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OF THE

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OF

**NOVA SCOTIA
AND
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD IN

**THE HORTON HIGH SCHOOL
AND OLD ORCHARD INN
GREENWICH, NOVA SCOTIA**

JULY 4, 5 and 6, 2005

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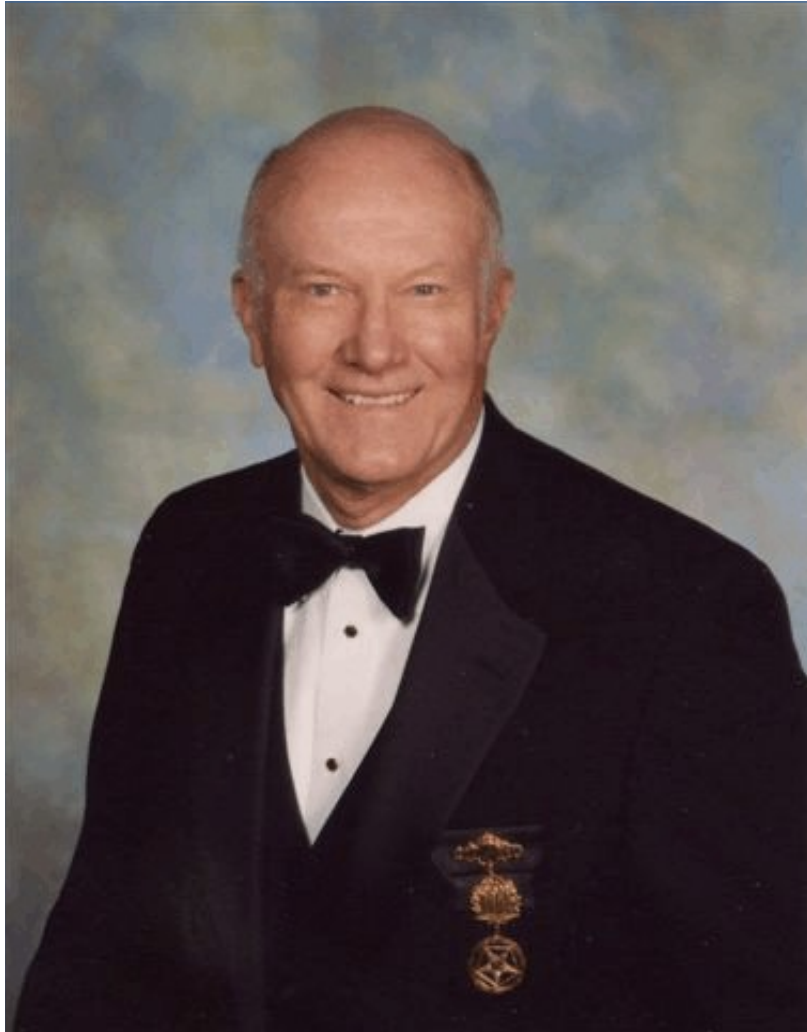
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DIVINE SERVICE

The "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Church Service was held in Kings Presbyterian Church, 5563 Prospect Road, New Minas, Nova Scotia, at 4:00 p.m.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
on Sunday, July 3, 2005.

The service was conducted by Rev. Tim Archibald, the Church Minister and assisted by Rev. Michael Mugford and Ms. Joan Griffin, a student for Ministry and both ESTARL recipients. The sermon was entitled: "Hospitality: A Christian Calling".

This service was well attended by our members. We were very pleased to welcome a number of former ESTARL Bursary recipients. A special thanks was extended to Sister Barbara Paterson, Chairman of the ESTARL Committee for inviting them to attend this service.

The offering from this service amounted to **\$821.21** and was given to the ESTARL Programme.

**"VALLEY OF CONSTANCY, FAITH AND HOPE"
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 his 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 Birthstone)

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Gold (Richness of our Grand Chapter)
Green (Worthy Grand Patron's Birthstone)

FLOWERS: Carnations - all colours

FUN SYMBOLS: Owl (for Hope) Chipmunk (for Curiosity)

SPECIAL PROJECT: I.W.K/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:

<i>My Forever Friend</i>	<i>Until Then</i>
<i>Make Me a Channel of your Peace</i>	<i>Peace in the Valley</i>
<i>Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining</i>	<i>Suddenly There's a Valley</i>
<i>Abide With Me, It's Eventide</i>	<i>Turn! Turn! Turn!</i>

Fun Songs - <i>Smile</i>	<i>The Chipmunk Song</i>
<i>Put on a Happy Face</i>	<i>Happy Trails</i>
<i>When You're Smiling</i>	<i>They'll Be Coming Round</i>

the Mountain

INFORMAL OPENING
MONDAY EVENING, July 4, 2005

6:30 p.m. **The Honourable Scott Brison, Member of Parliament** for the Constituency of Kings-Hants, Minister of Public Works and Government Services opened this Grand Chapter Session with greetings from the Federal Government of Canada. Due to another commitment he was unable to join us for the evening.

EMBLEM CEREMONY

Narrators:	Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35)
	Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5)
Bible:	Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (2)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Sandra Denton (35)
Sheaf:	Sister Carol Little, P.M. (49)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Shirley Daine (7)
Broken Column:	Sister Rowena Marsters, P.M. (22)
Cup:	Sister Julia Baker (45)

Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M.: Emblem Presentation

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The beauty and significance of nature is a continuing influence on members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Our founder, Robert Morris, a deeply religious man, received inspiration from the Holy Bible and God's handiwork in nature to establish our Order. Perhaps in the Beatitudes he found those attributes which are exemplified by the heroines he selected, and from nature's gifts came the floral emblems appropriate for their stations.

Dr. Morris must have thought of the sixth Beatitude when he chose the **blue** sky to be the first colour of our emblematic Star. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God". He selected the story of Jephthah's daughter as our first lesson and the heroine bears the name of Adah, which signifies fidelity. The sword and veil united represent Adah's willingness to surrender her life to preserve her father's honour.

Yellow was chosen for the second ray of our star, taking this colour from the golden fields before harvest and the golden sunsets. White reading the third Beatitude, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth," Morris realized that this best described the widow Ruth and so her life became our second lesson. The story of Ruth is one of love, devotion, and service and from her we learn the meaning of true constancy and patience. The symbol of the sheaf teaches us that only by patient industry and kindly deeds will we experience a rewarding life.

Turning to the third ray, Robert Morris' thoughts must have turned to Queen Esther as representing the seventh Beatitude, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." **White** would be the colour of this third point, coming from his visions of billowy clouds and from the purity of drifting snow. The story of this wife is fitting as the peacemaker-as she stood between the destruction and safety of others. The crown and sceptre united symbolize royalty and strength and reminds us that Esther was prepared to forfeit her crown and her life to protect her people from death.

The deep colour of springtime was dedicated to Martha when Morris chose **green** for the fourth ray of our Star. He felt the second Beatitude was surely speaking of Martha when it says, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.". From Martha, the loving sister, we learn that a trustful faith in God is greater than knowledge. The broken column represents the uncertainty of human life and reminds us of Christ's promise that "whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Red has ever been the colour of fervency, hospitality and love, and so Robert Morris gave this colour to the fifth and last ray of our star. He selected Electa to represent the ideal mother. Her devotion and sacrifice for her Christian faith would be the lesson of this station. From the eighth Beatitude he read, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Electa served the truth with love and her fellow man with kindness and

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hospitality. The cup is Electa's emblem and represents life's joys and sorrows.

Thus, the five pointed star with Word of God at its centre became our emblem. From the Holy Bible our heroines speak to us and teach life's lessons of fidelity, constancy, loyalty, faith, and love that are gleaned from its pages.

Presentation of Bible and Tribute

As the **Holy Bible** is placed upon the Altar we are reminded that out of its pages come the teachings of our Order.

The Order of The Eastern Star was founded and built upon a belief in God. No chapter can be opened or can business be transacted without the Open Bible upon the Altar.

The Holy Bible is the "word of God." It is available to the rich and the poor alike. It brings comfort to those who mourn; peace to those in sorrow and distress. It is a lamp unto those who walk in darkness, food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst.

The Bible as a book stands alone. There never was nor ever will be another like it. So, my dear Sisters and Brothers--

Read it to be Wise
Believe it to be Safe
Practice it to be Holy

May this wonderful book be our guide as we travel through the Labyrinth of Life for it is GOD'S GIFT to all mankind.

These emblems were lovingly placed by our Brother and Sisters.

7:00 p.m.

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Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35) and Brother William Clark, G.G.C.C.M. (24) were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M.:

Brother Bill, Past Grand Patron and Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Honoured guests, Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished guests, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors.

What a special blessing it is for me to share with Brother Bill in welcoming you to this our 58th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" session.

*An endless search, for what to say,
Has really made my hair turn gray,*

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Past Grand Matrons say, take my advice

Try to say something that's really nice

Here is something, I really mean

You're the nicest group I've ever seen.

To each of you we extend a loving welcome, our hospitality, our friendship and our fraternal love and trust that you will take home many pleasant memories of our time together.

It is a very special joy to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Past Grand Matron of Minnesota and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, Past Grand Patron of California. We are extremely proud and honoured to have you with us and our Star shines brighter to have you in our midst.

We also welcome General Grand Chapter Officers including our own Brother Frederick Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of whom we are very proud and wish you every happiness and success in your General Grand Chapter journey. And a special welcome to Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Past Grand Matron of Texas and honorary member of this jurisdiction.

To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, we bid you welcome especially our own Sister Edna Harding -International Temple and Brother Bill Clark, Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - you were well chosen and we know you will do your respective duties very well and bring credit to our jurisdiction. Our best wishes to you both.

To all our distinguished guests we extend to you a warm and sincere welcome and hope your visit will be most pleasant and you will want to return again and again.

Brother Bill, I am truly delighted to share the East with you this evening but I must admit it is with some sadness also--Sister Mildred would have been so proud to share this wonderful moment with you but I know she is up there smiling to herself and saying--"Well at least it is still Denton and Clark together." I now invite you to extend your Welcome.

Brother Bill Clark, G.G.C.M.:

Thank you, Sister Cheryl, it is my pleasure to share this wonderful evening with you.

It is a great joy to welcome so many members, visitors and friends to the 58th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

To our own Grand Chapter members, and we must remember that in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island all the members of all the subordinate chapters are voting members of the Grand Chapter, that would be a novel idea for General

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Grand Chapter. Welcome to your session. Lets have a great time.

We have the two very distinguished Eastern Star leaders here with us tonight, Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Matron of Minnesota, Brother Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Patron of California. We also welcome their respective spouses Brother Gary and Sister Joan. We are pleased that you are here with us at this time. We hope you enjoy your stay here in the Maritimes. Tonight we have the added pleasure of welcoming a very wonderful Southern belle, Sister Helen R Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Matron of Georgia.

As today is July 4th, a special welcome is extended to all our American Sisters and Brothers.

Without the Masonic Order there would not be Eastern Star. It is my pleasure to welcome the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Most Worshipful Brother Simeon (Sim) Hardy and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Most Worshipful Brother David Hooper. Thank you for being with us tonight.

It would not be our Grand Chapter if we did not get a chance to welcome representatives of both our Federal and Provincial Governments. Welcome to the Honourable Scott Brison. MP, PC. Minister of Public Works for the Government of Canada and the Honourable Mark Parent, MLA for Kings North. Welcome to your own constituencies.

A special welcome to all of the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, especially our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and Sister Rennie Often, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, our very own Texan and my two associates Sister Edna Harding, GGCCM , International Temple and you, Sister Cheryl Denton, GGCCM on Registration.

We wish that you all enjoy this evening. Sister Cheryl, let's get the show on the road.

Sister Cheryl: I now call to order the Informal opening of this 58th Annual Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - the *"Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session"*.

It is the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional so that all may see the formations. Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matron's and Grand Representatives to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

Processional

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The Grand Officers have formed a circle around the Altar - symbolizing Constancy, Hope and Faith - watchwords of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. These Guiding stars are encircling the Altar with a bond of love that will remain forever.

The Grand Pages and Grand Guards are also forming a circle symbolizing hugs - one of our Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's non profit projects this year - reminding us to give someone a hug today.

The District Deputy Grand Matron's have formed a semi-circle-representing Smiles, another non-profit project of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and reminds us that smiles are always in style and so endearing to the recipient.

The Grand Representatives have formed a circle with linking hands of friendship - a circle without end where everyone is special.

Sisters and Brothers let us always remember that what goes around comes around. Spreading the Love and Beauty of our Order can only enhance the lives of all who hear our beautiful message of constancy, faith, and hope and that love is surely what makes our world go around.

All members sang "*Love Makes The World Go 'Round'*" while each group in the formation moved slowly in a circle within their own circle.

The various groups returned to their seats and Grand Officers formed the hollow square.

Sister Cheryl: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron at the Altar for proper introduction.

Sister Cheryl: Sister Marylyn - we have been friends for a very long time and I thank you sincerely for this honour of opening your informal session. You were one of my District Deputy Grand Matron's and performed your duties in an exemplary manner - I was so proud to have you as part of my team. You were also a Grand Officer for Sister Mildred and I know you held a Very special spot in her heart and how she would have loved to be here this evening. So on behalf of not only myself but also Sister Mildred, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to your own "*Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope*" Session and wish you every happiness and success.

Brother Allan- it is indeed my pleasure to welcome you to this your session. We, too, have become friends over the years and shared some special moments. I have often joked that I have a husband, Allen, and I have a Best Man, Allan and,

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of course, that Best man is you-- I thank you sincerely for escorting me--often at the last moment when my Allen was not able to be with us. I was very proud to walk beside you and I am extremely proud of you tonight and wish you every happiness and success this week and always.

Brother Bill: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn Swinamer, thank you for asking me to assist in tonight's opening. We have known each other for many years. In 1990-91 we had the privilege of having you serve as Grand Ruth for Sister Mildred Denton and me. I also have the pleasure of being an Honourary member of your chapter, Mayflower #2.

Sister Carol, my Dad and I will never forget Brother Ralph and you being present at the home when your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron presented my dear Mother with her 25 year pin.

When I received a General Grand Chapter Committee Member appointment I thought I would be able to travel to many chapters with the Worthy Grand Matrons, unfortunately this did not happen as shortly thereafter I made the decision to retire and move to Florida in the winter, so I have not made the visits with you that I would have liked to have done. We had your schedule and knew where you would be and thought of you often.

Sister Marylyn, I hope that your year as Worthy Grand Matron has been all you wished for. Welcome to your session, good luck, have fun and enjoy.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, since getting to know you and Sister Shirley a number of years ago, I have been impressed with your many talents. You have served our Grand Chapter well.

A boat trip to New Brunswick gave you no room to hide when I wanted to discuss some things with our new Worthy Grand Patron last July. It was nice of you to put up with me for that trip.

Good luck to you at your session. As we discussed recently on the phone, if you feel the need to take a walk, please take one. As I mentioned to the Worthy Grand Matron - have fun and enjoy and I imagine Brother Allen Denton will show you to your place at the end of the line of Past Grand Patrons the first opportunity he has. Welcome to your Grand Chapter 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.

The Grand Choir sang "*Smile*" to Sister Marylyn.

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

The Grand Choir sang “*When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*” to Brother Allan.

Sister Cheryl: Worthy Grand Matron it is my honour to present you with your Gavel with the best wishes of all assembled here. May your session be all that you dreamed of and be a perfect ending to a wonderful year.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Sister Cheryl and Brother Bill - Thank you so much for opening this 58th Annual Session, *The Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session*. You both have been an influence on my Eastern Star life. Sister Cheryl you are my second Grand Chapter Mother and Brother Bill you are my first Grand Chapter Papa. I am blessed to have such good friends.

Sister Cheryl, I accept this gavel with a prayer for Heavenly guidance and wisdom, as I preside over this session.

Sister Marylyn presented Sister Cheryl with a gift.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Sister Cheryl and Brother Bill - it is indeed a pleasure to have you call to order this informal opening of our “*Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope*” Grand Session. Our friendship has grown over the years and I appreciate the support and wisdom you both have given me. I hope you will enjoy this Grand Session. Brother Bill, please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

While the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally, the Grand Organist played “*Abide With Me*”.

The Grand Marshal, Brother Donald Medicraft, proclaimed the Informal Opening of the 58th Annual Grand Chapter Session, called to order.

INVOCATION

The **Invocation** was given by **Brother Kenneth Josey**, P.P. (49), **Grand Chaplain:**

Our Father, which art in heaven, with grateful hearts we come to thee to invoke thy blessings on the members here assembled for the “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Grand Chapter Session. We thank thee for thy watchful care which enables us to reassemble for the purpose of transacting the business of the Grand Chapter. We pray for thy divine guidance in our important decisions and peace and harmony during our deliberations. All this we ask in thy name’s sake.

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Amen.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

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

The **Canadian Flag** was presented by Brother Richard Haynes, P.P. (2).
The tribute was given by Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. (5) followed by the singing of "*O Canada*".

The **Union Jack** was presented by Brother Gerald Parks, P.P. (15) followed by the singing of "*God Save The Queen*".

The flag of the **United States of America** was presented by Brother Donald Heiser, P.G.P., Wyoming.

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

Brother Phillip Hubbard, P.G.P.:

The United States flag--Old Glory, The Stars and Stripes or whatever it may be called under different circumstances is beautifully described in the book of "Reflections" by Martha Zoercher.

"As our flag soars above our heads on its standard and displays itself in all its splendor, we know that it was born by an act of Congress on the 14th of June to represent all the states, all the people, for all occasions in both war and peace from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans." It has done just that.

The Blue represents fidelity to the convictions of right and duty. Without fidelity we would be in chaos and we would fail. On the field of blue are white stars and as we look at them we see the All Seeing Eye of God watching over his children.

The first stripe is Red and in the world of the Eastern Star, red is fervency, which means to us, a feeling of warmth, to glow, boil and rage. God knows this Old Flag has had to do all of these things to protect itself and its people but in its wanderings to accomplish these just and righteous ends it has always returned to its most cherished feeling--that of a feeling of warmth and comfort to its people. *Blessed be the blood of our forefathers for which this first stripes stands.*

The White stripes are so obviously the light, purity and joy that this Old Flag has given to the oppressed and captive people of the other lands who have sought and received refuge under its protective furls.

The last stripe is Red and stands for the exact meaning as the first red stripe. However, it does not represent the blood of our forefathers but the blood of the present and future generations that are now and will give the ultimate sacrifice for

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this Grand Old Flag.

The Eastern Star takes the colors to another level and includes yellow and green. The Yellow represents the sun and the Green the earth. Therefore, this Old Flag of red, white and blue flies majestically between the sun and the earth.

As I personally reflect on the United States flag I'm reminded of Vietnam; of the honorable and righteous use of the flag I saw. I've watched with pride as a C-130 landed at Kai Sahn and immediately a small American flag came up through a sextant port and everyone cheered. I've seen it flying from a sandbag bunkers where we parked our airplanes at night and I've seen it on blood chits and sadly I've seen it draped over coffins all laid out in a row. I've personally presented it to widows and mothers who grasp it with ardor in their arms. I always see our Old Flag in a positive way and never in a negative.

Today we see it in all the same places both at home and abroad. We see it on flight suits, battle fatigues, police officers, and firemen and thank god back in our schools.

You know, this Old Flag, in one form or another has been in just about every major conflict in the world and most of the so-called minor conflicts since our birth as a nation. If I was to sum up where it has been and if this Old Flag could talk it would borrow the words of Elmer Keith, an old Montana cowboy, when he wrote: "*Hell I was there*" and it would also say, and "*I'll always be there.*"

The **Nova Scotia** flag was presented by Brother Richard Muise, P.P. (25) and the **Prince Edward Island** flag was presented by Brother Zeke Eaton, P.P. (1PEI).

The **Minnesota** flag, for our Most Worthy Grand Matron, was presented by Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59).

The **California** flag, for our Most Worthy Grand Patron, was presented by Brother Owen Walton, P.P. (61).

The **Christian** flag was presented by Brother John Whalley, P.P. (35).

The **Eastern Star** flag was presented by Brother Earl Sanford, P.P. (22).

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

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.:

Welcome -- Good evening!!! Welcome to our 58th Annual Session and to our beautiful Annapolis Valley. We wish our visitors from the United States a Happy National Birthday; we are pleased that you have come to share the day with us. To all of our visitors who have travelled from a distance, we wish you a joyful stay and a safe journey home.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.:

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Good evening Sisters, Brothers, Distinguished guests from far and near, and friends. I extend to each and everyone a most sincere welcome on this beautiful evening to the “*Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope*” Grand Chapter Session and to our beautiful valley. I hope our visitors will be able to have time to explore some the countryside and the beauty of our province and that of Prince Edward Island. To our Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction and to our visitors, I hope you enjoy your Grand Session. Welcome.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

As Sister Pat Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron were being escorted to the Altar for presentation, the Grand Choir sang “*Susie Snowflake*”.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Pat Rasmusson, Past Grand Matron of Minnesota and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, Past Grand Patron of California: Welcome to our “*Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope*” Session. I hope that you will enjoy your stay in our Beautiful Valley.

Faith in these days of uncertainty about tomorrow
When there is doubt around everyday,
There will always be an answer,
If we allow our faith to lead the way.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Rasmusson and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, it is with a great deal of pride that I welcome you to our “*Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope*” Grand Session. I hope your stay with us will be pleasant and enjoyable and that you will return home with fond memories.

Sister Pat and Brother Loyal were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Helen R. Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Georgia was escorted to the Altar for presentation.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Cox, Past Grand Matron of Georgia: Welcome back to Nova Scotia. We are so pleased

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that your plans were not interrupted this year. Enjoy your stay with us.

Dreams in our lives are like sunshine over the landscape;

Even the most ordinary objects are gilded by the light of hope.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Past Most worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Cox -
Welcome to our "*Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope*" Session, please enjoy
your stay with us and return again.

Sister Helen was escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Four Elected General Grand Chapter Officers were presented at the Altar:

Sister Barbara Benton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand
Matron of Oklahoma; **Sister Rennie Ofton**, Right Worthy Grand Conductress
and Past Grand Matron of Texas; **Brother Frederick W. Clarke**, Right Worthy
Grand Sentinel and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
and **Sister Helen Westmoreland**, Chairman, Right Worthy Grand Trustees and
Past Grand Matron of West Virginia.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: General Grand Chapter Officers - Welcome to our
"*Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope*" Session, in particular to Brother Fred -
Welcome home.

Faith is not only trusting

It's believing in yourself and more

It's living with confidence without any doubt

When others around you are unsure.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: General Grand Chapter Elected Officers especially
Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and our adopted Sister Rennie
Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress. To each one of you, welcome to the
"*Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope*" Session. I hope you will enjoy your stay
with us. Welcome home Brother Fred.

They were escorted to the East where they were accorded Grand Honours.

APPOINTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Seven Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers were presented at the Altar:

Brother Bill Bray, Worthy Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Patron of California;
Sister Kathryn Newman, Worthy Grand Marshal and Past Grand Matron of
Rhode Island; **Sister Marcia Carlson**, Worthy Grand Organist and Past Grand
Matron of Colorado; **Sister Jean Fey**, Worthy Grand Ruth and Past Grand
Matron of Pennsylvania; **Sister Donna Bigl**, Worthy Grand Martha and Past
Grand Matron of Alberta; **Sister Jo Bornholdt**, Worthy Grand Electa and Past
Grand Matron of Minnesota and **Sister Bobbie Harrelson**, Worthy Grand Warder
and Past Grand Matron of Mississippi.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to our "*Valley of Constancy, Faith and*

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Hope” Grand Chapter Session. It is a pleasure to have each of you visit and we hope you will enjoy your time spent with us.

With faith in God and in yourself
There is little you cannot attain
You can experience a perspective not known before,
And your being can reach a new plane.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Welcome to our Grand Chapter Session. It is an honour to have so many Appointed General Grand Chapter Officers visit us and we hope your time with us will be pleasant.

The Grand Choir sang “*Eidelweiss*” as they were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

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)

Thirty-three General Grand Chapter Committee Members and **two Ambassadors** were presented, introduced and welcomed at the Altar:

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES: Brother Walt Galvin, Past Grand Patron of Nevada;

CREDENTIALS: Sister Jean Lee, Past Grand Matron of Ontario;

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL: Sister Hilda Shaffer, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick;

EDUCATION: Sister Frances Carlson, Past Grand Matron of Michigan;

ESTARL: Sister Suzanne Kisor, Past Grand Matron of Indiana;

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: Brother William Bracegirdle, Past Grand Patron of Manitoba; Sister Carol Kauffman, Past Grand Matron of Ohio;

HEART: Sister Audrey Well, Past Grand Matron of North Dakota;

INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN: Brother Floyd Kain, Past Grand Patron of Iowa;

INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE: Sister Edna Harding, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

JURISPRUDENCE: Sister Marilyn Mitchell, Past Grand Matron of Ontario;

MEMBERSHIP: Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Co-Chairman (West), Past Grand Matron of California and Sister Margaret Dyer, Past Grand Matron of Maine;

PAYROLL: Sister Vivian Teasley, Past Grand Matron of Georgia;

REGISTRATION: Brother Tom Benton, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma; Sister Cheryl Denton, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

VISIONEERS: ALBERTA: Sister Maybeth Drozd, Past Grand Matron of Alberta;

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CONNECTICUT: Sister Nancy Barr, Past Grand Matron of Connecticut;
MAINE: Brother Ronald "Pete" Forrest, Past Grand Patron of Maine;
MASSACHUSETTS: Sister Pamela Blood, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts;
NEW BRUNSWICK: Sister Audrey Sypher, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick;
NORTH CAROLINA: Brother Lloyd Phillips, Past Grand Patron of North Carolina;
NORTH DAKOTA: Brother David Hanson, Past Grand Patron of North Dakota;
NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Brother William Clark, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
ONTARIO: Brother Brian Lee, Past Grand Patron of Ontario;
OREGON: Brother Robert Richmond, Past Grand Patron of Oregon;
RHODE ISLAND: Brother Ronald Newman, Past Grand Patron of Rhode Island;
YOUTH: Sister Pauline Bennett-Hornbeck, Past Grand Matron of Florida; Sister Patricia Bresler, Past Grand Matron of Oregon; Brother Ronald Larsen, Past Grand Patron of Iowa; Sister Mary Lockridge, Past Grand Matron of Michigan;
2006 Triennial Assembly: General Chairman for California: Sister Jeraldine Creager, Past Grand Matron of California; Co-Chair of the Choir: Brother Dennis Jordan, Past Grand Patron of California;
AMBASSADOR TO BOLIVIA: Sister Judith Fenner, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts;
AMBASSADOR TO NORTHERN ITALY: Sister Caryl Lawyer, Past Grand Matron of Iowa;

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: General Grand Chapter Committee Members -
Hope is to hear the melody of the future;
Faith is to dance to it's rhythm

Welcome to our beautiful Annapolis Valley - to our own Sister Edna, Sister Cheryl and Brother Bill, we are very proud of you.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: General Grand Chapter Committee Members - Welcome to our "Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope" Session, I hope you enjoy your time with us and return again, we love to have you.

Response: Sister Margaret Dyer, GGCCM - Membership; PGM Maine:
Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, I was so excited to get your invitation to respond this evening for the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and on their behalf I want to thank you and all the Members of this Grand Chapter for making us feel so welcome with your warm and friendly ways.

Sister Marylyn I have known you since we served as Grand Officers the same

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year, and we have always kept in touch, who would have ever thought that our paths would cross again this way?

We wish for you and all your Members a wonderful session, and a time to greet old and new friends.

Thank you for the opportunity of responding to your warm words of welcome on behalf of the Committee Members and the honor given to me and to the Grand Chapter of Maine. My honorary membership here is one of my most treasured possessions and I hope that our friendships will continue for a lifetime.

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

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

Six Worthy Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Jill Edgecomb, Massachusetts; Sister Iva Cross, Michigan; Sister Donna Allen, New Brunswick; Sister Carol Featherstone, Ontario; Sister Freda Gordon, Quebec and Sister Shirley Ayers, Rhode Island.

Five Worthy Grand Patrons were presented: Brother George Benham, Florida; Brother Joseph Russo, Jr., Massachusetts; Brother William Moerdyk, Michigan; Brother John Murray, New Brunswick and Brother Richard Brimblecombe, Ontario.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions; Welcome to our “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Session.

Faith allows you to live without fear
It frees you from conflict and strife
With faith you can live each day as it comes
And find a new joy in your life.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of Other Grand Jurisdictions, thank you for coming to our “Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope” Grand Session, it is indeed a pleasure for me to welcome our counterparts from other Grand Jurisdictions. Please enjoy your time with us and return often.

The **response** was given by **Sister Donna Allen**, Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron we are very pleased to be here at your Fifty-eighth annual session "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session. We look forward to extending the bonds of friendship which we all share through our membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

We wish for all the sisters and brothers of this jurisdiction a most rewarding

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Worthy Grand Matron, thank you for the honour given to me to respond to this welcome. I look forward to welcoming you on Thursday evening when you start your first day as Past Grand Matron.

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

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

Nineteen Past Grand Matrons were presented:

Sister Megan Church, Sister Sarah Doty, Sister Jessie Nutter, Sister Helen Connors, Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Sister Ruth Waterbury, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Barbara Bowser, Sister Violet Blair, Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, Sister Marion Conrad, Sister Margaret Clarke, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Marian Durling, Sister Evelyn Thompson, Sister Joan Campbell, Sister Carol Clark, Sister Isabelle Pearson and Sister Inez Daye.

Fourteen Past Grand Patrons were presented:

Brother Cyril MacIntosh, Brother Kenneth Smith, Brother Ward Cunningham, Brother Keith Pettigrew, Brother Reginald MacRae, Brother Allison Mitchell, Brother Adrian Pearson, Brother Lewis Smith, Brother Howard MacInnis, Brother David Waterbury, Brother Murray Gardner, Brother William A. Thompson, Brother George Crouch and Brother Allen Denton.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction -- Welcome to the Annapolis Valley and your Grand Chapter Session.

Faith is the hand that leads us
When the way seems dark and drear,
Faith is the light that brightly shines
To banish all doubt and fear.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: It is an honour to welcome our very own Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons to this 58th Grand Chapter Session. It is my hope that you will enjoy this your Grand Session. Welcome.

The **response** was given by **Sister** Joan Campbell: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, all Distinguished and Special Guests, Sisters and Brothers

On behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, it gives me great pleasure to respond to your gracious welcome.

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We extend our sincere congratulations on your accomplishments and we wish you every success in your deliberations through out this "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session. At the completion of your term of office we warmly welcome you to the rank of Past Grands.

Thank you both for asking me to perform this pleasant duty and may God's richest blessing be with you.

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**

Sixteen Past Grand Matrons presented were: Sister Lorraine Hough, Alberta; Sister Trish Emery, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Virginia Charles, Maine; Sister Gretchen Brisette, Maine; Sister Nancy Howatt, Massachusetts; Sister Constance Vick, Massachusetts; Sister Ann Lister, New Brunswick; Sister Debbie Hill, New Brunswick; Sister Marie Mizelle, North Carolina; Sister Jan Hanna, Oklahoma; Sister Bette Macintosh, Ontario; Sister Florence Whalen, Ontario; Sister Marjorie Morgan, Ontario; Sister Anita Young, Quebec; Sister Elizabeth Dempsey, Quebec and Sister Christie Peterson, South Dakota.

