin "Ted" Miller, P.G.P.	Catherine Urquhart
Elizabeth Christensen, P.M.	<b><u>SCOTIA #49</u></b>	Sister Irene Davis
Isabell Gordon	Reta Gay	<b><u>LAUREL #67</u></b>
Mildred Gordon		Edith Foster
Ethel Elmers	<b><u>SUNRISE #50</u></b>	Gerald Buchan
<b><u>MUNRO #26</u></b>	Ruth Lane	Muriel Todd
Hope Gullage, P.M.	<b><u>REGENT #52</u></b>	<b><u>MONTAGUE #69</u></b>
Amelia Keeping	Hattie Bernard, P.M.	William Webster, P.P.
Joseph Gullage	Helen Mills, P.M.	<b><u>CRESCENT #70</u></b>
Myrtle Walton, P.M.	Florence Hickey, P.M.	Forrest Pierce, P.P.
Ruth Krumrine	<b><u>FAITH #54</u></b>	Bernard Enslow
<b><u>KWEBEC #27</u></b>	Alma Elms	<b><u>PEARLE #71</u></b>
Rita McLellan, P.M.	Muriel Davis, P.M.	Elton DeLong
<b><u>ARBUTUS #30</u></b>	<b><u>ELMSDALE #55</u></b>	
Mary Rafuse	Murray MacMillan	
Ella Wessell	William Wotherspoon	
<b><u>ANNAVAL #31</u></b>	Edith Nelson, P.M.	

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.:** Grand Marshal , you will place the Scroll upon the Altar.

A solo "Until Then" was sung by Sister Geraldine MacFarlane (49).

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.:** We now pay tribute to the memory of those Sisters and Brothers whose names appear on this Scroll and who after living so much of themselves to our beautiful Order, have departed this earthly life. Those Sisters and Brothers have followed the Lighthouse, which led them to the Light in the Window of their eternal home. Each time our golden chain was broken we were saddened for ourselves, our Order and especially their families. We who remain will always remember their friendship, kindness and the precious moments we spent with them. We take solace in knowing that because they returned frequently to that great Light for instruction they will come safely to the end of their journey.

On the sea of life they wandered

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Out to our chapters many nights  
Over here and over yonder  
To our Chapters they brought Light.

When the thunder clouds did beckon  
And the grip of death grew tight  
They were guided by a beacon  
To a brighter shining Light.

There they found that golden stairway  
That they had to climb alone  
To that brightly Lighted window  
Of thy great eternal home.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:** We remember our Sisters and Brothers whose joy and vigor of life we have known, and we are saddened by their passing. We include in this memorial Sisters and Brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions, from whom we have received messages that reflect the passing of their precious members. Through prayer we ask our Lord and Saviour to grant our departed Sisters and Brothers, whom we love, a heavenly welcome into his service, to become precious links in his Golden Chain and that they may share abundant life in the ray of his Eternal Light.

There the buds of our Golden Harvest transplanted,  
for our coming - watch and wait.  
In the upper Garden growing  
Just within the pearly gate.

Though our hearts may break with sorrow  
By the grief so hard to take.  
We shall meet them some bright morning  
Just inside that garden gate.

**Brother Ron, Grand Chaplain:**

Oh God, from whom all good things do come, the giver of all true Light and tender affections, Behold our broken hearts, behold our grief, whose depth is the measure of a love which was thy gift. Out of the deep we call upon thy Holy name, for there is mercy with thee, and in thy word is our trust. Save us, Oh God, even while the waves of sorrow engulf us. Though we discern not thy full purpose, yet do we acknowledge that thou understandest all thy children. Teach us, therefore, to entrust to thine eternal Light and keeping the deathless love which binds us to our departed Sisters and Brothers, whose going from our sight makes our heart faint within us. Steady us to hold with tranquil hands our appropriately colored candles which our Grand Star Points will place outside this window to reflect our steadfast devotion to your holy name. May these candles reflect a

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flame undying amid the changes and chances of our mortality. So we shall honour our Sisters and Brothers while we miss them and so shall we permit thee to guide our steps along the hard path that lies before us, and which, if we are true, will reveal itself as our pathway to that Light in the Window of the eternal home prepared by thee for those who love thee. All of this we ask in our Saviour's name. Amen

**CANDLE ADDENDUM**

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.:** The Star Points will now place their Candle.  
(Each will start walking as the Worthy Grand Matron narrates their Star Point and place their candle as the W.G.M. says: "Will Now Place Her Candle".)

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.: ADAH**

Adah, the only daughter of Jephthah responded to the test of her Fidelity without hesitation when she surrendered her life to preserve her father's honour. To honour the memory of those Sisters and Brothers that have journeyed to their eternal home and as a symbol of Adah's Fidelity and determination to die in the Light - our Grand Adah will place her Blue candle at the first point of our Star.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.: RUTH**

Ruth was a Moalite woman, married to an Israelite. After the death of her husband it seemed proper for her to return to the people of her birthrite. However Ruth's uncommon loyalty to her mother-in-law Naomi reflected her Constancy and faithful obedience to the demands of honor and justice. To honour our Sisters and Brothers who have travelled a pathway to the Light in the Window of that house not made with hands Eternal in the heavens, our Grand Ruth will place her yellow candle at the second point of our Star.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.: ESTHER**

Esther's Hebrew name was Hadassah and she was the cousin of Mordacai, who after the death of Esther's parents brought her up as his own daughter. The events of Esther take place at the winter residence of the Persian Emperor. They centre around the Jewish heroine named Esther, who by her great courage, loyalty and devotion to her people saved them from being exterminated. Queen Esther was willing to risk royal favour and life itself to save her people from death. It is therefore fitting that Grand Esther honour the memory of our departed Sisters and Brothers by placing her White candle at the third point of our Star as a symbol of Light, purity and Joy.

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**Brother Allen, W.G.P.: MARTHA**

Martha's trustful Faith and Hope of immortality was unwavering even after the death of her brother. Jesus said to her "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will live even though he dies, and whoever believes in me will never die, do you believe this?" To honour the memory of our Sisters and Brothers and to reflect each and every member's steadfast devotion to our Savior and belief of Immortality, Grand Martha will place her Green candle at the fourth point of our Star. May it's Light in The Window be a reflection of our faith.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.: ELECTA**

Electa was a woman of pure Christian quality and quite certainly a woman of gifts and devotions. She was willing to testify to her Christian love by a martyr's death. As the heroine of the fifth point of our star, she presents the glory and benedictions of patience and submission to the will of God under the stress of wrong treatment and deadly persecution. To reflect Electa's charity and hospitality and to Honour our Sisters and Brothers who have travelled the pathway to that Light in the Window and their final resting place in the house of our Almighty Father, Grand Electa will place her Red candle at the fifth point of our Star.

The Memorial Service was concluded with a beautiful solo by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61), "*Go Now In Peace*".

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from labour to rest to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2004.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 7, 2004**

**9:00 a.m.:** Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (14) and Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15).

**Sister Sheila, P.G.M.:** Good Morning Sister and Brothers!

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Welcome to this final day of "The Golden Harvest Session". I hope each of you have enjoyed meeting old friends and making new friends, especially with our visitors from far and near. Today we have the task of electing and installing a new slate of officers and we seek God's guidance for our future. Let us lay aside our petty spats, resentments and unkind thoughts and embrace each other with love and understanding in an effort to secure a bright future for our beautiful Order.

I am especially pleased to share the East this morning with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother David. Brother David, it has been a quick seven years since you and I last stood in the Grand East. It was at our own "Golden Cup of Love Session" in Sydney and today brings back fond memories. I think its past time that you bring greetings to our Sisters and Brothers.

**Brother David, P.G.P.:** Good morning Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, Sisters and Brothers.

One is honoured with the privilege of providing an assist to the opening of this session at this charming and significant location. Digby has long been a favourite port of call, fraternally, legally and recreationally...a port of entry...a place where the two founding cultures of Canada are joined and accomplish. Where a measurement of the mighty tides of Fundy can be viewed with an awareness that this great renewable force must someday be harnessed to light the homes and power the activities of future generations of Maritime Canadians.

We are required today, sisters and brothers, to decide which of our members are to determine the path to be taken by this Grand Jurisdiction to continue and expand the practice of those good works to the preformance of which we all pledged our best efforts when first we were recieved into this splendid Order. As we receive surrendered charters and those who sat with us in other days no longer attend and people of principle, kindness and perception do not seek membership with us as was the case at earlier times, a responsible executive cannot ignore the challenge a falling census present. Right Worthy Grand Officer, Fred, has advised of the acceptance of the Order in areas of differing culture and persuasions. It is essential we align ourselves with their enthusiasm and assure we recover the appreciation of the Order previously demonstrated here.

**Sister Sheila, P.G.M.:** Grand Marshal you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Officers to enter the Chapter Room.

At this time the **Grand Choir** sang "*The King Is Coming*".

**Sister Sheila:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar.

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**Sister Sheila:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen, welcome to this final day of your Golden Harvest Session. Thank you both for the honour given to Brother David and myself to welcome you on this final day of deliberations. Your year has passed quickly, you have had high points and low points and have come to this lovely Session here in Digby. Sister Inez, you and I have been friends since you served on our Special Projects Committee 8 years ago. I know you have attended many, many more meetings than your Official visits and I hope you will continue to enjoy visiting as you join the ranks of the Past Grands.

Brother Allen, you, your wife Sister Cheryl and your Mother Sister Mildred could almost form a Past Grands Club of your own, but we will welcome you to our Past Grands Club and I hope to see you on the bus--- I mean "COACH" ---- to Minnesota in 2006.

**Brother David:** Sister Inez, we are in our 25<sup>th</sup> year and my very best friend and beautiful companion over the last 60 years performed for this Grand Chapter those essential duties with which you have been engaged these last three days. Since then we have enjoyed every annual Grand Chapter. Thank you for providing another enjoyable experience with our great friends of this remarkable Order.

Brother Allen, you have been an expert witness to the truth that the Order of the Eastern Star is not only for those with time on their hands or of a solely philosophical life style. As a very busy and successful business person harvesting and distributing the goods of the sea you have still found time to serve and foster the work of this Order. You have shown a parallel here to that truism of masonry of which is written "the greatest and best of men of all ages have never found it derogatory to their dignity to level with the fraternity and patronize its assemblies." Mind you, Allen, on your trip to your present distinguished position in the Order, you have been assisted by the most glamorous of female associates. With a dedicated Worthy Grand Matron and also Sister Mildred to show you the way and Sister Cheryl to support and council you - how could you miss? Sorry, Sister Sheila, for time consumed - the longer the man, the longer the talk.

**Sister Sheila:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the East.

Sister Inez and Brother Allen were accorded Grand Honours.

Brother William Allen, P.P. (24) sang "*Under His Wings*" to Sister Inez.  
Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) sang "*You Are My Sunshine*" to Brother Allen. All members joined in the chorus.

Sister Sheila presented the Gavel to Sister Inez. Sister Inez thanked Sister Sheila and presented her with a gift.

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Brother Allen thanked Brother David for assisting in opening this session and presented him with a gift.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Chaplain repeated the Opening Prayer.

Sister Inez, W.G.M. welcomed everyone to this session and thanked Sister Sheila and Brother David for opening this session.

Brother Allen, W.G.P. also welcomed all members and visitors and thanked both Sister Sheila and Brother David for calling this session to order. He gave a special thank you to Sister Beth for the lively solo and to the members for joining in.

**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.

At **9:30 a.m.** the Worthy Grand Patron presided over the election of officers and appointed the tellers.

**APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS**

Chairman: Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (58)

Co-Chairman: Brother Allison Mitchell, P.G.P. (61)

Group A

Sister Winna Smith, P.M. (1)

Sister June Whitman, P.M. (35)

Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. (5)

Brother Mel McGuire, P.P. (65)

Group B

Sister Evelyn Aulenback, P.M. (34)

Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.M. (1PEI)

Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10)

Brother Robert Eisener, P.P. (35)

**Partial Report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Sister Rhoda Tupper, Chairman of Credentials gave the following report and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. and carried.

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**Members: 422 Visitors: 137 for a total registered to date: 559**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
FOR 2004-2005**

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2004-2005: Sister Marylyn Swinamer, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Allan Conrad, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Marion Miller, Associate Grand Matron; Brother John Patterson, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Gail Cook, Grand Conductress.

The following were nominated:

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Annie Mae Backman, P.M. (8), Sister Stella Trask, P.M (35) and Sister Edith Conrod, P.M. (61).

For Grand Sentinel: Brother Zeke Eaton, P.P. (1PEI) and Brother Ronald Boudreau, P.P. (70).

**The following were elected:**

Sister Annie Mae Backman was elected Associate Grand Conductress and Brother Ronald Boudreau was elected Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.

During the Election, the Grand Choir entertained us with beautiful background music.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
(not previously introduced)**

Brother Arnold Burhoe, Grand Chapter Committee Member on Credentials and Brother James MacKenzie, Grand Chapter Committee Member on Publicity were introduced, welcomed and escorted to the East and heartily welcomed.

The Worthy Grand Matron announced that Sister Barbara Benton, R.W.A.G.M., has a video of the Lord's Prayer available at a cost of \$19.95. She also has information on Oklahoma where General Grand Chapter will be held in 2009.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
(not previously introduced)**

Sister Phyllis Munroe, Grand Chapter Committee Member on ESTARL was presented, welcomed and escorted to the East and was given a hearty welcome.

**PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS**

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The Grand Conductress escorted Sister Kathleen MacDonald, P.G.M. of California, Sister Frances Groat, P.M. of California and Brother Donald Heiser, P.G.P. of Wyoming to the East. Sister Inez presented Sister Kathleen and Sister Frances with their Honourary Memberships. Brother Allen presented Brother Donald with his certificate. All thanked the Grand Chapter for these 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, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

I would first of all like to introduce our committee - Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. on Housing; Sister Shirley MacLean, P.M. on Transportation; Sister Eleanor Mitchell P.G.M. on Social Events; Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P. on Favours and of course myself, Cheryl Denton, General Chairman.

The Forty-fourth Triennial Assembly of General Grand Chapter was held at the Coliseum in Portland, Oregon from October 31st - November 6th, 2003. We had 58 members attend from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; 27 of which were voting delegates. I understand that this last number was above average. We stayed at the beautiful Radisson Hotel and were able to shuttle back and forth to the Coliseum on Sister Shirley MacLean's "Motor Coach".

On Sunday, November 2nd, 2003, the "*Peace Around the World*" Assembly began with a very beautiful and touching Memorial Service in an honourable tribute to our deceased Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Dorothy M. Dewing. Sister Patricia Rasmusson assumed the duties as Acting Most Worthy Grand Matron with great efficiency and presided over the Assembly.

On Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 A.M. the members of our own Jurisdiction met for breakfast - which has become a tradition for us at General Grand Chapter. I extend a very special Thank You to Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M., for convening and hosting this event so beautifully and giving us this chance for a special time together. I thank Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P., and also his wife, Sister Maxine, for the delightful favours. Many of us attended various banquets and luncheons and the Hospitality Room reception in honour of Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Trustee was very well executed and source of great pride for us all.

Our delegation was bursting with pride on Wednesday, November 5th when Brother Fred was elected Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. What an exciting time to be from this jurisdiction, and what an honour for Brother Fred to bring to our Grand Chapter.

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Sister Shirley MacLean, P.M. and Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. deserve a great round of applause. I understand the "bus trip" was wonderful and our accommodations were very nice and centrally located.

There were 21 of us who flew home together from Portland - at which time I became the "Tour Director" - for lack of a better phrase. The plane we were to leave on had mechanical problems, so our flight was bumped. Now this may sound somewhat ominous but turned out to be one of the highlights of our trip. We were flown out on a smaller plane and the Airline put us up free of charge at the Airport Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia. What fun we had.

All in all a wonderful time was had by everyone and we are all looking forward to 2006, 2009 and best of all 2012.

Again I say a very special Thank You to my fellow committee members for a job very well done.

Sister Cheryl Denton moved the adoption of this report. Sister Eleanor Mitchell, P.G.M. seconded the motion and it was carried.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee consisted of: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27), Chairman; Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61), Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61), Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71) and Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14).

**Brother Ken Smith:** Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, members of this Grand Chapter: we, the committee on Membership for this Grand Chapter, submit the following report.

This committee was formed in March, 2004.

I was invited to speak on membership in Shoreham #59, Harmony #25 and Port Royal #1, and I thank the members of these chapters for this opportunity. Each Worthy Matron received literature on how to improve membership. The members of our committee spoke briefly on membership in some of their local chapters.

During the year we presented four Rob Morris Jewels to Sisters - three in Kwebec Chapter #27 and one in Hon. Joseph Howe #20. We thank each Worthy Matron for asking us to perform this pleasant duty.

Sister Inez, our W.G.M. requested our committee to take on a Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition Project during the year, for families with three (3) direct generations of members. As this has to do with membership, we agreed to look after it.

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We sent out a membership letter in March, 2004 to all our subordinate chapters, informing them that we still had a problem with membership in our Jurisdiction. Also in this letter, we informed our members of the Heritage Project and enclosed the rules and application for their members to participate in this project.

We received thirty-seven applications from our chapters for the Heritage Recognition Certificates for their members. We thank each chapter for their assistance in making this project a success. These certificates will be presented after our report.

We also had applications from four members with four generations of families belonging to our Order and we would like to name them: Brother Fred Clarke, Sister Margaret Clarke, Sister Annie Mae Backman and Brother William Bishop.

We would like to thank Sister Lynn and Brother Darrell Thurber, Halifax Chapter #7, for their assistance. They designed, produced and donated the certificates for this project.

At this time we will report on our membership for June 1, 2002 to May 31, 2003.

Number of members June 1, 2002		2,906
Number of members initiated, affiliated and reinstated		<u>69</u>
Total		2,975
Number of members died	94	
Number of members demitted	66	
Number of members suspended	<u>22</u>	
Total		<u>-182</u>
Number of members May 31, 2003		2,793

This loss of 113 members is 3.9 percent of our membership.

Sisters and Brothers from these statistics you can see that we are demitting and suspending more members than we are initiating, affiliating and re-instating into our Order.

Demits and suspensions are still a very serious problem in our Jurisdiction. We allow our members to demit and be suspended without investigating the reasons why. Every time a demit is requested or before a vote is taken to suspend a member, a small committee should be formed to investigate the reasons for the demit or suspension. They should report at the next stated meeting the member's

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reasons for their actions.

Sisters and Brothers there are many reasons for members requesting demits and being suspended, and we must find out the reasons for their decisions. A personal visit might uncover the reasons and provide encouragement to the members to remain in the Order. Action must be taken immediately if we are to stop the decline in our membership.

We thank Sister Betty Ann, our Grand Secretary, for all her patience and help to this committee on the Membership and Heritage Projects. It would be very hard for most committees to function properly without the help and assistance of our dedicated Sister.

Recommendation: That our Grand Chapter carry on with the Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition Project for the year 2004 - 2005 and that Grand Chapter be responsible for purchasing the Heritage Certificates.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity to serve and report on Membership and the Heritage Project. We wish you and your Grand Officers well as you attend to your duties on the last day of our session.

Sisters and Brothers we thank you for your attention to this report.

Brother Ken Smith moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

#### **MOTION**

Brother Ken Smith moved that their recommendation: "that our Grand Chapter carry on with the Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition Project for the year 2004-2005 and that Grand Chapter be responsible for purchasing the Heritage Certificates." The motion was seconded by Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

#### **FRATERNAL HERITAGE FAMILY RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Sister Inez, W.G.M., and Brother Allen, W.G.P. read the list of names of those members who will receive these awards and asked them to come to the East for the presentation. A large number of the 37 eligible members were present to receive their awards in person.

#### **ROB MORRIS JEWEL PROGRAM**

Brother Ken Smith, P.G.P. (27) announced that the Rob Morris Jewel Program is continuing and he then presented Sister Inez, W.G.M. with her Rob Morris Jewel.

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**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. 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, Brother Keith and I especially want to congratulate our fellow member, Brother Fred, on his high honour and to assure everyone that he is still very faithful to his obligations to his own Grand Chapter. We are proud to serve with him.

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 Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

At this time Sister Inez, W.G.M. asked that all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons present to assemble in the West. They were then escorted to the East and Sister Inez presented eighteen (18) Past Grand Matrons and Brother Allen presented eleven (11) Past Grand Patrons with beautiful framed certificates commemorating their own year of service. Brother Ken Smith, P.G.P. thanked both the W.G.M. and the W.G.P. on behalf of all the Past Grands for these lovely certificates. Certificates will be delivered to those members who were unable to attend this session.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.G.S., that the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron be permitted to have an Open Installation

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this evening. Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. (22) seconded the motion and it was carried. Brother Fred also asked that the first and second rows be reserved for the chapters of the Incoming W.G.M. and W.G.P.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, A.G.M. announced that the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of 2004-2005 will be introduced following the Installation ceremony.

#### PUBLICITY

The members of the Publicity Committee: Sister Fran Harding, P.M. (52), Chairman, Brother Jack Perry, P.P. (5), Brother Darrell Thurber, P.P. (7), Sister Dianne Levy, P.M. (8), Sister Caryl Yates, P.M. (26), Brother James MacKenzie, P.P. (15), Brother Thomas Drury, P.P. (47) and Sister Helen Wambolt, P.M. (61).

**Sister Fran Harding P.M. (52), Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers.

We your Grand Chapter Publicity Committee for 2003 - 2004 wish to submit the following report.

In September 2003, with the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron, a letter was sent out to all subordinate Chapters. We asked that each Chapter appoint a Publicity representative to submit to the local newspapers, articles and/or pictures of special events celebrated in their Chapter during the year. They were also asked to submit to the Publicity Committee two copies of pictures and write-ups for the Albums.

In February 2004, a second letter was sent out to all Chapters reminding them to send in their material, so we could complete the Albums before the Grand Chapter Session.

We hope that as you look through these albums that we have prepared for you, it will bring back pleasant memories of your year in the Grand East.

On behalf of the members of the Publicity Committee, I would like to sincerely thank the twenty nine (29) Chapters who sent in material for these Albums.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron we would like to thank you for the privilege of serving the Grand Chapter on this Committee.

This report was moved by Sister Fran Harding, P.M. and seconded by Brother Darrell Thurber, P.P. and the motion was carried.

#### PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS

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Sister Fran and Brother Darrell then approached the East and presented Sister Inez and Brother Allen each with their "*Book of Memoirs*" of their year. Both Sister Inez and Brother Allen thanked the committee for their scrapbooks.

### **TEMPLE FUND**

The Committee Members: Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19), Brother William Smith, P.P. (48) and Sister Sylvia Hebden, P.M. (35).

**Sister Beth Brett:** 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:

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-operations and support.

Sister Beth Brett moved the acceptance of this report. This was seconded by Sister Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson, P.M. (1PEI) and the motion was carried.

### **FINANCE (continued)**

The Finance Committee report continued from Tuesday afternoon.

### **MOTIONS**

Brother Bill Cox, P.P. (30) moved that the Finance Committee motion be taken off the table and dealt with. This was seconded by Brother Phillip Beeler, P.P. (1) and the motion was carried.

Brother Bill Cox, P.P. (30) moved the motion "that the per capita tax for each active member be increased to \$10.00 per year commencing with the 2004-2005 fiscal year." Brother Phillip Beeler, P.P. (1) seconded the motion. Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) moved an amendment to this motion that the increase be changed from \$3.00 to \$1.50. Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) seconded this amendment.

After much discussion the amendment was defeated.

A vote was taken on the original motion and it was carried.

Brother Bill Cox asked that the Recommendations of the Finance Committee Report be dealt with during the afternoon session due to the lateness of the hour.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Marshal proclaimed

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this session called from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 1:45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 7, 2004**

**2:00 p.m.** The Grand Officers assumed their stations. Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal proclaimed the Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labour.

**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.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE**

**(continued from Wednesday morning)**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. All funds being held by Grand Chapter officers, committee chairs and others, responsible for funds of the Grand Chapter must be held in strict accord with Our Trust. All funds should be safeguarded, by depositing them in a bank account, with alternate signing authority. Such situations should be covered by a letter, to the Grand Secretary, describing: name of bank, branch, account number, purpose of the funds and the signing authority of the account.
2. Funds for pins, calendars, etc. are frequently placed in personal accounts, this should be discontinued as the funds could become part of a personal estate, if not properly designated. Open an account and provide details to the Grand Secretary.
3. In regard to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron their Special projects generate a lot of funds which are handed to them in cash during Chapter visits. These funds should be placed in a bank account as per (1) above with the letter clearly stating Worthy Grand Matron's/ Patron's Special Project.
4. The deductible on our insurance is now in excess of the value of The Grand Officers jewels, so each officer is individually responsible for their jewel, it is recommended that a new receipt be devised to state that " this jewel was received in good condition and that the officer is responsible to replace it if lost and that it must be returned to Grand Chapter at the end of their term in office. All repairs and cleaning must be carried out by the Grand Chapter's jeweler through the Grand Secretary.
5. Insurance costs continue to rise, we recommend that funds be set aside each year, in a reserve fund, to self insure any Grand Chapter equipment held at the Grand Secretary's house.
6. A major portion of the value our regalia, is in our O.E.S. rug, we

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recommend that we continue to insure it until our reserve fund has reached it value.

7. We recommend that we look into doing away with insurance on our paraphernalia, except for our rug, and our regalia. We have requested information as to savings from our insurers.

8. The jewels of Grand Chapter officers are now getting old and we recommend the establishment of a fund to cover repair and replacement of jewels, about four per year, old ones being retained as back up.

9. We recommend that the assets of Grand Chapter be evaluated and amortized over twenty years, the amortization to become a replacement reserve.

Brother Bill Cox, P.P. (30) read these recommendations. He moved that we accept recommendation numbers 1, 2 and 3. This was seconded by Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15). After some discussion this motion was defeated.

Brother Bill Cox moved that recommendation number 4 be accepted. This was seconded by Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10) and the motion was carried.

Brother Bill Cox moved that recommendation numbers 5, 6 and 7 be accepted. This was seconded by Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10). After some discussion this motion was defeated.

Brother Bill Cox moved that recommendation number 8 be accepted. This was seconded by Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14). After some discussion this motion was defeated.

Recommendation number 9 was not dealt with.

**BUDGET FOR 2004-2005**

Brother Bill Cox presented the Budget for 2004-2005 and moved that it be accepted. Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) seconded this motion and it was carried.

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BUDGET 2003 - 2004**

**REVENUE**

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	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$33,100</b>

**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>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$25,820</u></b>

**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>
<b>TOTAL SESSION EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$6,600</u></b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$32,420**

**BUDGETED NET INCOME** **\$ 680**

**PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows:

**Members: 427 Visitors: 137 Total: 564**

Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M. (40) moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. (1PEI) and carried.

**CRAFTS AND TREASURES**

The Committee Members are: Sister Ruth Bond, P.M. (22), Chairman, Sister Colleen McPherson, P.M. (25), Sister Joan Mills, P.M. (8), Sister Jean MacMillan, P.M. (35), Sister Muriel Toye, P.M. (18), Brother Ross Hagar, P.P. (57), Sister Yvonne Fox, P.M. (66) and Brother Larry Horton, P.P. (23).

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**Sister Ruth Bond, P.M. (22), Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

We, your Crafts and Treasures Committee, would like to submit the following report.

As of this morning we have \$1,589.35.

We wish to thank all who worked long hours making lovely crafts to make our Grand Chapter Craft Sale a success. We are grateful for all donations. Thank you ,Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving on your Committee.

Sister Ruth Bond moved the adoption of this report. Brother Ross Hagar seconded this motion and it was carried.

**HISTORIAN**

**Sister E. Megan Church, P.G.M. (22)**

Sister E. Megan Church presented an informative account of the 56<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward:

**HISTORY OF THE 56TH SESSION**

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**GARDEN OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP  
held at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax  
JULY 7, 8, 9, 2003**

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2002-2003**

Worthy Grand Matron	June Macdonald	(20)
Worthy Grand Patron	George Crouch	(15)
Associate Grand Matron	Inez Daye	(27)
Associate Grand Patron	Allen Denton	(35)
Grand Secretary	Betty Ann Loughnan	(40)
Grand Treasurer	Cecil Decker	(55)
Grand Conductress	Marylyn Swinamer	(2)
Associate Grand Conductress	Marion Miller	(1 PEI)
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)

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Grand Martha	Darlene Amirault	(49)
Grand Electa	Irma Maxwell	(15)
Grand Warder	John Whalley	(35)
Grand Sentinel	Allan Conrad	(49)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

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

DEDICATION

This Grand Chapter year is lovingly dedicated to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, to my husband Scott, and to 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 Evangeline Chapter No. 15 for their support and encouragement in all our endeavours.

Watchwords: Kindness to our followers

Caring for each other

Love is patient and kind,

We treasure those whose love we share.

Aim: To serve our sisters and brothers with love.

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

*Truly, truly I say to you. A friend loves at all times.* 1 John 3:11

Proverbs 17:17 John 3:3

WGP.: *"This is my commandment, that we love one another and that your joy might be full "* St. John 15:12

Emblem: The cup

Honour Station: Electa, the Mother Station.

Special Project: Mental illness.

Colours: Pink, Blue and Yellow with accents of silver.

Flowers: the Red Rose of Love, the Yellow Rose for friendship with Babies

Breath and Greenery.

Fun Symbols: "Bells" WGM

"Cats" WGP

Musical Selections: WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Climb Every Mountain He Touched Me

Precious Memories Because He lives

Amazing Grace

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I Walk With His Hand In Mine

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

One Day At a Time

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Fun Songs: Alley Cat  
What's New Pussy Cat?

Installation of the 2002-2003 Grand Officers began when the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons were escorted into the Grand Chapter room by Bro. Fred Clarke, RWGT and PGP of this Jurisdiction with bag pipe music in the background. Sis. Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy and PGM of this Jurisdiction was the Installing Officer assisted by several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons. Following Sis. June Macdonald's installation as WGM, Bro. Allan Conrad sang "*Precious Memories*" and following installation of Bro. George Crouch as WGP, Sis. Sharon Ward sang "*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*".

The DDGMs were introduced, appointment of Grand Chapter Committees given, presentation of Jewels and Signing of the Bible when Sis. Marian Durling, PGM led a very impressive Closing Ceremony for the 2001-2002 officers.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Grand Chapter opened with Divine Church Service at 5:00 P.M. in the Commonwealth Room of the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, NS. Rev. P.A. Sandy MacDonald, Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth, NS spoke in keeping with the theme of the Grand Chapter Session.

Church service collected \$974.09 which was donated to ESTARL.

Sis. Eleanor Freeman, PGM led a PRECIOUS EMBLEMS Ceremony assisted by Sis. Tracey Hobson of Laurel Chapter #67, the Holy Bible; Sis. Tricia Duncan of Queen Esther Chapter #61, the sword and veil; Sis. Darlene Fudge-Richards, Ruth Chapter #57; the Golden Sheaf; Sister Shirley Daine of Halifax Chapter #7, the Crown and Sceptre; Sis. Wanda Sutherland of Hon. Jos. Howe Chapter #20 the Broken Column, and Sis. Shirley Estey of Emerald Chapter #58, the Cup of Electa.

Sis. Eleanor Mitchell, PGM, and Ambassador to Southern Italy and Bro. Allison Mitchell, PGP presided at the informal opening.

Sis. Eleanor Freeman, PGM presided at the Garden of Love and Friendship processional. The Grand Officers formed the cup, DDGMs the Golden Arch of Friendship, Grand Pages the Bell, Grand Guards the Trowel, the Electas' the cross, followed by the Grand Representatives forming the "C" for Caring.

An impressive Ribbon Ceremony was carried out by WGM and 4 PGMs of New Brunswick.

Following the flag presentation and greetings from various dignitaries the WGM and WGP made their presentation to BONNY LEA FARM, their special project. A representative from BONNY LEA FARM was overwhelmed to receive a cheque

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in the amount of \$32,414 with a promise of more to come. Final total donation was \$35,130.46.