Twelve Past Grand Patrons presented were: Brother Malcolm Hough, Alberta; Brother James Lambert, Florida; Brother Phillip Hubbard, Maine; Brother Loren Sandler, Massachusetts; Brother James Erbes, Massachusetts; Brother Dewitt Lister, New Brunswick; Brother Clinton Shaffer, New Brunswick; Brother Ron Shirran, Ontario; Brother George Gordon, Quebec; Brother George Dempsey, Quebec; Brother Ronald Ayers, Rhode Island and Brother Donald Heiser, Wyoming.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. : Welcome to the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session and our beautiful Annapolis Valley.

To have faith is to have riches
More precious than silver or gold,
And as we walk in faith together
Our lives like a flower will unfold.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: It is my pleasure to welcome you to this "Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope" 58th Grand Chapter Session. I hope that your stay with us will be all that you hoped it would be. Please make yourselves at home and enjoy your stay.

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The **response** was given by **Brother Loren Sandler, PGP Massachusetts:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, Distinguished Guests, Sisters, Brothers and friends one and all.

Sister Marylyn; I want to thank you for the honor you have given me, the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and Priscilla Chapter No. 52 for giving the response to your warm welcome to the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions at your "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session".

We hope your year has been everything you expected it to be and you both have enjoyed it to the fullest. Time truly flies by when you are doing something you really love and we know that you will have lasting memories of the years 2004-2005. As Grand Officers who have served in the East of our respective jurisdictions we all share one common bond, the love of the Order of the Eastern Star.

On a personal note, it has always been my personal pleasure to return to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and be greeted by so many of the friends we have made here. We want to wish you a most harmonious session and may God grant you both his greatest the gift of peace.

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

PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Unfortunately our Premier, Honourable John Hamm, could not be with us this evening. Premier Hamm has asked the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Kings - North, the Honourable Mark Parent to represent the Province of Nova Scotia. May we hear from you at this time?

Provincial Greetings: The Honourable Mark Parent, 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. He welcomed all the members and all the visitors and thanked everyone on behalf of Premier John Hamm for coming to Nova Scotia. In his remarks he said when he was a young divinity student he had received an ESTARL Award in Ontario. He was a Baptist minister before entering politics. He grew up in Bolivia as his parents were missionaries there. He stated that it is good to see people of strong faith and helping their fellow men and women and was pleased to have this opportunity to bring the provincial greetings.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. brought regrets from the Mayor of Wolfville, Mayor Robert Stead and the representatives of the Horton High School, Ms. Wendy Hudson and of the Old Orchard Inn, Mr. William Wallace.

The **response** was given by **Brother Ron Boudreau, Grand Sentinel:**

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

As Grand Sentinel of this Grand Jurisdiction it is my duty, and indeed my honour to respond to the kind words of the Honourable Federal and our Honourable Provincial representatives. It is most kind of you to take your valuable time to address this "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session", the 58th Session of our Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We are all aware of the time restraints that you must be under to complete the seemingly unending stream of demands allotted to you. However! we hope that this assignment has been as pleasant for you as it has been for all the members and guests of this Grand Jurisdiction. We thank you for your message and your caring enough to attend. To the General Manager, of this beautiful establishment, the Old Orchard Inn - his skill at making everything needed available for a smooth flow of events is evident throughout and we thank him for his attention to detail. We look forward to working with him in the future.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the privilege of responding to the address of this Distinguished Guest.

MASONIC GREETINGS

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: To the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Worshipful Brother Sim Hardy and The Most Worshipful, The Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, Brother David Hooper.

How happy I am that you could take the time from you busy schedule to be with us tonight. I hope that your visit here with us promotes a better understanding of each other's aims so that we can work more closely together for the benefit of our respective orders. Welcome and please enjoy your visit and our hospitality. Most Worshipful Brother Sim Hardy, may we hear a few words from you at this time.

Brother H. Simeon Hardy: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, invited Guests, Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

I wish to extend to you, on behalf of "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia a warm welcome, and I thank you most sincerely for allowing me the privilege to bring greetings on your 58th" Annual Session, Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

As we are all travelling East and all working from the same stock. We are all suffering for the same wants and needs. I ask for your continued support in the days ahead. Support our Masonic Fraternity. If our Masonic Fraternity grows.

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So will our Concordant bodies.

Again I thank you for this privilege of bringing greetings to your Grand Chapter. On behalf of The Grand Officers and Brethren of The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, we welcome all Sisters and Brothers to our Great Masonic Jurisdiction. We hope your meetings will be rewarding and a memorable.

To the Officers and Members of your Grand Chapter, we wish you a most successful session and may "God Bless you All". Thank You.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Most Worshipful Brother David Hooper, may we now hear a few words from you.

Brother David Hooper, Most Worshipful Grand Master brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and in his remarks he noted all the good deeds being done by members of the Order of the Eastern Star and he wished us a most successful session.

The **response** was given by **Brother John Patterson, Associate Grand Patron:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, and Special Guests:

It is with a deep sense of thanksgiving and honour that I rise to respond to the addresses from our Masonic Brethren, Brother Simeon Hardy, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia and Brother David Hooper, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island.

It is with pride that we welcome each of you to our "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Grand Chapter Session. We extend to you the hand of Constancy, Faith and Hope.

We all recognize our belief in and dependence in a Supreme Being and as such we celebrate our unity on many levels, which serves to strengthen our fraternal bonds.

We pray that our beloved orders will continue to grow and prosper as we go forward under the guidance of that same Supreme Being. We thank you for your kind words this evening and hope that you will enjoy your time with us.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, I thank you for the privilege to make this response on behalf of my Sisters and Brothers.

**PRESENTATION TO IWK/GRACE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
SPECIAL PROJECT FOR 2004-2005**

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Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. introduced Dr. Jennifer Klotz, Head of the Division of Dermatology, Dalhousie University who was representing Dr. Laura Findlayson of the Dermatology Education Resource Centre of the IWK/Grace Children's Hospital.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.:

How pleased I am to be able to welcome you to this informal opening of the Order of the Eastern Star Grand Session. I have spent sometime at the Children's hospital in the early years of my son's life and have found the staff and administration of that institution second to none. How exciting it is to be in at the beginning of a new project to help young children who suffer from skin disorders. It is my sincere hope that what we have given will grow in a great measure. Thank you and may all your endeavours grow to help little children.

Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan presented Dr. Klotz with a cheque in the amount of \$29,042.00 and said there will be more to follow after this session.

Dr. Jennifer Klotz thanked the members for the generous donation to the Dermatology Education Resource Centre. She gave a brief background of the Clinic which began in 1971. The Quality of Life Studies - on diseases from child to elderly - cites the number one disease as Cancer and number two as psoriasis. Their aim is to improve the educational material available and to start a small library which will assist medical students in the future.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Some of our platform guests have an early morning tomorrow and must leave us. We appreciate that you were able to join us. Those who must leave may do so at this time.

At this time the Choir sang "*Suddenly There's A Valley*".

The Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, asked all visitors to give a hearty clap for the generous gift to the IWK/Grace Dermatology Education Resource Centre.

WELCOME ON BEHALF OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Hostess Chapters: Port Royal #1, Mayflower #2, Keystone #5, Evangeline #15, Fairfield #22, Annaval #31, St. Mary's #35, Scotia #49, Laurel #67 and members of former chapter, Acadia #4.

Welcome by **Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, (67),**

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Chairman of Hostess Chapters 2005:

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

Would the Chairman of each of the following committees, Transportation - Keith Pettigrew P.G.P., Housing - Ruby Mackenzie, Tickets - Joan and Fred Ross, Decorations - Sister LaVerne Porter, Ways and Means - Sister Tracy Hobson, Hospitality - Carolyn Galley -Card, Entertainment - Gail Cook, A. G. M. and our Vice-Chairman - Sister Megan Church P.G.M, Secretary - June Whitman and Treasurer - Sister Marion Leaman for the Hostess Chapters please stand and be recognized. These are the ones along with their Committees who made all this possible. If praise is given, give it to these members and if something is wrong it is my fault. On their behalf and the Hostess Chapters of this Grand Chapter, we bid you welcome and hope you enjoy our beautiful valley. Not far away is the highest tide in the world, on the Bay of Fundy. We hope your accommodations are suitable for your needs. We hope you enjoy the food that is be prepared for our consumption. The Committee is here to serve you and if you have any special needs lets us know and we will try to accommodate you. It is a pleasure for us to have so many General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members and other visitors, with us at this "*Valley of Constancy, Faith and Love*" Session. May the traveller's Angel be with each of you. To our own members we extend a warm welcome to your Grand Chapter.

Thanks Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron. It has been a pleasure to serve in this capacity.

The **response** was given by **Sister Gail Cook, Grand Conductress:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. It is my privilege to respond to the Hostess Chapters welcome.

On behalf of the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, we thank you, The Hostess Chapters, for all the preparation and extra effort extended to make our members and visitors feel very welcome and very much at home. Due to the Sisters' and Brothers' hard work, kindness and thoughtfulness this **will** be a great Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan - your session has been aptly named "*The Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope*".

Constancy reminds us of the faithfulness and loyalty of our members.

Faith goes hand in hand with prayer, and this room, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, is full of prayers.

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First of all for the Worthy Grand Patron's continued good health. It is wonderful to see Brother Allan at his place by your side, Worthy Grand Matron.

Secondly that both of you will have a most successful Grand Chapter Session, here in this beautiful valley, where the signs of **Hope** are everywhere.

PRESENTATION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Twenty-nine Sisters and Brothers were presented: Brother Bill Carson, Grand Sentinel, Colorado; Sister Bonnie Zumalt, Associate Grand Matron, Massachusetts; Brother Craig Wallace, Associate Grand Patron, Massachusetts; Brother Frank Fenner, Grand Sentinel, Massachusetts; Brother Edward Wright, Grand Chaplain, Massachusetts; Sister Linda Warnock, Grand Marshal, Massachusetts; Sister Rose Carrow, Grand Ruth, Massachusetts; Sister Heidi Schmelzer, Grand Esther, Massachusetts; Sister Barbara Larsen, Grand Warder, Massachusetts; Sister Donna McEwen, Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Sister Lynn Hatt, Associate Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Brother Colin Allen, Grand Chaplain, New Brunswick; Sister Ann Murray, Grand Marshal, New Brunswick; Sister Bonnie Carborg, Grand Conductress, New Hampshire; Sister Virginia Dunn, Grand Ruth, Ohio; Brother Robin Ward, Associate Grand Patron, Ontario; Sister Patricia Larson, Grand Conductress, Ontario; Sister Lois Goodall, Grand Organist, Ontario; Sister Marsha Taylor, Grand Ruth, Ontario; Sister Joyce Saunders, Grand Esther, Ontario; Sister Marnie Bolt, Grand Martha, Ontario; Brother Vlade Ampeff, Grand Sentinel, Ontario; Sister Audrey Williamson, Associate Grand Matron, Quebec; Sister Judith Brightman, Associate Grand Matron, Rhode Island; Brother Doug Kershaw, Associate Grand Patron, Rhode Island; Sister Glenda Meeks, Grand Conductress, South Dakota; Sister Shirley Dunn, Grand Marshal, Oklahoma; Sister Jane Howell, Grand Organist, Oklahoma and Sister Beverly Bovett, Grand Esther, Oklahoma.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to our “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Session.

Hope is like the nighttime skies
There is no spot, however tiny,
that when you look very carefully
You cannot see the glimmer of a star.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: To the Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Jurisdictions, welcome to our “Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope” Grand Session. Please take time to see some of the highlights of our Grand Jurisdiction and please come back again.

Sister Joyce Saunders, Grand Esther of Ontario gave the response and thanked

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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 EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

Brother Cecil Decker, Grand Treasurer Emeritus of this Grand Jurisdiction was presented and introduced.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to our “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Session. You represent many years of experience and devotion to our Order.

Be joyful in hope, Patient in affliction and faithful in Prayer.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: You have served this Grand Chapter well and now it is time for you to relax and enjoy. Welcome.

Brother Cecil was escorted to the East and extended a hearty welcome.

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

The following were introduced: Sister Elva Yorke, District No. 3; Sister Mary Zinck, District No. 4; Sister Brenda Clarke, District No. 5 and Sister Vera Rolfe, District No. 7 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Visiting: Sister Ruth Wellner, Deputy Grand Matron, Massachusetts; Sister Hollie Zumalt, Deputy Grand Marshal to the Associate Grand Matron in Massachusetts; Sister Valerie Layman, Assistant Lecturer for the Worthy Grand Matron in Virginia.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to our “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” session.

The most essential needs that people have are:
Something to do, Someone to love, and something to hope in.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: District Deputy Grand Matrons, you have preformed your duties beyond our expectations. I welcome you to your own Grand Chapter and thank you for a job well done. Welcome.

The **response** was given by **Sister Mary Zinck, P.M. (40):**
Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan:
It is with pleasure and an honour for me on behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matrons to respond to your most gracious welcome. On our Official Visits to the Chapters in our respective Districts, we were received with Love and Friendship and will have many fond memories of our year and we thank the chapters for all

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the courtesies extended to us.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for the honour to ourselves and to our respective chapters. May God Bless you both as you preside over your “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Grand Chapter Session. May it be all that you hoped and dreamed it would be.

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

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

While the Grand Representatives were assembling in the west, the Grand Choir sang “*It’s A Small World*”.

The following **twenty-nine** Grand Representatives were introduced: Brother Donald Duncan, Alabama; Sister Mildred O’Neill, Australia; Sister Julia Llewellyn, British Columbia and Yukon; Brother James Coolen, California; Brother Donald Cooke, Colorado; Sister Elizabeth Morash, Delaware; Sister Grace Boudreau, District of Columbia; Sister Shirley Smith, Florida; Sister Stella Myra, Georgia; Sister Margaret Bonn, Idaho; Brother James Malyk, Maryland; Sister Doris Hillier, Massachusetts; Sister Yvonne Stephenson, Michigan; Brother Walter Tingley, Mississippi; Sister Shirley Haugen, Nebraska; Brother Sheldon Chisholm, New Hampshire; Brother George Leaman, New Jersey; Brother Gordon O’Hearn, New York; Sister Maureen Doucette, Oklahoma; Brother Leland Potter, Ontario; Sister Helen Graham, Oregon; Brother Charles Stuart, Pennsylvania; Sister Melda Johnston, Puerto Rico; Brother Owen Walton, South Carolina; Sister Emily White, Tennessee; Sister Diane Snowdon, Texas; Sister Carol Wooster, Utah; Sister Frances Johnsen, Washington and Sister Margaret Muise, West Virginia.

Sister Marion Miller, A.G.M: Worthy Grand Matron thank you for the honour to welcome the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

What a wonderful sight to see all our Ambassadors of Good Will here this evening. You are our liaison with other Grand Jurisdictions and have been busy writing, talking, and visiting your areas. You all were selected for your ability to promote Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to your reciprocal’s Jurisdiction and the Fraternal bonds that tie all Eastern Star members together, thank you for a job well done, happy trails and welcome to this Valley of Constancy session.

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Response given by Sister Margaret Muise:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, it is a great honour to respond to the welcome on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

Mortimer J. Adler says: In the case of good books, the point is not how many of them you can get through, but how many of them can get through to you. This is true in real life as well.

As part of this great organization of ours, we have the opportunity to meet new Sisters and Brothers on an ongoing basis. It is important to get to know them for whom and what they are, to be ready to assist them through their growth in the Eastern Star and be there for them in their daily lives. The office of Grand Representative presents a great opportunity to make new friends. Friendship is very important and is something we all need more of, it is through friendships that we grow, feel loved and wanted. We should remember our obligation to love and respect one another, take the time to speak and smile, it costs nothing and can mean so very much.

Say hi to someone you don't really know and try to get to know them, so you can say you have made a new friend today and that you have been able to get through a good book.

May you find the joy and peace you long for.
Life is a journey... NOT a guided tour.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: I welcome you to this 58th Grand Chapter Session and I hope you have been able to meet with your counterpart and form a great friendship. I hope you enjoy your stay with us. Welcome.

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

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

Twenty Grand Representatives were introduced: Brother Steven Smith, Alabama; Brother Roy Acreman, California; Sister Millicent Ramsay, Colorado; Sister Paulette Thompson, Florida; Sister Janice Krambeer, Iowa; Sister Dawn Meade, Maryland; Brother Charles Cook, Michigan; Sister Kathleen Stringer, Missouri; Sister Nancy Jackson, New Hampshire; Sister Virginia Foose, New Jersey; Brother Lawrence Chichester, New York; Brother Randolph Mizelle, North

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Carolina; Sister Elaine Hanson, North Dakota; Sister Beverly Bacon, Ohio; Brother Charles Baker, Ontario; Sister Joyce Richmond, Oregon; Sister Helen Shutt, Pennsylvania; Brother Karl Drescher, Texas; Sister Winnifred Cass, Vermont and Sister Pamela Brooks, Virginia.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to the “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Session. We are pleased to have you represent our Grand Jurisdiction.

To hope is to be open to life in all its possibilities.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: To the Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Grand Jurisdictions - I hope you have met up with your reciprocal and have a very enjoyable stay with us and come back again. Welcome.

Response was given by **Brother Lawrence Chichester:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Companion Grand Officers, Sisters and Brothers.

I bring fraternal greetings from the Grand Chapter of New York State. Very special hellos and much love, Worthy Grand Matron, from all of your friends in New York, especially from Most Worthy Past Grand Matrons Connie Carter, Sally Clark, Betty Crawford and Most Worthy Past Grand Patron, Bill Morse, along with our present leaders Most Worthy Ruth M. Howe and Most Worthy Ronald W. Charon. They send you and your Grand Line their best wishes for a very successful 58th Grand chapter session.

I thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the honor of responding to the warm and gracious welcome.

We, the Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, appreciate all of the courtesies and kindness extended to us by everyone during this Grand session. We have looked forward to coming here and are enjoying every minute of our stay. We wish for you and all of your Grand Family a wonderful “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Grand Chapter Session.

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

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

Seventeen Sisters and Brothers were introduced: Sister Jeannine Gianote, Sao Paulo in Georgia; Brother David Lawyer, Puerto Rico in Iowa; Sister Dorothy Farrell, Alabama in Massachusetts; Sister Deborah Voss, British Columbia and Yukon in Massachusetts; Sister Joan Atkinson, Idaho in Massachusetts; Brother Max Pugh, Bolivia in Michigan; Sister Judith Doan, New Brunswick in Michigan; Sister Ellie Morrill, Scotland in New Hampshire; Sister Mary

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Thompson, Louisiana in Oklahoma; Brother Dave Doughty, Brazil in Ontario;
Sister Lola Shirron, British Columbia and Yukon in Ontario; Sister Pearl Durant,
Missouri in Ontario; Brother Bob Atkinson, New Brunswick in Ontario; Sister
Nadine Peel, Scotland in Ontario; Sister Ann Whale, Vermont in Ontario; Sister
Nancy Kershaw, Pennsylvania in Rhode Island and Sister Glenda Maine, New
Brunswick in Virginia.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to the “Valley of Constancy, Faith and
Hope” Session: Hope and courage come from looking at the reality of
the situation
in the light of God's reality.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: How nice it is that you have taken the time to visit with
us. Welcome to our Grand Chapter and please come back again.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS
Two MARTHA STARS were presented and introduced in the west: Sister Marcia
Stumm, Indiana and Sister Patricia Bracegirdle, Manitoba.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to the “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope”
Session. A basket of Hope is better than a barn full of grain.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thirty Grand Chapter Committee Members of this Jurisdiction and **Two** Visiting
Grand Chapter Committee Members were introduced:

Finance: Brother Phillip Beeler, Brother William Cox;

ESTARL: Sister Barbara Falkenham, Sister Barbara Nicholson, Sister Marion
Robinson; **Librarian:** Sister LaVerne Porter;

Temple Fund: Brother Cyril Marsters;

Crafts and Treasures: Sister Katherine Evans, Sister Clara Nieforth, Sister Vicki
Perry, Sister Alena Buchanan;

Courtesy: Sister Amelia Whalley, Brother Fred Lipskey;

Publicity: Sister Doreen Edgar, Sister Ruth Digdon, Brother Zeke Eaton;

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project: Sister Barbara Cooke, Sister Janet Merry,
Brother Jack Whalley, Brother William Allen;

Special Events: Sister Elizabeth Thompson, Sister Gladys Hobson, Brother
Ralph Swinamer;

Guidelines for Committee Members: Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Sister Edith
Conrod, Sister Evelyn Blair;

C.L.&R. Review: Sister June Whitman, Sister Evelyn Aulenback, Sister Winna
Smith, Brother Ward Cunningham;

Visitors: Sister Sharon Ampeff, Sister Lynne Atkinson, Grand Chapter Executive

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Committee in Ontario;

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to the Valley and your Grand Chapter Session.

To hope is to believe that God will act at exactly the right moment.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: You have worked hard this past year and now it is time to enjoy the fruits of your labours. Thank you for all the work that you have done. Welcome to your Grand Chapter.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY was sung by all to our GRAND CHAPLAIN, BROTHER KEN JOSEY who is celebrating his birthday today.

**PRESENTATION OF 2004-2005
WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS**

Twenty-seven Worthy Matrons and **Twelve** Worthy Patrons were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron along with **Four** Visiting Worthy Matrons and **Three** Visiting Worthy Patrons:

Worthy Matrons: Sister Arlene Riswold, Mayflower #2; Sister Marian Durling, Cedar #3; Sister Eleanor Vogler, Halifax #7; Sister Myrna McPherson, Century #10; Sister Marie Parks, Evangeline #15; Sister Carol Nielsen, Hon. Joseph Howe #20; Sister Margaret Bonn, Fairfield #22; Sister Viola Horton, Maple Leaf #23; 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 Iris Coolen, Mystic Star #40; 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 Shirley MacLean, Emerald #58; Sister Lorraine O'Neill, Queen Esther #61; Sister Maxine Smith, Starlight #66; Sister Linda Townsend, Laurel #67; Sister Jean Annear, Montague #69; Sister Myrtle DeMings, Crescent #70 and Sister Linda O'Hearn, Pearle #71.

Four Visiting Worthy Matrons: Sister Linda Smith, Hollingers #480, Alabama; Sister Shelley Gullett, Pilgrim #55, New Hampshire; Sister Lynn Hutchin, Unity #35, New Brunswick and Sister Elizabeth Ann Cunningham, Flower City #91, Ontario were also introduced.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Gerald Parks, Evangeline #15; Brother Wendall Dawson, Crystal #1 (PEI); Brother Frank Cullen, Westville #24; Brother Kenneth

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Smith, Kwebec #27; Brother Gerald Hatt, Arbutus #30; Brother Ted Davis, St. Mary's #35; Brother Wayne Yorke, Cobequid #39; Brother Murray Gardner, Elm #48; Brother Kenneth Josey, Scotia #49; Brother Jake Hillier, Ruth #57; Brother Enos DeMings, Crescent #70 and Brother Gordon O'Hearn, Pearle #71.

Three Visiting Worthy Patrons: Brother Roger Nieder, San Pedro #174, California; Brother Albert Handy, Mt. Morris #474, Michigan and Brother Wayne Bacon, Perrysburg #446, Ohio.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: You welcomed us in your Chapters, now it is our turn to welcome you to your Grand Chapter Session.

Every new blade of grass, every blossom, every tree that buds,
bear the inscription HOPE.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: You have served your Chapters well and have welcomed us warmly on our official visits, now I welcome you to your Grand Chapter, please have fun and enjoy this Grand Session. Welcome.

The **response** was given by **Sister Doris Cullen, Chairman, Grand Pages:** Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is an honour for me to respond to the greetings extended to your Grand Pages at this Informal Opening of "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session. Your Worthy Matrons were pleased to welcome both you and the Worthy Grand Patron to our Chapter meetings. We enjoyed your visits and the Bird Stories, as well as hearing from our Worthy Grand Patron.

We thank you for the opportunity of serving both of you during your Grand Session. We are now ready to assume our labours. Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan, we wish for you a successful and rewarding Grand Session.

Thank you for the honour and privilege given to me to respond to your most gracious welcome.

The **response** was given by **Brother Gordon O'Hearn, Chairman, Grand Guards:**

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

Thank you Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of serving as Chairman of the Grand Guards. We will gladly perform all duties with pride and diligence, and will take to task that no interruptions will occur during this Grand Session of 2005.

Brother Allan, on behalf of the Worthy Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction, we were pleased to welcome you to all subordinate Chapters. You were always

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welcome at our meetings, and we watched your chipmunk family grow. I was proud to present Alvin's wife, Alvena, after all - they did have numerous children.

On behalf of all Worthy Patrons we say, sit back and relax after Thursday. You have earned it. Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for allowing me to respond.

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 Shirley Conrad, Grand Ruth:**

Sister Marilyn Leaman, Mayflower #2; Sister Jean Millett, Evangeline #15; Sister Mary Withrow, Fairfield #22; Sister Sylvia McCleave, Kwebec #27; Sister Shirley Bezanson, Mystic Star #40 and Sister Tracey Hobson, Laurel #67.

Sister Shirley Conrad, Grand Ruth: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

To the Sisters who so capably filled the station of Ruth this year, one of the honour stations of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is indeed a pleasure for me to be able to welcome you to this "Valley of Constancy Faith and Hope" Grand Chapter Session. I have been able to visit each of your chapters this year and was greeted with great warmth and friendship and now it is my turn to return this greeting. As I understand it, Ruth means "friend" and my wish for you as you teach the lessons of Ruth in your Chapter, is that you will also receive many loyal and true friends. I hope you have an enjoyable Grand Chapter Session and take home with you many fond memories.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, first for the appointment of Grand Ruth, it has been a rewarding experience and secondly for allowing me to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Ruth's to this Grand Chapter Session. May this Session be all that you had planned and hoped for.

The **response** was given by **Sister Tracey Hobson, PM, Laurel (67):**

Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Allan, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

On behalf of myself and my Chapter Laurel No. 67 I would sincerely like to thank you for the honour given to me to respond to your beautiful welcome.

It has been our privilege this past year for all of us to serve with Sister Shirley at the Star Point of Ruth one of your honour stations. The story of Ruth is such a

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beautiful one and we were honoured to work along side her. Thank you, Sister
Shirley, for your gracious welcome.

Thank you again for this honour and it is my sincere wish that you take home
with you cherished memories from your session of Constancy, Faith and Hope.

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 MARTHAS

Eight Subordinate Chapter Marthas were presented and introduced and welcomed
by the **Grand Martha, Sister Mabel Haynes:**
Sister Rowena Marsters, Fairfield #22; Sister Lillian Symonds, Amethyst #28;
Sister Cora MacKay, Elm #48; Sister Carol Little, Scotia #49; Sister Barbara
Paterson, Elmsdale #55; Sister Doreen Edgar, Ruth #57, Sister Gladys Hobson,
Laurel #67 and Sister Kathryn Acker, Crescent #70.

Sister Mabel Haynes, Grand Martha: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand
Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished
East, Sisters and Brothers all:

What an honour and a privilege for me to be able to greet you! It is with great
pleasure that I extend a most sincere and warm welcome to you ... the Sisters that
represent the green ray of Martha. How nice it is to see you here tonight. May
you have a perfectly enjoyable time at our "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope"
Session. From Martha we learn that a trustful faith is greater then knowledge.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan ...
May God grant you good health, strength, direction and guidance to bring your
year to a successful conclusion.

I thank you both for the privilege of serving this Grand Jurisdiction as your Grand
Martha and for the opportunity to welcome the subordinate Chapter Marthas of
Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The **response** was given by **Sister Kathryn Acker, Martha (70):** Worthy Grand
Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

Thank you, Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan, for the privilege of responding to
the warm welcome by Grand Martha, Sister Mabel Haynes.

We, who have the honour of being the Marthas of the subordinate chapters,
proffer our prayers and best wishes to the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope"
Session.

May God be with you both now and in the future.

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

PRESENTATION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS CONVENORS

The Hostess Chapters Convenors who were presented earlier were again welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Welcome to the “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Session. You have worked hard to ensure that this Grand Chapter Session will be successful. I don't know the key to success, but I know the key to failure is trying to please everyone.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Thank you for a job well done. Welcome and enjoy the fruits of your labour.

At this time he also thanked the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress for their work this evening which was well done.

Brother Allan, W.G.P. concluded the Informal Opening with his favourite Irish wish: **“I wish you enough”**.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. welcomed her daughter, Sister Donna Swinamer (2), who travelled from Calgary to attend the Session.

Sister Marylyn, WGM: - I now declare this Informal Opening closed. Grand Conductress, you will attend at the Altar informally.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally while the Grand Choir sang “*Abide With Me*”. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter called from labour to rest, to reconvene Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at 8:45 a.m. sharp.

FORMAL OPENING TUESDAY MORNING, July 5, 2005

8:45 a.m.: **Placing of Emblems:**
Narrators: Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35)
 Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. (5)
Bible: Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (2)
Sword & Veil: Sister Sandra Denton (35)
Sheaf: Sister Carol Little, P.M. (49)
Crown & Sceptre: Sister Shirley Daine (7)
Broken Column: Sister Rowena Marsters, P.M. (22)
Cup: Sister Julia Baker (45)

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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 Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28) and Brother George Crouch, P.G.P. (15).

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M.: Good morning, Sisters and Brothers. It is a very great pleasure to greet you. I thank our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan for the honour of opening the 58th Formal Opening of Grand Chapter with Brother George Crouch, Past Grand Patron by my side.

I extend a most hearty welcome to our distinguished visitors - Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron and the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members accompanying them. I also extend a hearty welcome to our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel as well as our General Grand Chapter Committee Members - Sister Cheryl Denton, Registration; Sister Edna Harding, International Temple Fund and Brother Bill Clark, Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. A hearty welcome to all the members of our own jurisdiction to the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session.

As we begin our business today may we remember to do it with faith in God, with enthusiasm and love for one another. Remember this is your session. I sincerely hope you will enjoy and benefit from it.

Brother George: May we have your greeting at this time?

Brother George Crouch, P.G.P.: Good morning Sisters and Brothers. It is a pleasure for me to assist Past Grand Matron, Sister Marion Conrad in the Formal Opening of this Grand Chapter Session as my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister June Macdonald is unable to attend. We want to welcome each and every one of you to the beautiful Annapolis Valley. Please take time to enjoy some of the beauty around you. I would like to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for giving me the Honour and Privilege of assisting in the opening of this Grand Session.

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: I now call to order this Formal Opening of the 58th session of this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session. It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the formations.

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: Grand Marshal: You will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives to enter the Grand Chapter room.

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Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35) presided over the formations as the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons and Grand Representatives entered the Grand Chapter Room. The formations, *“Love Makes the World Go Round”* was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

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

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allan, Worthy Grand Patron, it is a joy to welcome you to your formal opening of the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session. Sister Marylyn, I was warmly welcomed into your home when I was Worthy Grand Matron in 1992-93, when Brother Ralph was our Grand Chaplain. I spent the best part of a week with you, what with snowstorms and my fall resulting in walking with a cane. You and Brother Ralph both looked after me well. O.E.S. friends are wonderful.

Brother Allan, (CUZ) you visited Amethyst Chapter many times last year when I was Worthy Matron. I still don't know if you were checking up on me or what. Seriously, I enjoyed your visits and was happy to welcome you.

May God guide and watch over both of you through this Grand Chapter Session.