Formal Opening on Tuesday began with the placing of the emblems followed by the regular opening. Bro. David Waterbury, PGP reminded us of Roberts Rules of Order (revised). Reports of WGM, WGP, Gr. Sec. and Gr. Treas. were read and approved. Tuesday afternoon session included the ESTARL report when it was reported that 18 awards of \$695 each had been given this year. Remarks were heard from our GGC appointees, namely, Sis. Violet Blair, Credentials, Bro. Kenneth Smith, Membership, Sis. Margaret Clarke, Chairman for Canada Shriner's Hospital, Sis. Eleanor Mitchell, Ambassador to Southern Italy, Sis. Jessie Nutter, Angel in Disguise to the MWGM and of course our own Bro. Frederick W. Clarke, Chairman, RWGT.

Tuesday afternoon session closed with the Memorial Service led by Bro. James Estey, P.P. The members of the Order of the Eastern Star all over the world were saddened by the passing of our beloved MWGM, Sis. Dorothy Dewing of Oregon, who visited our Grand Chapter many times through the years. Also, we, in this Jurisdiction, were saddened by the loss of our own Sis. Ellen Webster, PGM and Bro. Harold Spencer, PGP.

Wednesday morning session saw the election of officers during which many of the committee reports were read and approved. New officers elected were Sis. Gail Cook, AGC and Bro. John Patterson, Grand Sentinel.

At this time Sis. Marian Durling submitted an "Alternate Funeral Service" report.

Wednesday afternoon saw presentation of 21 - 50 year and 50 plus members. Committee reports were completed and Fraternal Report given.

Total registration for this session was 676.

During the year the following special events took place -  
April 2003 - ESTARL Church Service (held during April in each District).  
May 10th Maritime Exchange Night in Kentville  
June 7 - WGM & WGP joint homecoming in Dartmouth

School's of Instruction were held - Sept 7th in Bridgewater, NS Sept. 14th in Central Bedeque, PEI and Sept. 28th in Baddeck, Cape Breton.

41 - 50 yr pins were presented this year.

We are sorry to report that Acadia Chapter #4 and Cape Breton Chapter #12 each surrendered their charter.

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DDGMs witnessed 14 initiations and 4 affiliations.

It was recommended DDGMs have 7 districts, not 8 beginning in 2004-2005.

A committee is to be appointed to look into financing Grand Chapter.

49 Official visits were made by the WGM and WGP. They began at Acadia #4, Lawrencetown July 19th, 2002 and finished April 28, 2003 at Sunrise Chapter #50, Pugwash.

NOTICES OF MOTION PASSED AT THIS SESSION:

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 4 - Fraternal Correspondent, Page 33, Item #1 . Add "An in-depth written report will be circulated to the members at registration. A condensed verbal report, not to exceed 10 minutes, will be given at Grand Chapter to highlight noteworthy matters."

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 3, Finance Section 5 - Delete the entire section and replace 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.

Constitution, Article 11- add after \$100: "in US funds".

Constitution - Article 21 - "Reception of General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointments" - Page 48 add a 2nd sentence as follows: "Each member honoured at this reception shall be presented with a monetary gift of \$100 in US funds, from this Grand Chapter.

A committee to 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 four current Secretaries with the Grand Secretary as advisor only. This Committee will then bring back the Handbook to Grand Chapter in 2004 for approval by the members.

Honorary Membership to this Grand Chapter were given to Sis. Marjorie Morgan, PGM of Ontario, Sis. Margaret and Bro. Robert McBournie, PGP of Massachusetts and Sis. Judy PGM and Bro Frank Fenner, PP of Massachusetts.

Bro. Cecil Decker, was given the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus.

Greetings were received from the Officers and Members of Capitulo Mama Oello No. 1 Chapter in Lima Peru. This is one of the adopted chapters for our Grand

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Jurisdiction.

Bro. Ken Smith GGCCM on Membership reported 45 Rob Morris Jewels earned in this Jurisdiction to date.

At the Northeast Friendship meetings held in February Pat Rasmusson, RWAGM announced the following committee appointments for GGC for 2003-2006 for our Grand Jurisdiction. Bro. William F. Clark, PGP (24) Visioneer, Sis. Edna Harding, PGM (54) International Temple, and Sis. Cheryl A. Denton, PGM (35) on Registration.

Grand Representative's Association donated \$500 for ESTARL.

Jurisprudence Committee noted that "A dispensation is not required for an Open Installation of a Chapter."

The following recommendations were passed:

1. Any changes to the CL&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. Any Notices of Motions passed at Grand Chapter which affect the CL&R be printed immediately, on the proper size paper to fit the current CL&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.

Scrapbooks were presented to the WGM and WGP.

### COMMENTS:

Bro. George, WGP accompanied WGM Sister June on every official visit.

It was a busy year. New Appointments and new committees appointed together with a great deal of legislation. May we take note of these changes which were ably handled by our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. They have spread a year of love throughout our jurisdiction and remind us that "THE STRENGTH OF AN ORGANIZATION IS NOT "I", IT IS "WE".

Sister E. Megan Church, P.G.M., Historian moved the acceptance of her report. Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.P. (24) seconded the motion and it was carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sister Inez Daye, W.G.M. announced that the two flower arrangements in the East were donated by Sister Lorna Spencer, P.M. (28) in memory of Brother Harold F. Spencer, P.G.P. (28) and Kwebec Chapter (27).

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Sister Inez also announced that she has made two more Grand Representative appointments: New York and Brazil.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S  
SPECIAL PROJECT**

The Committee Members: Sister Arlene Antle, P.M. (40), Chairman, 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) and Sister Julie Bragg, P.M. (1), Sister Mabel Haynes, P.M. (2), Sister Elizabeth Langille, P.M. (65).

**Sister Arlene Antle, P.M. (40) Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

We the committee on your special project: "**THE SHRINER'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TRAVELLING FUND**" wish to submit the following report:

A total of **\$5,134.00** was received from the sale of bee pins and day planners.

At this time we, your committee, would like to sincerely thank all members of subordinate chapters who sold bee pins and planners, and a special thank you to those who purchased them.

In addition, donations to the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project to "The Shriner's Children's Hospital Travelling Fund" was **\$20,253.97**, giving a total, as of July 7, 2004 of **\$25,387.97** with more to come. This amount includes the donations received by the Worthy Grand Patron in the amount of \$10,020.21.

Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, we thank you for the honour to have served on your Special Project Committee.

Sister Arlene Antle moved that this report be adopted. Brother Larry Ingham, P.P. seconded the motion and it was carried.

**DONATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECT  
RECEIVED BY SISTER ARLENE ANTLE:  
GIFTS GIVEN TO THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON,  
SALE OF PINS AND CALENDARS, MEMORIAL GIFTS,  
CHAPTERS, MEMBERS AND GROUPS**

Official Visits:

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Faith Chapter #54	50.00
Faith Chapter #54	25.00
Montague Chapter #69	25.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 - in lieu of a gift	50.00
Cedar Chapter #3	50.00
Port Royal Chapter #1 - Silver Parade	91.25
Fairfield Chapter #22	100.00
Mae Chapter #38	40.00
Mae Chapter #38 - in lieu of gifts	20.00
Maple Leaf Chapter #23	100.00
Mayflower Chapter #2 - Flower Fund	72.82
Arbutus Chapter #30 - in lieu of gifts to installation officers	10.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	25.00
Grace Chapter #8	50.00
Queens Chapter #34	25.00
Pearle Chapter #71	50.00
Queens Chapter #34	100.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	25.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 - Past Matrons Club	25.00
Evangeline Chapter #15 - Silver Drill	100.00
Armcrest Chapter #45	25.00
Annaval Chapter #31	56.90
Ruth Chapter #57	50.00
Harmony Chapter #25	100.00
Mystic Star Chapter #40	50.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	50.00
Halifax Chapter #7	25.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55	25.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	50.00
Myrtle Chapter #21 - Past Matrons Club	25.00
Westville Chapter #24	50.00
Elm Chapter #48	25.00
Laurel Chapter #67	90.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14	100.00
Queen Esther Chapter #61	75.00
Florence Fraser Chapter #47	50.00
<u>Pins and Calendars:</u>	
Cash Sale	90.00
Crescent Chapter #70	105.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	40.00
Cash Sale	5.00
Nora Moxsom	85.00
Mayflower Chapter #2	145.00
Evangeline Chapter #15	160.00

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Keystone Chapter #5	95.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	40.00
Maple Leaf Chapter #23	130.00
Armcrest Chapter #45	140.00
Victoria Chapter #19	140.00
Port Royal Chapter #1	65.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	100.00
Faith Chapter #54	50.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	115.00
Shoreham Chapter #59	100.00
Scotia Chapter #49	125.00
Victoria Chapter #19	100.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35	170.00
Laurel Chapter #67	170.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	140.00
Mae Chapter #38	80.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	5.00
Ted Davis (Pins)	95.00
Cash Sale	15.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14	140.00
Cedar Chapter #3	115.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55	125.00
Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20	60.00
Starlight Chapter #66	55.00
Queen Esther Chapter #61	180.00
Halifax Chapter #7	95.00
Mel Antle	100.00
Regent Chapter #52	85.00
Edmund Davis	15.00
Pins sold at Grand Chapter	200.00
Pearle Chapter #71	125.00
Atlantic Chapter #65	90.00
Cash Sale	15.00
Mystic Star Chapter #40	155.00
Mayflower Chapter #2	10.00
Britannia Chapter #18	55.00
Cash Sale	20.00
Annaval Chapter #31	30.00
Florence Fraser Chapter #47	140.00
Starlight Chapter #66	25.00
Ruth Chapter #57	210.00
Cash Sale	5.00
Cash Sale	5.00
Montague Chapter #69	90.00
Harmony Chapter #25	15.00

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Century Chapter #10	230.00
Harmony Chapter #25	125.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37	80.00
Elm Chapter #48	110.00
Cash Sale	5.00
Queens Chapter #34	115.00
Westville Chapter #24	190.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	15.00
Grace Chapter #8	65.00
Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI) - Anna Carr	125.00
Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI) - Judy Graves	15.00
David Boutilier	5.00
Mary Hinde	135.00
Emerald Chapter #58	115.00
Munro Chapter #26	95.00
Fairfield Chapter #22	50.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	85.00
<u>Expenses:</u> Payment for Calendar printing	-966.00
<u>In Memoriam:</u>	
Crescent Chapter #70 - in memory of Forrest Pierce, P.P.	25.00
David and Ruth Waterbury - in memory of Ted Miller, P.G.P. and Neil Archibald, P.G.P.	50.00
Eleanor Vogler - in lieu of gifts and in memory of her sister, Eveline	125.00
Peter and Gail Kay - in memory of Lois Sample, P.M., Mildred Gordon and Ethel Elmers	25.00
Sheila MacDonald - in memory of mother, Effie MacDonald	20.00
David and Ruth Waterbury - in memory of Frances Mader, P.M.	10.00
Munro Chapter #26 - in memory of Hope Gullage, P.M.	50.00
Kenneth and Betty Smith - in memory of Neil Archibald, P.G.P.	25.00
Diane Hayman - in memory of Erwin Graham, Martha MacInnis, Jean Clark, Laurie Maynard, Robert 'Hud' Sample, John Dryden, Mildred Gordon, Bernadette Nicolari	100.00
<u>District Deputy Grand Matrons:</u>	
Janet Johnson - Harmony Chapter #25	25.00
- Elm Chapter #48	25.00
- Myrtle Chapter #21	25.00
25.00	
- Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37	25.00
- Century Chapter #10	50.00
Gail Cook	75.00
<u>Adjustment:</u> Exchange on \$10.00 U.S.	2.90

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Donations to Worthy Grand Matron:

John and Carole Newell	50.00
Murray, Stella, Sarah and Amy Trask	50.00
Anonymous	10.00
Noreen MacInnis	20.00
Cora MacKay	10.00
Irma MacDonald-Maxwell	10.00
Mel and Arlene Antle	50.00
Tracey L. Hobson	20.00
John and Mary Withrow	25.00
Mary Hughes-Kelley	25.00
Audrey Christie	10.00
Gail Fudge	25.00
Clara Nieforth	330.00
Arlene Antle - in lieu of honour night gifts	25.00
Jacob Hillier - in lieu of gifts for honour night	20.00
Carol Nielsen - in lieu of gifts for honour nights	200.00
Barbara Cooke - in honour of Bro. George Moxsom	10.00
Joan Campbell - in honour of Cora MacKay	10.00
John and Diane Patterson - in honour of Cora MacKay	10.00
Adrian and Belle Pearson - in honour of Cora MacKay	10.00
Alice MacKay - in honour of Cora MacKay	20.00
Mary Crouch	10.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 - in lieu of gifts for G.C.C.M.	25.00
Iris Newman - in lieu of gifts for honour night	25.00
Shirley MacLean	20.00
Elm Chapter #48 - in honour of Sis. Margaret Saunders 80 <sup>th</sup>	20.00
Betty Thompson - in honour of Sis. Carolyn Galley-Card	5.00
Montauge Chapter #69 - in lieu of gifts	25.00
Shirley Bezanson - in honour of 90 <sup>th</sup> birthdays - Helen Dauphinee and Janet Menzies	40.00
Mary Lou Higgins - in honour of Cora MacKay	20.00
Cora MacKay - in lieu of gifts to Grand Family	100.00
Starlight Chapter #66	50.00
Rhoda Tupper - in honour of A. Antle, M. Conrad & J. Hillier	25.00
Rhoda Tupper - in honour of Gr. Reps. - Claudette Smith, Jim Coolen, Elizabeth Morash & Glynne Lloyd	25.00
Diane Hayman - in lieu of gifts	20.00
Clara Nieforth	134.00
Mary Jane Smith - in honour of Sis. Hazel Wagner	15.00
Shirley Bezanson - in lieu of gifts for Sis. R. Tupper & Sis. A. Antle	25.00
Gladys Hobson - in lieu of gifts	50.00
Grace Boudreau - Ron Boudreau's Honour Tea	138.00
Peter Kay - Grand Representatives honour night	20.00

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Marian Durling	50.00
Tracey Hobson - honour tea	10.00
Allison and Eleanor Mitchell	40.00
Munro Chapter #26 - Good of the Order	71.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37	85.00
Marion Conrad - Winnie the Pooh pins	1400.00
Marion Conrad - Bottles, paper, wake-a-thon	1500.00
Winna J. Smith - WGM & WGP honour nights	50.00
Murray and Stella Trask - WGM honour tea	100.00
Audrey Farquharson	105.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 - Past Matrons Club - WGM homecoming	100.00
The Gamblers Card Players - in memory of Neil Archibald	300.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 - Inez Daye homecoming	200.00
Keystone Chapter #5 - Inez Daye homecoming	200.00
Beulah Lynch - in lieu of gifts for honour nights	25.00
Jean Parks - in memory of Bro. Lance Parks	50.00
Arlene and Mel Antle - in lieu of gifts for honour nights	100.00
The Lunch Bunch	25.00
Ross and Mary Lou Higgins - in honour of installing team	25.00
Linda McKay	50.00
C. N. Teal	20.00
Lyda Fisher	50.00
Inez Daye - in honour of installing officers - Altantic Chapter #65	50.00
Inez Daye - in honour of 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday of Sis. Mary Ellen Daye	50.00
Rhoda Tupper - in honour of Inez Daye homecoming	25.00
Ron Boudreau - donation to WGM/WGP Special Project	100.00
Rhoda Tupper - in honour of Gr. Chaplain, Ron Boudreau and Frances Johnsen, Chaplain of Ruth Chapter	25.00
Reginald and Jean Coombes	25.00
Anna Ruth Isnor	25.00
Janet Merry	15.00
Montague Chapter #69	25.00
Emerald Chapter #58	50.00
Bill and Carol Clark	50.00
Annie Drover	10.00
Mary Hinde	25.00
Audrey Christie	25.00
Rowena Marsters	25.00
Shirley Rogers	20.00
Ruth Bond	10.00
Velda Forrest	20.00
Hazel Wagner	10.00
Helen Wambolt - in honour of Grand Esther, Sis. Linda McKay and G.C.C.M.'s	20.00
Richard and Diane Snowdon	20.00

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Carol Nielsen	25.00
M. F. Gardner	50.00
Marion and Morley Robinson - in lieu of honour night gifts	100.00
Marion Conrad - in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers, DDGM's, Grand Representatives & G.C.C.M.'s on honour nights	100.00
Mildred Wagner - in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers, DDGM's, Grand Representatives & GCCM's on honour nights	100.00
Hazel MacLeod	25.00
Lorna Spencer	75.00
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson	50.00
Helen Jean Connors	50.00
Shirley Ann MacLean - in honour of Sis. Anna Ruth Isnor, Sis. Doreen Edgar, Bro. Charles Teal, Bro. Kenneth Smith, Bro. Allen Denton, WGP, Sis. Marylyn Swinamer and Sis. Inez Daye, W.G.M.	50.00
Mel and Arlene Antle -in honour of Sis. Inez Daye homecoming	50.00
Cora MacKay	20.00
Anonymous	70.00
Allan and Shirley Conrad	15.00
Joan Campbell	50.00
Iris Hubley	50.00
Marion Buchan - in lieu of gifts for Grand Representatives	25.00
Janet Johnson - in honour of 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversaries of: Marian & Jim Dickie, Murray & Arna Gardner, Evelyn & Walter Blair; Muriel Partington's 95 <sup>th</sup> birthday, Grand Officers and DDGM's 2003-2004	100.00
John and Diane Patterson - WGM honour tea in lieu of gift	10.00
Peter and Gail Kay - WGM honour tea, in lieu of gift	10.00
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson - WGM's honour tea in lieu of gift	10.00
Anonymous	5.00
George and Nora Moxsom - WGM Special Project	100.00
Grand Representatives Association - gift to WGM	100.00
PAGO's - WGM's Special Project	200.00
Cedar Chapter #3 - in lieu of Bar to W.P.	50.00
Atlantic Chapter #65 - WGM's Special Project	50.00
James and Marian Dickie - WGM's special Project	25.00
Mary Jane Smith - WGM's Special Project	100.00
Margaret J. Allen - WGM's Special Project	10.00
Atlantic Chapter #65 - in honour of Inez Daye, WGM, David Wiswell, Frank Fiske, Joan Oderkirk	60.00
Elda and Mel McGuire - WGM's Special Project	10.00
Mary Lou Higgins - in honour of Inez Daye, WGM and David Wiswell	20.00
Joyce MacLeod Stewart - in honour of Inez Daye, WGM, David Wiswell, Frank Fiske, Cora MacKay, Joan Oderkirk	60.00
Irene Johnson - WGM's Special Project	20.00

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Carolyn Langill - WGM's Special Project	15.00
William Thompson, Jr. - WGM's Special Project	10.00
Century Chapter #10	100.00

**LIBRARIAN**

**Sister Shirley Rogers, P.M. (27):** Worthy Grand Matron , Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

The demands on your Librarian were very light during the past year.

Four Chapters requested material and I was able to fill all requests and hope the programs were of some help when the Worthy Matrons were planning their special nights.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the privilege of serving you in this way.

Sister Shirley Rogers, P.M. moved that her report be accepted. Sister Elizabeth Morash, P.M. (40) seconded the motion and it was carried.

**HONEY MONEY FOR ESTARL PROJECT**

**Sister Sylvia McCleave, Grand Ruth:**

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

This year the Worthy Grand Matron has emphasised the Permanent Project ESTARL. Grand Ruth was appointed to oversee "Honey Money for ESTARL".

A honey money Bee Bank was sent to each Chapter.

To make these bees, Sister Lynn Thurber was the designer, Brother Mel Antle handled a very large darning needle well and Sister Clara Nieforth was always ready with the glue gun. Many other hands, lots of laughter and the hot tub added to the amusement.

Draws, Chinese auctions and bake sales all added up.

Regent Chapter named their bee "Ima" Bee.

This proved to be an excellent project for many of the Chapters.

I hope each bee is adopted by tonight. Feel free to attach your name somehow.

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The total to date is **\$3770.56**. More is expected.

Worthy Grand Matron thank you for appointing me.

Sister Sylvia McCleave moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Lynn Thurber, (7) and the motion was carried.

**EASTERN STAR JOURNAL**

The Committee Members: Sister Helen Legge, P.M. (28), Chairman, Sister Reta Kaluza, P.M. (50) and Sister Jean Toby, P.M. (27).

**Sister Helen Legge, P.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

The Eastern Star Journal Committee submits the following report.

During the year, 2003-2004, we have sent the following:

PHOTOS AND WRITE UP of Sister Adline Purvis, P.G.M., 1952-53 on her 100th birthday celebration.

PHOTOS and story of our three local Chapters, Amethyst No. 28, Emerald No. 58 and Halifax No. 7, were hosts to Eastern Star members on the cruise ship, Rotterdam, while docked in Halifax on July 10th, 2003.

PHOTOS AND WRITE UP of Sister Frances Johnsen of Ruth Chapter No.57 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, celebrating her 91st Birthday.  
AND Sister Lillian Milne of Amethyst No. 28 celebrating her 99th birthday.

AND Sister Jean Foster of Laurel Chapter No. 67, Berwick, Nova Scotia, received her 60th year jewel, and Sister Florence McCaughey was presented with her 50 year jewel by our W.G.M., Sister Inez Daye.

We hope that the above will be published. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing us to present this report.

Sister Helen Legge moved the adoption of this report. Sister Beulah Lynch, P.M. (28) seconded the motion and it was carried.

**SECRETARIES HANDBOOK**

The Committee: Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M. (15), Chairman, Sister Edna MacVicar, P.M. (14), 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).

**Sister LaVerne Porter:** General Grand Chapter Officers, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

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We, the members of the Secretaries Handbook Committee wish to submit the following report.

Our committee consisted of six members, five of whom were present at our first meeting in November at the home of Mary Ellen Bishop in Bible Hill. At this meeting, I was chosen as chairperson and it was decided that we would write to all the secretaries in our jurisdiction and ask for their suggestions, questions and ideas for this handbook. Each secretary received a letter and replies back were from seven secretaries and I had five phone calls as replies.

We began meeting again in February and through many phone calls found out there would only be three of us at our meetings so the five subsequent meetings were held at my home and the work began.

June Whitman, P.M., Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. and I spent our Saturdays compiling the information we thought was required and trying to present it in a concise manner that would make the job of secretary easier and more efficient. Much discussion went into this handbook which would be used in conjunction with the CL&R.

Some questions did not have any clear answer for example: How long to keep correspondence. So we put our ideas down and know jurisprudence would correct any of our mistakes. The results of our labours are before you and we hope meet with your approval.

Each of our committee members was advised before each meeting and then written a letter afterwards. As we had not been allotted a budget, I covered all the postage and Mary Ellen provided all the paper for the handbooks. For all her computer work and extra time spent we are very grateful, for this handbook would not have come together as efficiently as she was able to do it had we not had her on our committee. Finished copies were sent to all members of our committee, the Worthy Grand Matron, Jurisprudence Committee members and the Grand Secretary for their approval.

We wish to recommend that this handbook be kept on letter size pages for ease of reading, filing and referral to forms - which are mostly this size.

We wish to thank the Grand Secretary, Betty Ann, for all her answers to questions on those Saturdays. We thank you, Sister Inez, for the opportunity to do this handbook. We enjoyed all the lunches, the bantering back and forth and the camaraderie.

Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M. moved that this report be accepted. This was seconded by Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. and the motion was carried.

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**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 bring you this final report.

The Reception was a terrific success!! With the full co-operation of Bruce McKinney and Mark Wallace, of the ARAMARK CORPORATION, OREGON CONVENTION CENTER STAFF, our Reception went like clock-work. I have sent letters of appreciation to Bruce and Mark.

The Banquet Room looked lovely with the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Tartan Tablecloths. The centre table was the food table with a raised dias, on this was a large replica of the BLUENOSE in full sail. With the blue and white napkins along with the tartan napkins it was a beautiful sight. During the Reception, David Clarke kept the audiovisual active with scenes of our two Provinces. This along with information on the Tourism table was much appreciated by our Guests as well as the Tam-O-Shanter Table. The Receiving Line with the backdrop of the Canadian, American, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Texas Flags was kept busy. Our

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez Daye, along with Brother Fred Clarke, Sister Rennie Ofton, the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and our Ambassador of Southern Italy greeted our Guests. On behalf of the Reception Committee I wish to thank every member of this Grand Jurisdiction. For their unquestionable support in this endeavour and to those who made the Tam-O-Shanters, THANK YOU. To Sister Dora Turnbull, P.G.M., who made all the Tartan flowers for the Corsages and Boutonnieres, we truly thank you !!!

We would be remiss if we didn't extend to Sister Shirley MacLean, P.M. a sincere vote of appreciation for transporting to Oregon and storing there our paraphernalia. This was at no cost to this Grand Chapter. Thank You, Shirley!!

Financial Report:

Food reception	\$4,280.60
Audio visual (rental)	209.20
Margaret Clarke (tartan material)	100.00
TOTAL Cost	\$4,589.80

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**This leaves a balance of \$1,109.20**

I wish to thank the members of this Committee for their support and assistance which helped to make the reception so successful.

Sister Violet Blair moved the adoption of this report and Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49) seconded the motion and it was carried.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) that the funds left over from the reception - \$1,109.20 be given to Fred's Crew. Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) seconded the motion and it was carried.

**MOTION**

Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) moved that the money left over from "Fred's Friends" - \$2,343.77 be given to Fred's Crew. Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71) 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, P.M. (14) and Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. (21), Sister Evelyn Aulenback, P.M. (34).

**Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Worthy Grand Matron, my report as Chairman of the Triennial Pin Committee will not change from last year as the pins for General Grand Chapter were sold out 6 to 9 months before General Grand Chapter.

I had to report on the Shriner's Hospital project for General Grand Chapter as Chairman for Canada and I would like to share part of that report with you. The bulk of the clown pins sold in Canada were sold in this jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. "It was a privilege to be a part of the Shriner's Hospital project which was a special project of our Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and the late Most Worthy Grand Matron. I wrote to the elected Officers of each jurisdiction in Canada, which brought a variety of responses from no participation to a full Triennial pin committee. In my own Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and

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Prince Edward Island a full pin committee was formed for the 3 years. This committee did a tremendous job. In total there were 333 packages (2000 pcs.) of clown pins sold at \$5.00 each or \$25.00 a set Canadian. Proceeds received from Canadian sales will go to the Shriner's Hospital in Montreal, Quebec. Brother Harold Carlisle, Chairman reported to General Grand Chapter that a total contribution of \$302,310.00 for the project, with \$11,550.00 plus from Canadian sale of clown pins, \$75,460.00 plus from sale of clown pins in the United States. I hope my efforts were pleasing to this Assembly".

Once again I thank the Committee and this Grand Jurisdiction for their support.

I would also like to extend my Congratulations and Best Wishes to our General Grand Chapter Committee Members - Sister Edna, Sister Cheryl and Brother Bill. Enjoy your time, it goes all to quickly.

Sister Margaret A Clarke, P.G.M. moved the adoption of this report. Sister Carolyn Galley-Card, P.M. seconded the motion and it 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.

<b>CANCER:</b>	Feb., 2001	\$120.00
	July, 2001	180.00
	July, 2002	480.00
	Oct., 2002	300.00
	Nov., 2002	150.00
	TOTAL:	<b>\$1,230.00</b>
<b>ESTARL:</b>	Feb., 2001	\$115.00
	Apr., 2001	85.15
	Oct., 2001	480.00
	July, 2002	90.00
	Oct., 2002	240.00
	Nov., 2002	60.00
TOTAL:	\$1,070.15	
<b>SHRINE:</b>	Feb., 2001	\$562.50
	Apr., 2001	37.40
	July, 2001	180.00
	Oct., 2001	530.00
	July, 2002	75.00
	Nov., 2002	1,480.00
	Feb., 2003	525.00
	Sept., 2003	428.50

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		TOTAL:	<b>\$3,818.40</b>
<b>YOUTH:</b>	Apr., 2001		<u>\$4.00</u>
		TOTAL:	<b>\$4.00</b>

**Total amount of profits returned to this Jurisdiction: \$6,122.55**

**FRED'S CREW DRAW WINNER**

Sister Margaret Clarke announced that the winner of the Shawl is Sister Mary Reid, P.M. (25).

**FRED'S CREW**

**Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24), Chairman:** Good afternoon Sisters and Brothers.

Each year the Chair of Fred's Crew is to report to the Grand Chapter the activities of Fred's Crew for the previous year. This I will now do.

It was with much regret that I advise you I accepted the resignation of Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. as Co-Chair of Fred's Crew on Feb 6, 2004. Sister Vi and I discussed her reasons and have agreed to keep them confidential, however I can assure you that she is still a 100% supporter of Fred's Crew and our R.W.G.S., Brother Fred.

Other than Sister Vi's resignation all activities of Fred's Crew went very well in the past year.

First of all I would like to thank the Chapters, and our Sisters and Brothers for the financial efforts put forth this year. I am very pleased to announce that as of the 19th of June 2004, we have raised \$25,381. This is 50.7% of our \$50,000.00 objective in just two years. I have also been led to believe that we will be receiving additional donations prior to the end of this session as well as the sales at our table. These donations will increase our revenue to 61% of our objective. Sisters and Brothers, thank-you, thank-you, thank-you. A detailed financial statement is attached to this report.

We would like to acknowledge a \$1000.00 donation from Brother Allen and Sister Cheryl Denton. Thank-you for your generosity.

When reading the financial report you will see the name of Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. listed very often. Without her dedicated work I am afraid we would be no where near the dollars we now have. Thank -you, Margaret.

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As you are aware we asked each Chapter in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to donate an average of \$1000.00 to Fred's Crew over a period of time. To date we have received \$5474 from chapter donations. Thank-you for your support. A very special thanks has to go to Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 which has already contributed their \$1000.00. My Sisters and Brothers, thanks to your support we will successfully achieve our goal of \$50,000.00.

Our Sisters & Brothers in other provinces and in the USA have been inquiring how they can join Fred's Crew. Do we have a deal for them? This year we have put together a membership drive for Fred's Crew. Sister Irma Maxwell has agreed to Chair and lead this project. She is already selling memberships at this session. You can obtain more information from Sister Irma at the membership table. Sister Irma thank-you for your efforts.

While at General Grand Chapter in Portland Oregon, we and the members of the Texas Cardinals, Sister Rennie's team, met to discuss a number of issues that have to be addressed over the next couple of years. At the annual meeting of Fred's Crew in October we will be discussing these subjects. Please come to this meeting and become a very important part of the General Grand Chapter Assembly for 2009-2012.

**BALANCE SHEET**

As of 01/07/04

<u>Account</u>	<u>01/07/04 Balance</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Bank Accounts:	
Fred's Crew	349.64
Fred's Crew USD	338.50
Fred's Crew USD GIC	8,600.52
Money Master Fred's Crew	<u>12,576.11</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	21,864.77
 TOTAL ASSETS	 21,864.77
 LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	<u>21,864.77</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:	21,864.77

**INCOME/EXPENSE**

30/11/02 THROUGH 30/06/04

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>30/06/04</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>		
	Bluenose Pewter	
1,390.00		
	Decals	4,638.00
	Dime Collections	543.17
	Donation	1,050.00
	Flea Market	1,523.50
	Interest Inc	204.51
	Interest Inc USD	12.52
	Merchandise sold	3,643.31
	Merchandise sold - Texas Scarves	24.00
	Personal Donation	1,461.00
	Personal Donation USD	250.00
	Pins	3,132.00
	Setting Sail Texas Pins	215.00
	USD Bluenose Pewter	910.00
	USD Decals	438.00
	USD Merchandise sold	2,704.50
	USD Pins	4,195.00
	USD Setting Sail Pins	280.00
	Yearly Donation	<u>5,381.90</u>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>31,996.41</b>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
	Bank Charge	76.00
	Bank Charge USD	11.00
	Membership and Apps	194.90
	Merchandise	1,136.05
	Pins bought	4,140.00
	Postage and Delivery	55.00
	Purchase Bluenose Pewter	2,838.64
	Purchase Decals	<u>1,680.05</u>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>10,131.64</b>
	<b>OVERALL TOTAL:</b>	<b>21,864.77</b>

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. moved that this report be adopted. This was seconded by Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT**

This report was given by Sister Marylyn Swinamer, A.G.M., Sister Marion Miller,

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G.C. and Sister Gail Cook, A.G.C.