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Brother George: May we have your greeting at this time?

Brother George PGP: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan.

You have both presented yourselves with all the dignity the office to which you were elected. I trust the experience gained and the friendships made will remain with you both always. May your Session of the Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope be all you wish for.

*May the roses bloom in splendor,
For you along the way,
May birds for you sing sweetest
And joys fill all your days.
May skies for you be brightest,
May life for you be fair,
May God enfold you with His Love
This is our wish and prayer.*

Sister Marion, 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 Marylyn and Brother Allan were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Marion, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn - I now present you with your gavel. May you use it wisely and well as you preside over this Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Sister Marion and Brother George, thank you for opening this morning's session, and so willingly accepting this duty, to take part in this session. Since it has only been two years, Brother George, since you stood here, you know just how I feel. Thank you, Sister Marion, for presenting me with the gavel, I will do my best to use it wisely.
Sister Marylyn presented Sister Marion with a gift of appreciation.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Sister Marion and Brother George, thank you for calling to order this formal opening of our "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Grand Chapter Session. Sister Marion, our friendship goes back a few years and remember I said "few". Thanks "cuz" for doing this at such short notice. Brother George, we have had some great times together this last few years and it is my pleasure to have you assist in this opening. Brother George, please accept this token of our appreciation for a job well done.

The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.

The Grand Marshal called this Grand Chapter Session from rest to labour and Grand Chapter was opened in Ritualistic form. The Opening Ode: "*Morning Has*

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Broken” was sung.

The Grand Marshal, Brother Donald Medcraft, presented the Canadian Flag and “*O Canada*” was sung.

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) sang the “Prayer of St. Francis” - “*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*” to Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan.

PRESENTATION

Brother Allan, W.G.P. addressed Sister Pat Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron and presented each of them with a gift from himself and Sister Shirley, in appreciation of their visit to this Grand Chapter Session.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

Sister Carolyn Hacker, Worthy Grand Matron of Oklahoma, was presented at the Altar, warmly welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron, escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Past Grand Matron, Sister Elizabeth Pullum, 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.

Grand Representative, Sister Maxine Helgeson, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Oklahoma was presented, welcomed and escorted to the East and given Grand Honours. During this time the Grand Choir accompanied by all members sang “*It’s A Small World*”.

Sister Pat Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron, already seated in the East were graciously welcomed by Sister Marylyn and each were accorded Grand Honours.

RULES OF ORDER

Sister Phyllis Veinot, P.M. (15), Parliamentarian read the rules of the Order as stated in “Meeting Rules and Procedures for Non-Profit Organizations” by Herb Perry.

ADOPTION OF 2004 MINUTES

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary moved the adoption of the 2004 minutes as printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59). The motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Worthy Grand Patron announced that luncheons will begin at 12:30 p.m.

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2004-2005
SISTER MARYLYN C. SWINAMER**

"An established goal is a dream with a due date"

Sisters and Brothers, one short year ago I was installed as your Worthy Grand Matron, with great excitement I set forth on this new adventure. Now I am rapidly approaching the culmination of my dreams.

It was indeed a great pleasure to travel around the Grand Jurisdiction being greeted by old friends and making new friends.

It has been a very busy year; at times challenging, but never dull. I have strived to do my very best for the welfare of this Grand Chapter. I thank you for your encouragement, love and support, but most of all for the opportunity and honour of serving as your Worthy Grand Matron.

I extend a warm welcome to this 58th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, *"The Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope"* Session.

To our distinguished guests, who have travelled many miles to be with us, Welcome, may you return home with pleasant memories. To our members, Welcome to your Grand Chapter session.

DEDICATION

This year was 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

IN MEMORIUM

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island has been saddened by the passing of Sister Mildred Denton, Past Grand Matron. Many Subordinate Chapters, as well as other Grand Jurisdictions, have also lost loved ones. To all families and friends, I extend my deepest sympathy.

BIBLE AND MARKER

The members of my chapter, Mayflower Chapter No. 2, Kingston, Nova Scotia, presented my Bible to me at installation. The Bible marker, which rested in its pages was made by Sister Shirley Conrad, Grand Ruth, of Scotia Chapter No. 49

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who worked the hardanger pattern and Sister Shirley Daine of Halifax Chapter No. 7 who worked the cross-stitch pattern.

TRAVELING EMBLEMS

The Sheaf of Wheat, with carrying case was a gift from the Worthy Grand Patron. His brother-in law made the carrying case.

The Broken Column and carrying case were made by Brother Cyril Marsters, from the wood of an oak tree, which had grown in his backyard. Sister Rowena made a beautiful green velvet bag to cushion the column in the carrying case. Sister Rowena and Brother Cyril presented these gifts at installation.

FUN SYMBOLS

The porcelain owl was a gift from Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M., my first Grand Chapter mother, who inspired and encouraged me to proceed to this high office. The red stuffed owl was found sitting in my chair at the breakfast, held the morning after our installation. We are holding the Grand Secretary responsible.

OFFICIAL ACTS

One of the most difficult and at the same time exciting responsibilities of a Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron is choosing Appointed Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. Brother Allan and I spent many hours at our respective kitchen tables choosing these Sisters and Brothers.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	Kenneth Josey (23)
Grand Marshal	Donald Medicraft (31)
Grand Organist	Ray Horton (66)
Grand Adah	Helen Hazeldine (45)
Grand Ruth	Shirley Conrad (49)
Grand Esther	Hattie Hagen (34)
Grand Martha	Mabel Haynes (2)
Grand Electa	Marilyn Lisk (52)
Grand Warder	Morley Robinson (67)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District No. 3	Elva Yorke (39)
District No.4	Mary Zinck (40)
District No. 5	Brenda Clarke (38)
District No. 7	Vera Rolfe (50)

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was a privilege to recommend to the Worthy Grand Matron of other Jurisdictions, Sisters and Brothers to represent their Jurisdiction in Nova Scotia

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 and Prince Edward Island. It was a pleasure to see the surprise and joy on the faces of the recipients on the occasions, when I made the presentation. It was also my privilege to appoint Sisters and Brothers, on the recommendation of their Worthy Grand Matron to serve as Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Jurisdictions. I have received many lovely notes of appreciation from these recipients.

Grand Representatives Recommended

Alberta	Heather Matthews (3)
Arizona	Ruby MacKenzie (15)
Arkansas	Wilma Verge (58)
Australia	Mildred (Millie) O'Neill (31)
British Columbia and Yukon	Julia Llewellyn (67)
Bolivia	Dorothy Matthews (61)
Colorado	Donald Cooke (49)
District of Columbia	Grace Boudreau (70)
Florida	Shirley Smith (30)
Idaho	Margaret Bonn (22)
Indiana	Helen Hewitt (47)
Iowa	Jean Luxton (71)
Kansas	Barbara Mosher (8)
Kentucky	Wayne Arsenault (50)
Maine	Amelia (Millie) Collis (26)
Manitoba	Viola Horton (23)
Massachusetts	Doris Hillier (57)
Minnesota	Donald P. MacDonald (19)
Missouri	Kathy Turner (21)
Montana	Gordon Bragg (1)
Nevada	Ruth Donaldson (55)
New Jersey	George Leaman (2)
New Mexico	Shirley Shot (34)
North Carolina	Naomi Prest (48)
Oklahoma	Maureen Doucette (28)
Ontario	Leland (Pat) Potter (35)
Puerto Rico	Kevin Conrod (20)
Quebec	Allison MacDonald (1 PEI)
Saskatchewan	Averill MacKenzie (39)
Virginia	Susan Martin (24)
West Virginia	Margaret Muise (25)
Wyoming	Murray Allen (5)

Grand Representatives Appointed

Alabama	Steve Smith
Arkansas	Betty Tovar
Australia	Margaret Lavering, PGM

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Colorado	Millicent Ramsay
Idaho	Milton (Jock) Slavin
Illinois	John Broeker
Kansas	Judith Martin Caputo
Kentucky	Wilma King
Manitoba	Jeanne Fell
Minnesota	Shirley Boe
Mississippi	Jeanne Thompson
New Brunswick	George Jones
New Hampshire	Nancy Jackson
New Jersey	Virginia Foose
New Mexico	Mary McClain
North Carolina	Randolph Mizelle
North Dakota	Elaine B. Hanson
Ohio	Beverly Bacon
Puerto Rico	Reinerio Velez, PGP
Quebec	Anita Young, PGM
Saskatchewan	Wally Hudyma
South Carolina	Alice (Gwen) Whitt
Tennessee	Yvonne Wolfe
Texas	Karl A. Drescher
Utah	Brooks D. Baker
Vermont	Winnifred Cass
Virginia	Pamela E. Brooks
West Virginia	Bill Mushet
Wisconsin	David Schreier
Wyoming	Marilyn Huffman

MEETING WITH THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

I met with the Jurisprudence Committee in May 2004, at Shediac, New Brunswick, on the occasion of the Maritime Exchange. None of my instructions were accepted as written. With the approval of the Chairman for this Grand Chapter year, I photocopied the Jurisprudence Report and supplied one (1) copy to each Chapter.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

In compliance with the Constitution, Laws and Regulations, a School of Instruction for Grand Officers was held 17 July 2004, at the Masonic Hall in Kingston, N.S. All Grand Officers were in attendance. One District Deputy Grand Matron was absent.

There were three (3) Schools of Instruction held for the benefit of Subordinate Chapters:

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First - 11 September 04 was held in New Glasgow, N.S. Hosted by Century Chapter No. 10. All Grand Officers were in attendance.

Second - 18 September 04 was held in Head of St. Margaret's Bay, N.S. Hosted by Mystic Star Chapter No. 40. All Grand Officers were in attendance.

Third - 25 September 04 was held in Middleton, N.S. Hosted by Annaval Chapter No. 31. All Grand Officers were in attendance with the except of the Associate Grand Matron.

The Jurisprudence Committee were in attendance at all the Schools of Instruction.

COMMITTEES RE: GRAND CHAPTER

Two committees were formed as per motions at Grand Chapter: Guidelines for Committee Members and Constitution, Laws and Regulations Review Committee. The list of names were submitted in time to be published with the annual list of Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Committee Members.

ADDITIONS TO COMMITTEES

Crafts and Treasures - Ruth Rudolph, PM (47) Larry's River, N.S. BOH ILO
C.L.&R. Review - Winna Smith, PM (1) R.R. 1, Clementsvale, N. S. BOS I GO
Temple Fund - Chairman, Cyril Marsters, PP (22) 98 Wharf Road, Summerville, N.S. B0N 2K0 [Replacing Merrill Hyson, PP (deceased)]
Triennium Arrangements : Housing - Marion Conrad, PGM (28) 2100 Poplar St. Halifax, N.S., B3L 2Y7 [Replacing Mildred Denton, PGM (deceased)]

OFFICIAL VISITS

Since Annapolis Royal is the birthplace of freemasonry in Canada, I felt that was the right place to start the official visits - at Port Royal Chapter No. 1.

I visited all the Chapters with the exception of Regent Chapter No. 52. The three proposed times and dates when I was available were not accepted by the members.

Each Chapter is unique and I marvelled at the ingenuity of the members regarding addenda. Thank you for the special attention you gave to my food allergies, the time and labour of love you gave to make these visits memorable.

We were fortunate that only two visits had to be postponed: Keystone Chapter No.5 from 13 November 04 to 21 November 04 - this was thanks to Nova Scotia Power. And Kwebec Chapter No. 27 from 24 January 04 to 30 January 05 due to a Nor'easter.

In February, when I was "snowed in" for three days, I was glad that the official visits were completed.

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The visits were held on the following dates:

19 July 04	Port Royal No. 1
22 July 04	Britannia No. 18
26 July 04	Crescent No. 70
11 August 04	Mae No. 38
13 August 04	Cedar No. 3
18 August 04	Maple Leaf No. 23
02 September 04	Arbutus No. 30
09 September 04	Grace No. 8
10 September 04	Florence Fraser No. 47
14 September 04	Dr. Gordon MacLeod No. 37
15 September 04	Munro No. 26
16 September 04	Queen Elizabeth No. 14
20 September 04	Westville No. 24
21 September 04	Myrtle No. 21
27 September 04	Victoria No. 19
28 September 04	Faith No. 54
29 September 04	Starlight No. 66
07 October 04	Montague No. 69
19 October 04	Shoreham No. 59
21 October 04	Harmony No. 25
25 October 04	Sunrise No. 50
27 October 04	Atlantic No. 65
28 October 04	Pearle #71
02 November 04	Queen Esther No. 61
03 November 04	Armcrest No. 45
09 November 04	Elm No. 48
10 November 04	Elmsdale No. 55
15 November 04	Halifax No. 7
16 November 04	Annaval No. 31
18 November 04	Queens No. 34
19 November 04	Crystal No. 1 (PEI)
21 November 04	Keystone No. 5
22 November 04	Cobequid No. 39
23 November 04	Century No. 10
25 November 04	Amethyst No. 28
02 December 04	Fairfield No. 22
07 December 04	Evangeline No. 15
09 December 04	Scotia No. 49
10 December 04	St. Mary's No. 35
13 December 04	Hon. Joseph Howe No. 20
14 December 04	Mayflower No. 2
15 December 04	Laurel No. 67
13 January 05	Emerald No. 58

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14 January 05 Ruth No. 57
30 January 05 Kwebec No. 27

REALIGNMENT OF DISTRICTS

Due to the closure of several chapters, the districts varied in numbers i.e. District No. 5 consisted of seven (7) chapters while District No. 6 had only four (4). After calculating mileage between Chapters, the jurisdiction was realigned. Consequently, one district was eliminated. District No. 8 was designated District No. 7

The Chapters which were affected were notified of the changes and were invited to comment on these changes. Because of the loss of one district, we have only four (4) appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons.

DISTRICTS FOR DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRON'S 2004 - 2005

District No. 1 (6 Chapters)

1. Queen Elizabeth No. 14, Sydney, N.S.
2. Victoria No. 19, Baddeck, N. S.
3. Munro No. 26, North Sydney, N. S.
4. Dr. Gordon MacLeod No. 37, Whycocomagh, N. S.
5. Faith No. 54, Mulgrave, N. S.
6. Starlight No. 66, Port Hawksbury, N. S.

District No. 2 (7 Chapters)

1. Century No. 10, New Glasgow, N. S.
2. Myrtle No. 21, Truro, N. S.
3. Maple Leaf No. 23, Sheet Harbour, N. S.
4. Westville No. 24, Westville, N. S.
5. Harmony No. 25, Stellarton, N. S.
6. Florence Fraser No. 47, Sherbrooke, N. S.
7. Elm No. 48, Upper Stewiacke, N. S.

District No. 3 (7 Chapters)

1. Hon. Joseph Howe No. 20, Dartmouth, N. S.
2. Fairfield No. 22, Windsor, N. S.
3. Cobequid No. Maitland, N. S.
4. Scotia No. 49, Musquodoboit Harbour, N. S.
5. Elmsdale No. 55, Elmsdale, N. S.
6. Ruth No. 57 Dartmouth, N. S.
7. Queen Esther No. 61, Dartmouth, N. S.

District No. 4 (6 Chapters)

1. Halifax No. 7, Halifax, N. S.
2. Kwebec No. 27, Bedford, N. S.
3. Amethyst No. 28, Halifax, N. S.

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4. Mystic Star No. 40, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, N. S.
5. Armcrest No. 45, Bedford, N. S.
6. Emerald No. 58, Halifax, N. S.

District No. 5 (7 Chapters)

1. Grace No. 8, Lunenburg, N. S.
2. Arbutus No. 30, Milton, N. S.
3. Queens No 34, Liverpool, N. S.
4. Mae No. 38, Bridgewater, N. S.
5. Shoreham No. 59, Chester, N. S.
6. Crescent No 70, Lockeport, N. S.
7. Pearle No. 71, Caledonia, N. S.

District No. 6 (7 Chapters)

1. Port Royal No. 1, Annapolis Royal, N. S.
2. Mayflower No. 2, Kingston, N. S.
3. Keystone No. 5, Hebron, N. S.
4. Evangeline No. 15, Kentville, N. S.
5. Annaval No. 31, Middleton, N. S.
6. St. Mary's No. 35, Digby, N. S.
7. Laurel No. 67, Berwick, N. S.

District No. 7 (7 Chapters)

1. Crystal No. 1(PEI) Charlottetown, P.E.I.
2. Cedar No. 3, Wallace, N. S.
3. Britannia No. 18, Amherst, N. S.
4. Sunrise No. 50, Pugwash, N. S.
5. Regent No. 52, Central Bedque, P.E.I.
6. Atlantic No. 65, Tatamagouche, N. S.
7. Montague No. 69, Montague, P.E.I.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS' REPORTS

District No. 1 - The deputy was the Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Annie Mae Backman. It had been five years since this district had a Grand Officer as their deputy. Sister Annie Mae was warmly received in each Chapter. She visited all six Chapters and was pleased with the exemplification of the Ritualistic Work. She was pleased to notice that demitted members from a closed Chapter had affiliated with another reinforcing that Chapter. She witnessed the initiation of one new member. She expressed her concern regarding two Chapters, which are struggling, but she was encouraged by their attitude.

District No. 2 - Was deputized by the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Marion Miller. Sister Marion visited the seven Chapters. Late installations were held on both her September meetings, causing a long night to be extended. She witnessed

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the initiation of two new members. She expressed her concern for two Chapters, but was impressed by their tenacity. The members in this district seemed to enjoy the opportunity to do the signs and passes together.

District No. 3 - This district was deputized by Sister Elva Yorke. Sister Elva was also the Associate Matron in her Chapter. Due to the precarious health of the Worthy Matron, she had to cancel her official visit in October and preside over the meeting. Again she had to preside in November for the Worthy Grand Matron's official visit. A dispensation was issued to hold an Official Deputy visit (Out of Time) in December, by Sister Mary Zinck (District No. 4). Unfortunately because of an unexpected storm and illness this meeting had to be cancelled. I felt this Chapter was under sufficient duress, that they did not need to be harassed by the Worthy Grand Matron, I therefore excused them from this duty for this year. I am pleased to announce that the members have decided to continue. Sister Elva enjoyed visiting the Chapters, and the uniqueness of each Chapter. She was surprised when asked to make the signs and passes together that some members did not participate. She witnessed the initiation of one new member.

District No. 4 - This district was deputized by Sister Mary Zinck. She witnessed the initiation of two new members, who did the signs and passes with the Conductress during the ceremony. Sister Mary was concerned about the Ritualistic work in one Chapter. An Associate Conductress who is 90+ years of age recited her lecture without a prompt. This should be an inspiration to us all!! Sister Mary was well received in all six Chapters and enjoyed each visit.

District No. 5 - Sister Brenda Clarke was the deputy for this district. She was impressed with the memory work of the new Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. A "sideliner" was prompting another Worthy Patron, who handled the situation. She enjoyed hearing the Associate Patron's long lecture in many of the Chapters. She was well received in all seven Chapters.

District No. 6 - The Grand Conductress, Sister Gail Cook deputized this district. She was well received in all seven Chapters. She was impressed by the work and enthusiasm of one Chapter, which is struggling to continue. She witnessed the initiation of five new members, two of whom joined her Chapter.

District No. 7 - Sister Vera Rolfe was the deputy. Sister Vera was well received in all seven Chapters. She expressed her concern for two Chapters, one of these has four Star Point Officers ranging in age from 82 to 92. She witnessed the initiation of five new members.

IRREGULARITIES

So no one Chapter or individual will be singled out the following list of irregularities were reported:

1. More than one ritual open at a time.
2. Copying from the ritual.
3. Prompter not paying attention, thereby, not able to help the member giving a

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lecture and/or not speaking loudly enough.

4. Conductress and Associate Conductress not raising unfamiliar members.
5. Conductress, when introducing members, continue to say "Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island". This was changed to "of this Grand Jurisdiction".
6. Star Point Officer responding to her own sign during the Opening Ceremony.
7. Improper sign given during balloting.
8. Sentinel not available to ballot and not asking to be excused.
9. Sentinel entering the Chapter Room before being replaced leaving the outer door unguarded.
10. Laying ballot box on the pedestal for the Associate Matron and Associate Patron to ballot.
11. One Associate Conductress carried the ballot box, as was the practice 20 years ago.
12. Warder joining the Prayer Circle during initiation.
13. Chapter holding meetings out of sequence.

A general observation is, that on the night of the District Deputy Grand Matron's Official visits, the number of pro-tem officers is increasing, and the number of visitors is decreasing.

DISPENSATIONS

Twenty- four (24) dispensations were granted. Most of these were to change the time and date of stated meetings. One dispensation was denied to Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14. They wanted to hold their stated meeting for January after they had held their stated February meeting.

The following dispensations were issued:

To accommodate the District Deputy Grand Matron:

Maple Leaf Chapter No. 23 - Change stated meeting from 20 Oct. 04 to 13 Oct. 04

Munro Chapter No. 26 - Change stated meeting from 7 Oct. 04 to 13 Oct. 04

Cobequid Chapter No. 39 - To hold a DDGM's official visit out of time, and change the meeting from 27 Dec. 04 to 20 Dec. 04

Harmony Chapter No. 25 - Change stated meeting from 9 Sept. 04 to 16 Sept. 04

Shoreham Chapter No. 59 - To hold a DDGM's official visit out of time due to a storm in November and the DDGM not available for the 'make-up' meeting in December.

To accommodate the Worthy Grand Matron:

Cedar Chapter No.3 -To move Charter and paraphernalia to the school on 13 Aug.

04 Munro Chapter No. 26 - Change stated meeting from 3 Sept. 04 to 15 Sept. 04

Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter No.37 - Change stated meeting from 9 Sept. 04 to 14 Sept. 04

Florence Fraser Chapter No.47-Change stated meeting from 14 Sept.04 to 10

Sept.04 Harmony Chapter No. 25 - Change stated meeting from 14 Oct. to 21 Oct.

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Elmsdale Chapter No. 55 - Change time of stated meeting from 8:00pm to 7:30pm Nov. 04

Amethyst Chapter No. 28 - Change stated meeting from 28 Nov. 04 to 30 Nov. 04 and to move the charter to Bedford, N. S.

Keystone Chapter No. 5 - Change stated meeting from 9 Nov. 04 to 13 Nov. 04, further to change the 13 Nov. 04 to 21 Nov. 04 due to a storm

St. Mary's Chapter No. 35 - Change stated meeting from 9 Nov. 04 to 10 Nov. 04

Change time and date of meetings in January, February and March:

Arbutus Chapter No. 30 - To change stated meeting from 1st Thursday at 7:30pm to 1st Saturday at 2:00pm

Queens Chapter No. 34 - To change stated meeting from 3rd Thursday at 8:00pm to 4th Sunday at 2:00pm

Sunrise Chapter No. 50 - Change stated meeting from 4th Monday at 7:30pm to 3rd Saturday at 2:00pm

Atlantic Chapter No. 65 - Change stated meeting from 7:30pm to 2:00pm

Other dispensations:

Britannia Chapter No. 18 - To move charter and paraphernalia to Worthy Patron's residence to hold the stated meeting in August 04. Also to change the time of stated meeting from 7:30pm to 2:00pm on 24 Mar 05 (Maundy Thursday)

Sunrise Chapter No. 50 - Change the time of stated meeting for April 04 (They requested to change the time for remainder of the year - no reason was given. I thought this would be a violation of their by-laws. Suggested the review their by-laws and gave instructions accordingly.)

Queens Chapter No. 34 - To elect and install a Worthy Patron out of time at December stated meeting (due to illness).

Atlantic Chapter No. 65 - Change stated meeting from 24 Nov. 04 at 7:30pm to 20 Nov. at 2:00pm for Friendship Meeting

Scotia Chapter No. 49 -To change stated meeting from 12 May 05 to 11 May 05 to celebrate 50th Anniversary on the original date

Myrtle Chapter No. 21 - To move Charter and paraphernalia to the Howard Johnson Hotel on Saturday 30 April 2005 for the purpose of holding Maritime Exchange

One dispensation was denied to Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14 to hold a meeting out of sequence.

CHARTER SURRENDER

It was with regret that I had to notify the members of this Grand Jurisdiction of the surrender of their Charter by the members of Maple Leaf Chapter No. 23, Sheet Harbour, N. S.

GRAND COUNCIL MEETING

The Grand Council met formally on two (2) occasions:

(1) 30 January 2005 Kwebec Chapter No. 27, Bedford, N. S.

(2) 30 April 2005 Howard Johnson Hotel, Truro, N. S.

CORRESPONDENCE

During the Grand Chapter year the following letters were sent to the Chapters:

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Letter sent after installation with aim and objects, etc., as well as the Worthy Grand Matron's Itinerary. Letter requesting members to respond to questionnaire, for the General Grand Chapter Ritual Committee; Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter messages, surrender of Maple Leaf Charter and a Farewell letter.

I approved all letters sent out by Committee Chairmen and those sent out by Sister Marion Miller, AGM in preparation for her year. Letters were also sent out inviting dignitaries to our Informal Opening.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: A Chapter closed over ten years ago. A former member has a demit. Can the former members now affiliate and is there a special ceremony?

Answer: Demits do not have a best before date. (Art. 18, CL&R for Subordinate Chapters). The individual should apply for affiliated membership, be investigated, and be balloted upon. There is no ceremony; however the Worthy Matron could use a special welcome ceremony.

Question: Can an Honourary Member be asked to fill a station and be installed in an office?

Answer: Only voting members can be installed in an office. (Art. 8, CL&R for Subordinate Chapters). Honourary members may pro tem an office except Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron for the year if necessary, i.e. organist.

Question: When should the Lighted Signet be lit?

Answer: There are no regulations regarding a lighted signet. Some Chapters have set their own regulations; otherwise it is at the discretion of the Worthy Matron.

VISITS TO OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

I had the privilege to represent the Grand Chapter at the following Grand Chapter Sessions:

26 - 28 August 04	New Hampshire
11 - 14 October 04	New York
16 - 18 May 05	Maine
19 - 21 May 05	Massachusetts

SPECIAL EVENTS

30 April 05	Maritime Exchange - Truro, N. S.
06 May 05	Addressed the Supreme Grand Council - Royal And Select Masters Truro, N. S.
07 May 05	Maine Maritime Exchange - Riverview, N. B.
04 June 05	Addressed the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia -Truro, N. S.
11 June 05	Addressed the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

60 - YEAR PINS

We are very fortunate to have three (3) 60 - year members:

Natalie Corkum - Grace No. 8	Doris Veinot - Evangeline No. 15
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Elizabeth Mattson - Shoreham No. 59

50 - YEAR PINS

50-year pins were presented to thirty-seven (37) members. When possible Brother Allan and I presented these pins. We would like to thank those who assisted in this pleasant duty. (Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM; Sister Helen Holden, PM; Sister Joan Campbell, PGM; Sister Marion Miller, AGM; Sister Reta Kaluza, PM; and Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Gr. Sect.)

Those who received the pins were:

Halifax No. 7	Reta M. Lockhart	Jacqueline Taylor
Grace No. 8	Margaret A. Kean	Helen M. Fraser
Century No. 10	Gloria Munro	Hazel Hayden
	Bertha MacDonald	Rita Robertson
Queen Elizabeth No. 14	Leta James	Georgina Boutilier
	Mary Campbell	Edna M. MacVicar
Evangeline No. 15	Leonora Hiltz	Viola Whall
Victoria No. 19	Joan Roberts	
Hon. Joseph Howe No. 20	June Macdonald, PGM	Isobel MacCuish
Myrtle No. 21	Bessie Yuill	
Crystal No. 1 (PEI)	Constance L. Stewart	Ruth MacDonald
Westville No. 24	Nellie Adams	Sheldon Chisholm
Amethyst No. 28	Audree Ferguson	
Arbutus No. 30	Madelyn Frail	
Annaval No. 31	Dorothy Beals	
Mae No. 38	Charlotte I. Falt	
Mystic Star No. 40	Dorothy Dorey	Margaret Allen
Armcrest No. 45	Beatrice Van Sickle	
Scotia No. 49	Vera Conrad	Irene Bonn
Sunrise No. 50	Dorothy Dixon	Viola Hilchey
	Elizabeth Hollis	Kathleen Hollis
	Layton Hollis	Gertrude Peers

SPECIAL PROJECT

The Special Project this year was the IWK/Grace Children's Hospital - Dermatology Education Resource Centre.

LIFE AND HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

I was blessed this past year by the gift of a Life Membership in my own Chapter, Mayflower Chapter No. 2. I also received Honourary Memberships from Annaval Chapter No. 31, Scotia Chapter No. 49 and Myrtle Chapter No. 33, Massachusetts, the Chapter of Worthy Grand Matron Sister Pamela Main (2004-2005).

ALTAR COVERAGE

During the year as I travelled around the Grand Jurisdiction, I spoke briefly of the

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history of our Order. In keeping with that theme, the Altar is draped with the Altar Cloth, which was formally used by Acadia Chapter No. 4 of Lawrencetown, N. S., who surrendered their Charter June 2003. Last evening the Worthy Grand Patron's Bible rested on the Altar. Today we are using the Bible which was formally used by Cherry Blossom Chapter No. 46 of Bear River, N. S., who surrendered their Charter in October 1987. Tomorrow my Bible will rest upon The Altar.

APPRECIATION

Worthy Grand Patron Brother Allan, when we began on this journey together, we decided that it wasn't going to be your year or my year but our year in the East of the Grand Chapter. You were able to attend all the Official Visits and participate in many presentations. We were most fortunate to have your spouse, Sister Shirley, Grand Ruth as our computer expert and operator. Thank you both for your support but mostly for your friendship and love, which will continue for our lifetime.

Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Brother Fred and General Grand Chapter Committee Members - Sister Edna, Sister Cheryl and Brother Bill:

It is an honour for our Jurisdiction to have you serving the General Grand Chapter. We are very proud of you and wish you success, health and happiness as you continue to serve our Order.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons: You have lead the way for all of us who follow. Thank you for your wise council and your encouragement.

Elected Grand Officers: Sister Marion and Brother John, in a few short hours-you will be our new leaders, I wish for you the very best in your year.

To Sister Gail, Brother Ron and Sister Annie Mae, who are following in the future, may you continue to have health and safe travels as you proceed on your journey.

Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann - A simple thank you seems so inadequate for all you have done to help me this past year. Your pleasant and calming demeanour has made working with you a pleasure.

Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy - Your employers have kept you busy travelling this year. We thank you for the efficient manner in which you have handled our finances. Keep up the good work and keep us in the black.

Appointed Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons - You are the chosen ones. It has been a joy to share this year with you. I, like every Worthy Grand Matron before me, think that I have the Best Grand Family. Congratulations for your dedication to our Order. I hope you have enjoyed your

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appointments and made lasting friendships.

Grand Representatives - It was a pleasure to recommend thirty-two of our members to receive commissions. You are our ambassadors spreading Good Will among the Grand Jurisdictions. Congratulations, I hope you enjoy your appointments.

Grand Chapter Committee Members - Thank you for your dedication to duty. You are the backbones of our Grand Chapter.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons (2004 - 2005) - Each of you will have a special place in my book of memories. I am amazed by the ingenuity and talent that went into each addendum. Thank you for your warm welcomes and hospitality.

Assistant Grand Organist, Choir and Soloists - Without your talents our ceremonies would be very dull. I am sure all in attendance are enjoying your musical talents. Thank you.