**Sister Marylyn:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Sister Marion, Sister Gail and myself have read the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions furnished by the Grand Secretary.

We have discovered many variations in these proceedings. Some Jurisdictions only report their voting members, some have proxies, as well, making it difficult to calculate the number attending the sessions. Some Proceedings report only the business of the Grand Chapter and read like a financial statement.

Some Grand Chapter sessions begin with a church service followed by a memorial service as practiced by General Grand Chapter.

It was interesting for us to learn that some Grand Chapters have an installed Appointed Fraternal Correspondent, and in some the Grand Representatives are responsible to the Fraternal Correspondent, while in others the Grand Representatives have to submit a written report on their Jurisdiction.

In accordance with the motion passed at the Grand Chapter session last year, the Fraternal Correspondence has been published and distributed to the members.

My thanks to the Credentials and Registration Committee for their help in the distribution, and the Grand Secretary for all her help and support.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Marylyn Swinamer, A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Marion Miller, G.C. The motion was carried.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Sister Marylyn Swinamer, A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Gail Cook, A.G.C., that only the report be printed in the proceedings and not the handout that the members received at the registration desk. The motion was carried.

#### **COURTESY**

**Sister June Macdonald, P.G.M. (20), Chairperson:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

I would like to introduce the members of the Courtesy Committee. My own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Crouch, Evangeline #15; Sister Jean Wood, Cedar # 3 and Brother Keith Clooney, Cobequid #39.

We the members of the Courtesy Committee of Grand Chapter, wish to submit the

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following report.

To start off on Monday afternoon a beautiful Afternoon Tea was held in St. Mary's Chapter Room. At 5 p. m. an Inspirational Church Service was held at the Digby Arena. The Informal Opening of "The "Golden Harvest" Session began at 6:45 p.m. with a most impressive Emblem Ceremony narrated by Sister Isabelle Pearson, and Sister Eleanor Freeman, and the session was called to order by Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. and Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen graciously welcomed all Distinguished Guests, along with our very own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Cheryl Denton, Sister Edna Harding and Brother William Clark. We of the Grand Chapter wish you all the very best.

We were honoured by the presence of having provincial greetings brought by Harold Theriault on behalf of the Premier of Nova Scotia and Robert Thibault, M.P. for Digby brought Federal greetings. Civic greetings were given by Richard Levy, representing the Mayor of the town of Digby, Masonic greetings from Brother R.W. Senior Grand Warden, Roger Eisner, of Nova Scotia, and Brother Errol C. Monkley the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Prince Edward Island.

At this Grand Chapter "the Golden Harvest" Session we have been honoured to welcome many Sisters and Brothers from other Jurisdictions.

- 3 General Grand Chapters Officers
- 9 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 5 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons
- 21 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 18 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers
- 18 Grand Representatives of N.S. and P.E.I. in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 13 Other Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 1 Grand Officers Emeritus
- 2 District Deputy Grand Matrons
- 3 G.C.C.Members
- 1 Worthy Matron

To you, our Distinguished Guests, a most sincere thank you for travelling so far to be with us for this 57th Annual Session.

We thank the staff of the Digby Arena most sincerely for all the courtesies extended to us. Also to the Registration Committee for their assistance; and to the Hostess Chapters who have worked so hard to make this a successful Grand Chapter Session.

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I am sure all our guests have enjoyed the hospitality of the afternoon tea. The luncheons and banquet - not forgetting the hospitality room. Hats off to you all for a job well done.

Our congratulations to our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen and the Grand Officers for the success of this Grand Session, and we wish for Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan along with their incoming Grand Officers a wonderful and happy year.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron we wish to extend our appreciation for allowing us the privilege of serving our Grand Chapter in this position. I truly enjoyed working with them all .

Sister June M. Macdonald, P.G.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother George Crouch, P.G.P., and the motion was carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Sister June and Brother George were then escorted to the East and were presented with the framed certificates of their year by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND ORGANIST,  
GRAND CHOIR AND SOLOISTS**

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** thanked the Grand Organist, Grand Choir and Soloists for their beautiful music during this Grand Chapter Session.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.:**

Grand Organist, Sister Louise - How can I ever thank you for the beautiful job you have done. You have added a very special touch to this session, and you are now a fully qualified family tradition - first you served my Mother, Sis Mildred, then with my wife, Sister Cheryl and now with me. Our bond of friendship is ever closer. I also thank the Assistant Organists and all who sang solos, duets or quartets - music is the universal language and you all added your own special touch. To the Grand Choir - I commend you on a beautiful harmonious touch. You are absolutely wonderful and I will always remember you with a special fondness in my heart. Yes,  
"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"--and that sweet melody is you my friends.

**Sister Louise Seeley, P.M. (5), Grand Organist responded:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allen, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It has been my greatest pleasure to serve as your Grand Organist this past year,

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also the many visits along with you, Sister Cheryl, General Grand Chapter Committee Member. I wish to thank you most sincerely for this privilege of sharing this past year along the Star Trails.

On behalf of the Assistant Grand Organist, Sister Joyce Johnston, the Grand Choir and soloists, we extend grateful "Thanks" for your kind words of praise for the music presented for your enjoyment at this 57th Golden Harvest Session.

"Happy Trails" to you, Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron, as you recline at the farm, "BEE HAPPY"; and Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, when you return home to the river, Cookie and Libby will be there to welcome you, along with the Cardinals, and of course the Honey Bees too!

#### PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PIN

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** presented Sister Alena Buchanan, P.M. (69) with her 50 year pin and congratulated her on becoming a 50 year member.

#### PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

**Twenty-six** 50 year and 50 year plus members were assembled in the West by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, introduced - giving their years of service, and then escorted to the East. They were: Sister Florence Campbell (7)- 60 plus years, Sister Megan Church (22)-59 years, Sister Sarah Doty (5)-54 years, Sister Jessie Nutter (21)-50 years, Sister Maureen Arnold (35)-55 years, Sister Shirley MacEwan (24)-55years, Sister June Whitman (35)-55 years, Sister Jean Beckwith (35)-55 years, Sister Marion Conrad (28)- 50 years, Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-54 years, Sister Frances Thompson (24)-53 years, Sister Helen Dauphinee (40)-53 years, Sister Geraldine Stevens (40)-53 years, Sister Thelma Low (45)-53 years, Sister Helen Connors (24)-51 years, Sister Freda Ells (14)-55 years, Sister Audrey Christie (40)-52 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-52 years, Sister Effie Behie (23)-57 years, Sister Vivian Irving (35)-55 years, Sister Janet Merry (27)-50 years, Sister Noreen MacInnis (7)-50 years, Sister Edna Harding (54)-51 years, Brother Kirk Whitman (35)-54 years, Brother Roger Beckwith (35)-50 years and Brother William Thompson, Sr. (10)-50 years.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** congratulated these members on achieving 50 and 50 plus years of dedicated service in the Order of the Eastern Star.

#### **Brother Allen, W.G.P.:**

A 50th anniversary is always an occasion to celebrate, whether it is for a long and happy marriage, years of faithful work, or a birthday. A fraternal 50th anniversary involves the lives of many people---from those who first instituted the Chapter and established its foundation, to the many who continued the progress of the Chapter down to the present time.

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I am happy to congratulate you, for 50 years of service and co-operation. May this lovely day serve as a challenge to work even harder toward that day of your 75th and 100th anniversaries.

*Golden memories fill the hearts of those  
Who have followed the Star in the eastern sky;  
Days of joy and sadness too,  
Fill memories' pages in days gone by.*

*Sisters and brothers have joined hands together,  
To work for the Good of the Order  
Uniting Harmony with ritualistic work  
Memories have stretched far beyond life's border.*

*Congratulations 50 year Members  
For this golden day you'll treasure;  
May many more years of leadership,  
Be yours in fullest measure.*

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 lovely yellow rose of friendship, and the Grand Choir sang "When You're Smiling" to these distinguished members.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28) announced the winners of the Map Draws: Sister Donn Ball (27), Sister Ruth Digdon (54), Brother Howard Spence (18), Brother Eisener (35) and Sister Noreen MacInnis (7). The framed map was won by Sister Rowena Marsters (22).

The Past Grands Picture contest prize was won by Sister Edna MacVicar (14).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Brother Ken Smith, P.G.P. (27) submitted the following Notice of Motion to be presented at the Grand Chapter Session to be held in July, 2005:

I will move or cause to be moved that Article 9, Committees, page 5, paragraph

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one (1) of the Constitution, be deleted and replaced with: "1. The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall be Jurisprudence, Finance, Membership, Credentials and Registration."

#### MOTION

A motion was made by Brother William Thompson, Sr., P.G.P. (10), seconded by Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61) that Grand Chapter obtain a separate website and that Brother William A. Thompson, Jr., P.G.P. be the Webmaster. The Past Grands Club will finance the website for the first year up to the amount of \$200.00.

Brother Bill Thompson, Jr., P.G.P. spoke on the website and has given a report to the Grand Secretary to be printed in the proceedings.

The motion was then put to a vote and it was carried.

#### REPORT ON THE WEBSITE FOR GRAND CHAPTER

##### **Brother Bill Thompson, Jr.:**

Websites and the Internet are a great and fast growing area of media that is using modern technology to communicate in the world today.

The stated purposes of the Order of the Eastern Star is Charitable, Educational and Fraternal and I feel we all agree that the need is great to communicate the image of our Order of the Eastern Star and its values in a clear and concise manner as efficient as possible.

The Grand Chapter has had a website active for three years in one form or another as I created the initial website when I was Worthy Grand Patron. It is currently hosted on a site on a Sympatico account which is included with the email address and account held by the Grand Secretary. Sister Betty Ann has been most gracious and trusting by letting me share her password to the account. (A real-No! No! to most computer buffs).

Our current site opens with a title page containing the name, address and contact information for the Grand Secretary, a picture and the names of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron; also the name and dates of the Grand Session. At the bottom are links to view the Worthy Grand Matron's official visits itinerary, a list of the Grand Officers, a list of the Grand Representatives along with the place and date of commission, a page showing the Tentative Program of the Grand Session, a list of contacts with telephone numbers for tickets, housing and preregistration, a preregistration form, and two pages listing all the housing available for this Grand Session, and finally a list of links for other sites such as Fred's Crew, General Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, AF&AM.

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In browsing the General Grand Chapter website, it appears almost all Grand Chapters in North America have a website in one form or another. These websites are designed to contain a variety of information on Eastern Star from the most elaborate sites to the basic information site such as we have. To my knowledge at this time, the only link to our website exists on the General Grand Chapter website.

In this day and age of computer technology, websites have become an efficient means of making information available to others at low cost. For those not familiar with internet use and web sites, this type of information distribution is designed to make your information available to all the world without the necessity of having a mailing list. It is dependent on the person's action of seeking information rather than someone sending information .

The comments I have received from our members who have seen the website have been very encouraging and some ideas challenging. The Grand Secretary and I have been able to assist several O.E.S. members who are visiting with us this week from out of Province by supplying requested information through contacts made on the Website. This Spring I began a process of counting the so-called "hits on the site" and from March to the present time we have had 109 hits which I feel is fairly good for a site not linked or advertised except by the General Grand Chapter site.

I present this report as I feel it is time for the Grand Chapter to give consideration to having an official website with guidelines and controls and we have to start somewhere. Having a website like everything else brings with it several issues which I would like to identify as follows:

- (a) the content of information displayed;
- (b) the cost of hosting the site including maintenance,
- (c) the consistency and dependability of the information;
- (d) the security of the site, and the integrity of the webmaster in regard to the information,
- (e) last but not least the commitment of the Grand Officers, in particular the Worthy Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron in providing the information in a timely fashion for maintenance of the website.

First, "CONTENT"

There is a large volume of information we regularly distribute in the Canada Post mail system and subordinate chapter bulletins regarding the Grand Chapter Officers, the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's special ideas and events, etc.. However, there is also a concern expressed as to the extent of personal information portrayed (i.e. names, addresses and phone numbers). Only a few positions require the public to have contact information.

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### Secondly, "COST"

Like most systems today there is a cost attached for information. This is not new to Grand Chapter as we have an ever increasing cost for publishing, copying and mailing of information by the Grand Secretary. It has been suggested to me that we should have our own "domain name" such as "*easternstar.ns/pei.ca*" which would

cost up to \$50.00 per year to keep the name. To host a site for Grand Chapter, the cost would vary for each Internet Service Provider, depending on how you plan to interact with others on the site. Having our own domain name helps if and when we decide to move from one ISP address to another as the site address remains the same.

You also could have a professionally designed website but I understand that it can become quite costly and maintenance can be costly as well for each change requested.

A basic information distribution site of 25mb space and 4gb of data transfer per month would cost \$85.00 per year. If you wish to develop a site with a great deal of information and pictures as have many of the other Grand Chapters in Canada, the cost could run as high as \$350.00 per year.

### Thirdly, "CONSISTENCY AND DEPENDABILITY"

We should be consistent in the content of the information such as if we show committees, we show all committees, and we show all Grand Officers. I feel we should try for some consistency with the other Grand Chapter websites as to the type of information displayed. My initial design attempted to follow the pattern of other existing sites. The data portrayed must be dependable as to accuracy and timeliness. (i.e. if we show Grand Representatives, it must be the current Grand Representatives (these appointments are constantly changing throughout the year rotating on a two year basis).

### Fourthly, "SECURITY AND INTEGRITY"

There must be a trust between the Grand Secretary and the Webmaster along with the

Worthy Grand Matron and the webmaster, although not an elected Grand Officer, must respect the confidential nature of the information he/she would receive and not divulge it until the appropriate time.

### Finally, "COMMITMENT AND DUTY"

There must be a commitment to the webmaster that the information necessary to maintain the website is received in a timely fashion. This would include the plans of the incoming Worthy Grand Matron in a reasonable time prior to the Grand Chapter Session so the information can be formatted and ready for display immediately after the Grand Chapter Session.

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I have prepared a set of Guide lines for Web Page Construction with thanks to borrowing some wording from the Ontario Website and Brother Bob Parker. I don't believe in reinventing the wheel.

### **MOTION**

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) moved "that a Special Committee be appointed by Incoming Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn Swinamer, to review the Laws and Regulations and Book of Instruction of Grand Chapter and the Laws and Regulations and Book of Instruction of Subordinate Chapters, and bring in recommendations, if required, for revision as Notices of Motion to the Grand Secretary at least ninety days before the 58<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session in July 2005, and printed copies sent to the Subordinate Chapters at least sixty days before the 58<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter Session in July 2005." This was seconded by Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. (24) and the motion was carried.

### **MOTION**

Sister Marion Miller, A.G.M. (IPEI) moved that the 2006 Grand Chapter Session be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on July 4, 5 and 6, 2006. This was seconded by Sister Marion MacDonald, P.M. (IPEI) and the motion was carried.

### **PRESENTATION**

Sister Inez, W.G.M. presented Brother Allen, W.G.P. with a gift - a blanket full of "Pooh Bears" - as a memento of this year.

### **ADDRESS**

Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, addressed the membership. In her remarks she stated that she and Brother Tom have enjoyed their visit with us.

### **APPRECIATION**

Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress was given a standing ovation to show our appreciation for her visit and our support to both her and Brother Fred as they prepare for their General Grand Chapter Assembly in 2012.

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, July7, 2004**

**6:45 p.m.** The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of "*The Golden Harvest*" Grand Chapter

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Session.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28) and Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25).

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** Good evening, Sisters and Brothers.  
It's a special pleasure to welcome each of you to the final meeting of the "Golden Harvest Session".

I greet each of you with fraternal love and the great opportunity of sharing our friendship with you. I extend a very sincere and warm welcome to all of our guests from other Grand Jurisdictions. To our own members, I know you have tried to uphold the principles of our beautiful Order. To our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members Sister Cheryl, Sister Edna and Brother Bill, I wish for all of you good health and much happiness as you carry out your duties.

Brother Adrian, my own Worthy Grand Patron, what a joy it is to be sharing the East with you once again. And now Brother Adrian, would you like to say a few words?

**Brother Adrian, P.G.P.:** Good evening, Sisters and Brothers.  
It is indeed an honour to assist in the opening of this, the final chapter in The Golden Harvest Session.

Sister Marion, my Worthy Grand Matron, through the kindness of Sister Inez and Brother Allen, it is once again my good fortune to share the East with you. Memories of our "Circle of Friends" Session will never be forgotten.

Today, we have concluded the business of this Golden Harvest Session and in a short time the newly elected and appointed Officers will assume their responsibilities. We are grateful for the leadership of Sister Inez and Brother Allen and commend them for a splendid Session.

A warm welcome to you all.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that the members remain seated for the Processional. Grand Marshal: You will invite the Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Grand Officers, Subordinate Chapter Ruths and Subordinate Chapter Warders to enter the Grand Chapter room.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron, our friendship goes

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back many years and now that your year of service to this Grand Chapter is nearly over, I warmly welcome you to this final evening of the "Golden Harvest Session" with much pride and say thank you for your service and dedication to this Grand Chapter. May you continue to reap the words of your motto - Faith in Peace and Joy in Friendship.

Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, I remember just three short years ago speaking to you about submitting your name for Grand Sentinel. It took a little persuading to convince you that you could do the job and now here you are almost at the end of your journey and I can say to both you and Sister Inez "Well done good and faithful servants".

May you both look back upon this year as one of the most rewarding and beautiful years of your lives. I wish you both good health and happiness in the future and with much pleasure welcome you to the Past Grands. I thank you once again for the privilege of allowing me to welcome you to your final session with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Adrian. God bless you both. Brother Adrian.

**Brother Adrian, P.G.P.:** Sister Inez, Worthy Grand Matron, Welcome to your final session of The Golden Harvest Session. Congratulations on your year of service. Your perseverance and dedication has been exemplary. I commend you for including ESTARL this year; it is so easily overlooked. You showed innovation with the Heritage Award which gives due recognition and could be an incentive for others. I trust that you have enjoyed your tenure as Worthy Grand Matron and I hope these past few days have been a fitting conclusion to your efforts in promoting Peace, Joy and Friendship.

You have planted the seeds of service and will now reap the crop of cherished memories.

Brother Allen, Worthy Grand Patron, Well Allen, you made it! Three years ago there was a shy guy from Little River who wouldn't have dreamt of sharing the East of this Grand Chapter. How lucky we are that all things change. For your service, we thank you, for your support of the Worthy Grand Matron, we congratulate you. Your sincerity and friendship is certainly appreciated by all the members. Well done good and faithful servant. Notice I didn't mention the trips into my "Office". Enjoy the rest of your Golden Harvest Grand Chapter Session.

Thank you both for the privilege of sharing the East with Sister Marion and assisting in the opening of this closing Session.

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

Grand Honours were accorded to both Sister Inez and Brother Allen.

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A solo “*The Holy City*” was sung to Sister Inez by Sister Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson, P.M. (1 PEI).

“*There Is A River*” was sung to Brother Allen by Sister Sharon Ward, P.M. (24).

**Sister Marion, P.G.M.:** Sister Inez, you have used your gavel wisely during the past few days and I now present it to you with love and may God continue to bless you as you use it for this final session.

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.

**Sister Inez, W.G.M.** thanked Sister Marion and Brother Adrian for opening this final session and presented Sister Marion with a gift.

**Brother Allen, W.G.P.** also thanked Sister Marion and Brother Adrian for opening the final session and he presented Brother Adrian with a gift. Brother Allen thanked Sister Sharon for the beautiful solo she sang to him.

**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.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Sister Inez, W.G.M. wished Brother Cliff Houk of Ohio a very happy birthday which he is celebrating with us today.

**FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

The Committee Members are: Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M. (40), Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. (2) and Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. (1 PEI).

**Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M., Chairman:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all:  
At this time I wish to submit the Final Report of the Registration and Credential Committee.

<b>Members from this Grand Jurisdiction</b>	<b>429</b>
<b>Visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions</b>	<b><u>137</u></b>
<b>Total in attendance</b>	<b>566</b>

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I would like to thank the other members of this Committee, Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. of Mayflower Chapter #2 and Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. of Crystal Chapter #1 in Prince Edward Island, for their assistance during this 57th Golden Harvest Grand Session. I would also like to give my heartfelt thanks to Sister LaVerne Porter, Sister Iris Coolen, Sister Marion Tizard, Sister Nora Moxsom and Brother James Coolen who assisted on the registration desk these past few days and who worked very hard, I might add. It was a real pleasure working with all of them and we really couldn't have done the work without this extra help.

We had members registered from 45 of the 47 Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction and members from 31 other Grand Jurisdictions.

Thank you Sister Inez and Brother Allen for appointing me to this Committee. I hope I have carried out my duties satisfactorily and wish to congratulate both of you for this wonderful Grand Chapter Session as well as the great year you both have had. I hope it has been a memorable year for you both.

Sister Rhoda Tupper moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. (2) and the motion was carried.

<b><u>Chapter Name &amp; Number</u></b>			
Port Royal #1		8	Starlight #66
Mayflower #2		8	Laurel #67
Cedar #3			Montague#69
Keystone #5	<b><u>Members</u></b>		Crescent #70
Halifax #7	6		Pearle #71
Grace #8	11	<b><u>Chapter Name &amp; Number</u></b>	
Century #10	5	Queens #34	
Queen Elizabeth # 14	10	St. Mary's #35	<b><u>Members</u></b>
Evangeline #15	8	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	7
Britannia #18	4	Mae #38	27
Victoria #19	13	Cobequid #39	0
Hon. Joseph Howe #20	7	Mystic Star #40	5
Myrtle #21	27	Armcrest #45	5
Fairfield #22	11	Florence Fraser #47	15
Maple Leaf #23	2	Elm #48	14
Crystal #1 PEI	6	Scotia #49	1
Westville #24	9	Sunrise #50	2
Harmony #25	10	Regent #52	22
Munro #26	0	Faith #54	1
Kwebec #27	16	Elmsdale #55	5
Amethyst #28	14	Ruth #57	2
Arbutus #30	10	Emerald #58	12
Annaval #31	4	Shoreham #59	7
	16	Queen Esther #61	6
	14	Atlantic #65	6

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Total Number of Chapters: 47

Number of Chapters attending: 45

<b>TOTAL Members:</b>	<b>429</b>
<b>Other Jurisdictions</b>	<b><u>137</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>566</b>

**FAREWELL  
WORTHY GRAND MATRON  
Sister Inez A. Daye**

Sister Inez, W.G.M. gave a brief farewell speech and thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as Worthy Grand Matron of this Jurisdiction.

**FAREWELL  
WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
Brother C. Allen Denton**

My tenure as your Worthy Grand Patron has drawn to a close. How rapidly the time has flown. It seems only yesterday I was being installed as Worthy Grand Patron, and yet a whole beautiful year has passed by.

I've told you all before,  
But as my journey closes, let me tell you just once more.  
Let me place it in the records, so that everyone might know  
Just how wonderful you are, and why I love you so.

To this Grand Chapter, I'll not try to say  
All the things I'm feeling in my heart today.  
It would take me too long and I'm sure you're aware  
Of the depth of the love and friendship we share.

In closing, I'd like to say to all those concerned.  
That this is a beautiful lesson I've learned.  
God walks beside us in the still of the night,  
And his star in the East sheds a beautiful light.

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And now it is with humility and gratitude that I surrender my distinguished office and join the ranks of another distinguished group, the Past Grands.

It is my belief that the Order of the Eastern Star is a great organization because of the many fine people who practice in their daily lives the obligations and principles of this wonderful Order. May the Lord bless and keep you, each and every one. Farewell.

The Grand Choir then sang several selections: “*Somebody Bigger Than You and I*” and “*I Saw The Harbour Lights*”.

### PRESENTATION

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, A.G.M. and Brother Allan Conrad, A.G.P. approached the East and presented Sister Inez and Brother Allen each with a gift from the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Chapter Committee Members.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

**Sister E. Megan Church, P.G.M. (22), Installing Officer** for the Ceremony of Installation of the 2004-2005 Grand Officers presided.

### RECESSIONAL OF 2003-2004 GRAND OFFICERS

As the Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar and placed their badges on the Altar, the Grand Choir sang “*Wither Thou Goest I Will Go*” and “*When You’re Smiling*” as the 2003-2004 Grand Officers retired.

### INSTALLATION OF 2004-2005 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.

**8:35 p.m.:** Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. (22), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order.

Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Ruth Waterbury, P.G.M. (15) attended at the Altar informally and Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister June Macdonald, P.G.M. (20) led the members in prayer.

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Installing Grand Officer: Sister E. Megan Church, P.G.M. (22)

Assisted by:

Installing Grand Marshal: Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.G.S.. (67)

Assisted by: Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67)

Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M. (35)

Brother John Newell, P.G.P. (14)

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35)

Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. (15)

Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5)

Installing Grand Conductress: Sister Ruth Waterbury, P.G.M. (15)

Installing Grand Chaplain: Sister June Macdonald, P.G.M. (20)

Installing Grand Organist: Sister Merry MacKenzie, P.M. (15)

Soloists: A Quartet

Sister Geraldine MacFarlane (49)

The Grand Officers were escorted by Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.G.S., Installing Grand Marshal, into the Grand Chapter room. The Sisters wore beautiful sheer red gowns. Their accessories were gold. They wore carnation corsages. The Brothers wore white tuxedos with black bow ties and cummerbunds. Each wore a carnation boutonniere in his lapel.

Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M. installed Sister Marylyn Swinamer as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East through an arch of owls on wands and one very large owl presented her with a bouquet of multicoloured carnations. Upon arriving in the East she was accorded Grand Honours.

Brother John Newell, P.G.P. installed Brother Allan Conrad as Worthy Grand Patron. He was escorted to the East through a "Jello" arch of cooks in aprons armed with knives and forks. He was accorded Grand Honours when he reached the East.

Sister Geraldine MacFarlane, (49) accompanied by Sister Eleanor Vogler, P.M. (7) sang "*My Forever Friend*".

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. installed the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

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Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. installed the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress.

Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. installed the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and Grand Organist.

Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. installed the Grand Star Points, Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel.

After the Grand Star Points were installed, Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. gave a reading on the heroines of our Order and each was presented with a basket of flowers in the appropriate Star Point colours:

**Sister Megan:** "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."  
Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart  
Are words of wisdom to guide us each day.  
As you teach the lessons of our heroines,  
May you acknowledge Him, and walk in His way.

The Psalms are the heart of the Bible,  
Their songs are filled with faith and trust.  
Each day we may chose a Psalm to guide us  
To become courageous, upright and just.

This day we have chosen the 121st Psalm as our Song of Trust.

Sister Adah,

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Adah lifted her eyes unto the hills  
When she was a maiden so young and so fair;  
She spent two months among the mountains  
Seeking strength and courage through daily prayer.

Sister Ruth,

"My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."  
Ruth's help in need came from the Lord  
As the fields of Boaz each day she trod.  
She was devoted to Naomi and steadfastly vowed  
"Thy people shall be my people, and Thy God my God."

Sister Esther,

"He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber or sleep."

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Esther's complete trust in the Lord  
Was shown when she risked her life  
To save her people from destruction  
Through the King's favor to his beloved wife.

Sister Martha,

"The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand."  
Martha's unfaltering faith and trust in the Lord  
Was shown at the time of her grief and sorrow,  
For when she raised her hands to her Keeper,  
She was given the wonderful promise of life tomorrow.

Sister Electa,

"The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night."  
Electa's courage and zeal for the truth  
Was shown as she clasped the cross to her breast,  
She was charitable and generous to the poor  
And the Christ was ever her Unseen Guest.

"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve they going out and thy coming in from this time  
forth, and for evermore."

This concludes our Song of Trust for this day. May we keep its words in our  
hearts forevermore.

The following **Grand Officers** were installed for **2004-2005**:

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Marylyn C. Swinamer	(2)
Worthy Grand Patron	Brother Allan R. Conrad	(49)
Associate Grand Matron	Sister Marion Miller	(1 PEI)
Associate Grand Patron	Brother John Patterson	(10)
Grand Secretary	Sister Betty Ann Loughnan	(40)
Grand Treasurer	Sister Dorothy Powroz	(28)
Grand Conductress	Sister Gail Cook	(67)
Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Annie Mae Backman	(8)
Grand Chaplain	Brother Kenneth Josey	(23)
Grand Marshal	Brother Donald Medicraft	(31)
Grand Organist	Brother Ray Horton	(66)
Grand Adah	Sister Helen Hazeldine	(45)
Grand Ruth	Sister Shirley Conrad	(49)
Grand Esther	Sister Hattie Hagen	(34)

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Grand Martha	Sister Mabel Haynes	(2)
Grand Electa	Sister Marilyn Lisk	(52)
Grand Warder	Brother Morley Robinson	(67)
Grand Sentinel	Brother Ronald Boudreau	(70)

The Assistant to the Grand Organist for 2004-2005 will be Sister Joyce Johnston, P.M. (47).

Following the installation of the Grand Officers, the Grand Chaplain, Sister June Macdonald, P.G.M. (20) led the assembly in prayer.

The Installing Grand Officers were escorted to seats in the East.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS**

**Sister Marylyn, W.,G.M.:** Grand Conductress, you will present our District Deputy Grand Matrons for proper introduction.

The four appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2004-2005 were introduced:

Sister Elva Yorke, Sister Mary Zinck, Sister Brenda Clarke and Sister Vera Rolfe.

District No. 1	Sister Annie Mae Backman, A.G.C.	(8)
District No. 2	Sister Marion Miller, A.G.M.	(1
PEI)		
District No. 3	Sister Elva Yorke	(39)
District No. 4	Sister Mary Zinck	(40)
District No. 5	Sister Brenda Clarke	(38)
District No. 6	Sister Gail Cook, G.C.	(67)
District No. 7	Sister Vera Rolfe	(50)

**Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.:** Brother Allan and I thank each of you for accepting this appointment.

Each of you is expected to attend the School of Instruction for Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons; to take part in Schools of Instruction for Subordinate

Chapters when requested to do so; and to visit all chapters in your district for the purpose of conducting an official inspection. You will find detailed instructions for

District Deputy Grand Matron in the C. L. & R, Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Page 10. Read them carefully!

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We, Brother Allan and myself, are pleased to welcome you as a part of our Grand Family.

You will now be escorted to the East.

The Grand Conductress escorted them to the East where the Worthy Grand Matron presented each with her badge of office.

“*My God On The Mountain*” was sung by Sister Louise Seeley, P.M. (5), Sister Stella Trask, P.M. (35) and Brother Gordon Bragg, P.P. (1).

**Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. and Brother Allan, W.G.P.** announced the new Committee appointments for 2004-2005 as follows:

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES  
For 2004-2005**

**THREE YEAR COMMITTEES**

<b>Jurisprudence:</b>	Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.	(67)
<b>Finance:</b>	Brother Carson Jackson, P.P.	(45)
<b>Credentials:</b>	Sister Irma Maxwell, PM.	(15)

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
FIVE YEARS**

<b>E.S.T.A.R.L.:</b>	Sister Barbara Falkenham, P.M. Chair, no change from last year.	(55)
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**ONE YEAR COMMITTEES**

<b>Librarian:</b>	Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M.	(15)
<b>Temple Fund:</b>	Brother Merrill Hyson, P.P. - Chair	(22)
	Replaced by Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P.	(22)
	Brother Glenn Johnson, P.P.	(48)
	Sister Jessie Giles, P.M. (2)	
<b>Courtesy:</b>	Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M.	(27)
	Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P.	(35)
	Sister Amelia Whalley, P.M.	(35)
	Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P.	(15)

**W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project:**

	Sister Barbara Cooke, P.M. - Chair	(49)
	Sister Janet Merry, P.M.	(27)

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Brother John Whalley, P.P.	(35)
Sister Lucy Langille, P.M.	(65)
Brother William Allen, P.P.	(24)
Sister Minnie Roberts, P.M.	(26)

**Crafts and Treasures:**

Sister Katherine Evans, P.M. - Chair	(31)
Sister Clara Nieforth, P.M.	(28)
Sister Vicki Perry, P.M.	(59)
Sister Alena Buchanan, P.M.	(69)
Sister Rosamond Campbell, P.M.	(20)
Sister Ruth Rudolph, P.M.	(47)
Sister April MacLean, P.M.	(37)

**Publicity:**

Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. - Chair	(58)
Brother Zeke Eaton, P.P.	(1 PEI)
Sister Ruth Digdon, P.M.	(54)
Sister Ann Wight, P.M.	(21)
Sister Coleen Eikelenboom, P.M.	(55)
Sister Donna Himmelman, P.M.	(5)
Brother Edward Fralick, P.P.	(8)

**Special Events:**

Sister Elizabeth Thompson, P.M. - Chair	(67)
Sister Gladys Hobson, P.M.	(67)
Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P.	(2)

**Guidelines for Committee Members:**

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M.	(48)
Sister Edith Conrod, P.M.	(61)
Sister Evelyn Blair, P.M.	(3)
Brother William Bishop, P.P.	(21)

**CL&R Review:**

Sister June Whitman, P.M.	(35)
Sister Evelyn Aulenback, P.M.	(34)
Sister Winna Smith, P.M.	(1)
Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P.	(5)

**TRIENNIUM COMMITTEES - 2003-2006**

**(Three Year Appointments)**

**(Appointed 2004-2005)**

**Arrangements Committee for General Grand Chapter 2003-2006:**

Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (General Chairman)	(21)
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Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M.	(Social Events)	(24)
Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M.	(Housing)	(35)
	replaced by Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M.	(28)
Sister Shirley MacLean, P.M.	(Transportation)	(58)
Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P.	(Favours)	(66)

**ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON**  
**Sister Marylyn C. Swinamer**

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

When I was installed as Associate Grand Conductress, several Past Grand Officers advised me to plan ahead as the time would quickly fly by, and this prophesy has come true.

As I greet you, as your Worthy Grand Matron, I am filled with gratitude for your faith in my ability to lead this Grand Chapter during the ensuing year, and pride in the members of this Grand Chapter for what you have achieved in the past fifty-seven years. I will do my very best to be worthy of this high honour and to perform to the best of my ability the duties and responsibilities of this office.

Worthy Grand Patron, it is my honour to be the first to greet you as Worthy Grand Patron, my congratulations!! I value your advice and friendship, and I am looking forward to working and sharing this year with you.

To all the Installing Officers and our singers: Each of you have been in some way an influence of Brother Allan's and/or my life. This has been a beautiful installation. Thank you for getting us off to a flying start.

To the Elected Grand Officers, I extend my congratulations and I look forward to working with you.

To our Appointed Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons, I thank each of you for accepting your respective offices I hope you will have good health and enjoy our year together.

Thank you also to those who have accepted positions on Grand Chapter Committees. We are all aware of your devotion to duty.

Members of Mayflower Chapter No. 2, a special thank you goes to you. My

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Sisters and Brothers, you have been and continue to be a very important part of my Eastern Star life. Your support and love has brought this honour not only to me but to our Chapter.

Members of Scotia Chapter No. 49, it has been a pleasure getting to know you and I look forward to a long association.

Although they are not mentioned in the bulletin- I would also like to recognize those Chapters who have been gracious and kind to make Brother Ralph and I Honorary Members and they are in numerical order- Port Royal No. 1; Keystone No. 5, and St. Mary's No. 35.

To the Hostess Chapters 2005, we have been working together for some time now. This year you will have to excuse me occasionally but I know you will continue to work hard on preparations for our Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session next July.

To our spouses (the other halves) Brother Ralph, this is going to be a significant year for us. Thank you for all the little things you do as well as the huge ones. I appreciate all these things, even if I sometimes forget to show it.

Sister Shirley- Thank you for lending Brother Allan to me for this year. I will return him next year, hopefully not broken, just a little worn around the edges.

The schedule of official visits are "front" loaded. The visits have been confirmed to the end of September. Would the Chapters please confirm our proposed visit to your Chapter? In the past few years the weather in February has been brutal therefore no official visits will be held in February. In the Months of March and April, Tuesday and Thursday are Volunteer Income Tax Clinic days. I have made a commitment to assist at these clinics, which I have been doing, since I held the first clinic in our area in 1989.

I have some special people whom, I would like to recognize -  
Marion Tidd - Nobel Grand Evangeline Rebekah Lodge, Kingston  
Com. Victor Barnes - President of Nova Scotia/ Nunavut Command Royal  
Canadian Legion  
Bernadette Barnes - friend and confidant  
James and Stephanie Dube  
My Church Family

**ADDRESS BY THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON  
Brother Allan R. Conrad**

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Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn, Distinguished East, Sister and Brothers, it is indeed a great honour and a pleasure to be elected to serve this Grand Jurisdiction as your Worthy Grand Patron and I will serve this Grand Chapter to the best of my skill and ability.

Worthy Grand Matron, I congratulate you on your election of obtaining the highest honour that can be given to anyone by this Grand Chapter and I look forward to working with you in the coming year. We have already been working together for the past two years and I feel that we have chosen a Grand Family that can and will work together to make this Grand Chapter one of the best. My thanks to the Grand Family which includes the District Deputy Grand Matrons for accepting your office.

To Brother John Newell, P.G.P., it was indeed an honour to have you install me as Worthy Grand Patron. My sincere thanks to you and to all who took part in this ceremony and for accepting the task.

It is an honour to have with us at our installation, the Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter, Sister Rennie Ofton. I thank you for coming to our Grand Chapter and staying for our installation.

I would like to say a special thank you to Scotia Chapter for nominating me and who has stood by and supported me in my journey to the Grand East. It would not have been easy without your support and the JELLO. Would those of my Chapter who could make it to Digby, please stand. A great bunch of Sisters and Brothers. My sincere thanks for your friendship and support. Also my thanks to Sister Geraldine and Sister Eleanor for the lovely rendition of "My Forever Friend". We sure need that Friend with us at all times. It was beautiful and well-done. Thank you.

Now to the ones that gave up a lot to see that I could do the visiting that I did on my way to the Grand East and that is my wife Shirley and family. There were times that our son Colin (who is working tonight) and daughter Debbie (who wasn't sure if she could make it) thought I was out of my mind with all the travelling that we have done and will still be doing for the next year. A special thank you to my wife for her support and for keeping me on the straight and narrow; for doing all my white shirts and seeing that I have all the things that I need to take with me and what dinners I am suppose to attend. And now I am very pleased to welcome the rest of my family, my sisters, Marjorie and Freda who both live in or near Dartmouth; my brother-in-law Harry Palmer and his wife Sandra here from Fredericton. They all made a special trip here tonight and I really appreciate their being here. I have two other sisters, one in St. Catherine's and one in Boston, also a brother in Winnipeg.

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I look forward to visiting the Chapters with you Worthy Grand Matron and I wish for you and all the Chapters a happy and fun year. Thank you.

**PRESENTATION OF GIFT**

**Brother Allan, W.G.P.** presented Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. with her **Sheaf of Wheat**. The **carrying case** and the base for the Sheaf were handcrafted by Brother Allan's brother-in-law.

**SPECIAL PROJECT**

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. and Brother Allan, W.G.P. announced that the Special Project for 2004-2005 will be the **Dermatology Department of the IWK/Grace Children's Hospital**.

Brother Allan's sister has painted a beautiful picture. Tickets will be sold during the year on the framed oil painting to help raise money for the Special Project .

**PRESENTATION OF GIFT**

**Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.** presented Brother Allan, W.G.P. with a cute ceramic chipmunk - to accompany him on his travels this year.

**PRESENTATION OF JEWELS**

Sister Thelma Low, P.M. (45) presented Sister Inez Daye with her Past Grand Matron's Jewel. Sister Inez thanked Sister Thelma for presenting her Jewel.

Brother Allen Denton, W.G.P. was presented with his Past Grand Patron's Jewel by Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5):

**Sister Sarah:** Brother Allen, it is indeed an honour and a pleasure for me to have been asked by you to present you with your Past Grand Patron's Jewel. This Jewel belonged to my husband, Past Grand Patron Brother Winthrop W. Doty. No one merits the honour of receiving it more than you. You have exemplified charity, truth and loving kindness, faith, friendship and harmony during your years in the Star; especially this year as you travelled throughout this Grand Jurisdiction visiting all Chapters, even when the travelling was not of its best. You even visited many other Jurisdictions including the General Grand Chapter held in Portland, Oregon. Brother Allen, you have presided over the Golden Harvest Session, which was very successful.

Your term as Worthy Grand Patron is over, but I know you will continue to travel the Star Trails with your lovely wife, Sister Cheryl.

I wish you wonderful health and many years to wear this beautiful Jewel. And now, let me be the first to welcome you to the Past Grands Club.

I am now going to ask your mother, Sister Mildred, P.G.M. to pin this beautiful Jewel on you.

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**Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M.** (35) pinned the Jewel on Brother Allen with pride and wished him every success as he continues to work and travel with the Eastern Star.

Brother Allen thanked Sister Sarah for presenting this Jewel and for the honour of wearing Brother Winthrop's Jewel. He thanked his mother, Sister Mildred, for pinning this Jewel on him and he thanked Grand Chapter for the Jewel which he will wear with pride.

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Sister Arlene Riswold, Worthy Matron of Mayflower Chapter No. 2 approached the East and presented Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. with her travelling **Bible**. Sister Rowena and Brother Cyril Marsters of Fairfield Chapter No. 22 presented Sister Marylyn with a beautiful **Broken Column and carrying case**. These were made by Brother Cyril from an oak tree on his property. Sister Rowena made the velvet bag for the Broken Column.

Sister Lucy Josey, P.M. and Sister Darlene Amirault, P.M. of Scotia Chapter No. 49 presented Brother Allan, W.G.P. with a gift of an **attache case** for his Bible and a framed picture of a chipmunk.

### PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWELS

Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. presented Sister Marylyn Swinamer, W.G.M. with the Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel to wear during the year when she is travelling outside our Jurisdiction. Sister Marylyn thanked Sister Inez and noted that this jewel has a special meaning for her as Sister Annie Patterson was a member of Mayflower Chapter No. 2.

Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. presented Brother Allan Conrad, W.G.P. with the William McLellan Travelling Jewel to wear during the year while he is visiting outside our Jurisdiction. Brother Allan thanked him and said he will wear it with pride.

### PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M. (35) presented Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. with a beautiful china owl to accompany her on her travels this year. Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (2) handcrafted a nice carrying case for the owl.

## PRESENTATION OF THE WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS FOR 2004-2005

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**Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.:** Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress please present the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for the year 2004-2005.

At this time **twenty-four Worthy Matrons and eleven Worthy Patrons** for 2004-2005 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan:

**Worthy Matrons:** Sister Colleen Bragg, Port Royal #1; Sister Arlene Riswold, Mayflower #2; Sister Louise Seeley, Keystone #5; Sister Eleanor Vogler, Halifax, #7; Sister Carole Newell, Queen Elizabeth #14; Sister Marie Parks, Evangeline #15; Sister Carol Nielsen, Hon. Joseph Howe #20; Sister Margaret Keddy, Myrtle #21; Sister Margaret Bonn, Fairfield #22; Sister Audrey Farquharson, Crystal #1 PEI; Sister Doris Cullen, Westville #24; Sister Marion Conrad, Amethyst #28; Sister Helen Hatt, Arbutus #30; Sister Mary Kelley, Annaval #31; Sister Charlene Davis, St. Mary's #35; Sister Donna Hazeldine, Armcrest #45; Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Elm #48; Sister Lucy Josey, Scotia #49; Sister Fran Harding, Regent #52; Sister Ruth Digdon, Faith #54; Sister Mary Smith, Ruth #57; Sister Lorraine O'Neill, Queen Esther #61; Sister Maxine Smith, Starlight #66; Sister Jean Annear, Montague #69.

**Worthy Patrons:** Brother Gordon Bragg, Port Royal #1; Brother John Newell, Queen Elizabeth #14; Brother Gerry Parks, Evangeline #15; Brother Frank Cullen, Westville #24; Brother Kenneth Smith, Kwebec #27; Brother Gerald Hatt, Arbutus #30; Brother Ted Davis, Queens #35; Brother Wayne Yorke, Cobequid #39; Brother Murray Gardner, Elm #48; Brother Kenneth Josey, Scotia #49; Brother Fred Clarke, Laurel #67.

**SIGNING OF THE BIBLE**

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister Inez, P.G.M. and Brother Allen, P.G.P. were escorted to the Altar by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress. They were escorted back to the East.

**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 4, 2005 in Greenwich, Nova Scotia.

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**“VALLEY OF CONSTANCY, FAITH & HOPE”  
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

To be held in Greenwich, Nova Scotia  
July 4, 5, 6, 2005

**DEDICATION**

This Grand Chapter year is dedicated in loving memory of Sister Annie Patterson,  
our first Worthy Grand Matron - Our Past  
Our Spouses - The Present - Brother Ralph and Sister Shirley, our helpmates and  
support team  
and the Members of this Grand Jurisdiction - Our Future - especially the  
members of Mayflower Chapter No. 2 and Scotia Chapter No. 49.

**Aim:** Be true to yourself

**Honour Stations:** Ruth and Martha

**Watchwords:** Constancy, Faith and Hope

**Emblems:** Sheaf of Wheat and Broken Column

**Scriptures:** Book of Ecclesiastes - especially Chapter 3: 1-2:  
*To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under  
Heaven.*

*But Jesus called them unto Him, and said, Suffer the little children  
to come unto Me and forbid them not; for such is the Kingdom of  
God. St. Luke 18: 16*

*The Beatitudes. St. Matthew 5: 3-12*

**Colours:** Dark Red (Worthy Grand Matron's Birth stone)  
Gold (Richness of our Grand Chapter)  
Green (Worthy Grand Patron's Birth stone)

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- Flowers:** Carnations - All Colours
- Fun Symbols:** Owl (for Hope) and Chipmunk (for Curiosity)
- Special Project:** IWK/Grace Hospital - Dermatology Department
- Non-Profit Projects:** Hugs - Give someone a hug today, if you get a hug you don't like, recycle it - give it to someone who needs a hug
- And smile - Big smiles are always in style
- Musical Selections:** *My Forever Friend*  
*Until Then*  
*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*  
*Peace in the Valley*  
*Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining*  
*Suddenly there's a Valley*  
*Abide With Me, It's Eventide*  
*Turn! Turn! Turn!*
- Fun Songs:** *Smile*  
*The Chipmunk Song*  
*Put on a Happy Face*  
*Happy Trails*  
*When You're Smiling*  
*They'll be Coming Round the Mountain*

**DECORATIONS**

The "Golden Harvest" Grand Chapter Session was held at the Digby Area Arena and Curling Club in Digby, Nova Scotia. Upon entering the arena, one was greeted by two huge planters of assorted flowers and greenery. An arch covered with sprays of yellow roses marked the entrance to the labyrinth. Two white tree branches covered with mini lights, with two stuffed brown bears trying to reach a bee hive in each branch, were on either side of the arch. White pedestals linked by white rope formed the perimeter of the labyrinth; adorning the top of each pedestal was a glass and ceramic bee. Behind each Star Point's chair was a basket of yellow roses accented with flowers of blue and white. A basket of various coloured flowers stood in front of the podium in the West. On either side of the stage were tables for the Secretary and Treasurer, covered in navy coloured material with Pooh Bears on it. Bees and floral arrangements adorned each table. A sheaf of wheat was placed on the Treasurers table. The Charter was positioned

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on a tripod in front of the Treasurers table. Topiaries of yellow roses accented with blue and white flowers; stood on either side of the stage in the East and arch in the West. Honey Money Bees were on the North and South sides of the stage. Stuffed bears, Pooh Bears, cows and beehives made from ceramic flower pots, and flower arrangements, colourfully decorated the front of the stage; while a large cut out of a cow was attached to the front of the stage on the left. A square decorative pillow with the inscription " I BELIEVE" and two star shaped pillows, one with "PEACE", the other with "JOY" were attached to the stage on the left. Walls surrounding the arena were covered with yellow rose and bee decals and material with Pooh Bears and bees. Two tables for this year's Honour Stations (Ruth and Warder) displayed items and pictures appropriate to these stations. The glass on the West side of the arena had paper beehives on it with the amount raised by each Chapter through the Honey Money Bees for E.S.T.A.R.L. (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership). The back drop of the stage was draped with lengths of white and Pooh Bear materials.