Hostess Chapters and Committees - All of you have worked very hard in organizing and Financing this Grand Chapter Session and your hard work is apparent. Thank you for all you have done.

Port Royal Chapter No. 1	Fairfield Chapter No. 22
Mayflower Chapter No. 2	Annal Chapter No. 31
Keystone Chapter No. 5	St. Mary's Chapter No. 35
Evangeline Chapter No. 15	Scotia Chapter No. 49
Laurel Chapter No. 67 and members of former Acadia Chapter No. 4	

Scotia Chapter No. 49 - I have enjoyed sharing this year with you, and look forward to continuing our relationship.

Mayflower Chapter No. 2 - My home Chapter. It is difficult to express my love and appreciation to you for all your acts of kindness and hard work. Thank you for being there and making my dreams come true.

Brother Ralph - Just one short year ago we unofficially installed you in your unofficial office of Grand Gopher in charge of TLC (tug, lug and carry). You certainly surpassed in these tasks. Thank you for always being there with your love and support - Per Ardua Ad Astra

Conclusion - Sisters and Brothers, this past year has been an adventure. I enjoyed meeting each of you on this journey. Thank you for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity to serve as your Worthy Grand Matron. I would like to close with a poem based on Psalm 53:5 by that prolific poet: Author Unknown -
Drinking From the Saucer: *I don't have a lot of riches,*

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*And sometimes the going's rough;
 But while I've friends to love,
 I think I'm rich enough.
 I'll just thank God for blessings
 That His mercy has bestowed.
 I'm drinking from the saucer,
 'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

*If God gives me strength and courage,
 When the way grows steep and rough;
 I'll not ask for other blessings,
 I'm already blessed enough.
 May I never be too busy
 To help bear another's load.
 Yes, I'm drinking from the saucer,
 'Cause my cup has overflowed.*

Sister Marylyn moved the adoption of her report. This was seconded by Sister Arlene Riswold, P.M. (2) and carried.

**DONATIONS
 WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT**

**EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE - DERMATOLOGY DEPARTMENT
 IWK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

(Please Note: IWK Children's Hospital does not issue receipts for amounts less than \$20.00)

Associate Grand Conductress:

17 Oct. 2001	Brother Ralph - To open the account	25.00
17 Jan. 2002	To Honour the Members of Dist5rict No. 3	450.00
20 May 02	Isabelle (WGM) and Adrian (PGP) Pearson	10.00
30 May 02	Travelling Piggy Bank - Friends Loraine, Jim and Bill	40.00

Grand Conductress:

30 Aug. 02	Ella B. Delay, Grand Representative in Tennessee 1978-79	153.30
05 Dec. 02	To Honour Members of District No. 7	450.00
08 Apr.2003	Honour Night:	
	Allan (G. Sent) and Shirley Conrad	25.00
	Betty Amey	25.00
	Mildred Denton (PGM)	20.00
	Cheryl (PGM) and Allen (AGP) Denton	20.00
	Richard (GCCM) and Erma Coleman	20.00
	Irma Maxwell (G. Electa)	10.00
	Ruth and George (G. Organist) Hill	10.00

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	Kenneth Conrod (G. Marshal)	10.00
	Marie and Gerry Parks	10.00
	Tracey Hobson	10.00
	Marion and Morley Robinson	10.00
	Edith Conrod	10.00
	Joyce and Ward (PGP) Cunningham	5.00
	Gladys and David Hobson	5.00
	Winnifred Baker and Mary Hughes-Kelley	10.00
	Fred and Joan (DDGM) Ross	5.00
	Acadia Chapter Members - Don and Midge Medicraft, Marie Smith, Elizabeth MacGregor and Carolyn and Arthur Phinney	22.00
24 Apr. 03	Margaret Allen (G. Esther)	10.00
12 May 03	Noreen and Howard (PGP) MacInnis	10.00
30 May 03	Brother Ralph (because he loves me) Travelling Piggy Bank ?	50.00 5.00
	Margaret Gehue	10.00

Associate Grand Matron:

19 July 03	Travelling Piggy Bank - Nora and Tracey	10.00
20 July 03	Tracey Hobson (G. Martha)	20.00
15 Sept. 03	Travelling Piggy Bank - Bill	5.00
09 Oct. 03	Grace Chapter No. 8 (DDGM)	25.00
18 Oct. 03	Travelling Piggy Bank - Bill	5.00
21 Oct. 03	Shoreham Chapter No. 59 (DDGM Visit)	25.00
08 Nov. 03	E. Megan Church (PGM) Ruth Bond	10.00 10.00
15 Nov. 03	Travelling Piggy Bank - Marion and Gladys	10.00
13 Jan. 04	Sally and Lawrence Chichester (G. Rep. In New York) To Honour the Members of District No. 5	25.00 347.00
23 May 04	Honour Tea: George (PGP) and Mary Crouch - Via Gail Cook Margaret (PGM) and Fred (RWG Sent) Clarke Janet Merry Howard (PGP) and Noreen MacInnis Mary and Ray Zinck Edmund (Ted) and Charlene Davis Cheryl (GGCCM) and Allen (WGP) Marvis Mansfield Marion (GCCM) and Morley Robinson June Dauphinee Kenneth and Lucy Josey Millie Wagner Edith Conrod Tracey Hobson (G. Martha)	10.00 10.00 20.00 20.00 10.00 20.00 20.00 10.00 25.00 10.00 20.00 10.00 10.00 10.00

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	Vince and Irma Maxwell	10.00
	Mary and George (PGP) Crouch	10.00
	Betty Thompson	10.00
	Joan and Fred Ross	10.00
	Don and Barb Cooke	10.00
	Kenneth (PGP) and Betty Smith	10.00
	Carol and Fred Wooster	10.00
	Carol Little and Darlene Amirault	10.00
	Isabelle (PGM) and Adrian (PGP) Pearson	20.00
	Mildred Denton (PGM)	20.00
	Richard (GCCM) and Erma Coleman	15.00
	Allan (AGP) and Shirley Conrad	25.00
	Jessie Giles	20.00
	Cora MacKay (G. Electa)	10.00
	George and Ruth Hill	10.00
29 May 04	Mary Lou Higgins	10.00
08 June 04	Dorothy Hale Allen	20.00
	Worthy Grand Matron:	
07 July 04	Bernadette and Victor Barnes (Friends)	30.00
	Ruby and James MacKenzie	20.00
	Phillip (WGP) and Jean (G. Esther) Hubbard of Maine	5.00
14 July 04	Sally and Lawrence (G. Rep. in New York) Chichester	100.00
19 July 04	Port Royal Chapter No. 1 (Silver Drill)	80.52
22 July 04	Britannia Chapter No. 18 (Corsage)	100.00
26 July 04	Crescent Chapter No. 70	25.00
27 July 04	June Dauphinee	20.00
11 Aug. 04	Mae Chapter No. 38	40.00
13 Aug. 04	Cedar Chapter No. 3	50.00
18 Aug. 04	Maple Leaf Chapter No. 23	100.00
02 Sept. 04	Arbutus Chapter No. 30	25.00
	Helen and Gerald Hatt - Lieu of gifts on Installation	20.00
09 Sept. 04	Grace Chapter No. 8	50.00
10 Sept. 04	Florence Fraser Chapter No.47(Addenda \$25, Cheque \$50)	75.00
15 Sept. 04	Munro Chapter No. 26 (Corsage \$25, Good of Order \$52)	77.00
	Donation	86.00
16 Sept. 04	Queen Elizabeth Chapter No. 14	100.00
20 Sept. 04	Westville Chapter No. 24	50.00
21 Sept. 04	Myrtle Chapter No. 21 (Addenda)	50.00
24 Sept. 04	To Honour All Members	1875.00
27 Sept. 04	Victoria Chapter No. 19	100.00
28 Sept. 04	Faith Chapter No. 54 (Addenda \$50. Cheque \$25)	75.00
29 Sept. 04	Starlight Chapter No. 66 (Addenda)	50.00
	Name the Owl - Barney the Barn Owl	76.00
07 Oct. 04	Montague Chapter No. 69	25.00

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14 Oct. 04	Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter No. 37 DDGM's Visit Annie Mae Backman (AG Cond.)	25.00
19 Oct. 04	Shoreham Chapter No. 59	25.00
21 Oct. 04	Harmony Chapter No. 25	75.00
25 Oct. 04	Sunrise Chapter No. 50	100.00
27 Oct. 04	Atlantic Chapter No. 65	50.00
28 Oct. 04	Pearle Chapter No. 71	50.00
	George (PGP) and Mary Crouch - Honouring G. Reps. Marion Buchan and Richard Pineo	20.00
02 Nov. 04	Queen Esther Chapter No. 61	75.00
03 Nov. 04	Armcrest Chapter No. 45	25.00
	Thelma Low (Sis)	20.00
09 Nov. 04	Elm Chapter No. 48 Celebrating Alice MacKay's 90th Birthday	20.00
	Elm Chapter No. 48	25.00
	Mary Lou Higgins	25.00
10 Nov. 04	Elmsdale Chapter No 55	25.00
15 Nov. 04	Halifax Chapter No. 7	25.00
16 Nov. 04	Annaval Chapter No. 31	100.00
	Mary Hughes-Kelley - Lieu of gifts on Installation	25.00
18 Nov. 04	Queens Chapter No. 34	100.00
19 Nov. 04	Crystal Chapter No. 1 (PEI)	75.00
	Crystal Chapter's Past Matron's Club	40.00
20 Nov. 04	Myrtle Chapter No. 21 DDGM's Visit - Marion Miller (AGM)	25.00
	Myrtle Chapter's Past Matron's Club	25.00
22 Nov. 04	Cobequid Chapter No. 39	25.00
	Ruth Chapter No. 57 DDGM's Visit - Elva Yorke	25.00
	Scotia Chapter No. 49 DDGM's Visit - Elva Yorke	100.00
23 Nov. 04	Mary MacIntosh	20.00
	Century Chapter No. 10	100.00
	Bette Macintosh (PGM) in Ontario	20.00
31 Nov. 04	Amethyst Chapter No. 28 Past Matron's Club	10.00
	Amethyst Chapter No. 28	50.00
	Marion Conrad - In lieu of gifts on Installation	25.00
01 Dec. 04	Memorial for Mildred Denton (PGM) - Ralph and Marylyn	50.00
02 Dec. 04	Fairfield Chapter No. 22	100.00
07 Dec. 04	M. Emily Bigelow	50.00
	Evangeline Chapter No. 25 (Silver Drill)	74.25
	Ruby and Jim MacKenzie	25.00
	LaVerne Porter	10.00
	Faith Chapter No. 54 DDGM's Visit - Annie Mae Backman	10.00
09 Dec. 04	Scotia Chapter No. 29	100.00
10 Dec. 04	St. Mary's Chapter No, 35 (Silver Drill)	56.25

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	Memorial for Mildred Denton (PGM) - Cheryl (GGCCM) and Allen (PGP) Denton	100.00
13 Dec. 04	Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter No. 20	25.00
14. Dec. 04	Mayflower Chapter No. 2 (Silver Drill)	60.00
	Arlene Riswold - In lieu of gifts on Installation	25.00
15 Dec. 04	Laurel Chapter No. 67 (Silver Drill)	60.00
	Marion Buchan - In lieu of gifts for G. Reps. on Honour Night	25.00
	Jeanette Durnnian - In honour of Marion Buchan	
5.00		
23 Dec. 04	Century Chapter No. 10 DDGM's Visit - Marion Miller (AGM)	50.00
	Bette Macintosh	100.00
03 Jan. 2005	Mystic Star No. 40	50.00
	Mystic Star Past Matrons and Past Patrons	10.00
13 Jan. 05	Emerald Chapter No. 58	100.00
14 Jan. 05	Ruth Chapter No. 57	100.00
30 Jan. 05	Iris E. Hubley	25.00
	Kwebec Chapter No. 27	25.00
	Kwebec Chapter Past Matron's Club	25.00
13 Feb. 05	Honour Night for GCCM's St. Mary's Chapter - June and Kirk Whitman	40.00
	Jack and Amelia Whalley	15.00
	G. Louise Seeley	20.00
	Sylvia Hebden	20.00
04 Mar. 05	DDGM - Brenda Clarke District No. 5	
	Grace Chapter No. 8	25.00
	Arbutus Chapter No. 30	20.00
	Queens Chapter No. 34	20.00
	Crescent Chapter No. 70	25.00
	Pearle Chapter No. 71	20.00
08 Mar. 05	Richard Haynes - Honour Night as Grand Representative	
	Winnifred Baker and Elizabeth Stevenson	20.00
01 Apr. 05	Shirley Bezanson - In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights	25.00
07 Apr. 05	Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter No. 37	95.00
	Amethyst Chapter No. 28-In lieu of gift for Barbara Bowser (PGM)	15.00
	Crescent Chapter No. 70	10.00
08 Apr. 05	Jeanette Durnnian - In honour of Gail Cook and Morley Robinson	10.00
09 Apr. 05	Donald (G. Marshal) and Midge Medicraft	15.00
11 Apr. 05	Travelling Piggy Bank ?	13.00
19 Apr. 05	Fred (GCCM) and Peggy Lipsky - In honour of Gail Cook	
	Annie Mae Backman, Morley Robinson & Ron Boudreau	25.00
	June Macdonald - Honouring Ken Josey (G. Chaplain) and	

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	Janet Merry (GCCM)	50.00
22 Apr. 05	Queens Chapter No. 34 - In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights	50.00
	Evelyn Aulenback (GCCM) - In lieu of gifts for GCCM's	25.00
01 May 05	Glenn (GCCM) and Irene Johnson	20.00
	Jean and Reg Coombes	25.00
	Ron Boudreau (G. Sentinel) Donations at Honour Tea -	40.00
	Ken, Stewart, Rhonda Fader, Anna and Bill (GCCM) Cox, Edna Smith, Dorothy Jewers, Don and Midge Medicraft, Shirley Shot, Carol MacDonald and Helen Corkum	
02 May 05	Morley Robinson (G. Warder) Donations at Honour Tea -	105.00
	Fred and Margaret Clarke, Jim and Ruby MacKenzie, Marilyn Lisk, Irma and Vince Maxwell, Betty Thompson, Dick and Lola Pineo, Evelyn Aulenback, Penny Parker, Midge and Don Medicraft, Annie Mae Backman, Carolyn and Arthur Phinney	
03 May 05	Past Appointed Grand Officers	50.00
	Linda Townsend - In honour of members of Laurel Chapter	35.00
	Marie and Gerry Parks - In honour of Gail Cook and Morley Robinson	25.00
	Rhoda T. Tupper	25.00
	Glenn and Evelyn MacAdams	20.00
04 May 05	June Whitman - Gifts received on Honour Night	20.00
	In Honour of Ward Cunningham (GCCM)	15.00
10 May 05	Evelyn Aulenback (GCCM) - Gifts rec'd on Honour Night	5.00
	Richard Coleman (GCCM) - In lieu of gifts on Honour Night	25.00
	Alfred and Joanne Newell - In honour of Ward Cunningham, Donna Himmelman, Marilyn Lisk, and Ron Boudreau	30.00
	Armcrest Chapter No. 45 - Christmas Sock Proceeds	50.00
	Elm Chapter No.48 - To Honour 50th Wedding Anniversary	40.00
	For Glenn & Irene Johnson, and Glenn's 80th Birthday	
	Carolyn and Norman Card - In lieu of gifts on Honour Night	10.00
18 May 05	Jeanette Durmnian - In lieu of gifts for Marion Robinson, Betty Thompson and Gladys Hobson	15.00
	Eleanor M. Vogler - In lieu of gifts for Honour Nights -	50.00
	Danny Campbell, Helen Hazeldine, Shirley Conrad, Mary Zinck and Carson Jackson	
	In Memory of Eveline Vogler	25.00
	In lieu of gifts for the Officers of Halifax Chapter No. 7	50.00
	In lieu of gifts for WGM and WGP at the Homecoming	30.00
19 May 05	Mary Lou Higgins - In lieu of gifts to GCCM's on Honour Nights	50.00
	In honour of Georgie Dewey (Gr. Representative)	20.00

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	In honour of Marion Miller (AGM) and John Patterson (AGP)	20.00
	In honour of Lyda Fisher - Retiring after 45 years as Secretary of Elm Chapter	20.00
	In Memory of Elm Chapter Members - Alice MacKay, David Fisher and Kenny Creelman	15.00
24 May 05	Carol Nielsen - In lieu of gifts to Members on Honour Nights	
	Atlantic Chapter No. 65	10.00
	Maple Leaf Chapter No. 23	80.15
	Annavaal Chapter No. 31 - Honour Night for Katharine Evans (GCCM), Donald Medicraft (G. Marshal) and Mabel Haynes (G. Martha)	115.00
	Iris Newman - In lieu of gifts on Honour Night for Dorothy Powroz (G. Tres.), Helen Legge (GCCM) and Clara Nieforth (GCCM)	25.00
03 May 05	William (GCCM) and Hilda Allen	20.00
	Mabel Haynes - Gifts received on Honour Night	30.00
	Marie and Gerry Parks - Honouring GCCM's LaVerne Porter and Fred Lipskey	20.00
08 June 05	Carson (GCCM) and Joan Jackson	100.00
14 June 05	Allison and Eleanor Mitchell - In Memory of Agnes Hallyburton (PGM)	25.00
	Lyda F. Fisher - Donations in Honour of her retirement:	
	Larry and Vivian Ingham	20.00
	Nora Moxsom	25.00
	Arna and Murray Gardner	15.00
	Adrian and Belle Pearson	10.00
	Donnie and Karyn Grant	10.00
	In honour of Mary Lou Higgins (GCCM)	20.00
	In honour of Glenn Johnson (GCCM)	20.00
	In honour of Betty Ann Loughnan (G. Secretary)	20.00
15 June 05	Elizabeth Thompson(GCCM)-In lieu of gifts on Hon.Night	30.00
	In lieu of gifts to GCCM's - Gladys Hobson, Marion Robinson and Ralph Swinamer (Grand Gofer)	30.00
16 June 05	Mabel Haynes (G. Martha) In lieu of gifts for the Grand Family	50.00
	Jean and Roger Beckwith - In lieu of gifts on Hon. Nights	
60.00	Port Royal Chapter No 1 - Honour Night for G. Rep. and GCCM's Irene and Phil Beeler	30.00
	Joan and Fred Ross	20.00
	Carolyn and Arthur Phinney	20.00
	Carolyn Galley-Card	10.00
<u>Homecoming:</u>		
18 June 05	Irma and Vince Maxwell	25.00

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Keystone Chapter No. 5	200.00
Stella and Murray Trask	50.00
Gladys Hobson - In lieu of gifts to gifts to GCCM's	25.00
Tracey Hobson	100.00
Morley and Marion Robinson - In lieu of gifts for Grand Family and GCCM's	150.00
Cyril and Rowena Marsters - In lieu of gifts for Members	50.00
Margaret and Fred Clarke	50.00
Gail and Lloyd Cook - In lieu of gifts for Grand Family and GCCM's	75.00
Doreen Edgar - In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights 30.00	
Mayflower Chapter No. 2	100.00
Mildred Wagner - In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights and Installing Officers for Mystic Star Chapter	150.00
Mary and Ray Zinck	25.00
Mary Zinck (DDGM) Gifts received on Honour Night and Shirley Bezanson	115.00
The Fabulous Three - Marion Conrad, Millie Wagner and Clara Nieforth (collections of - cans, bottles, paper and Wake-A-Thon)	20.00
Mary Jane Smith	1500.00
Marion Conrad - Sale of Handcrafted Owl Pins	50.00
Cora MacKay	1100.00
Honouring - Georgie Dewey (Grand Representative) Lyda Fisher - 45 years as Secretary Grand Family 2004-2005	20.00
Carol Nielsen	70.00
Frank and Doris Cullen	
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson	50.00
Janet Hue	50.00
Kenneth and Betty Smith	10.00
Shirley Ann MacLean	50.00
Betty Ann Loughnan - In honour of Grand Family	50.00
Mary Lou Higgins	100.00
Jean B. Proffitt	25.00
Lorna G. Spencer	20.00
Bonnie Boutilier	75.00
Marves Mansfield	20.00
Julia Baker	10.00
Marion Conrad-In lieu of gifts to the Officers of Amethyst Chapter and on Honour Nights/Teas	10.00
Marilyn Lisk (G. Electa) - In honour of Grand Family	50.00
The Card Group - AKA The Gamblers: Marion Conrad, Helen Dauphinee, June Dauphinee, Ruth Todd,	250.00

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	Gail Fudge, Darlene Fudge-Richard, June Macdonald, Janet Merry, Betty & Ken Smith, Mary & Ray Zinck Shoreham Chapter No. 59 - Proceeds of recyclables (Ray Zinck)	50.00
	Joan Campbell	50.00
	Edith Conrod 20.00	
	Whitman and Joanne Giffin - In lieu of gifts on Installation: Iris and Jim Coolen, Mystic Star Chapter Lorna and Doug MacLeod, Shoreham Chapter Honour Nights/Teas: Stella Myra, Danny Campbell, Gail Cook, Morley Robinson, Annie Mae Backman, Mary Zinck, Betty Ann Loughnan, Marion Miller, John Patterson, Georgie Dewey, WGM and WGP	150.00
	Kenneth and Lucy Josey	20.00
20 June 05	Winna J. Smith - In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights and Installation of Port Royal Chapter Officers	50.00
21 June 05	Mary Hughes-Kelley - In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights George Hill, Richard and Mabel Haynes, Don Medicraft and Katherine Evans	50.00
22 June 05	Mary Jean Page-Honouring Gail Cook & Morley Robinson Don and Midge Medicraft - Honour of Gail Cook Carolyn and Arthur Phinney Dorothy Beals - Honour of George Hill Katharine Evans (GCCM) - Lieu of gifts on Honour Night George Hill, Don Medicraft, Mabel and Richard Haynes	10.00 5.00 100.00 20.00 30.00
23 June 05	Dorothy Powroz (G. Treas.) - In honour of Grand Family	100.00
25 June 05	Linda Townsend - In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights/Teas June Macdonald	50.00 100.00
29 June 05	Sheila and Jackie MacDonald George & Ruth Hill-In lieu of gifts on Hon. Nights/Teas Charles and Georgie Dewey Georgie Dewey - In lieu of gifts on Hon Nights (Gr. Reps.) Shoreham Chapter No. 59 - Proceeds of the Birthday Box WM Lorna MacLeod's Project	20.00 150.00 25.00 25.00 61.00
04 July 05	Ruby and James MacKenzie Marion and Edgar Miller Past Appointed Grand Officers	100.00 200.00 200.00
05 July 05	Ward and Joyce Cunningham Phillip and Jean Hubbard - Visitors from Maine John and Diane Patterson - Honour of WGM and WGP Honour of Grand Officers and DDGM's Honour of Associate Patrons Janet Merry	25.00 12.00 50.00 25.00 25.00 25.00

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	Edna MacVicar - In lieu of gifts on Honour Nights/Teas	50.00
	Violet and Alvin Blair	20.00
	Mabel & Richard Haynes - In lieu of gifts on Hon. Nights	20.00
	Bill and Carol Clark	50.00
	Marjorie Morgan (Ontario)	50.00
	WGM, WGP and Visitors from Massachusetts	35.00
	Grand Representatives Association	100.00
06 July 05	Grand Gofer, Ralph -Wooden Handles for grocery bags	60.00
	Port Royal Chapter No. 1	100.00
	Grand Pages (Worthy Matrons 2004 - 2005)	65.00
	Kathleen Stringer - Grand Representative in Missouri	10.00
07 July 05	Ralph Swinamer - More handle sales	40.00
	Interest accumulated	11.87

TOTAL

\$17,915.34

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2004-2005
BROTHER ALLAN R. CONRAD**

Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officer, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers. Thirty-three years ago I started my journey with the Eastern Star and here I am today saying good by to the most enjoyable journey of my life. To be able to serve this Grand Chapter as your Worthy Grand Patron was way beyond my wildest dream and I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Matron, it has been a pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter with you this year as your Worthy Grand Patron. We have had a lot of fun and laughs as we travelled around this Grand Jurisdiction. You have given me the opportunity to present 50-year jewels to several of our 50-year members and I have enjoyed going to their home to be able to do this when it was necessary. Another pleasure I had was to give Grand Representative Commissions to several of our members. It was a pleasure indeed to see the reaction of the members when they were brought to the East to receive their commission. These are just a few of the things I will never forget.

I was able to accompany you on all of your official visits and the warmth and friendship that we received from the Chapters was overwhelming. I was even lucky enough to have some one take me to Regent Chapter while you were visiting the Grand Chapter of Maine. However, I would have been there with you but my Doctor would not let me travel to another Country at that time. I think it had something to do with me taking a heart attack.

Another highlight this year for me was to be Worthy Grand Patron when my

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home Chapter celebrated their 50th anniversary. To my knowledge, I believe I am the first Worthy Grand Patron in this Jurisdiction to be in office at the same time as his Chapter is celebrating this great event and to be able to participate in presenting the 50-year jewels to his Chapter Sisters. It was a great celebration.

To our Grand Family, it was a great pleasure to have you travel with us when ever possible. Our friendship grew as we shared our visits together. It is my hope that the friendships we have made will last forever.

To Marion and John, my sincere wish for you is to have an enjoyable and great year. May all you visits be enjoyable and all your travels pleasant and that you receive as much love from the membership as we have. Gail and Ron, you have another year to work on your plans and from what I know from being with you this past year, you are well on your way. Annie Mae, you are just starting and who ever your partner will be, I know you will have a great year when your are Worthy Grand Matron. To the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, I would like to thank you sincerely for your generosity to our special project, The Dermatology Department, Resource Center of the Children's Hospital. It is a wonderful place for sick children as many of us here today can attest to. Just remember that the children of today are potential stars of tomorrow. Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for as such is the kingdom of Heaven.

Now comes the hard part of the report to be able to say how I feel about my own Chapter. The love and support you have given me over the last three years was more than I could imagine or ask for. It all started when I was elected as Grand Sentinel with the "Keep Allan Humble Committee" (K.A.H.C.) and the work you have done to make this the greatest year of my life, it is one I will never forget. Thank you for all you have done.

Now to my wife and family. To my family who never questioned where I was going or when I would be back but would ask on occasion when I would be home so they could get a good meal, now that is love.

To my wife, my secretary, my bookkeeper, my maid and the love of my life, you made this journey easy for me by all the things you did with out complaining and I know I asked you to do a lot. You were always there to keep me informed where I was to go and when, always had a clean white shirt for me. I didn't mean to put you under the stress when I took a heart attack, that was not in the plan but you brought me back to where I am today with your love and care. I know I can't show you how much your love means to me, it is just impossible.

This is a brief summary of My Year:

I attended all 46 official visits.

I was able to attend and was presented at the Grand Chapter of New

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Brunswick in July 2004.

Personally presented 5 - 50 year jewels and 8 Grand Representative Commissions

Attended along with the W.G.M. the Reception, installation and dinner of the Shrine

Attended The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as W.G.P.

Attended 40 and 50 year wedding anniversaries of our members and other special occasions that I knew were taking place.

During the month of June, attended many Chapter Installations and had the privilege of installing some of the officers.

Sent out numerous Thinking of You, Get Well, Congratulations and Sympathy cards to Sisters and Brother of our Grand Jurisdiction and other Jurisdictions.

Attended several Eastern Star Funeral Services and Church Services of our Sisters and Brothers who were called to the Grand Chapter above.

Amendments of By-Laws approved by me during the year were:

Crystal Chapter No. 1 - September 25, 2004. Amend Article II; Section A, regarding past Matron/Past Patron's Jewel.

Keystone Chapter No. 5 - October 25, 2004. Changing the amount of dues. **Britannia Chapter No. 18** - February 16, 2005. Bring By-laws up to date.

Dues **Century Chapter No. 10** - March 14, 2005. Changing the amount of

Ruth Chapter No. 57 - March 17, 2005. Meeting time change for D.D.G.M. and housekeeping changes.

Queens Chapter No. 34 - March 31, 2005. Change time of meeting for January, February and March to 2 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday, all other months at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday. Closed July and August.

Halifax Chapter No. 7 - May 4, 2005. Bringing By-laws up to date.

Worthy Grand Matron, thank you again for being able to share this year with you, may all your endeavours be happy and more than you can expect.

In closing, I would like to leave the Sisters and Brothers with this wish:

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish enough "Hello's" to get you through the final "Good-bye."

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Sisters and Brothers, I wish you ENOUGH!

Brother Allan, W.G.P. moved the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Sister Lucy Josey, P.M. (49) and carried.

DONATIONS

Grand Sentinel:

Evelyn & Murray Logan	10.00
Anna Horne	10.00
Marylyn Swinamer	25.00
Ken Conrod	10.00
Edith Conrod	
10.00	
Barbara & Weldon Bowser	10.00
George & Ruth Hill	10.00
Marjorie Conrod	In memory of Clyde Conrod
	10.00
June Macdonald	25.00
Ken & Betty Smith	10.00
Margie Allen	10.00
Allen & Cheryl Denton	20.00
Anna Horne	10.00
George & Nora Moxsom	20.00
Noreen & Howie MacInnes	10.00
Carol Little & Darlene Amirault	100.00

Associate Grand Patron:

Edith Conrod	
15.00	
Rose & Byran Campbell	10.00
Geraldine & Jim Taylor	10.00
Don & Barb Cooke	10.00
Mildred Denton	20.00
Ken & Betty Smith	10.00
Janet Merry	20.00
Cora MacKay	10.00
Allen & Cheryl Denton	20.00
Ralph & Marylyn Swinamer	25.00
Noreen & Howie MacInnes	10.00
Ken & Lucy Josey	20.00
Mary & George Crouch	10.00
Elsie Brinkschulte	10.00
June Macdonald	25.00
Anna Horne	25.00
Bonnie Boutilier	10.00

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Carol Little & Darlene Amirault		40.00
Tracey Hobson		10.00

Worthy Grand Patron:

Mae Chapter No. 38	Official visit	20.00
Cedar Chapter No. 3	Official visit	25.00
Maple Leaf Chapter #23	Official visit	75.00
Arbutus Chapter #30	Official visit	25.00
Grace Chapter #8	Official visit	50.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14	Official visit	100.00
Marilyn Lisk		70.00
Westville Chapter #24	Official visit	75.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	Official visit	25.00
Edna Harding	(recycling)	90.00
Faith Chapter #54	Official visit	10.00
Starlight Chapter #66	Official visit	20.00
Montague Chapter #69	Official visit	25.00
Phillip Hubbard WGP Maine		5.00
Shoreham Chapter #59	Official visit	25.00
George & Mary Crouch	Hon. Night - Maxine Horncastle	10.00
Harmony Chapter #25	Official visit	25.00
Atlantic Chapter #65	Official visit	50.00
Pearle Chapter #71	Official visit	10.00
Queen Esther Chapter #61	Official visit	50.00
Armcrest Chapter #45	Official visit	25.00
Thelma Low		20.00
Carol Little & Darlene Amirault		10.00
Elm Chapter #48	Official visit	25.00
Murray & Arna Gardner		20.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55	Official visit	25.00
Halifax Chapter #7	Official visit	25.00
Queens Chapter #34	Official visit	50.00
Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI)	Official visit	25.00
Century Chapter #10	Official visit	100.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	Official visit	50.00
Jean Parks	In memory of love ones	50.00
Beulah Lynch	In lieu of gifts - honour nights	25.00
Amethyst Chapter #28	Corsage	5.00
Mary Bigelow		50.00
Scotia Chapter No. 49	Official visit	100.00
Allen & Cheryl Denton		100.00
Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter #20		25.00
Laurel Chapter #67		20.00
Harry & Shirley Daine		20.00

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Mystic Star Chapter #40	Official visit	50.00
Past Matrons - Mystic Star Chapter #40	Official visit	10.00
Emerald Chapter #58	Official visit	50.00
Ruth Chapter #57	Official visit	50.00
Kwebec Chapter #27	Official visit	25.00
Edna Harding	(recycling)	90.00
Julia Baker	Ken & Betty Smith's 50th Anniversary	10.00
Marvis Mansfield	Ken & Betty Smith's 50th Anniversary	10.00
Mary Smith	In lieu of gifts to Past Matrons & Chartered Members	25.00
Edna Harding	(recycling)	60.00
Mary Smith	In lieu of gift - Janet Merry	15.00
Annie Drover		20.00
Ruth Donaldson		20.00
Gail Rafuse	In lieu of gift - Dan Campbell & Janet Merry	10.00
Linda McKay		25.00
George & Nora Moxsom	Honour night - Barbara Cooke	25.00
Ken & Lucy Josey	Honour night - Barbara Cooke	10.00
Marilyn Lisk	Honour night - Barbara Cooke	10.00
Mary Smith	Honour night - Mary Zinck	10.00
Edna Harding	(recycling)	50.00
Janet Merry	In lieu of gifts to GCCM	25.00
Charles & Anna Carr		35.00
Mary Smith	Honour night - Dorothy Powroz	15.00
Sylvia McCleave	Honour night - Shirley Conrad	25.00
Mary Smith	Honour night - Barb Cooke	10.00
Regent Chapter #52	Visit	35.00
Reg & Gladys MacRae		25.00
Mary Smith	Hon night-Morley Robinson & Clara Nieforth	25.00
Glenn & Irene Johnson		20.00
Bill & Hilda Allen		20.00
Colleen Eikelenboom	In lieu of gifts - GCCM	25.00
George & Nora Moxsom		100.00
Grace & Ron Boudreau	Grand Officers	50.00
Grace & Ron Boudreau	GCCM	25.00
Scotia Chapter	Visiting Ruths & GCCM	20.00
Dennis & Hattie Hagen	Grand Family	50.00
Dennis & Hattie Hagen	Special night gifts	47.00
Barb & Don Cooke	In lieu of flowers for Officers	25.00
Barb & Don Cooke	Hon. BBQ - Bro. Ken	10.00
Barb & Don Cooke	Hon. Night - Morley Robinson	10.00
Lucy & Ken Josey	In lieu of gifts to officers 2004/05	20.00

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Eleanor Tapper		25.00
Allison & Eleanor Mitchell	Homecoming & in mem. of Connie Carr	25.00
Mary Smith	Hon. Night - Shirley Conrad	15.00
Cora Mackay		20.00
Shoreham Chapter #59	Recyclables	50.00
Card Playing Group		250.00
Shirley MacLean	Hon. Nights - Gr. Representatives & GCCM	50.00
Ken & Lucy Josey		20.00
Scotia Chapter #49		700.00
Tracey Hobson		20.00
Inez Daye		10.00
Edith Conrod		20.00
Lorna Spencer		75.00
Betty Ann Loughnan	In Hon. of Chapter Secretaries	50.00
Marion & Morley Robinson	GCCM	100.00
Mary Lou Higgins		25.00
Joan Campbell		50.00
Janet Hue		10.00
Doris & Frank Cullen		50.00
Carol Nielsen		
Betty & Ken Smith	Mildred Denton & Noreen MacInnis	25.00
Betty & Ken Smith	40th Anniversary - Harry & Shirley Daine	25.00
Stella & Murray Trask		50.00
Adrian & Bell Pearson		25.00
Marilyn Lisk		100.00
Dave & Gladys Hobson	In lieu of gifts for Honour nights	25.00
Darlene Amirault & Carol Little		100.00
Mary & Ray Zinck		25.00
Sale of tickets on picture		600.00
Gail Cook	In lieu of gifts to Gr. Officers, DDGM & GCCM	75.00
Barbara & George Myles		20.00
Danny Campbell		60.00
Mary Smith	Honour of Jacob Hillier	25.00
Dorothy Powroz	Memory of Hilda Powroz	50.00
Barb Bowser		25.00
June Macdonald		100.00
Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI)	Bro. Arnold Burhoe & Bro. Zeke Eaton	60.00
Marilyn Lisk	Honour night - Shirley Conrad	10.00
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts		40.46
Alvin & Vi Blair		20.00
Bill & Carol Clark		50.00
Mary & George Crouch		50.00

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PAGO's Association		200.00
Grand Representatives Association of NS & PEI		100.00
Annie Mae Backman	Grand Family	100.00
Owen & Rita Baker		50.00
Phil & Jean Hubbard		5.00
Ken & Lucy Josey	Hon. Night - Sis. Shirley	10.00
Margaret & Fred Clarke		25.00
Allan & Shirley Conrad	Honour nights - Grand Family, DDGM & GCCM	100.00
Mel & Arlene Antle		100.00
Diane Hayman and	} 40th Anniversary-Karen & Lloyd MacLean	150.00
Janet Johnson	} 50th Anniversary - Evelyn PGM & Marshall Thompson	150.00
	} - Betty Ken PGP Smith	
	} - Eleanor PGM & Al PGP Mitchell	
	} - Evelyn PM & Walter PP Blair	
	} 60th Anniversary - Dave (PGP) & Ruth (PGM) Waterbury	
	} - June (PM) & Cyril (PGP) Macintosh	
	} 25th Anniversary - Pat & Kevin Duggan	
	} 80 th Birthdays - Frances Thompson PM	
	} - Atwood Johnson	
	} 90 th Birthday - Isobel White PM	
	} 95 th Birthday - Muriel Partington	
	} Honour of Edna Harding GGCCM	
	} William Clark, GGCCM	
	} Cheryl Denton, GGCCM	
	} Ken Josey, Gr. Chaplain	
	} Lyda Fisher, PM	
	} In memory of Annie Brown	
	} Chris Clark, Charles Roddick	
	} Bernard Hayman, Mary Daley	
	} Ozzie Myers, Guy Boutilier, PP	
	} Charlotte Boomer, PM; Carr Graham, GCCCM	
	} Noreen McInnis, PM; Charles Morris	
	} Douglas Beck; Catherine Brown	
	} Margaret Warrington Fraser; Andy Gammell	
	} Joe Kinsman; Robert McCleave	
	} Theodore MacLeod; Margaret Fisher, PM	
	} Raymond O'Brien; Ron Dickinson	
	} Viola MacCulloch; John Dryden	
	} John Munro; Eileen Oakley	
	} Mildred Denton, PGM; Roy Hale PP	
	} Wilma Eagles; Bernadette Nicolaii	

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	}	Mildred Gordon	
Scotia Chapter #49		Miscellaneous projects	257.26
Interest			4.81
		TOTAL	\$7,799.53

Following the Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, the Grand Choir sang “*May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You*”.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2005

The Jurisprudence Committee: Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52) Chairman, Brother Cyril MacIntosh, P.G.P. (21) and Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67).

Before presenting their report, Brother Reg MacRae pointed out that according to the CL&R, Article 7 of the Laws and Regulations, No. 5, Business of Grand Chapter, “the Roberts Rules of Order are to be followed.”

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

Notice of Motion No.1 to be presented by Sister Diane Hayman P.G.M. (24) concerning District Deputy Grand Matrons.

This Motion is in order.

Notice of Motion No.2. To be presented by Brother Ken Smith P.G.P. (27) concerning Grand Chapter Standing Committees.

This Motion is in order.

Notice of Motion No.3: to be presented by Brother Ken Smith P.G.P. (27) concerning Grand Chapter Committees and their duties.

This Motion in order to work properly, will have to have an Amendment.

Notice of Motion No.4. To be presented by Brother Reginald MacRae P.G.P. (52) concerning Duties of Grand Chapter Officers.

This Motion is in order.

Notice of Motion No.5 to be presented by Sister Evelyn Aulenback P.M. (34) concerning Dress Code:

This Motion is not complete. This Motion does not specify any place in the Constitution Laws and Regulations or Book of instruction for it to be placed. Therefore this Motion is not in order as presented.

Notice of Motion No.6: to be presented by Sister Barbara Myles P.M. (7) concerning presentation of Fifty (50) year Jewels:

This Motion is in order.

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A motion was made by Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. and seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. that this report be adopted. The motion was carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the “Valley of Constance, Faith and Hope” Grand Chapter Session, July 2005:

1. NOTICE OF MOTION:

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.

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

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. moved, seconded by Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. that this motion be accepted.

After some discussion, Brother Reg MacRae **declared this motion out of order.**

2. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I will move or cause to be moved that Article 9, Committees, page 5, Paragraph one (1) of the Constitution be deleted and replaced with: “1 The standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall be Jurisprudence, Finance, Membership, and Credentials and Registration.”

Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Brother Ken Smith, P.G.P. moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. and **the motion was carried.**

3. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I will move or cause to be moved at the Grand Chapter Session in July 2005 the following notice of motion to the Grand Chapter Laws and Regulations, Article 3, Grand Chapter Committees and their duties.

Page 26 Delete Section 6 and replace with:

“6 The standing Committees: Jurisprudence, Finance, Credentials and Regulations shall consist of three members, one member to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron at each annual session for a period of three years. The standing committee on Membership shall consist of six members, two members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron at each annual session for a period of

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three years. The senior member in point of service shall be the Chairperson."

Page 28 Add new paragraph after section 10 on Finance:

"Membership

The Membership Committee shall assist our subordinate chapters in ways of increasing their membership. When requested, speak at chapter meetings on membership and ways of keeping current members active."

Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Brother Ken Smith, P.G.P. moved, seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. that this motion be accepted.

Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. moved an amendment to this motion as follows: No. 1: change the word "regulations" to "registration" and No. 2: "That the standing committee on Membership shall consist of nine members, three members to be appointed..." This was seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.

An amendment to the amendment was moved by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. and seconded by Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. that "the Chairman be elected by the Committee each year".

The amendment on the amendment was voted on and carried.

The amendment was voted on and carried.

The original motion which now included all the amendments was voted on and carried.

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter: Article 3 - Grand Chapter Committees and their Duties: Page 26 NOW READS:

"6. The Standing Committees: Jurisprudence, Finance, Credentials and Registration shall consist of three members, one member to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron at each annual session for a period of three years. The Standing Committee on Membership shall consist of nine members, three members to be appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron at each annual session for a period of three years. The Chairman to be elected by the Committee each year."

Page 28: New paragraph after Section 10 on Finance:

Membership

"The Membership Committee shall assist our Subordinate Chapters in ways of increasing their membership. When requested, speak at Chapter meetings on membership and ways of keeping current members active.

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4. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the 58th annual session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held on July 4,5,6, 2005, I, Reginald MacRae, P.G.P., Regent Chapter #52 will move or cause to be moved the following amendment to the Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter under Duties of Officers article 2, paragraph 27, page 6: after Her Report add the words "**in writing**". Paragraph 27 will then read, "submit to the Grand Secretary by Sept. 1st her Official Report in writing and any other information she wishes to have published in the proceedings."

Rationale: Grand Chapter tapes the Session from the Grand Secretary's desk These are not always audible and are not relied on as an official record. The written Report is the only official record.

Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52)

This motion was moved for acceptance by Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. and seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. and **the motion was carried.**

5. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the 58th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in Greenwich, N.S., on July 4,5, & 6, 2005, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

WHEREAS: There seems to be no written law or regulation regarding a dress code for Sisters and Brothers in this Grand Jurisdiction, and,

WHEREAS: Slacks and dress pants seem to have become accepted attire for ladies in all walks of life and in all places, including church, and open shirt collars, dress pants and sport jackets have become accepted attire for the gentlemen in all walks of life and in all places,
I therefore move the following:

BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That Sisters, who are not filling an officer's station during an Eastern Star meeting, be allowed to wear dress pants, or a dress pant suit to Chapter meetings, if they so wish. NO JEANS, CUT-OFFS, SHORTS or other beach or casual attire will be acceptable.
- 2) That Brothers, who are not filling an officer's station during an Eastern Star meeting, be allowed to wear dress pants and open-collar shirts, if they so desire.
- 3) Dress for Sisters and Brothers who are serving officers in a Chapter, shall be at the discretion of their Worthy Matron, but long gowns for the Sisters and tuxedos or dark suits for the Brothers is desirable.

RATIONALE: Our membership is getting older and many of the Sisters wear slacks or dress pants most of the time for comfort and warmth, especially during the cooler months of the year. The brothers seem to mind the heat, especially in the warm months (or when the Chapter room furnace has been turned up to

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND accommodate the freezing Sisters). Many of our younger Sisters have never worn, much less own, a dress whether it be long or short, and many of our younger brothers don't own a suit, much less a tux. And this fact may be a deterrent to anyone wishing to become a member. Also, if it is acceptable for the Brothers to wear "skirts" to Chapter meetings, it should also be acceptable for the Sisters to wear pants.

Evelyn Aulenback, P.M. (34)

Sister Evelyn Aulenback withdrew this motion.

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the fifty-eighth annual session of our Grand Chapter "VALLEY OF CONSTANCY, FAITH AND HOPE" SESSION to be held in Greenwich, Nova Scotia on July 4,5& 6, 2005, I will move or cause to be moved that:

Article 30 (Fifty Years Jewels) LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS Page 25 be amended by inserting New Section Numbered 4(four) To Read:

If Worthy Grand Matrons accept fifty (50) year jewels that the jewels be presented in a timely manner, and if the jewels cannot be presented by the Worthy Grand Matron thirty(30) days after due date that the jewels should be turned over to the chapter for their presentation.

RATIONALE: Fifty year members are older, some in failing health and need to be presented a.s.a.p. (in Halifax Chapter #7 jewels were picked up by Worthy Grand Matron February 2004 and have not been presented. We had to get replacements from Grand Secretary).

Barbara Myles, P.M. (7)

This motion was moved by Sister Barbara Myles, P.M. and seconded by Brother Ken Smith, P.G.P. and **the motion was carried.**

REPORT OF CL&R REVIEW COMMITTEE

Sister June Whitman, P.M. (35), Chairman:

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

We are the members of your CL&R Review Committee -

June Whitman PM Chairman

Evelyn Aulenback PM

Winna Smith PM

Ward Cunningham PGP

We held six full-day meetings during the year, starting last September. Upon

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examining the book we identified several short-comings which included these three:

1. Too confusing when looking for a specific item
2. Too many page numbers the same
3. Wording in places is cumbersome

On the basis of these and other concerns it was our decision to reduce the book from five sections to three sections, the first section to be the Constitution. The second section would contain the Laws, Regulations and Instructions for Grand Chapter and would have an index. The third and last section would be the Laws, Regulations and Instructions for the Subordinate Chapters also with an index.

The first section, the Constitution, will remain as it.

Our decision to merge the Laws and Regulations with the Instructions was made on the assumption that because one stipulated what must be done, and the other directed how to do it, they should be together in one place.

The Laws and Regulations have been put at the top of the page. The Instructions follow. The first page of the Constitution is page number one, and pages continue numerically until the end of the book. This eliminates pages with the same numbers.

With an index covering the section for Grand Chapter, and an index covering the Subordinate Chapters, the book should be "user friendly". For example, "Balloting". Look in the index under 'balloting', turn to the correct page and there you will find the Laws and Regulations in the first part of the Article, followed by the Instructions in the second part of the Article. Everything in one place, and in one place only.

The format of the CL&R as we propose will be completely changed, but the contents will remain basically the same. Instructions have been reworded for clarity.

We have worked diligently on the Subordinate Chapters section, and have begun work on the Grand Chapter section. It is our suggestion that the work of the CL&R Review Committee be continued.

On behalf of the chairman and other committee members, I wish to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for the privilege of serving on this committee.

We will be asking the members to adopt this report as read. It gives the details of changes we have proposed for the CL&R, but it does not give the re-wording of the book as we have written it.

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Sister June Whitman moved the adoption of this report as read. It was seconded by Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

Sister Marion Miller, A.G.M. asked this Committee to continue for another year. All members on the Committee agreed to do so.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

Twenty-four 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 Joyce Cunningham (5); Sister Barbara Myles (7); Sister Edna MacVicar (14); Sister Peg Lipskey (15); Sister Mary Ellen Bishop (21); Sister Anna Carr (1 PEI); Sister Isabelle Pearson (25); Sister Sheila MacDonald (26); Sister Beverly Caulier (27); Sister Dorothy Jewers (34); Sister June Whitman (35); Sister Mary Zinck (40); Sister Barbara Crosby (47); Sister Hazelann Sterling (50); Sister Marilyn Lisk (52); Sister Marion Tizard (57); Sister Doreen Edgar (58); Sister Mary Perry (59); Sister Edith Conrod (61); Sister Elizabeth Thompson (67); Sister Alena Buchanan (69); Sister Mary Jean Page (70); and Sister Jeanette Vreland, Chapter Secretary, New Jersey.

Sister Betty Ann: Sisters and Brother,
It is a great pleasure for me to have this opportunity to welcome the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries to this Grand Chapter Session.

To have so many of you present today is proof of your dedication and interest in this beautiful Order. I am happy to be associated with such a distinguished group.

<i>Friendship is the sunshine</i>	<i>Friendship is the pathway that</i>
<i>That turns the sky to gold.</i>	<i>Leads to dreams come true.</i>
<i>Friendship is the fragrance</i>	<i>For friendship is the blessing</i>
<i>A thousand blessings hold.</i>	<i>Of knowing folks like you.</i>

Welcome and may you enjoy this Grand Chapter Session.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, may your “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Session be all that you have hoped it would be.

The **response** was given by **Brother Donald Riswold**, Secretary (2), who thanked Sister Betty Ann on behalf of the Subordinate Chapter Secretaries for the warm and gracious welcome.

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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:

Another year has quickly come to a close and I have carried out the duties of the office of Grand Secretary to the best of my ability.

During the year our Grand Chapter was saddened by the loss of Past Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Denton. On another sad note, one of our older chapters, Maple Leaf Chapter No. 23 surrendered its Charter and our Grand Jurisdiction will also feel this loss.

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 2003 to 31 May 2004**

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2003:		2,793
No. of Members Initiated:	46	
No. of Members Affiliated:	38	
No. of Members Re-Instated:	<u>3</u>	<u>87</u>
TOTAL:		2,880
No. of Members Died:	98	
No. of Members Demitted:	79*	
No. of Members Suspended:	<u>20</u>	<u>197</u>
No. of Members as of 31 May 2004:		2,683
No. of Chartered Chapters:	47	
No. of Members paid full Per Capita:	2,683	
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation:	26	
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership:	35	

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* **Note:** 35 of this number are from Acadia Chapter No. 4:
Charter surrendered on June 9, 2003.

Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004:

<u>Name & Number</u>	<u>Init.</u>	<u>Affil</u> :	<u>Re- inst.</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Dem</u> <u>it</u>	<u>Susp</u> :	<u>No.</u> <u>members</u> <u>May</u> <u>31,2004</u>
Port Royal #1				2	1		32
Mayflower #2		2		2			56
Cedar #3	1		2	2	1		33
Acadia #4				35			0
Keystone #5	1			2		2	45
Halifax #7				2			50
Grace #8				1			46
Century #10	2			3			85
Cape Breton #12				1	30	1	0
Queen Elizabeth #14		6		6	1		57
Evangeline #15		3		4	2	1	98
Britannia #18	2			6			48
Victoria #19				2			95
Hon. Joseph Howe #20	3			1	2		60
Myrtle #21	2	1		4			77
Fairfield #22				2	2		49
Maple Leaf #23				2	1		47
Crystal #1 PEI	1	1		2	5		123
Westville #24		3		4		3	103
Harmony #25				4	4		81
Munro #26				5	1		62
Kwebec #27	9		1	1			80
Amethyst #28	1	2		3	1		72
Arbutus #30	1	1		2			50

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<u>Name & Number</u>	<u>Init.</u>	<u>Affil</u> :	<u>Re- inst.</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Dem it</u>	<u>Susp</u> :	<u>No. members May 31,2004</u>
Annaval #31	2	8		1			54
Queens #34				2			27
St. Mary's #35	2	1		1	2	1	54
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37				2			55
Mae #38	1			2			49
Cobequid #39				1			76
Mystic Star #40	1				1		52
Armcrest #45	5						62
Florence Fraser #47	1					5	43
Elm #48				2			55
Scotia #49				1	2		39
Sunrise #50				1	1		48
Regent #52				3	1		49
Faith #54				2			40
Elmsdale #55				4			43
Ruth #57		3		1	3		40
Emerald #58				4	1		53
Shoreham #59		3		1	4	2	41
Queen Esther #61	2	1		2		1	84
Atlantic #65		1		1	2		29
Starlight #66	2			2			34
Laurel #67	3	2		3	4	1	56
Montague #69	3			1		1	57
Crescent #70	1			2		2	49
Pearle #71				1	1	2	45

**DONATIONS TO CHARITIES
2004-2005**

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ESTARL
(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

From Chapters and Members:

Port Royal #1		40.00
	In memory of Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M.	25.00
	In memory of Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M and Sister Maxine Banham	50.00
Mayflower #2		50.00
Cedar #3		215.00
	Marian and Russell Durling in honour of Barbara Falkenham and Charles Paterson's wedding	25.00
Keystone #5		265.00
	In memory of Sis. Agnes Newell and Sis. Muriel Penkala	50.00
	In memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, P.G.M.	25.00
	Joyce and Ward Cunningham in memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, P.G.M.	10.00
	Dorothy Allan in memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	20.00
Halifax #7		50.00
	In memory of Sister Noreen MacInnis, P.M.	100.00
	In honour of Sister Elizabeth Mattson becoming a 60 year member	25.00
Grace #8		100.00
Century #10		170.00
	Myrna MacPherson in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	25.00
	Myrna MacPherson in honour of Sis. Georgie Dewey	15.00
	Myrna MacPherson in honour of Sis. Georgie Dewey	20.00
	Anne and Bill MacCulloch in memory of Gladys Jenkins	25.00
	John and Diane Patterson in memory of Sis. Noreen MacInnis	10.00
Queen Elizabeth #14		200.00
	In memory of Bro. George Halliday, Sis. Kay Ripley, Bro. D. Frank MacKay, Sis. Eugene Hennessey	100.00

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	John and Carole Newell in memory of:	
	Bro. George Halliday and Sis. Lilian Naas	50.00
	Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	25.00
	Sis. Alma Hoddinott	25.00
	Sis. Noreen MacInnis	25.00
	Vincent and Freda Ells in memory of:	
	Sis. Lilian Naas and Bro. George Halliday	40.00
	Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM and	
	Bro. Scott Macdonald	40.00
	Edna MacVicar in lieu of gifts on honour nights	40.00
Evangeline #15	In memory of Irene MacIvor	50.00
	In memory of Sis. Elsie Barkhouse	50.00
	In memory of Myrtle White and Elsie Barkhouse	100.00
	In memory of Bro. Fred Wooster	50.00
	In memory of Bro. Don MacKenzie	50.00
	Marie and Marshall Black in memory of:	
	Irene MacIvor, Myrtle White, Peg Harrison	75.00
	Vincent and Irma Maxwell in memory of	
	Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	20.00
	Phyllis Veinot, Nora Bishop, Hiltz Funeral Home	
	in memory of Bro. Fred Wooster	120.00
	White Family Funeral Home from:	
	Freeman and Mary Teal, Gail and Lloyd Cook	30.00
	David and Ruth Waterbury, Monty and Virginia Foor	
	in memory of Bro. Fred Wooster	55.39
	Patricia Banks	50.00
	David and Ruth Waterbury in memory of	
	Bro. Don MacKenzie	10.00
Britannia #18	Four memorials	140.00
	In lieu of bar to Worthy Patron (2003-04)	100.00
	Memorial	100.00
	In memory of Joan Cameron	35.00
	Memorials	70.00
Victoria #19		300.00
	In memory of Charlie Nicholson	10.00
	In memory of Doris MacLeod	10.00
	Effie Bain in memory of Charlie Nicholson	10.00
Hon. Jos. Howe #20		100.00
	Thelma Slade in memory of Scott Macdonald	20.00

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Myrtle #21		100.00
	In memory of Clarence Langille and Catherine Kennedy	50.00
	In memory of Sis. Jemima Smart	25.00
Fairfield #22		400.00
Maple Leaf #23		500.00
	Ken Josey, Grand Chaplain - gifts received at Honour BBQ	80.00
Crystal #1 PEI		600.00
	In memory of Mr. Reg Coles	10.00
Westville #24		500.00
	In memory of: Kathryn Taylor, Roy Hale, Ethel Wallace, John, P.P. and Harriett Moore, P.G.M., Connecticut from Mrs. Hattie Hall	170.00
	Chapter in lieu of gift to Diane Hayman and in memory of Bro. Lauchie Johnson, P.G.P.;	
	Frank & Doris Cullen in lieu of installation gifts	150.00
	In memory of Sis. Margaret Fisher	50.00
	In memory of Sis. Charlotte Boomer	50.00
	Refund from Sis. Marian Dickie	50.00
	Bill & Hilda Allen in hon. of Janet Johnson, DDGM	20.00
	Allister Thompson in hon. of Janet Johnson, DDGM	20.00
	Frank and Doris Cullen in honour of wedding of Barbara Falkenham and Charles Paterson	25.00
Harmony #25		100.00
	Adrian and Belle Pearson:	
	in memory of Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M.	20.00
	in hon. of Ken and Betty Smith's 50 th anniversary	20.00
Munro #26		185.00
	In honour of Sis. Adline Purves, PGM, 100 th birthday	100.00
	In mem. of Sis. Lois Johnston & Sis. Bessie Fowler	100.00
	Sheila & Jackie MacDonald:	
	in memory of Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M. and Bro. George Halliday	20.00
Kwebec #27		200.00
	In lieu of gifts to PM's & PP's on Chapter birthday	25.00
	In memory of Sister Ellen Daye, P.M.	50.00
	Past Matrons Club	25.00

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Amethyst #28		400.00
	Past Matrons Club	100.00
	Dorothy Powroz in mem.of Sis. Mildred Denton,PGM	25.00
Arbutus #30		50.00
	Cecil & Betty Dean in honour of Ron Boudreau, Grand Sentinel	10.00
Annaval #31		25.00
	Marie Smith in mem. of Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	5.00
Queens #34		50.00
	Dennis & Hattie Hagen in lieu of gifts to John Patterson, AGP & Ken Josey, Gr. Chaplain	20.00
St. Mary's #35		50.00
	In memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	25.00
	In memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM from:	
	Carolyn Crosby	20.00
	Stella Trask	50.00
	Sandra Denton	20.00
	Barbara and Earl Burtchette	50.00
	Kirk and June Whitman	20.00
	Jean and Roger Beckwith	10.00
	Vivian and Owen Irving	20.00
	Cheryl and Allen Denton in memory of:	
	Bro. Scott Macdonald	20.00
	Sis. Noreen MacInnis	25.00
Mae #38		50.00
	Norman & Janet Pentz Fund	300.00
Cobequid #39	In memory of Lilian Naas, Lena Singer, Kit Gorveatt, Jessie Rhyno	100.00
Mystic Star #40		100.00
	Rhoda Tupper: gifts received on honour night	30.00
	In memory of Sis. Ethel Kennedy	25.00
	In memory of Bro. Vincent Richardson	25.00
	Mary and Ray Zinck in mem. of Sis. Mildred Denton	10.00
	Jean Slauenwhite in memory of Sis. Ethel Kennedy	100.00
	Edmund & Dorothy Dorey in memory of Sis. Ethel Kennedy	25.00
	Janet Menzies in memory of Sis. Ethel Kennedy	10.00

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	Audrey Christie in memory of Sis. Ethel Kennedy	20.00
	Betty Ann Loughnan in honour of Sis. Annie Drover	10.00
	Betty Ann Loughnan and Helen Dauphinee: in memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	25.00
	in memory of Sis. Ethel Kennedy	20.00
Armcrest #45	In memory of Mary Hinde and Margaret Coleman	50.00
	Frances Covey in memory of Mary Hinde	15.00
	Thelma Low in memory of Mary Hinde	20.00
Florence Fraser #47		50.00
Elm #48		300.00
	Cora MacKay in memory of Alice MacKay	10.00
	Elsie Gamble in memory of Alice MacKay	5.00
Scotia #49		100.00
	Geraldine MacFarlane & Jim Taylor - gift to Retiring WM & WP (Shirley & Allan Conrad)	20.00
Sunrise #50		100.00
Regent #52		200.00
	Birthday Box	104.80
	WM's Sp. Project & Birthday & Anniversary Box	221.46
	In memory of Lottie McFadden	125.00
	In lieu of gift for Sis. Marylyn Swinamer, WGM	50.00
	Elva Shewchuk in memory of Sis. Mildred Denton	20.00
	In honour of Sister Marilyn Lisk, Grand Electa:	
	Allen and Cheryl Denton	25.00
	Wendell and Marjorie Dawson	25.00
	Doris Paynter	10.00
	Fran Harding	10.00
	Inez Daye	10.00
	Evelyn and Marshall Thompson	20.00
	Charles and Anna Carr	10.00
	Audrey Farquharson	10.00
	Jean B. Profitt	20.00
	Marjorie Somers	10.00
	Charles and Judy Graves	10.00
	Kaye and Fergie Ferguson	10.00
	Elva Shewchuk	10.00
	Jean and Layton Profitt	
10.00	Marian MacDonald	10.00

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	Ron and Grace Boudreau	10.00
	Carl and Norma Thompson	20.00
	Jane Wooldridge	5.00
Faith #54	Edna Harding from Special Project	50.00
Elmsdale #55		100.00
	In memory of Sis. Mary Hinde	25.00
	In memory of Sis. Lois MacPhee	35.00
	Past Matrons	100.00
	Jim and Florence Boughen in memory of Sis. Mary Hinde and Sis. Lois MacPhee	50.00
	Barbara Falkenham Paterson	75.00
Ruth #57		200.00
	In memory of Earle Burgess	10.00
	Frances Johnsen in mem. of her brother, Earle Burgess	40.00
Emerald #58		200.00
	Reta Palmer in memory of Bill Palmer	50.00
Shoreham #59	In memory of Sister Doris Naugler and Sister Olive Webber	50.00
	In memory of Sister Ethel Kennedy and Brother Vincent Richardson	25.00
	In memory of Brother Garnet (Joe) Porter	25.00
	In memory of Sister Mildred Denton, PGM	50.00
	Ruth and David Waterbury in memory of: Sis. Doris Naugler and Sis. Olive Webber	20.00
	Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	15.00
	Bro. Garnet Porter and Bro. Douglas MacLeod	35.00
	Greta Baltzer in honour of Sis. Elizabeth Mattson's 60 years in OES	15.00
Queen Esther #61		200.00
	In memory of Sister Connie Carr	50.00
	Eleanor and Allison Mitchell in memory of Sister Mildred Denton, PGM	25.00
	Bonne Boutilier in honour of Ken Josey, Gr. Chaplain	10.00
Atlantic #65		50.00
	Barbara Ferguson in memory of Sis. Olive Mingo and in honour of Bro. Lloyd Brown	30.00
Starlight #66		70.00

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Laurel #67		200.00
	In memory of the Veterans	35.00
	In memory of Sis. Ethel Patterson	30.00
	In memory of Sis. Frances Thorburn	30.00
	In memory of Bro. Arthur Holmsdale	30.00
	Jean Foster to commemorate 60 years as a member	25.00
	Jeanette Durnnian in lieu of gifts to Gail Cook and Tracey Hobson	10.00
	Gail & Lloyd Cook in mem. of Sis. Mildred Denton	20.00
Montague #69		100.00
	In honour of Marilyn Lisk, Grand Electa	25.00
	Fred & Marjorie Aitken in honour of Chapter's 40 th Birthday	25.00
Crescent #70		50.00
Pearle #71		150.00
	Raymond & Eleanor Freeman in memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	25.00
	Velda & Ronnie Forrest in memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	10.00
	Rhonda, Kenny & Stewart Fader in memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	15.00

Other Donations to ESTARL:

District ESTARL Church Services:	District #1	
200.25	District #2	
218.00	District #3	
158.00	District #4	
250.00	District #5	
115.00	District #6	
373.00	District #7 (P.E.I.)	349.00
	District #7 (N.S.)	160.00

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Grand Chapter:	In memory of: Bro. Ted Miller, PGP, Bro. Neil Archibald, PGP, Sis. Mildred Denton, PGM	150.00
Past Grands Club:	In honour of Cyril & June MacIntosh's 60 th wedding anniversary	25.00
	In honour of Ken and Betty Smith's 50 th Wedding anniversary	25.00
	In memory of Sis. Mildred Denton, P.G.M.	25.00
	In honour of David & Ruth Waterbury's 60 th Wedding Anniversary	25.00
	In remembrance of Eleanor Mitchell on her recent illness	10.00
Sister Marjorie Morgan, PGM, Ontario		40.00
Sister Judith Fenner, PGM, Massachusetts		14.31
Joe, Cathy Larade and Family in memory of Sis. Lilian Naas		20.00
Annie Parker in memory of Sis. Mary Hinde		25.00
In memory of Sister Ethel Kennedy:		
	Sheila and Keith Innes	10.00
	Gwen Christie	50.00
	Wayne and Maxine Boutilier	50.00
	Faye and Wallace Walker and Family	200.00
Gwen Christie in memory of Bro. Vincent Richardson		10.00

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM SOCIETY

Keystone #5	15.00	St. Mary's #35	10.00
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CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

Keystone #5	15.00	Annavaal #31	25.00
Queen Elizabeth #14	100.00	St. Mary's #35	25.00
Myrtle #21	50.00		

CRAFTS & TREASURES COMMITTEE

Laurel #67	100.00	Sales at Grand Chapter	993.30
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HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION

Annavaal #31	25.00	St. Mary's #35	25.00
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	INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND
Victoria #19	200.00
	KIDNEY FOUNDATION
Annaval #31	25.00
	MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
Keystone #5	15.00
	NOVA SCOTIA LUNG ASSOCIATION
Keystone #5	15.00
	SHRINER'S CHILDREN'S TRAVEL FUND
	SPECIAL PROJECT OF 2003-2004
Regent #52	50.00

**IN APPRECIATION
GRAND SECRETARY**

Sister Betty Ann:

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

At this time I wish to extend my sincere thanks for the friendship and encouragement shown to me this past year by the members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

To Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer: It is a pleasure working with you and I look forward to another good year - now that you are a "pro" with the accounting program.