#### GRAND CHAPTER GOWNS

All female participants (Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons) wore identically styled loose fitted gowns with a sheer jacket of the same colour. The Grand Officers wore royal blue and the District Deputy Grand Matrons wore dark green gowns. The male counterparts wore black tuxedos.

#### FORMATIONS

On entering the labyrinth the Grand Officers formed the Clover and the District Deputy Grand Matrons in their green gowns formed the stem. The Worthy Matrons formed a double "D" - for Daye and Denton. The Worthy Patrons formed the square and compass, the Masonic emblem. The Subordinate Chapter Ruths, dressed in white, formed the Sheaf of Wheat. The Subordinate Chapter Warders formed the letter "H" - for Heritage. The whole procession was then encircled by all Grand Representatives forming a Beehive.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

*The Social Events for the "Golden Harvest" Grand Chapter Session were held in various locations in the Digby area, as follows:*

**Monday, July 5, 2004**

At 11:00 a.m. **The Past Grands Club** held their meeting in the Hill Grove Baptist Church. This was followed by their **Luncheon** in the same place at 12:30 p.m.

At 11:30 a.m. **The Grand Representatives Association** held their meeting in the Royal Canadian Legion, Mount Street, Digby.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The **Afternoon Tea** was held in St. Mary's Chapter No. 35 Chapter Room, 97 King Street, Digby and was well attended with many of our members having the opportunity to enjoy the abundant refreshments while

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chatting with friends.

5:00 p.m. The **Church Service** was held in the Grand Chapter Room, Digby Area Arena. The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

**Tuesday, July 6, 2004**

7:15 a.m. the **Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast** was held in the Mountain Gap Inn, Smith's Cove.

12:30 p.m. The annual **Grand Representatives Association Luncheon** was held in the Royal Canadian Legion on Mount Street, Digby.

12:30 p.m. The **Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons "Busy Bees" Luncheon** was held in the Digby Fire Hall.

6:45 p.m. **The "Golden Harvest" Main Banquet** was held in Champlain Hall, C.F.B., Cornwallis. This was followed by entertainment in the Grand Chapter Room at the Digby Area Arena.

**Wednesday, July 7, 2004**

7:15 a.m. The **Grand Family Breakfast** was held in the Main Dining Room, Pines Resort Hotel, Digby.

12:30 p.m. The **Secretaries and Treasurers "Beehive" Luncheon** was held in the Digby Fire Hall.

12:30 p.m. The **Past Matrons and Past Patrons "Golden Barr" Luncheon** was held in the Royal Canadian Legion, Mount Street, Digby.

**HONOURARY MEMBERS**

* 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 1958
* Mr. Hugh J. Tamisiea, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1961
* Mrs. Mabel Aldrich, Past Grand Matron of Rhode Island	July 1962
* Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1967
* Mr. Avery Day, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 1967

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* Mrs. Esther West, P.G.M. & Grand Secretary of Quebec	July 1968
* Mrs. Sayda E. Patterson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1969
* Mrs. Mae E. Mickleson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1971
* Mrs. Marguerite Kennerdell, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1974
* Mr. LaVerne Courtney, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1975
* Mrs. Mabel Mackereth, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1977
* Mr. William E. George, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1978
* Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1980
* Mr. Everett Newman, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1980
* Mr. David J. Miller, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1983
* Mrs. Carol Strizek, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1984
Mrs. Helen D. Roquemore Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1987
Mr. Ray McRoberts, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1988
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 1990
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
* 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, Past Grand Matron, Iowa	July 2000

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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
Mrs. Janice Herridge, Past Matron, Texas	July 2004
Mr. Donald Heiser, Past Grand Patron, Wyoming	July 2004
Mrs. Eunice Heiser, P.M., Wyoming & Grand Representative of N.S./P.E.I.(02-04)	July 2004
Mrs. Nancy Barr, Past Grand Matron, Connecticut	July 2004
Mrs. Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron, California	July 2004
Mrs. Frances Groat, Past Matron, California	July 2004

**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
* 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, 200 Beach Grove Rd., 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

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Mrs. Helen Connors, Box 858, Park St. Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	1976-77
* Mrs. Alice Cole	1977-78
Mrs. Eleanor J. Mitchell, 15118 Royal Ave., White Rock, B.C., V4B 1M3	1978-79
* Mrs. Ellen Webster	1979-80
Mrs. Ruth Waterbury, 15 School St., Mahone Bay, N.S., B0J 2EO	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 1MO	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, 5127 Rte 217, 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, 41 Settler's Point, R.R.#2, Pictou, N.S., B0K 1H0	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
Mrs. Inez Daye, 12 Forest Rd., Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 2M3	2003-04

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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
* 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

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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	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, 41 Settler's Point, R.R.#2, Pictou, N.S., B0K 1H0	1990-91
Mr. A. Allison Mitchell, 15118 Royal Ave., White Rock, B.C., V4B 1M3	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	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
Mr. C. Allen Denton, 5127 Rte. 217, Little River, N.S., Digby Co., B0V 1C0	2003-04

**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
* 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

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\* Mrs. Mabel Johnson  
Mr. Cecil E. Decker

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**GRAND SECRETARIES  
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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. 24<sup>th</sup> 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 227<sup>th</sup> 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. Denise Hunt, 2960 Selkirk, Boise, ID, 83702  
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. Nancy Niday, P.O. Box 72, Knoxville, IA, 50138  
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. Paulette Fioretti, PGM, 205 Wildwood Blvd., Jackson, MS, 39212  
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  
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

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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 194594, San Juan , PR, 00919-4594  
 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. Jean Vincent, PGM, 1007 Hybdsver Rd., Martin, TN, 38237  
 TEXAS - Oct. - Mrs. Nell Smith, 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, 8157 Old Cavalry Dr., Suite 105B, Mechanicsville, VA, 23111-4522  
 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

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 OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS  
 IN NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Donald Duncan (10)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2005
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
James Coolen (40)	California	Dec. 31, 2005
Marion Buchan (67)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2004
Lawrence Mandy (57)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2005
Elizabeth Morash (40)	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2005
Alexander MacLeod (19)	District of Columbia	Mar. 31, 2005
Carolyn Matthews (8)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2004
Stella Myra (8)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2005
Elinor Sanford (22)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2004
Beverly Ann MacDonald (14)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2006
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
Elizabeth Seymour (58)	Louisiana	July 01, 2006
Edward Grant (54)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2005
Evelyn Logan (23)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2004
James Malyk (34)	Maryland	June 15, 2006
Jack Wheeliker (12)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2004

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Yvonne Stephenson (14)	Michigan	Jan. 01, 2006
Annie Drover (58)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2004
Walter Tingley (55)	Mississippi	Dec. 31, 2005
Daniel Campbell (7)	Missouri	June 16, 2005
Trudy Johnson (21)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2005
Shirley Haugen (38)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2005
Alexander Nicholson (26)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2004
Joyce Heffler (27)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2005
Sheldon Chisholm (24)	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2006
Hayward Meisner (70)	New Jersey	Jan. 01, 2005
Patricia Wamboldt (71)	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2005
Gordon O'Hearn (71)	New York	May 01, 2006
Linda MacDonald (47)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2005
Everett Baker (49)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2005
Margaret Keddy (21)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2005
Eileen Paul (50)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2005
Richard Pineo (15)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2004
Helen Graham (61)	Oregon	May 01, 2006
Charles Stuart (69)	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2005
Melda Johnston (52)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2005
Carol Nielsen (20)	Quebec	July 01, 2005
Edgar Miller (1 PEI)	Rhode Island	Feb. 01, 2006
Owen Baker (49)	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2004
Glynne Lloyd (59)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2005
Owen Walton (61)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2006
David Boutilier (48)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2005
Emily White (30)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2005
Diane Snowdon (27)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2006
Carol Wooster (15)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2005
Franklin Fiske (65)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2005
Glenn MacAdam (34)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2004
Frances Johnsen (57)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2006
Edward Backman (30)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2004
Alan Smith (31)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2005
Gail Rafuse (7)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2004

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OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS  
REPRESENTING NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

David Jordan	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2004
Laurena Titsing	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2005
Doris Krugen	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2004
Betty Studer	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2004
Blanche Watt	Australia	Dec. 31, 2004
Doreen Curry	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2005
L. Roy Acreman	California	Dec. 31, 2005
Joan White	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2004
Carolyn Johnson	Connecticut	May 07, 2006
Joan Hontz	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2005
Peter Leiter	District of Columbia	June 30, 2006
Paulette Thompson	Florida	Dec. 31, 2005
Hugh Parham	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2005
Leah Smith	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2004
Carol Kammerer	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2004

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Sandy Falls	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2005
Janice Krambeer	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2005
Judith Bush	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2004
Eva Mae Combs	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2004
Theresa Johnscher	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2005
Judith Caldwell	Maine	May 31, 2006
Nancy Hamilton	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2004
Dawn Meade	Maryland	June 01, 2006
Gail Smith	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2005
Charles Cook	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2005
Helen Mehus	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2004
Maurice Laird	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2005
Kathleen Stringer	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2006
Ruth Baker	Montana	Dec. 31, 2005
Milo Cheney	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2005
Paul Lunsford	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2005
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
Lawrence Chichester	New York	Dec. 31, 2005
Marjorie Smith	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2005
Frances Greer	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2004
Lamyra Rinard	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2004
Maxine Helgeson	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2005
Charles Baker	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2005
Joyce Richmond	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2005
Helen Shutt	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2006
Zaida Cardona de Egea	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2005
Adelaide Lanktree	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2004
Lois Byrant	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2005
Jack Pinnow	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2004
Kenneth MacLeod	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2005
Doyle Launius	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2004
Patsy Miller	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2005
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
Nancy Peterson	Washington	Dec. 31, 2005
Sheila Redman	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2004
Craig Wepprecht	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2004
Eunice Heiser	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2004

SECRETARIES  
OF  
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS  
2003-2004

<u>CHAPTER NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING NIGHT</u>
Port Royal #1	Annapolis Royal	Mrs. Joan Ross 204	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday

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RR#2, Box 2061 Granville Ferry,  
N.S., B0S 1K0

Mayflower #2	Kingston	Mr. Donald Riswold Box 469, Greenwood, N.S., B0P 1N0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Cedar #3	Wallace	Mrs. Marianne MacMillan R.R.#3, Wallace, N.S., B0K 1Y0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Mrs. Joyce Cunningham Box 6, Pubnico, N.S., B0W 2W0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Halifax #7	Halifax	Mrs. Barbara Myles 158 Old Sambro Rd., Halifax, N.S., B3R 1R3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mr. Edward Fralick RR#2, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Century #10	New Glasgow	Mrs. Olive Bowen 34 North Albert Street New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 3V1	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
Queen Elizabeth #14	Sydney	Mrs. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy., Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
Evangeline #15	Kentville	Mrs. LaVerne Porter P.O. Box 464, Kentville, N.S., B4N 3X3	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Britannia #18	Amherst	Mrs. Shirley MacTavish 8 Lorne Cresc., Amherst, N.S., B4H 4B7	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Victoria #19	Baddeck	Mrs. Dolena Matheson R.R.#2, Baddeck, N.S., B0E 1B0	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Hon. Joseph Howe #20	Dartmouth	Mrs. Leda Graham 30 Brookdale Crescent, #904 Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 4T7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Mary Ellen Bishop 62 Scenic Dr., Truro, N.S., B2N 4N5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Fairfield #22	Windsor	Mrs. Maxine Horncastle Box 221, Windsor N.S., BON 2T0	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Maple Leaf #23	Sheet Harbour	Mrs. Evelyn Murphy Box 98, Sheet Harbour, N.S., BOJ 3B0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Crystal #1 PEI	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Crescent Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday
Westville #24	Westville	Mrs. Arleigh Hardy R.R.#1, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
Harmony #25	Stellarton	Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. P.O. Box 704, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday

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Munro #26	North Sydney	Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. 14 Oland Avenue, Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Kwebec #27	Bedford	Mrs. Jean Tobey c/o 40 Chelton Woods Lane, A105 Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Amethyst #28	Halifax	Mrs. Iris Newman 5538 Livingstone Place, Halifax, N.S., B3K 2B9	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Pauline Hatt Box 353, Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday
Annal #31	Middleton	Mrs. Dianne LeGard RR#3, Middleton, N.S., B0S 1P0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Queens #34	Liverpool	Mrs. Dorothy Jewers Box 1667, Liverpool, N.S., B0T 1K0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday
St. Mary's #35	Digby	Mrs. June Whitman R.R.#3, Bridgetown, N.S., B0S 1C0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Whycocomagh	Mrs. Diann Campbell-Kinney Box 162, Whycocomagh, N.S., B0E 3M0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Mae #38	Bridgewater	Mrs. Helen Holden R.R.#4, Bridgewater, N.S., B4V 2W3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Cobequid #39	Maitland	Mrs. Clara Hines East Noel, Hants Co., N.S., B0N 1J0	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Mystic Star #40	St. Margaret's Bay	Mrs. Mary Zinck 3003 Olivet Street, Apt. 409, Halifax, N.S., B3L 4A1	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday
Armcrest #45	Bedford	Mrs. Hazel MacLeod 1822 Robie St., Halifax, N.S., B3H 3G3	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
Florence Fraser #47	Sherbrooke	Mrs. Barbara Crosby Box 99, Sherbrooke, N.S., B0J 3C0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Elm #48	Upper Stewiacke	Mrs. Lyda Fisher RR#3, Brookfield, N.S., B0N 1C0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
Scotia #49	Musquodoboit Harbour	Mrs. Marjorie Davis-Snow 6 Rosehill Dr., Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6E5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Sunrise #50	Pugwash	Mrs. Hazelann Sterling River Philip, R.R.#1, N.S., B0M 1V0	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday
Regent #52	Central Bedeque, P.E.I.	Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, P.G.M. Kensington RR#6, P.E.I., C0B 1M0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Faith #54	Mulgrave	Mrs. Edna Harding P.G.M. Box 62, Mulgrave, N.S., B2S 1A3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Ethel Brown 206	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

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Ruth #57	Dartmouth	Mrs. Marion Tizard 14 Athorpe Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 3A5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday
Emerald #58	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Crescent Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1C9	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Shoreham #59	Chester	Mrs. Ruth Waterbury, P.G.M. P.O. Box 637, Mahone Bay, N.S., B0J 1E0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Queen Esther #61	Dartmouth	Mrs. Bonnie Boutilier 245 Cavalier Drive Lower Sackville, N.S., B4C 3L1	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday
Atlantic #65	Tatamagouche	Mrs. Annie Leslie 242 Coupar Road, Fr. River RR#2, Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Starlight #66	Port Hawkesbury	Mrs. Jean Pierce 1877 Crandall Road Sugar Camp, N.S., B9A 1T4	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday
Laurel #67	Berwick	Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Box 281, Berwick, N.S., B0P 1E0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
Montague #69	Montague, P.E.I.	Mrs. Alena Buchanan Montague, P.E.I., C0A 1R0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Crescent #70	Lockeport	Mrs. Mary Jean Page 820 Rockland Rd. RR#1, Sable River, N.S., B0T 1V0	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday
Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs. Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. RR#1, Caledonia, N.S., B0T 1B0	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday

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