To the Chapter Secretaries: I thank you for all your courtesies to me - all your notes, phone calls and e-mails are greatly appreciated. Secretaries are the backbone of a Chapter - very little goes on that the Secretary doesn't know about. Keep up the good work. To those Secretaries who have retired - thank you for your many years of service. To the new Secretaries - I hope you will enjoy your office and I look forward to working with you.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure being part of your Grand Family. I am sure this past year will provide you with many happy memories.

Thank you, Sisters and Brothers.

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded

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by Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59) and carried.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

Ten Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented and welcomed by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28), Grand Treasurer: Sister Evelyn Blair (3); Brother Ward Cunningham (5); Sister Goldie Chisholm (21); Sister Elinor Sanford (22); Sister Kathleen Boutilier (23); Sister Evelyn Aulenback (34); Brother Kirk Whitman (35); Sister Doris Hillier (58); Brother Lewis Smith (66); Sister Jeanette Durnnian (67).

Sister Dorothy: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: It is such an honour and privilege for me to welcome each of you to our Grand Chapter session. It gives me an opportunity to say thank you for your dedication to your Chapters and to this Order and to say thank you for support this past year. This year I thought I'd share with you how I made money for Grand Chapter this year: ***How the Grand Treasurer Makes Money***

*Betty Ann gave me a dollar bill
To deposit when the books were done
So I swapped it for two shiny quarters
'Cause everyone knows two is more than one.*

*Then I took the quarters
And traded them with you
For three dimes, I guess you didn't know
Three is more than two!*

*And then along came Brother Allan
And as quick as quick can be
He gave me four nickels for my dimes
And I know Four is more than three!*

*And then came Sister Marylyn,
Knocking at my door
And gave me Five pennies for them
And Five is more than Four!
So back I went to show Betty Ann,
And she got red in the cheeks
And closed her eyes and shook her head
Too proud of me to speak!*

Sisters and Brothers, I sincerely hope you enjoy the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session and can share some stories with me over the next few days of how you make money! God Bless each of you for your dedication to this Order.

The **response** was given by **Sister Jeanette Durnnian**, Treasurer (67):

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On behalf of the Treasurers of the Subordinate Chapters, I would like to thank you, Grand Treasurer, for the gracious welcome extended to us.
A very special thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the honour given to Laurel Chapter No. 67 and to me in responding to this welcome.

We wish you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all your Grand Family a successful "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" session.

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:

It is so hard to believe how quickly this year has sped by and how busy it has been. I firstly want to thank the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for their support and understanding this year when I was unable to travel many roads with them. They always kept me up to date and welcomed me with love whenever I landed. I also want to thank the Grand Family for their e-mails keeping me up to date and their smiles and understanding when I did get to see them.

It would also be very remiss of me not to mention our Grand Secretary who, in case you didn't know is my "grand" secretary. If it weren't for Betty Ann I wouldn't be where I'm supposed to be with the tickets I need to have, in the clothes I'm supposed to wear. Betty Ann, you truly are the sister I never had and I thank you for your friendship, your support, your wisdom and for looking after me.

On a personal note, I want to thank from the bottom of my heart all the Sisters and Brothers in this Grand Jurisdiction who supported me both monetarily and spiritually by donating so generously to The Arthritis Society. I completed the Las Vegas Marathon with the Joints in Motion Team on Sunday, January 30, 2005 and I have to tell you the last two miles were the worst. So I started thinking about all of you and the notes of encouragement you sent and it made putting one foot in front of the other much easier. So when I crossed that finish line I yelled a big thank you to all of you. The members of this Grand Jurisdiction donated \$3,028 to The Arthritis Society and through other fund raisers and support the total I raised was \$9279.02. So, I thought I'd let you know I've once again lost my mind and am starting to train for my next marathon which is in January. If anyone would like to walk with me, let me know or if you'd like to make a donation I won't say no. Thank you my friends.

With regards to the Financial Statements for the year ending May 31, 2005 I

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would like to thank Brother Carson Jackson for finding our auditor, Mr. David Towers. He was wonderful to work with and given the short time he had to prepare the statements did a thorough and professional audit.

A few comments on our finances:

With regards to the Funds invested for ESTARL you will notice a decrease of \$1000 from 2004. This was due to a bank error on the part of the Royal Bank who redeemed this GIC prior to maturity without notification. This has been corrected and will reflect in our investments on next year's financial statements.

You will also note a deficit in revenue over expenses of \$4,519 due mainly to the increase in per capita assessment paid to the General Grand Chapter thus supporting the increase in per capita approved by this Grand Chapter at our last session. This income will not reflect until the year end statements for 2006 as the increase was not effective until June 1. 2005.

We have endeavoured to be as frugal as possible in the past year given increases in everything from postage, printing and paper. The Grand Secretary often hand delivers as much mail as she can to save postage. I managed to have our banking fees waived for a year and ensure this Grand Chapter gets the best possible rates on investments, as well as on the funds in the accounts of Grand Chapter.

I submit the financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2005 as distributed to the membership during registration and move that they be adopted.

Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28) seconded the motion and it was carried.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2005

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NOTICE TO READER

I have compiled the balance sheet of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as at May 31, 2005 and the statements of Operations and Net Equity, and Cash Flows for the year then ended from information provided by management. I have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information. Readers

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2005**

1. Description of Business

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined based on specific items.

Investments

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

Capital Assets

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

Office Equipment - 5 years
Jewels and Regalia - 20 years

Revenue

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

Restricted Contributions

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

Contributed Materials and Services

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

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CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. A letter of regrets from **Sister Barbara White, Right Worthy Associate Conductress** who is unable to attend this session.
2. A thank you letter from **Sister Kathleen MacDonald, Past Grand Matron of California, and General Grand Chapter Committee Member** for the Honourary Membership she received in July , 2004.
3. **Regrets** were received from: **Sister Claretta Palmer, Past Grand Matron** who also sent best wishes for a successful Grand Chapter Session.

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 5, 2005

2:00 p.m. Grand Chapter was called to order and the Grand Officers resumed their stations. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter session from refreshment to labour.

MINUTES

The Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, read the minutes of the Tuesday morning session and moved that they be accepted as read. Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59) seconded the motion and it was carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Partial Report of the CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. (2), read the partial report of the Credential Committee as follows: **Members from this Jurisdiction: 357, Visitors: 310** for a **total of 667** in attendance. This report was moved for adoption by Brother Richard Coleman, seconded by Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. (1 PEI) and carried.

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

(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

Prior to the ESTARL report, Sister Barbara Paterson asked all members

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who have served on this committee to stand. There were eight (8) present and she commended them on for their service on this committee over the years.

Sister Barbara Paterson, Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, and all members of this Grand Jurisdiction:

When we recognize our Committee Members - we acknowledge the 'job' they have to do, but when you have a definite passion in the purpose of that committee - it is more a privilege ...than a job. My fellow committee members are: Rev. Charles MacPherson (unable to be here due to a death in the family); Sister Phyllis Munroe; Sister Barbara Nicholson and Sister Marion Robinson.

I will always be grateful to Sister Joan Campbell and Brother John Newell for choosing me to challenge these duties.

The interest I witnessed from our Chapter members in our current students, as well as in the clergy of their own churches who have been former recipients, is the seed for this project, and therefore we were able this year to grant 20 full-time awards @ \$1,000 each, and 1 part-time @ \$500. (1 later returned).

As the time of our meeting was approaching, and we knew the value of our funds to issue - the number of applications was low - so applications were made available at A.S.T and Acadia offices, and we appreciate their cooperation. The report of the year's activity has been sent to each of our subordinate chapters. One fact worth noting is that at the church service in Amherst, they included their student's picture (Devin Johnstone) on their bulletin.

My particular dream this year was to invite former recipients to our ESTARL church service. My intent was to let them know: we wanted to support them financially when they were studying, but that we still have an interest as they follow through in their individual, chosen paths. The response was tingling - It was wonderful to have several with us on Sunday, and I have also had some wonderful regrets. The printed emails will remain in the file, there were many by phone as well. One touching remark was: He was delighted to know that the project still continues 35 years since he'd received his, and wanted an address to support the cause. Many said to invite them again the next time. They all expressed thankfulness, and send wishes of peace for our sessions. I also wanted to give a face of the Order of the Eastern Star to those clergy, and a reality of these recipients to our members.

I am thankful that I have had an extra year on this committee to pursue this dream.

HE and I have put this report together; I have tried to condense. HE had a lot to be said.

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Sister Barbara Paterson moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. and the motion was carried.

Awards listed by University

Atlantic School of Theology:

Helene Burns	James Kennedy	Aaran Thorpe
Gloria Churchill	Meggin King	Katherine Vaux Aven
Trevor Finney	Brenda Novack	Mary van DeValk
Anna Hoeg		

Acadia Divinity College:

Troy Coldwell	Barbara Durling	David Hopper
Colin Cook	Darryl Dykens	Jennifer Riley
Virginia DeAdder	_____	

Queen's College:

Briercrest Bible:

Cathy Laskey _____ Andrew Gentile

Trinity Theological Seminary:

Atlantic Conservatory of Music:

Devin Johnstone _____ Elizabeth Earle

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REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

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

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

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity to address my Sisters and Brothers. It is nice to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron visit our Grand Chapter, especially when we have the reception for Our Grand Chapter Members. It is most pleasing to have so many of the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members with us. Sister Margaret, P.G.M., and I had the privilege to have about 70 visitors to be with us to go to a dinner at the World Trade Centre in Halifax and then to attend our world famous

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show, the Nova Scotia Tattoo. I hope they enjoyed themselves. We were thrilled to have so many who wanted to attend. We had visitors from all over the United States and a few from our Western Province (Alberta).

I have had the pleasure to visit a number of chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction. The last couple of years have been very busy. I had the privilege to serve the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as their Grand High Priest during that time as well as an Officer of other Concordant bodies of Masonry. I even made two visits in one year to Crystal Chapter, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, the home Chapter of our Associate Grand Matron. I wish you, Sister Marion and Brother John, a very productive year and may you be rewarded by the love and affection of all members.

Sister Margaret and I had the opportunity to spend a couple of months in the Great State of Texas, in San Antonio, where Sister Rennie Ofon, Right Worthy Grand Conductress lives. We visited a number of Chapters around San Antonio and Corpus Christie. We went to a few Schools of the Worthy Grand Matron and learned that there is another way to do schools of instruction. The highlight of the visit was to go to El Paso and participate in a Shrine Sunrise service on Easter Sunday Morning. The Shrine Temple was on the side of a mountain. The sun came up over the horizon from the east, over a vast flat land and it got bigger every moment, a beautiful sunrise event. The night before we had watched the full moon come up over the same horizon. The best part of the trip was to work with Sister Rennie doing an initiation at Farmers Branch Chapter #687, Dallas, Texas. The offices of Associate Patron and Associate Matron were filled by the Worthy Grand Patron of Texas and his wife, Grand Esther; Sister Margaret, P.G.M. the office of Electa; Sister Rennie R.W.G.C. as Worthy Matron and I as Worthy Patron. The other offices were filled by the regular officers of the Chapter. We did the complete ceremony of initiation including the long lecture from the west and I did the scriptures. We had two young ladies as Candidates and they were wide eyed and amazed by all of this work being done by memory. In our remarks we explained some of the things about the Eastern Star Order. Some of their own members had never heard the scriptures done by memory or the complete lecture from the west, also given by memory in a very impressive manner by the Worthy Grand Patron. They could even understand a very fast talking Easterner. Guess I do go slower when I do ritual. We had a great time and it was fun to work with Sister Rennie. The members appreciated seeing this cast doing the work for them. It brought us into a closer relationship with them. The Eastern Star Ritual, as it was always intended to do, teaches the lessons of life, the importance of honour and integrity, of being a person on whom others can rely, of being trustworthy, of realizing you have a spiritual as well as a physical nature, of the importance of self control, of knowing how to love and be loved, of knowing how to keep confidential what others tell you so they can open up without fear. In short the ritual teaches us to reach for a higher standard in conducting our lives. I hope those things came through to the new members as

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well as the regular members.

The two months gave Rennie and I a chance to get to know each other a little better. We had worked for the General Grand Chapter for six years together as trustees. It was a chance to make some preliminary plans for the future. It was very nice to be so well received by everyone in the Grand Chapter of Texas and I thank them for their friendship and support. Time is going quickly, it has never gone so fast. We had a chance to tour the Convention Center in Fort Worth a while ago and were very impressed with the facilities. There is a new 600 room Omni Hotel being built just across the street from the Convention center. Guess where the Headquarters Hotel will be?

I want to thank the Grand Chapter for holding a reception for the General Grand Chapter Committee Members and me. This was great and I thank the organizing Committee for their hard work. I thank the Grand Chapter for the monetary donation. I want to thank the members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edwards Island for their support and encouragement.

That support does not stop today or tomorrow but through to installation in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 2009 and the Triennial Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas in November of the year 2012. Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction please remember no matter how little or how great your support, it is very important to me and I thank each and everyone of you. I read somewhere that never pay attention to critics as there has never been a statute erected to a critic. The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm. And remember that minds are like parachutes they only work when open.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron has a vision. Sisters and Brothers remember that vision without action is a daydream; action without vision is a nightmare. It is great to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron and a number of their Officers with us. We hope you enjoyed your stay in the most beautiful place in the world, and had a bit of fun and fellowship where the tide ebbs and flows twice in twenty-four hours. In this quiet corner of the earth where there is still time to love.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this opportunity and I hope that you may have a very productive and harmonious session. I wish the General Grand Chapter Officers safe travels and good health and happy and rewarding days. Sister Rennie it is so nice to have you here with us at our Grand Chapter again and we look forward to your return many, many times. We should learn the lesson - that we learn more by listening than by talking. Now I am going to listen and see what I can learn. Thank you.

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

Sister Edna Harding brought greetings on behalf of the members on the International Temple. They have been working hard 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 and she urged all members to purchase them. Sister Edna was pleased that she was able to send \$1,000.00 from the sale of pins in this Jurisdiction to the Temple. She thanked the members of this jurisdiction for their support in the past and looks forward to this support in the future.

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

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, I thank you for this opportunity to speak for a moment about the committee of which I am a part - the Registration Committee. As many of you know, my committee is regarded as a working committee and soon I will be getting instructions as to what my duties will be - recollections of past General Grand Chapters remind me of just how busy I could become - but what a wonderful experience ahead. There are ten (10) appointments to the Registration Committee and I am responsible for the Eastern half of Canada - Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is very nice to have present Brother Tom Benton, Past Grand Patron of Oklahoma, who is also on the Registration Committee. Thank you for attending our session, Brother Tom. We always love to have you visit.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Rasmusson and Most Worthy Grand

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Patron, Brother Loyal Stark - thank you sincerely 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 No. 35, Digby, Nova Scotia. I pray I will be able to carry out my duties to the best of my ability and to your satisfaction.

*May you walk the road of happiness
And be filled with joy everyday
May you have the time and have the will
To laugh a bit and pray;
May all your hopes and plans succeed
May All Your Dreams Come True;
All this and more is just a part
Of the joys of life I wish for you.*

I wish to congratulate Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel on his election - we are all very proud of you and the honour you bring to our Jurisdiction. Good Luck, Good Health and Happy Memories. Sister Edna Harding, General Grand Chapter Committee Member - International Temple and Brother Bill Clark, Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, congratulations on your appointments - you were well chosen and will serve our Jurisdiction well.

To the Hostess Chapters 2005 I say a very special thank you for the beautiful Banquet in our honour on Sunday evening. It was a wonderful evening and much appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and a very special thank you to all who attended.

I thank also the Chapters I have visited in this Jurisdiction 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 and Worthy Grand Patron, for this opportunity to make a few remarks. May all your hopes and dreams for this session be realized and may you be blessed with beautiful Eastern Star Memories.

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

Good afternoon Sisters and Brothers. By now you must be getting tired of hearing from me, I know I am. However, one of the responsibilities of a General Grand Chapter Committee Member in our Grand Chapter is to give a little

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information on what one has or will do.

Before doing so I would like to thank our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Pat and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal for appointing me to this position. Unfortunately I have not yet done the job to my satisfaction, but will endeavour to do so in the new Grand Chapter year.

Last year I assisted in the Vision Conference of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Sister Audrey Sypher, thank you for allowing me to take a part. I was supposed to assist at the one in Maine but while on our way home from Florida to Maine's Grand Chapter our daughter called to tell us she was about to have her twin boys. Needless to say after a quick stop at Brother Pete Forrest's home we drove straight to the IWK Hospital to be with our daughter, Tracey, her husband, Allan and our two new Grandsons.

As reported last year we will have a Vision Conference on August 20, 2005 at the Masonic Lodge in Truro. It will start at 9:00 AM and go to about 4:00PM including a light lunch. We would appreciate you spreading the word to your Chapters. This meeting is also listed on the Worthy Grand Matron's itinerary and will be posted on our Web Site.

I will also be meeting with the Worthy Grand Matron and her elected officers to work on a number of items that will be presented to you at our next Grand Chapter session or sooner.

Sisters and Brothers thank you for your attention.

**SISTER HELEN R. COX
PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON
and PAST GRAND MATRON OF GEORGIA**

Sister Helen R. Cox brought us greetings from her Grand Jurisdiction of Georgia. She stated what a joy it is for her to be in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island once again. She has truly enjoyed the session and is pleased to be in our beautiful Annapolis Valley. Sister Helen was impressed with the Worthy Grand Matron's motto: "Big smiles are always in style." She also expressed her pleasure at being in the jurisdiction of Brother Fred Clarke and said that she, too, came from a small jurisdiction. She told Brother Fred that love, support and loyalty will carry him through and she wished Brother Fred, Sister Margaret and Sister Rennie God's wishes for the future. Sister Helen enjoyed meeting new friends and seeing many old friends from this jurisdiction once more.

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Sister Helen announced that Sister Pat Rasmusson was one of her General Grand Chapter Officers. She asked that the General Grand Officers stand. Seven (7) stood and were given a hearty applause. She thanked Brother Loyal for his devotion and support to Sister Pat during their term of office in the General Grand Chapter.

Before Brother Loyal addressed the members the Grand Organist played “76 Trombones”.

**BROTHER LOYAL STARK
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON
and PAST GRAND PATRON OF CALIFORNIA**

Brother Loyal Stark began his address by asking all those who attended the Nova Scotia International Tattoo to stand. They all, through Brother Loyal, expressed their thanks to Brother Fred and Sister Margaret for arranging the visit. They all were very impressed with the performance and happy to have had the opportunity to attend. He then thanked Sister Gladys, Brother David and Sister Tracey Hobson who were his Special Pages during his visit to this Grand Session.

Brother Loyal’s address was aimed at membership in the Order of the Eastern Star and how it has been declining over the past number of years. He feels that our greatest rival is: “We’ve never done it that way before.” We must be innovative and try new methods, provided they fall within our guidelines. He stressed that by working together we can strengthen the Order. He strongly urged that new members be closely guided by those who recommended them so that they can become active members. He also stressed that we must keep our basic values. It is most important that there is community awareness about the Order and the good work that we do. We must strive to promote the Order through our publicity committees as well as through individual members.

Brother Loyal expressed his pleasure in attending this Grand Chapter Session along with Sister Pat and the General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members. He thanked the members of this jurisdiction for their hospitality and friendship and he hopes to see many from this jurisdiction in Minneapolis in October, 2006.

At this time Sister Kay, P.M. (66) and Brother Ray Horton, Grand Organist sang a beautiful rendition of “Climb Every Mountain”.

Sister Pat and Brother Loyal were most impressed and thanked them for their beautiful singing. Sister Pat invited them to come to Minneapolis and sing it at the General Grand Chapter session. Both Sister Kay and Brother Ray thanked them for the honour.

SISTER PATRICIA RASMUSSON

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MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON
and PAST GRAND MATRON OF MINNESOTA

Sister Pat addressed the members and said how pleased she was to be here in this Grand Jurisdiction and to be accompanied by so many of her General Grand Chapter Officers. She thanked them all for being here with her and Brother Loyal. She was also pleased that Sister Helen Cox was able to attend. Sister Helen was her Most Worthy Grand Matron fifteen years ago. Sister Pat also acknowledged that 35 General Grand Chapter Committee Members were in attendance and what a tribute that is to this Jurisdiction. She expressed her thanks to her Special Page, Sister Lola Pineo, who has been super during her stay. She spoke to Brother Fred and Sister Rennie and stated that they will have a great session as evidenced by the love and support shown by the members of this Grand Jurisdiction. Sister Pat gave high praises to the General Grand Chapter Committee Members of this jurisdiction for their dedication and hard work.

Sister Pat closed her remarks with a cute story entitled “Potatoes, Eggs and Coffee Beans”. She then presented Sister Marylyn with a special pin which she presents to each Worthy Grand Matron when she visits their session. Brother Loyal presented Brother Allan with a special pin as well to commemorate their visit.

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Cheryl Denton, Past President of the Past Grands Club presented Honourary Memberships to this Grand Jurisdiction to Sister Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Gary Rasmusson and to Brother Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Joan Stark. Each of them expressed their thanks to the members for the honourary memberships.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

JURISPRUDENCE

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

We, your Jurisprudence Committee, are pleased to submit the following Report for the Year 2004-2005: I am Reginald MacRae ,P.G.P. (52) and as Chairman I wish to introduce the other members of this Committee: Brother Cyril MacIntosh, P.G.P. (21) and Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67).

All members of the Committee attended the School of Instruction for Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons which was held on July 17th at Kingston, N.S. We were pleased to respond to questions and offer advice throughout the day. All Ritualistic work was done in a very complimentary

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manner. At least two members of our Committee attended each of the Schools of Instruction for Subordinate Chapters. Each School of Instruction was well attended and we commend the Grand Officers on the manner in which they performed their duties. We met as a Committee on July 17th to discuss a letter received from the Grand Secretary. We also met on September 11th at New Glasgow to review a letter received from a Brother concerning a motion that was passed at the Grand Chapter Session held at Digby, N.S. in July 2004, a motion which approved an increase in the per Capita Tax. This matter was referred to the Worthy Grand Matron with a suggested course of action to follow.

As a committee we dealt with the following letters of complaint:

(1) A letter from a Brother stating that he had been appointed as a Grand Representative, but had not received his Grand Representative Pin or any paper work supporting his appointment. After consultation with the Past Grand Matron, this matter was resolved.

(2) A letter from a Chapter Secretary concerning presentation of Fifty (50) Year Jewels. The Sister was advised to present a Notice of Motion, explaining in the rationale, her reason for the change.

(3) A letter received from the Grand Secretary stating that as of September 17th 2004, no official Report or any other Information had been received from the Past Grand Matron of 2003- 2004. As a committee, we find this lack of action to be in direct conflict with the C. L.& R, Article 2, paragraph 18, page 4. There have been fifty-six (56) Worthy Grand Matrons and each one had to have a typewritten Report for the Jurisprudence Committee no later than June 20th, and the final draft to the Grand Secretary no later than September 1st, C.L.& R. Article 2 paragraph 27, page 6. Also the Grand Chapter tentative program clearly states that all those giving reports are asked to hand two (2) typewritten copies of their message to the Grand Secretary prior to the reading thereof.

(4) A letter from Shoreham Chapter No. 59 with the following question: As the Worthy Patron had passed away, can the Associate Patron be introduced as Worthy Patron at the Grand Chapter Session? Answer: yes. Also, who should sign the Bible at the June meeting?

Answer: In this case the late Worthy Patron's wife, who is also Worthy Matron of the Chapter, should sign his name marking Deceased and the Date.

Several Chapters and Members have expressed to this Committee their concerns regarding Cheques that were presented to the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project during the year 2003-2004 which were not cashed and concern for money donated but no receipts issued.

On April 30th this Committee met with Sister Marion Miller, Associate Grand Matron to review her Instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons. We agreed with all but one of her instructions and we suggested that she delete one

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section and she has since complied with our request.

We reviewed the Amendments that were passed at the 2004 Grand Chapter Session prior to our Grand Secretary sending them to the Subordinate Chapters and we thank her for sending them to us promptly.

Our Worthy Grand Matron was in contact with this Committee on several occasions seeking advice and assistance on matters pertaining to Grand Chapter. One request was to hold an Official Visit to a chapter on a Sunday afternoon. Although there is nothing written in favour of or against holding official visits on Sundays, we recommend that no official visits or any subordinate Chapter meetings be held on Sundays. There are six (6) days or evenings that Chapters can conduct their Chapter business.

We have reviewed the Report of the Committee on Guidelines for Committees and make the following comments:

We think that a guideline for Expenses is needed. If the Chairman has had their duties defined before they accept the appointment, then they should be prepared to meet members of their Committee at Grand Chapter, thereby eliminating some of the expense of travelling to hold a meeting. Committee letters should be sent with Grand Chapter mailings, not all at the same time and with the approval of the Worthy Grand Matron.

Courtesy: Make all Members welcome, especially our Visitors. When lining up Members and Visitors for presentation, do so that there are no long spaces between Presentations.

Membership: There is a Notice of Motion before this Grand Chapter Session to make this a permanent Committee of Grand Chapter, and they will have guidelines for the Committee.

Publicity: Their only expense should be for the Album for the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and any minimal supplies to prepare the same.

Eastern Star Journal: Their expense should be for postage for mailing information and minimal cost of preparing the information.

We reviewed the Worthy Grand Matrons Report and agree with the answers given to all questions listed. In our review, we found that one Dispensation was not listed in her report. We suggest that the Chapter which requested Dispensation for afternoon meetings, review their By-Laws and after vote of the Chapter, make their request for change on proper form for Approval by the Worthy Grand Patron, thereby decreasing the number of Dispensations requested. All irregularities should be noted by all Members so that they are not repeated.

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The Members of Regent Chapter No 52, and other Members throughout the Jurisdiction, have expressed their disappointment that the Worthy Grand Matron did not make an Official visit to Regent Chapter, especially when there were no Official visit scheduled in this Grand Jurisdiction after January 24th of this year. In the absence of the Worthy Grand Matron, the Chapter was pleased to have a visit from the Worthy Grand Patron at the regular meeting in May, 2005 when the Chapter honoured Sister Marilyn Lisk, Grand Electa.

We reviewed the Worthy Grand Patron's report on By-Law Changes approved for Crystal Chapter No. 1, Keystone Chapter No. 5, Britannia Chapter No. 18, Century Chapter No. 10, Ruth Chapter No. 57, Halifax Chapter No. 7, and Queens Chapter No. 34. In Reference to Queens Chapter No 34, we approve of the correct procedure but do not approve of choice of day.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, 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 your Grand Officers a very Happy and Rewarding " Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session". I have enjoyed being your Chairman, and I hope that our Friendship continues long after the close of this Session.

On a personal note, I wish to thank Sister June Macdonald, Past Grand Matron and Brother George Crouch, Past Grand Patron, for giving me this appointment three years ago. I thank Brother James Dickie, Past Grand Patron and Sister Diane Hayman, Past Grand Matron, with whom I served previously, for showing me the way. To Brother Cyril MacIntosh, Past Grand Patron and Sister Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron, Thank You , for your support and advice during this past year. My Best Wishes to you as you continue to serve Grand Chapter on this Committee.

I move that the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be accepted as read. This was seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee Members: Brother Phillip Beeler, P.P. (1), Chairman, Brother William Cox, P.P. (30), Brother Carson Jackson, P.P. (45).

Brother William Cox: 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 Finance Committee, held one meeting during the past year on April 25, 2005 at the home of the Grand Treasurer, Dorothy Powroz. At that time we

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We also discussed the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's jewels as contained in the CL & R. We felt that the two top officers should have badges befitting their stations as they represent this jurisdiction in places where they are among their peers and that they should have 10K jewels.

We also discussed an outstanding account receivable of \$169.00 due from a Past Grand Matron since August, 2004 in connection with the purchase of a 10K jewel. This account remains outstanding and efforts to collect have been unsuccessful. Stronger collection action was recommended.

We then reviewed our insurance coverage and felt that we should be able to obtain insurance more in line with the needs of our Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary was instructed to obtain quotes.

We then reviewed the expenses of the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, as well as the District Deputy Grand Matrons. It was felt that the honorarium of the Grand Treasurer should be increased by \$250.00. We looked at the expenses for the Worthy Grand Matron, from the perspective of coming from Prince Edward Island and felt that this presented a special circumstance so in our budget we are recommending up to \$500.00 be allocated for bridge expenses.

We then reviewed the budget for 2005-2006 and have lowered registration fees to \$6,300 from the previous \$7,000.00. Since this was the first year that all District Deputy Grand Matrons had submitted their expenses for some time, we have reduced the budgeted amount by \$300.00 to \$2,700.00. The amortization expense was also reviewed and has been reduced by \$500.00.

We then reviewed the honorarium of the Worthy Grand Patron and noted that it has not been in accord with the CL & R Article 11, page 37 for some time. We will be moving a notice of motion covering this at this session.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Chapter as your Finance Committee during the past year.

Brother William Cox moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Phillip Beeler and carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Brother Bill Cox will present the following Notice of Motion at the 2006 Grand Chapter Session:

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RATIONALE:

Within the past few years when complying with Article 11, item 3 the Finance Committee did not take into consideration item 2, which states that the Worthy Grand Patron's amount for expenses shall be an amount of one-third that paid to the Worthy Grand Matron as determined by Grand Chapter. As a result amounts paid and budgeted are not in compliance with this directive and have been passed by Grand Chapter.

As a result at the next Grand Chapter to be held in 2006, I will move or cause to be moved the following notice of motion.

EXPENSES: OFFICERS, COMMITTEES AND COURTESIES

That Article 11, page 37, item 2 of the CL&R be amended by the deletion of the words "one- third of the amount paid to the Worthy Grand Matron".

This change will make past actions of Grand Chapter legal and will permit the Finance Committee to set expenses for officers as it does other expenses without limitations, with the approval of the Grand Chapter.

BUDGET 2005-2006

Revenue

Per Capita Assessments	\$ 27,000
Registration Fees	6,300
Craft Sale	1,000
Donations and Sundry	100
Interest	3,000
Sale of Supplies	<u>1,500</u>

Total Revenue

\$ 38,900

Operating Expenses

Printing, Postage and Office Expense	\$ 3,800
Worthy Grand Matron Expenses	1,850
Bridge Travel Expense WGM-PEI	500
Worthy Grand Patron Expenses	1,000
Grand Secretary Expenses	3,300
Grand Treasurer Expenses	1,500
Office Rent	1,200
Insurance and Bonding	1,000
Annual Proceedings	4,800
Worthy Grand Matron and Patron Jewels	800
District Deputies Expenses	2,700
Per Capita to General Grand Chapter	3,800
Church Services	600
Auditing	500

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Amortization Expense	1,345	
Total Operating Expenses	<u>31,695</u>	
Grand Session Expenses		
Printing and Supplies (Sessions)	\$ 3,200	
Assistant for Grand Secretary	300	
Recognition of 50 Year Members	200	
Minister and Church Service	100	
Moving Equipment	500	
Hostess Chapters	<u>2,500</u>	
Total Grand Session Expenses	6,800	
Total Expenses		<u>38,495</u>
Budgeted Net Income		<u>\$ 405</u>

Brother Bill Cox, P.P. moved that the budget for 2005-2006 be accepted. This was seconded by Brother Phillip Beeler, P.P. and the motion was carried.

PUBLICITY

The members of the Publicity Committee: Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. (58) Chairman, Brother Zeke Eaton, P.P. (1PEI), 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).

Sister Doreen Edgar: We, as a committee, present to you the history of 38 subordinate chapters in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for 2004 - 2005.

The Chapters pages are full of memories, pictures and newspaper articles. Inside the sleeves of each Chapter are many more pictures and articles that were too numerous to display.

We met at Sister Coleen's farm and not only enjoyed a day in the country but became better acquainted with one another. The book's design was Sister Coleen's idea and we followed through with it and completed it. Should you wish to add to these books, we have left instructions inside.

Thank you both for the opportunity to serve on this committee and please enjoy the efforts of our labours.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. and seconded by Brother Zeke Eaton, P.P. and the motion was carried.

PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS

Sister Doreen, Sister Ruth and Brother Zeke then approached the East and presented Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan each with beautiful albums - memories of their year. Both Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan thanked the committee for their hard work in producing such lovely albums.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Brother Ken Josey, Grand Chaplain: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have served as Grand Chaplain this past year. It has been a year I will always remember.

I have taken part in the three Schools of Instruction and Maine-Maritime Exchange in Riverview, New Brunswick. I hope I have fulfilled my duties to your satisfaction. I would like to thank Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary for her assistance. It was really appreciated.

I am pleased to report that our Grand Family's Golden Chain has remained unbroken this past year but we were very saddened by the loss of our Past Grand Matron, Sister Mildred Denton, on November 8, 2004.

It is with sorrow that I report that in this Jurisdiction I have sent 96 sympathy cards. I sent 87 sympathy cards to Sister Grand Jurisdictions in Canada and United States.

*The chain of fraternal friendship
Is made of links of gold
Which we fondly hold and cherish -
Our friends, both new and old.
Then, one by one, they sever,
Just why we cannot tell,
But we trust the heavenly Father
Who doeth all things well.*

Once again, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Grand Chaplain.

Brother Ken Josey moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Viola Horton, P.M. and the motion was carried.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers, at this time, we come together to honour those Eastern Star Members who have passed from our Earthly Life to The Grand Chapter on high.

Loving tribute to our Sister Mildred E. Denton, Past Grand Matron, will be given by her Worthy Grand Patron, Brother William Clark, GGCCM, Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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

***SISTER MILDRED E. DENTON
PAST GRAND MATRON
PAST MATRON OF ST. MARY'S CHAPTER NO. 35***

PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 8, 2004

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**PHOTO OF SISTER MILDRED DENTON
ON LEFT HAND PAGE
BEFORE THE TRIBUTE**

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**Tribute to
Sister Mildred E. Denton, Past Grand Matron,
Worthy Grand Matron 1990-1991**

by

Brother William F. Clark, Past Grand Patron
and General Grand Chapter Committee Member

*MILDRED E. DENTON - WORTHY GRAND MATRON 1990-1991
November 28, 1918-November 8, 2004*

Today we pause to pay our respects to those Sisters and Brothers our Heavenly Father has called to his home, "that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

I have the honour and privilege to pay a tribute to Sister Mildred Ella Denton who served as our Worthy Grand Matron in 1990-1991.

Six days before Mildred left to be with her Heavenly Father, Sister Carol and I had the occasion to spend some time with her at her home in Little River. It was to me some of the most precious time I have ever spent with anyone in my life. As we said our final good bye's she told us how much she loved us both. We cried, we laughed and we talked about our year of service together. We laughed and cried some more. She said to have a good time in Florida and enjoy life the way she and Clyde had done there many years ago. She told us her one wish was to be able to spend one more Christmas with her family; unfortunately God took her before that happened. It was extremely difficult to walk out of her home knowing we would never see her again on this earth.

How does one do a tribute for one of the finest people I have ever had the honour to know? I had the pleasure of serving as her Worthy Grand Patron in 1990-1991 - **what a blast**- it was to say the least an experience of a life time. She was old enough to be my Mom. We used to joke about her age, with her telling me you will never know my age, while all along knowing how old she was, as her husband Clyde had told me. However, she was young enough to speed around our jurisdiction making friends in every Chapter. She was young enough to do anything she wanted.

Sister Mildred loved to get where she was going in a hurry. Once she picked me up to go to an honour night for one of our Worthy Grand Patrons and told me to drive, but soon advised me that when she thought that I was not going fast enough that we cannot travel 300 km at 100 km/hour and get there in two hours. Would I mind stepping on the gas? After that trip I understood completely why Mildred was on a first name basis with most of the members of the Digby County RCMP. I think Sister Mildred believed that the posted speed signs were the minimum and

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not the maximum.

Sister Mildred lived God's commandments. She was truly a wonderful Christian lady. She was devoted to her late husband, Clyde, her sons Allen and Harley, her daughter-in-law Cheryl, her three precious Grand Children and her three Sisters. She was always talking about her three grand children.

You cannot talk about Mildred without telling all about her many accomplishments. She always found both the time and money to assist many in her community who were less fortunate than her and Clyde. They both helped numerous people get a start in business life. Mildred was a partner with her husband in their business Clyde A. Denton Ltd. Fish Processing Plant. She was their Secretary Treasurer for 27 years. She was an astute business lady who happened to have a small stubborn streak. Clyde once told me that when he was away obtaining product to keep his fish plant going, some of the workers did not take kindly to taking orders from a woman. In fact on one occasion they all walked out. Mildred in her business like manner locked the doors, went to the phone, then called the their wives, needless to say the following morning all the men were back at work.

To really appreciate this fine person you had to listen to her friends and neighbours talk about her. Each time we visited her in Little River, we would meet her friends - her neighbours, they would tell us so you are staying at Mildred's, did you know this, did you know that, about Mildred. All of which were stories about how she helped someone in the community, her extended family, her Church, her neighbours. On the way to the grave site I rode with the other pallbearers who were all family and friends. The stories they told me about Mildred when she was the lady in charge made us all laugh so hard that we were sure we would get a lecture when we went back to her house. One young man told us that Mildred would not want us to cry over her, we certainly did not. We should all be so fortunate to have people love us the way those in the car loved Mildred.

Mildred was a pillar in her church, Little River United Baptist Church, sang in the choir, worked with youth groups, taught Sunday school, and quite frankly made their church go! Being a devout Baptist she would scold me when I applauded for a wonderfully sung hymn at one of our many meetings. She would say, "Brother Bill, that was a Baptist hymn, we do not applaud." Needless to say, next meeting, different song, same applause, same lecture!

Mildred was very much at home wherever she went in the Eastern Star world. As many in this room will tell you, travelling with Mildred was an experience no one would want to miss. Mildred will be sadly missed by her chapters St. Mary's #35, Port Royal #1 and those chapters that made her an honorary member, Keystone #5, Mayflower#2, Britannia #18, Westville #24, and of course the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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Brother Allen, Sister Cheryl, on behalf of our Grand Chapter, thanks for sharing your Mother with us. We have all lost a truly great friend.

The following piece was read at her funeral by a very dear friend and neighbour from Little River. I asked if I could have a copy to use as part of her memorial. It's called "I'M FREE".

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me now, I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid, you see
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all,
I couldn't stay another day to laugh
To love, to work, or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys,
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, oh yes,
These things I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunrise of tomorrow.
My life's been full....I savoured much
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to Thee
God wanted me now, He set me free.
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DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

Sister Marylyn, 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 Sister Mildred.

Brother Ken Josey, Grand Chaplain: Our Heavenly Father, we look to Thee for guidance and strength. We thank You for bringing our faithful Sister Mildred into our beautiful Order. For her gentle manner and kindly ways which has always been an inspiration to all who knew her. We thank You for guiding her to the safety of the harbour of peace and rest. Grant us the faith and hope that we will someday sail on to join her in Thy eternity. Amen..

Following the draping of the Altar, a touching and beautiful rendition of "Precious Memories" was sung by Brother Bill Allen, P.P. (24) and Sister Sharon

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Ward, P.M. (24).

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Grand Secretary, you will call the roll of members who have departed since we last gathered together.

While the Grand Secretary read the Scroll of names of the dearly departed members of our Subordinate Chapters, the Grand Chaplain placed a white carnation in a vase for each departed member.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: God knows NO STRANGER, He loves us all.
the poor, the rich, the great, the small....
He is a friend who is always there
to share our troubles and lessen our care

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Brother Marshal, you will place the Memorial on the Altar.

The Grand Marshal reverently placed the Scroll on the Altar.

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SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS

PORT ROYAL #1

Maxine Banham

CEDAR #3

Lawson Smith

KEYSTONE #5

Agnes Newell, P.M.

Muriel Penkala

Evon Wood

HALIFAX #7

Margaret Fowlie, P.M.

Greta Hopkins, P.M.

Noreen MacInnis, P.M.

CENTURY #10

Evelyn James

MacKay Smith

QUEEN ELIZABETH #14

George Halliday, P.P.

Eugene Hennessey, P.M.

EVANGELINE #15

Elsie Barkhouse, P.M.

Fred Wooster, P.P.

Patricia Banks

Donald J. MacKenzie

BRITANNIA #18

Joan Cameron

Geraldine Allen

VICTORIA #19

Doris MacLeod, P.M.

HON. JOSEPH HOWE

#20

Scott Macdonald, P.P.

MYRTLE #21

Catherine Kennedy

Arthur McLean

Jemima Smart, P.M.

Lawson Smith

FAIRFIELD #22

Mae Loomer

Merrill Hyson, P.P.

Alice Cole, P.M.

Mildred MacLellan, P.M.

Frances Thorburn, P.M.

MAPLE LEAF #23

Guy Boutilier, P.P.

CRYSTAL #1 (PED)

Lola MacEwen, P.M.

Stanley Morrison

WESTVILLE #24

Margaret Fisher, P.M.

Kathryn Taylor, P.M.

James Roy Hale, P.P.

Ethel Wallace

Charlotte Boomer, P.M.

Charles Roddick

HARMONY #25

Ruthelda DeLuce

Margaret Taylor

Dorothy Sim

James Hennigar

MUNRO #26

Betty Vardy, P.M.

Lois Johnston, P.M.

Bessie Fowler

Alma Hoddinott, P.M.

Percy MacFadden, P.P.

KWEBEC #27

Mary Ellen Daye, P.M.

ANNAVAL #31

Betty Hankinson

Edna Brown, P.M., C. M.

QUEENS #34

J. Samuel Connolly, P.P.

Eleanor Farncombe

ST. MARY'S #35

Muriel Penkala

Mildred Denton, P.G.M.

DR. GORDON MACLEOD

#37

Malcolm MacInnis, P.P.

MAE #38

Dorothy Veinott, P.M.

Hope Eno, P.M.

COBEQUID #39

Jessie Rhyno

Lilian Naas, P.M.

Lena Singer, P.M.

Kit Gorveatt

MYSTIC STAR #40

Ethel Kennedy, P.M.

Vincent Richardson, P.P.

Mabel Mason, P.M.

ARMCREST #45

Mary Hinde, P.M.

John Dunbar

Grace Hunson

Inez Knowlton

Margaret Coleman

Ethel Jewkes

ELM #48

David Fisher, P.P.

Alice MacKay, P.M.

Kenneth Creelman, P.P.

REGENT #52

Doris Caseley, P.M.

Lottie McFadden, P.M.

Duncan MacLeod, P.P.

Hazel Tuplin

FAITH #54

Jean Crittenden, P.M.

Marie Digdon, P.M.

Hilda Tibbo, P.M.

Vera Grant, P.M.

ELMSDALE #55

Mary Hinde, P.M.

Sally Champion

Lois MacPhee, P.M.

Helen Decker, P.M.

EMERALD #58

Noreen MacInnis, P.M.

Helen Decker, P.M.

SHOREHAM #59

Doris Naugler, P.M.

Olive Webber

Garnet Porter, P.P.

Douglas MacLeod, W.P.

QUEEN ESTHER #61

Constance Carr, P.M.

ATLANTIC #65

Olive Mingo, P.M.

George Buckler, P.P.

LAUREL #67

Ethel Patterson

Frances Thorburn, P.M.

Arthur Holmesdale, P.P.

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PEARLE #71

Charles Canning

Grand Chaplain: When we are initiated we are taken on a tour by the Conductress which teaches us about the journey through the labyrinth of human life.

Today we pause to remember those who have passed through the labyrinth of human life and have entered that city not made with hands - the New Jerusalem.

Grand Chaplain: The daughter Adah in her scarf of blue,
To a spoken vow she would be true,
Like our Savior who carried His cross
She gave her life, never counting the loss.

Grand Adah: “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.”

Grand Chaplain: The widow Ruth, who was called to a land far away
Where in the field, she laboured day by day
To another, she gave love and care
And knew the destiny she would share.

Grand Ruth: “Blessed are the pure in spirit for theirs is the
Kingdom of Heaven.”

Grand Chaplain: Esther the Queen, who put away fear
For the captives she held dear.
There was love and loyalty in her heart too,
Though she could lose her life, Esther would be true.

Grand Esther: “Blessed are the peace makers for they shall see God.”

Grand Chaplain: Martha, the sister, the loss in her life was hard to
endure,
But the faith in the Master made her secure.
The love in her heart shining through,
Gave a hope, immortal, strong and true.

Grand Martha: “Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be -
comforted.”

Grand Chaplain: The mother, Electa, was true to the Master above,
She accepted the cross with all her love.
With her life she taught us to love one another,
Making charity our watchword and all mankind our
brothers.

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Grand Electa: “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Grand Chaplain: Our Brothers, upon whom our membership depend.
Their fraternal teachings are relevant,
With Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.
We look to them for guidance and support.

A.G.M.: “Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled.”

During the ceremony each Star Point placed a carnation representing the colour of her station in a floral Star. The Associate Grand Matron placed a Bible in the centre of the Star as a tribute to all departed Brothers.

Grand Chaplain: Holy and Merciful God, Creator of all earthly life and Giver of eternal life, we gather together to celebrate the lives of our dearly departed sisters and brothers. Comfort and console all the loved ones who mourn. May they find solace in the knowledge that their loved ones are safe and secure in Your Everlasting Arms. Amen.

All members then joined in and sang “*Peace in the Valley*”.

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 6, 2005.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 6, 2005

9:00 a.m.: Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) and Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (58).

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.:

I now call to order this Wednesday morning session of the “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Margaret, P.G.M.: Brother Howie, Sisters and Brothers:

It is an honour and pleasure through the kindness of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn Swinamer and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan Conrad to call to order this Wednesday morning session of the “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Session to order with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother J. Howard MacInnis. Nine short years ago we stood in this very area ready to start another

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day.

We have been pleased to have our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron with us for the past three days as well as thirteen General Grand Chapter Officers including our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and many General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Ambassadors including our Sisters Edna Harding and Cheryl Denton and Brother William "Bill" Clark as well as many other visitors. To all our visitors I bid you welcome and we hope you have enjoyed our "down east" hospitality. Brother Fred, Sister Edna, Sister Cheryl and Brother Bill we all very proud of each of you in this Jurisdiction - you represent our jurisdiction well.

To our own members, welcome to your Grand Chapter. Today is a most important day in the history of our Grand Chapter as we select those who will serve our Order in positions of trust, guaranteeing our future as an organization. May we act wisely in this responsible task and in all matters of business on today's agenda.

Brother Howie, P.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Sisters and Brothers.

It is a privilege for me to assist in this Wednesday morning, Fifty-eighth opening of the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session" with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Margaret.

I extend a special welcome to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Patricia Rasmusson and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, also to our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Cox and to all our Distinguished Guests.

We are all very proud to welcome our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, and our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Edna Harding, International Temple, Sister Cheryl Denton, Registration and William Clark, Visioneer.

To the members of our own Jurisdiction welcome, this is your session. I sincerely hope you will all enjoy and benefit from it.

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

Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn Swinamer and Worthy Grand Patron,

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Brother Allan Conrad for proper introduction.

Sister Margaret, P.G.M.: Sister Marylyn : We have been friends for many years, I having belonged to Mayflower Chapter #2 when you became a member. You have always demonstrated your great love for our Order and were always ready and willing when anyone asked of you. I have watched with interest as you have travelled the road to the East of this Grand Chapter. May this session be the culmination of all your hopes and dreams.

Brother Allan: I have not known you personally as long but these last few years your jovial way, your winning smile, and your good nature and concern for our Order and our members have endeared you to all. Brother Allan, just remember after 511 you have to take it easier.

Brother Howie, P.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matron Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Patron Brother Allan.

I thank you for the privilege of opening this morning session of the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session" with my own Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Margaret.

You have served this Grand Chapter well this past year, and I hope that you will have fond memories of your year in the Grand East. May you have a very successful session.

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

Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Margaret, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, I now have the pleasure of presenting you with your gavel. I know you will use it wisely.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Thank you Sister Margaret and Brother Howie for opening this very important morning session, when we will elect our future leaders. Thank you, Sister Margaret, for presenting me with the gavel this morning. Please accept this little gift.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Thank you, Sister Margaret and Brother Howie, for calling to order this Wednesday morning Grand Chapter session. This day is an important one in the history of our Grand Chapter as we elect a new slate of officers to carry on for the coming year. Your advice to me over the last few years has been greatly appreciated. Thank you. Brother Howie, please accept this gift of appreciation.

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Following the entrance of the Grand Officers, the Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Chaplain led the members in repeating "The Lord's Prayer."

The Opening Ode "*Put on a Happy Face*" was sung by all members.

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED**

Brother James Dickie, P.G.P. (37) and Brother William M. Thompson, P.G.P. (10) were presented at the Altar and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron with this quote: "*The best thing about the Future is that it only happens one day at a time.*" The Worthy Grand Patron also welcomed our past leaders. They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

Brother Edgar Miller, P.P. (1PEI), Grand Representative of Rhode Island in this Grand Jurisdiction was presented at the Altar and welcomed by the Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan. He was then escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

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 Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59) and carried.

Partial Report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Brother Richard Coleman, P.P., Chairman of Credentials gave the following report and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (15) and carried.

Members:	384
Visitors:	<u>312</u>
for a total registered to date:	696

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

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairman: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)
Co-Chairman: Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (58)

Group A
Sister Georgie Dewey, P.M. (10)

Group B
Sister Bonnie Lowe, P.M. (15)

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Sister Marjorie Davis-Snow, P.M. (49) Sister Dorothy Jewers, P.M. (34)
Brother Edgar Miller, P.P. (1PEI) Brother Walter Blair, P.P. (3)
Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P. (66) Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P. (22)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2005-2006: Sister Marion Miller, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother John Patterson, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Gail Cook, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Ronald Boudreau, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Annie Mae Backman, Grand Conductress.

The following were nominated:

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Edith Conrod, P.M. (61) and Sister Darlene Amirault, P.M. (49).

For Grand Sentinel: Brother Tabor Caulier, P.P. (27), Brother Zeke Eaton, P.P. (1PEI) and Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59).

The following were elected:

Sister Edith Conrod was elected Associate Grand Conductress and Brother Whitman Giffin was elected Grand Sentinel for the ensuing year.

During the Election, the Grand Choir entertained us with a selection of war songs in honour of the Veterans.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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, the Benevolent Committee, wish to submit the following report. For this fiscal year we had three applications submitted to us. We were able to grant funds to all three deserving members. The financial statement will be found in the Treasurer's report.

At this time we wish to thank both the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for their quick response to our requests. As we all know, when the monies are needed, it is usually in an emergency situation and a fast response is appreciated. We wish to remind our members to please let us know of any need where we can be of help to our sisters and brothers. All requests must be made in writing, preferably with a chapter seal, and your committee will give it immediate attention.

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Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we wish to congratulate you on a very successful Grand Session and wish you both 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.

HISTORIAN

Sister E. Megan Church, P.G.M. (22)

**57th Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
GOLDEN HARVEST SESSION 2003-2004
Digby Area Arena and Curling Club, Digby, Nova Scotia**

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS - 2003-2004

Worthy Grand Matron	Inez Daye (27)
Worthy Grand Patron	Allen Denton (35)
Associate Grand Matron	Marylyn Swinamer (2)
Associate Grand Patron	Allan Conrad (49)
Grand Secretary	Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer	Dorothy Powroz (28)
Grand Conductress	Marion Miller (1PEI)
Associate Grand Conductress	Gail Cook (67)
Grand Chaplain	Ronald Boudreau (70)
Grand Marshal	David Wiswell (65)
Grand Organist	Louise Seeley (5)
Grand Adah	Rhonda Fader (71)
Grand Ruth	Sylvia McCleave (27)
Grand Esther	Linda McKay (61)
Grand Martha	Tracey Hobson (67)
Grand Electa	Cora MacKay (48)
Grand Warder	George Moxsom (55)
Grand Sentinel	Rev. John Patterson (10)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District # 1	Marion Dickie (37)
District # 2	Janet Johnson (24)
District # 3	Gail Cook (67)
District # 4	Marion Miller (1 PEI)
District # 5	Marvlyn Swinamer (2)
District # 6	Stella Trask (35)
District # 7	Nora Bishop (15)
District # 8	Suzanne Aitken (69)

THE GOLDEN HARVEST SESSION WAS DEDICATED TO THE FOLLOWING:

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- 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

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 of Friendship

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

Theme Song - *When You're Smiling*

Fun Song - *You Are My Sunshine*

W.G.M.: *Somebody Bigger Than You and I* *Lily of the Valley*
You'll Never Walk Alone *Lead Me, Guide*

Me

The Holy City *Pass It On*
I Asked The Lord *God Be With You*
My God and I *The Meeting's*
Over
My Peace *Sunshine On My*

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At 8:45 AM on Tuesday morning, following the placing of the emblems Sister Carol Clark and Brother Murray Gardner opened the session.

Sister Sandra Falls, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Indiana presented Sister Inez with a special gavel.

Bro Adrian Pearson reminded us of the Rules of the Order.

Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were read and accepted.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SESSION

ESTARL Services were held in each District Deputy Grand Matron's area

July 10, 2003 A luncheon was held hosted by Halifax chapters when 83 OES members from Ohio who were aboard a cruise ship docked in Halifax.

With regret we note that Acadia Chapter #4, Lawrencetown surrendered their charter in June, 2003.

Tuesday afternoon 20 secretaries and 13 treasurers were presented.

Honourary memberships were given to Sister Janice Herridge, PM of Texas, Brother Donald Heiser, PGP Wyoming and Sis Eunice Heiser, PM and Gr Rep of NS & PEI. Sister Nancy Barr, PGM Connecticut, Sister Kathleen MacDonal, PGM California and Sister Frances Groat, PM of California.

26 50-year plus members were introduced each giving their years of service.

A website has been set up by Brother William Thompson, Jr., PGP.

May 8th, 2004 Maritime Exchange in Shediac, NB

ESTARL, a project which was adopted in 1954 in this jurisdiction is this year celebrating the 50th anniversary. Report shows since 1954 - 839 awards issued representing 611 students with a total of \$423,374 expended. This year 18 applications were approved, each in the amount of \$1,200.

Bro. Bill Clark listed the functions of the new Visioneer Committee as follows:

1. To establish a membership committee in each jurisdiction that does not have one.
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 GGC Vision team.
3. To establish goals and objectives for our own jurisdiction.
4. To establish a vision statement for our jurisdiction.
5. To establish a 3-year development plan for our Grand Chapter.
6. To work with the elected line officers to have them work together, share

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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

The Memorial Service gave special tributes in memory of Brother Robert L. Baker, PMWGP. and PGP's Brother Ted Miller and Brother Neil Archibald.

There were 58 members from this jurisdiction attended "Peace Around The World" General Grand Chapter in Portland Oregon Oct. 31 - Nov. 6, 2003 when Brother Fred Clarke was elected to the office of Right Worthy Grand Sentinel. We are proud to support him.

Secretaries handbook was prepared and distributed.

March 27, 2004 Sister Adline M. Purves, our Senior Past Grand Matron celebrated her 100th birthday.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction were each presented with a beautiful framed certificate commemorating their own year of service.

Scrapbooks of their year of service were presented to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Total of \$5,134.00 was received from the sale of bee pins and day planners. Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project "The Shriner's Children's Hospital Travelling Fund" was \$25,387.97. Honey Money for ESTARL amounted to \$3,770.56

Notices of Motion passed at this session:

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter Article 3. - Committees, ESTARL, Page 30, Third paragraph:

After the sentence "The ESTARL Committee shall award bursaries totalling 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."**

Under the Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, P18, Article 20; Remove the words **"none of whom shall be an elected officer of the Chapter with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer."**

CL&R Article 22- Page 19 - Fees, dues and assessments Paragraph 1, line 3

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change five dollars to read seven dollars and fifty cents.

Moved that our Grand Chapter carry on with the Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition for the year 2004-2005 and the Grand Chapter be responsible for purchasing the Heritage Certificates. A list of the 37 who received certificates this year were read and many were present to receive their certificate.

The following motion was carried - "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."

That the per capita tax for each active member be increased to \$10.00 per year commencing with the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Credential report showed attendance of 429 of our members, and 137 visitors making a total attendance of 566.

It has been a record year for cancellations and changes of meetings and official visits due to weather.

Congratulations Sister Inez and Brother Allen for a job well done. You have served our Jurisdiction well and I am sure that this year you have been enjoying the fruits of your labours in the visits you have made.

Sister E. Megan Church asked the acceptance of this report.

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, 2004-2005, we have sent the following:

WRITE UP of Amethyst Chapter No. 28 celebrating their 57th Anniversary.

PHOTO AND WRITE UP of Sister Lillian Milne of Amethyst No. 28 celebrating her 100th birthday and a photo and write up of Sister Jean Parks, celebrating her 90th Birthday - both of Amethyst Chapter No. 28.

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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.

LIBRARIAN

Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M. (15): Worthy Grand Matron , Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I wish to submit the following report.

I received two requests for addenda which I forwarded. Requests were few and no new addenda were sent in. I will try to better next year.

Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M. asked that her report be accepted.

GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee on Guidelines for Committee Members are: Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M. (48), Sister Edith Conrod, P.M. (61), Sister Evelyn Blair, P.M. (3) and Brother William Bishop, P.P. (21).

Sister Mary Lou Higgins: This Grand Chapter Committee on Guidelines was appointed by the Worthy Grand Matron subsequent to her instillation of July 2004. We, the committee, were tasked to develop generic as well as specific guidelines for the following Grand Chapter committees.

The committees are as follows: Crafts and Treasures, Librarian, Temple Fund, Courtesy, Publicity, Eastern Star Journal and Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project, and at the request of the Worthy Grand Matron, we have included Guidelines for the new committee on Membership.

The committee found that five meetings as well as telephone discussion and emails were required to complete our task. The first meeting was held in Truro. The members established the direction we would take to assemble the information required to develop the Guidelines. We also tasked each member with specific duties.

The second meeting was in Dartmouth and the information that we had acquired to that point was reviewed and the Committee found that more information and advice was necessary so the members went to the field again.

The third meeting was held at Wallace where all the information was organized and a draft of the final copy was put together for typing.

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The fourth and fifth meetings were held in Truro where the typed draft was reviewed by the Committee and all errors and/or omissions were corrected for the final document. The final document was put to paper and was sent to the Jurisprudence Committee to be reviewed for any contraventions of established Grand Chapter by-laws, rules, direction or directives.

The committee recommends that Grand Chapter make provision for reimbursement of expenses to each committee in their annual budget.

Two typed copies of the Guidelines have been given to the Grand Secretary as required.

It was moved by Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M. and seconded by Sister Edith Conrod, P.M. that this report be adopted. The motion was carried.

The committee members then read the guidelines for committees as follows:

GUIDELINES for COMMITTEES

1. Expenses
The Chair of each committee will track expenses until the end of the fiscal year, at which time all expenses should be submitted to Grand Chapter for payment.
2. Committee Duties
All potential committee members be provided with a copy of the Guidelines specific to the committee they are being asked to serve on, prior to their acceptance.
3. Meetings and Correspondence
Within two months of Grand Chapter (September) the Chair of each committee should call a formal meeting with all committee members. At this meeting, the first letter to Chapters should be drafted and should explain the committee's needs. A follow-up letter should be sent to all Chapters in the Grand Secretary's mailing for February. All correspondence is to be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and circulated to the Chapters through the Grand Secretary.
4. Promoting of Committees Needs
All committee members visit Chapters in their district to provide further information related to committee requirements.
5. Reports and Grand Chapter Attendance
All Committees are required to prepare and present a verbal report at Grand Chapter, as well as give **TWO** typewritten copies of their report to the

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Grand Secretary prior to the reading thereof. All committee members are requested to notify the Worthy Grand Matron if unable to attend Grand Chapter Sessions.

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES:

Crafts and Treasures:

The first letter from this committee should be requesting members to make crafts to be sold at Grand Chapter. The second letter is a reminder to forward the crafts to their district's committee member. The Chair is responsible for preparing a schedule of workers for the tables at Grand Chapter and should also communicate with the Hostess Chapters to assure adequate space is allotted.

Librarian:

A letter of introduction should be sent in September telling Chapters what literature is available, and requesting any literature Chapters might have to donate to the Library. It is the duty of the Librarian to keep records of all items sent out and make sure they are returned.

Temple Fund:

Two letters should be sent from the Temple Fund. The first one should go out in November, the second in April, both reminding Chapters to send the required assessment on new initiated and affiliated members. A little history of the Temple could be included in one of these letters.

Courtesy:

The Chair of this committee is responsible for having a committee member at the Courtesy Desk at all times and for making sure all who attend Grand Chapter are welcomed and helped in any way possible. Members of this committee prepare cards for introductions and make sure members are in proper order in the line-up for introductions.

Publicity:

The first letter from this committee should be sent in September and tell the Chapters who the representative is for their district. It should also ask Chapters to send items of special events in their Chapter to this representative. From the items submitted this committee will assemble two scrap books - one for the Worthy Grand Matron and one for the Worthy Grand Patron - and present same to the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron following the presentation of their reports at Grand Chapter.

Eastern Star Journal:

This committee should send a letter to each Chapter at the beginning of each year of this three-year appointment. The letter should ask Chapters to subscribe to the

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Journal, should include a price list and subscriptions forms, and should ask Chapters to submit to the committee any items of interest. It is the duty of this committee to submit all articles received to the Journal for publication.

Membership:

This committee should send a letter to each Chapter at the beginning of each year explaining their duties and advise that committee members are available to visit each chapter if requested. The letter should make the Chapters aware of their planned activities which could include assistance with any membership drives planned by a Chapter or attend special meetings and other activities related to membership. All letters issued by the committee are to be approved by the Worthy Grand Matron and mailed through the Grand Secretary.

Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's Special Project:

The first letter from this committee should go in September and explain the project fully, including if a tax receipt is going to be issued for donations. The second letter asks Chapters to remit their money and items not sold. The Chair must keep track of all items given to Chapters and of all money as it is returned. At Grand Chapter, this committee should take turns selling items left. The Chair of this committee should be given explicit instructions as to the duties involved before the position is accepted.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE COMMISSION

Brother Allison MacDonald, P.P. (1PEI) was escorted to the East and the Worthy Grand Matron presented him with the Grand Representative Commission of Quebec in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Brother Allison was escorted to the Altar for proper introduction, congratulated and welcomed by both Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: *Hope like the gleaming taper's light
Adorns and cheers our way;
And still as darker grows the night,
Emits a brighter ray.*

He was then escorted back to the East where he was given Grand Honours.

TEMPLE FUND

The Committee Members: Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P. (22), Brother Glenn Johnson, P.P. (48) and Sister Jessie Giles, P.M. (2).

Brother Cyril Marsters: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Members of the Grand Family, Sisters and Brothers: This is the report of the International Temple Fund Committee for 2004-2005.

This committee has worked under very difficult situations this year. In October we were deeply saddened by the passing of our chairperson, Brother Merrill

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Hyson. I was appointed to fill the remainder of Brother Hyson's term.

We produced a letter to all chapters in February, reminding each of the truly "international" meaning and importance of our temple in Washington, D.C.

Late in our year we located two videos showing the temple inside and out along with a very detail narrative. Although these are privately owned, I am sure arrangements can be made for these to be shown in your chapter.

I am also sorry to report that Sister Jessie Giles is not able to be with us due to sickness and Brother Glenn Johnson has other commitments at this time.

Brother Cyril Marsters moved the acceptance of this report. This was seconded by Sister Mildred Wagner, P.M. (28) and the motion was carried.

**FRED'S CREW
REPORT 2004-2005**

Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24), Chairman: Sisters and Brothers.

On behalf of Fred's Crew I would like to thank all the members and Chapters who have assisted in any way possible in order for us to achieve our financial objectives. We have had a number of questions about finances and whether the chapters still need to donate funds. We would appreciate those chapters that have committed to donating \$1,000.00 to continue to make their annual contributions and also continue the dime project.

Many of the Chapters have been very diligent with their donations and we thank them. Kwebec Chapter #27 donated their full amount this year. A very big thank you.

We have had a few meetings with our friends, the Texas Cardinals, and are currently working with them to arrange to stay in the same hotel in Minneapolis. Later this summer we will be going to Tulsa, Oklahoma to review the facilities there.

Many may be wondering why we are planning so far in advance, the answer is that in order to host up to 9,000 people you must plan and plan early. You know how much work goes into planning each of our Grand Chapters.

We will be having the annual meeting of Fred's Crew in the early fall.

As far as our finances go we have almost achieved our objective - in just 3 years.

Prior to this Grand Chapter session we have raised a net amount of \$45,363.00. This week so far we have raised an additional \$1,695.00, which gives us a total of \$47,058.00 or 94% of our objective. To our members thank you, thank you, and

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND thank you. An Income /Expense spreadsheet and Balance Sheet is attached to this report.

Yesterday Sister Rennie Often suggested to me that we need to start putting names to the many jobs that will have to be completed. Over the fall and winter months we will be contacting many people to ask them to VOLUNTEER for specific jobs.

This week you heard our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen R. Cox, tell all assembled that we, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Texas, would host the best and finest General Grand Chapter ever. That was a very large compliment from one of our very distinguished past leaders.

I KNOW THAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL THE SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND THAT WE WILL INDEED LIVE UP TO THAT CHALLENGE.

Brother Bill Clark, P.G.P. moved that this report be adopted. This was seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

FRED'S CREW

**INCOME/EXPENSE
30/11/02 THROUGH 30/06/05**

Category Description: 30/11/02 - 30/06/05

INCOME:

Badge Holders	126.00
Bluenose Pewter	2,340.00
Decals	4,581.25
Dime collections	696.57
Donation	5,219.70
Flea Market	1,579.25
Interest Inc	568.69
Interest Inc USD	21.64
Licence plate covers	441.00
Membership Cards & Apps	640.00
Merchandise Sold	6,564.41
Merchandise Sold Texas Scarves	24.00
Personal Donation	2,486.00
Personal Donation USD	250.00
Pins	3,167.00
Setting Sail Texas Pins	280.00
USD Bluenose Pewter	1,220.00
USD Decals	438.00

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USD License plate covers	246.00	
USD Maturing GIC	34.32	
USD Membership	980.00	
USD Merch. sold	3,402.50	
USD Pins	4,325.00	
USD Setting Sail Pins	280.00	
USD Tartan Sash	1,450.00	
Yearly donation	<u>11,373.11</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		52,734.44

EXPENSES:

Bank Charge	124.00	
Bank Charge USD	11.00	
Membership & Apps	194.90	
Merchandise	1,527.23	
Pins Bought	4,140.00	
Postage and Delivery	55.00	
Purchase Bluenose Pewter	2,838.64	
Purchase Decals	<u>1,650.05</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>10,570.82</u>

OVERALL TOTAL **42,163.62**

**FRED'S CREW
BALANCE SHEET**

As of 02/07/05

<u>Account</u>		<u>02/07/05 Balance</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Fred's Crew	367.16	
Fred's Crew USD	296.46	
Fred's Crew USD GIC	12,500.00	
Money Master Fred's Crew	<u>29,000.00</u>	
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	42,163.62	
TOTAL ASSETS:		42,163.62
LIABILITIES & EQUITY:		
LIABILITIES	0.00	
EQUITY	<u>42,163.62</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY:		42,163.62

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MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) that:

“the official dress at the Triennium Sessions will be: Tartan Skirts, Black Jackets and Tartan Sashes for the Sisters and Black Suits and Tartan Ties for the Brothers - to be effective immediately.”

This motion was seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) and carried.

MOTION

Sister Mary Lou Higgins, P.M. (48) moved that the Guidelines for Committee Members as presented be adopted. This motion was seconded by Sister Edith Conrod, P.M. (61) and the motion was carried.

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, July 6, 2005

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. announced that the first two rows on the north and south sides be reserved for the chapters and guests of the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. announced that Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M. (15) had decorated the hall with her beautiful decorations and quilts. Sister LaVerne was given a hearty vote of thanks for sharing her handwork with us.

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 Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59) that the minutes be adopted as read. The

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motion was carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Brother Richard Coleman, P.P., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows:

Members: 403 Visitors: 312 Total: 715

Brother Richard Coleman moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. (IPEI) and carried.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PIN

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M. presented Sister Rita Robertson of Century Chapter No. 10 with her 50 year pin and congratulated her on becoming a 50 year member. She was escorted back to her seat.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 60 YEAR MEMBERS

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers, this is our 58th Annual Session, but we are very fortunate to have four sisters who received their 60 year pins this year. They are: Sister Natalie Corkum of Grace Chapter No. 8, Sister Doris Veinot of Evangeline Chapter No. 15, Sister Megan Church of Fairfield Chapter No. 22 and Sister Elizabeth Mattson of Shoreham Chapter No. 59.

The Worthy Grand Matron read the names of those members who received their 50 year pin during the year 2004-2005. These names are listed in the Worthy Grand Matron's Report.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Twenty-seven 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 Megan Church (22)-60 years, Sister Sarah Doty (5)-54 years, Sister Helen Connors (24)-52 years, Sister Frances Thompson (24)-54 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-53 years, Sister Kathleen Boutilier (23)-58 years, Sister Helen Dauphinee (40)-54 years, Sister Ruth MacDonald (IPEI)-50 years, Sister Breslin (Visitor), Sister Doris Veinot (15)-60 years, Sister Rhoda Tupper (40)-52 years, Sister Edna MacVicar (14)-50 years, Sister Thelma Low (45)-54 years, Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-55 years, Sister Alena Buchanan (69)-51 years, Sister Florence Dares (61)-56 years, Sister June Whitman (35)-56 years, Sister Janet Merry (27)-51 years, Sister Jessie Nutter (21)-51 years, Sister Shirley MacEwan (24)-56 years, Sister Georgie Dewey (10)-51 years, Sister Marion Conrad (28)-51 years, Sister Frances Johnsen (20)-55 years, Sister Rita Robertson (10)-50 years, Sister Audrey Christie (40)-53 years, Brother Kirk Whitman (35)-55 years and Brother William Thompson, Sr. (10)-51 years.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: It is a pleasure to greet you this afternoon. I admire

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you for your many years of service and applaud your dedication to our Order.
You have travelled many long and sometimes hard miles, before our through
roads were constructed. Over the years you have filled many stations and
continue to do so today. You have accomplished much with the use of your time
and talents to raise funds for our many charities.

*We know that life is never measured
By how many years we live
But by the kindly things we do
And the happiness we give.*

We wish for you good health and much happiness as you continue to serve our
Grand Chapter.

Sister Thelma Low, P.M. (45) expressed the thanks of all the sisters and brothers
gathered for the gracious welcome.

The Grand Choir sang several selections while they were being escorted to the
East. The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, greeted them and presented each
with a gift and the Grand Choir sang “*When You’re Smiling*” to these
distinguished members.

MOTION

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Cheryl Denton, Past President of the Past Grands Club, asked that her
actions of having the honorary memberships presented earlier be ratified. A
motion was made by Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (2) and seconded by Brother
Fred Clarke, R.W.G.S. (67) that the actions of Sister Cheryl Denton be ratified.
The motion was carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COURTESY

Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. (27), Chairperson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy
Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I take pleasure in introducing the members of the Courtesy Committee for this
Grand Session: Sister Amelia Whalley P.M. #35, Brother Fred Lipskey P.P. #15,
Brother Allen Denton P.G.P. #35 and myself Inez Daye P.G.M. #27.

Our committee wishes to submit the following report to the “Valley of Constancy,
Faith and Hope” Grand Chapter Session.

We were happy to welcome our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Patricia

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Rasmusson P.G.M. of Minnesota and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark P.G.P. of California, Sister Helen R. Cox, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and P.G.M. of Georgia, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton P.G.M. of Oklahoma, Right Worthy Grand Conductress, Sister Rennie Ofton P.G.M. of Texas and our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel P.G.P. of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. A number of other General Grand Chapter Officers are attending as well as General Grand Chapter Committee Members which include our very own Sister Edna Harding, International Temple, Sister Cheryl Denton, Registration and Brother Bill Clark Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We were delighted to welcome Distinguished Visitors from other Jurisdictions near and far as follows:

- 1 Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 1 Most Worthy Grand Patron
- 1 Past Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 4 General Grand Chapter Officers Elected
- 7 General Grand Chapter Officers Appointed
- 34 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 13 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 35 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons N.S. & P.E.I.
- 30 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 2 General Grand Chapter Special Appointments Martha's Stars
- 30 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 7 District Deputy Grand Matrons and Visiting District Deputy Grand Matrons
- 30 Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 22 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 19 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 37 Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 46 Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons 2004-2005
- 7 Visiting Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons

On Sunday afternoon at Kings Presbyterian Church, New Minas a well attended Divine Church Service was held conducted by Rev. Tim Archibald. A number of recipients of ESTARL bursaries from earlier years were invited to attend this service. Comments were very favourable from both our members and these invited guests.

An honorary Banquet held Sunday evening at the Old Orchard Inn to honour our own General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand

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Sentinel and General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Edna Harding, International Temple, Sister Cheryl Denton, Registration and Brother Bill Clark, Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Tributes paid to our honoured guests pleased them greatly.
The informal opening of the “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” was held Monday evening with a lovely Emblem Ceremony narrated by Sister Cheryl Denton G.G.C.C.M. Sister Cheryl and Brother Bill Clark G.G.C.C.M called the session to order. W.G.M. Sister Marylyn Swinamer and W.G.P. Brother Allan Conrad warmly welcomed our M.W.G.M. Sister Patricia Rasmusson and M.W.G.P. Brother Loyal Stark, P.M.W.G.M. Sister Helen R Cox and all other distinguished guests including our own Brother Fred Clarke R.W.G.S. and our three General Grand Chapter Committee members Sister Edna Harding, Sister Cheryl Denton and Brother Bill Clark.

The members of this Grand Chapter wish our own distinguished members all the best for the remainder of this triennium.

Greetings from Federal and Provincial officials as well as from Masonic bodies were given: Honourable Scott Brison, Minister of Public Works, Honourable Mark Parent- Kings North, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in N.S. Brother H Simeon Hardy and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in P.E.I. Brother David Hooper.

A presentation to the IWK/Grace Hospital Dermatology Dept. for \$29,042.00 was made by the W.G.M. and W.G.P. to Dr. Jennifer Klotz.

A welcome on behalf of the Hostess Chapters was given by Brother Fred Clarke R.W.G.S. and Chairman of this committee.

Our special hospitality was provided to our guests in the form of an afternoon tea, luncheons, two banquets and an evening of entertainment.

We sincerely thank the staff of the Old Orchard Inn and the Horton High School for their assistance and many courtesies extended to us, and the Hostess Chapters whose long hard work resulted in a pleasing experience for us all.

Music adds so much to a Grand Chapter Session and this Session was most enjoyable. Thank you to the Grand Organist, his assistant , the soloists and choir members who shared their talents with us.

Congratulations to our W.G.M., W.G.P. and Grand Officers for a successful Session and thank you.

Sister Inez Daye, P.G.M. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P., and the motion was carried.

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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.

We spoke on membership in fourteen chapters, and we thank the members of these chapters for this opportunity.

We would like to thank the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Brother Fred, and the Past Grands for assisting this committee in many chapters by discussing membership when they were asked to speak.

We sent out a membership letter in February, 2005 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 Rob Morris Jewel and the Heritage Project and enclosed the rules and application forms for both projects.

During the year fourteen Rob Morris Jewels were earned by Sisters and Brothers in our Jurisdiction. Members of this committee, as well as the Worthy Grand Matron and Past Grands were asked to present these jewels at the chapter meeting. We thank each Worthy Matron for asking us to perform this pleasant duty.

We will name these recipients at this time:

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| 1. June Macdonald, Hon Joseph Howe #20 | 8. Gail Kay, Harmony #25 |
| 2. Charles Bailey, Armcrest #45 | 9. Margaret Best, Mayflower #2 |
| 3. Myra Bailey, Armcrest #45 | 10. Joyce Johnston, Florence Fraser #47 |
| 4. Gail Cook, Laurel #67 | 11. Violet Fraser, Florence Fraser #47 |
| 5. Mildred Wagner, Amethyst #28 | 12. Marie Black, Evangeline #15 |
| 6. Ardith Pye, Amethyst #28 | 13. Shirley Haugen, Mae #38 |
| 7. Marion Conrad, Amethyst #28 | 14. Marlene Clyde, Amethyst #28 |

We received seven applications from our chapters for the Heritage Recognition Certificates for their members. We thank each chapter for their assistance on this project. These certificates were presented in their chapters and we thank those who presented them.

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We will now name those who received the certificates:

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| 1. George Johnsen | Ruth #57 |
| 2. Lisa Campbell | Montague #69 |
| 3. Claire Smith | Regent #52 |
| 4. Gloria Digdon | Faith #54 |
| 5. Margaret Digdon | Faith #54 |
| 6. Moira MacDonald | Munro #26 |
| 7. Heather MacKenzie | Munro #26 |

We would like to thank Sister Lynn and Brother Darrel Thurber, Halifax Chapter #7, for their assistance with the certificates for this project.

At this time we will report on our membership for June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004 -

Number of members June 1, 2003 ---	2,793	
Number of members initiated, affiliated and re-instated --	<u>87</u>	
Total --		2,880
Number of members died --	98	
Number of members demitted --	79	
Number of members suspended --	<u>20</u>	
Total --		<u>197</u>
Number of members May 31, 2004 --		2,683

This loss of 110 members is 3.9 percent of our membership.

Sisters and Brothers from these statistics we are still demitting and suspending more members than we are initiating, affiliating and reinstating into our Order.

Demits and suspensions are still a very serious problem in our Jurisdiction. Some chapters are still allowing 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 these reasons at the next stated meeting. The chapter should then take action to retain these members in our Order or grant the demit or vote to suspend.

Sisters and Brothers 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 assistance to this committee on the Membership and Heritage Projects.

Recommendation: That our Grand Chapter carry on with the Fraternal Family

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Heritage Recognition Project for the year 2005-2006 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, Rob Morris Jewels and Heritage Projects. We wish you and your Grand Officers well as you attend to the duties of our Grand Chapter.

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: I move that our Grand Chapter carry on with the Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition Project for the year 2005-2006 and that Grand Chapter be responsible for purchasing the Heritage Certificates. This motion was seconded by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. and it was carried.

**PRESENTATION OF
FRATERNAL HERITAGE FAMILY RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Brother Ken Smith, Sister Barbara Bowser and Sister Marian Durling were escorted to the East and presented Fraternal Heritage Family Recognition Awards to Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. for her two daughters - Sister Moira MacDonald and Sister Heather MacKenzie and to Brother Charles Stuart, P.P. for his daughter, Sister Lisa Campbell.

**PRESENTATION OF GRAND ORGANIST,
ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND CHOIR AND SOLOISTS**

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Grand Organist, Grand Choir and Soloists: Brother Ray, Sister Joyce, Soloists and Choir members - Thank you for sharing your talents with us. The year our Grand Marshal was initiated, I was the Conductress. The pro-tem organist didn't appear, and Brother Don and I walked through the ceremony without music. This experience has only increased my admiration of your talents.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Brother Ray, Grand Organist and the Grand Choir, what a wonderful job you did in supplying the music for this Grand Chapter. I love music and it was great. Brother Ray, I gave you a C.D. with a song that I like, you took it to Florida with you and what a great job of arrangement to "*Let There Be Peace*". Thank you for a wonderful job.

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The members gave the Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Organist, Soloists and Grand Choir a standing ovation for their beautiful music during this session.

Brother Ray Horton, P.P. (66), Grand Organist responded: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all:

Wow! What an amazing and wonderful 12 months this has been. First, to be asked to accept the position of Grand Organist by you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. What an honour to be entrusted with such an important and awesome task. Then to be greeted with such love and respect as I visited Star chapters both in our own Grand Jurisdiction and in the United States. And, finally, to come to this “Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope” Session and to see how you had so diligently, carefully and successfully worked to make our Grand Chapter session so successful. This wonderfully talented choir along with Sister Joyce, as my assistant and my life partner, Sister Kay, have helped me put it all together. I have been humbled by the singing and dedication of you - sisters and brothers. Thank you so very much for what you have given to this Grand Chapter session. You have made it all so easy and enjoyable for me.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, as you finish your official duties here today, and move on to other Star endeavours, may the melodies we have shared these three days be always in your hearts and sometimes, even on your lips.

Brother Ray, Grand Organist then presented both Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan with books of their music from this session.

CRAFTS AND TREASURES

The Committee Members are: Sister Katharine Evans, P.M. (31), Chairman, 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 April MacLean, P.M. (37) and Sister Ruth Rudolph, P.M. (47).

Sister Katharine Evans, P.M. (31), Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

We are happy to report sales amounting to \$993.30 for three days. I would like to thank our many members for their craft contributions and support of this project.

My personal thanks to you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for my appointment to this committee. It has been a pleasurable experience and a definite honour.

Thanks to my committee for supporting me, Sisters Clara Nieforth, Vicki Perry and Alena Buchanan. They were always “at the ready” for me.

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Sister Katharine Evans moved the adoption of this report. Sister Clara Nieforth seconded this motion and it was carried.

**WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT**

The Committee Members: Sister Barbara Cooke, P.M. (49), Chairman, Sister Janet Merry, P.M. (27), Brother Jack Whalley, P.P. (35), Sister Lucy Langille, P.P. (65), Brother William Allen, P.M. (24) and Sister Minnie Roberts, P.M. (26) and Brother Kenneth Fader, P.P. (71).

Sister Barbara Cooke, P.M. (49) Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:
We, the Committee on your Special Project - Isaac Walton Killam Hospital Dermatology Unit - wish to submit the following report.

A total of \$6,604.50 was received to date from the sale of zipper pulls, day planners, and boutonniere holders. We, your committee, wish to express our sincere thanks to all members of the subordinate chapters who assisted with the sale of these items, and also all who purchased the items.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, we wish to extend thanks to you for the honour you have bestowed upon us in appointing us to serve on this committee.

Sister Barbara Cooke moved that this report be adopted. Brother Jack Whalley, P.P. seconded the motion and it was carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The committee members are: Sister Elizabeth Thompson, P.M. (67), Sister Gladys Hobson, P.M. (67) and Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P. (2).

Sister Elizabeth Thompson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.
We, the members of the Special Events Committee submit the following report:

May I begin by thanking the Committee Members - Sister Gladys Hobson, Laurel Chapter No. 67, and Brother Ralph Swinamer, Mayflower Chapter No. 2 for their assistance and support.

Our task was to put together a bus trip to visit the International OES Temple in Washington, D.C. in the Spring of 2005.

Several individuals were contacted, and the decision was made to accept the package put together by Atlantic Tours Gray Line. In November, letters were

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mailed to every Chapter in this jurisdiction with details of the trip, scheduled to
leave March 29 and return April 7.
Arrangements were made to visit the Temple on the afternoon of April 1.

The deadline to sign up for the trip was February 11. Numbers were reviewed the
end of January, and with only seven interested members, hardly a busload, it was
decided to abandon the trip.

We would like to thank our Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Brother Fred Clarke
and his wife, Sister Margaret Clarke for sharing their material and knowledge of
travelling to and from the Temple.

We thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for the privilege of serving you during your
year in the East, and hope we have fulfilled our duties to your satisfaction..

Sister Elizabeth Thompson, Chairperson moved the acceptance of this report and
it was seconded by Sister Gladys Hobson and the motion was carried.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

This report was given by Sister Marion Miller, A.G.M., Sister Gail Cook, G.C.
and Sister Annie Mae Backman, A.G.C.

Sister Marion reported that all three members enjoyed reading the many
proceedings of the other Grand Jurisdictions. They were able to cull ideas and
interesting facts from these books for their own information. As well, they have
compiled the information and a detailed report has been written up, printed and
distributed to each member upon registering for this Grand Chapter Session. It is
hoped that the members will enjoy visiting these Grand Jurisdictions through
these pages as much as the Fraternal Correspondents did.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Marion Miller, A.G.M. and
seconded by Sister Gail Cook, G.C. The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

INVITATION

Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.G.S. invited Grand Chapter to meet in Greenwich in
July, 2007 for the 60th Anniversary of Grand Chapter.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) submitted the following Notice of Motion to
be presented at the Grand Chapter Session to be held in July, 2006:

I, Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. will move or cause to be moved that at the next annual

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session of this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, July 2006 that Article 2, page 1 Constitution Grand Chapter be removed in its entirety and replaced with:

The Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. It will use only the Ritual, Signet, and Labyrinth as promulgated by The General Grand Chapter, and will contribute an amount of per capita tax in US funds as set from time to time by the General Grand Chapter.

Rationale: This would allow the changes to be made without having to bring a notice of motion to change the constitution and allow us to be legal in our Constitution, Laws & Regulations. By the time is motion is passed we will be almost three years out of date.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 6:30P.M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 6, 2005

6:30 p.m. The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of "*Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope*" Grand Chapter Session.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25) and Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (24).

Sister Belle, P.G.M.: Good evening, Sisters and Brothers.

It is a great pleasure to welcome each of you to this final Chapter of the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope Session", and I extend my sincere thanks to our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this privilege.

I extend a very cordial and loving welcome to each and everyone of you. To our own members, thank you for your continued interest and support of this Grand Chapter. To our visitors, we sincerely hope that you have pleasant memories of our hospitality and a greater love of our beautiful Order.

We have been greatly honoured to have with us our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Pat Rasmusson and our Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, as well as many other General Grand Chapter Officers, including Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Grand Conductress (we consider you one of us now) and especially our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, also General Grand Chapter Committee Members, including our own Sister Cheryl, Sister Edna and Brother Bill. We wish each of you good health and much happiness as you carry out your duties.

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Brother Bill, my own Worthy Grand Patron, it is a great pleasure to be sharing the East with you once again. Now, Brother Bill, may we hear from you?

Brother Bill, P.G.P.: Good Evening Sisters and Brothers.
This is indeed a great honour for me to assist in the opening of this final session of the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" session.

Sister Belle, my Worthy Grand Matron, isn't this just super, that Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan asked us to participate for the first time, in an opening together. Our hearts are still in Harmony and, yes, we are having fun yet.

We have completed much of the business of this Grand Chapter Session and soon a new slate of officers will assume their duties.

We are grateful for the leadership of Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan throughout the year and are especially pleased that Brother Allan is "Back in the Saddle Again". I extend a heart felt warm welcome to you all.

Sister Belle, P.G.M.: I now call to order the opening of this final session of the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Grand Chapter Session.

The Grand Choir sang "*Happy Days Are Here Again*".
It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that the members remain seated for the Processional and the Formations.

Sister Belle, P.G.M.: Grand Marshal: you will invite the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

FORMATIONS

Sister Cheryl Denton, G.G.C.C.M. presided over the Formations with the theme "Love Makes The World Go Round". This was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Monday evening.

Sister Belle, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Belle, P.G.M.: Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Allan, Worthy Grand Patron, I am indeed honoured to extend to you a sincere and loving welcome to this final evening of your "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session. On behalf of all our members, thank you for your service to our Grand Jurisdiction. We appreciate the time given and the dedication that you have shown. May you have many happy memories of serving our beautiful Order.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn, Brother Bill and I were pleased to have

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you serve as our Associate Grand Conductress and we have watched with much interest your journey to the East of this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan, you have been faithful in your duties and we respect you for your efforts to spread the teachings of this wonderful Order.

In a very short time now your term of office will come to an end and you will be welcomed to the ranks of the Past Grands. We look forward to your continued service and work on behalf of this Grand Chapter.

I thank you once again for the privilege of welcoming you to your final session with my own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill. God bless you both. Brother Bill.

Brother Bill, P.G.P.:

Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Matron, welcome to your final session of the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope". Congratulations and thank you for all your efforts in making this year a success for Order of the Eastern Star. It's been a Hoot!

Brother Allan, Worthy Grand Patron: Top o' the morning to ya! The time is getting close. It will soon be over, yet somehow I feel you are just getting started. The friendships you have made on the Star Trail, you will share for years to come.

I would like to thank you for all the dedicated hard work you put into your year with Sister Marylyn. You gave us a scare but I know you were just checking up on us. Pass on to Sister Shirley our thanks for all her behind-the-scenes work. You and I know, we could not have done it without our wives support. I wish you enough.

To you both, thank you for this opportunity to share duties in the East with Sister Belle in opening this final session.

Sister Belle, 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 Marylyn and Brother Allan.

Sister Belle, P.G.M.: I now present you with your gavel with love and best wishes.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Thank you Sister Belle and Brother Bill for opening

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this last evening of the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Session for one of
your "Belles and one of Your "Beaus". Please accept this small gift.

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Sister Belle and Brother Bill, thank you for calling to
order our last session of this 58th Grand Chapter. You may be last, but by no
means least, as you were Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron when I
was elected Grand Sentinel and I knew from the way you did your work then that
tonight would be no exception. Thank you and Brother Bill, please accept this
token of our appreciation.

The Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

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

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED

Sister Norma Crabtree, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother John Coombs, Worthy
Grand Patron of Maine were presented at the Altar, warmly welcomed by Sister
Marylyn and Brother Allan and escorted to the East. They were given Grand
Honours.

Sister Pamela Coombs, Grand Representative of Vermont in Maine and Sister
Violet Gerber, Grand Representative of South Dakota in Maine were presented at
the Altar and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.
They were escorted to the East and given Grand Honours.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Grand Secretary announced that the proceeds from the ESTARL Church
Service held on Sunday evening totalled \$821.21.

MOTION

Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.G.S. moved that the invitation, extended during the
afternoon session, to host the Grand Chapter Session in Greenwich in July, 2007
be accepted. This was seconded by Sister Linda Townsend, P.M. (67) and the
motion was carried.

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

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read. Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59) seconded the motion and it was carried.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee Members are: Brother Richard Coleman, P.P. (2), Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. (1 PEI) and Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (15).

Brother Richard Coleman, P.P., Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure, as Chairman of the Credentials and Registration Committee, to submit the final report for the 2004-2005, "VALLEY OF CONSTANCY, FAITH AND HOPE" SESSION, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Members from this Grand Jurisdiction:	407
Members from other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>316</u>
Grand Total in Attendance:	723

It is with much delight, that on behalf of the members of the "Credentials and Registration Committee", namely, Brother Arnold Burhoe, P.P. (1 PEI) and Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (15) and myself, I extend thanks to Sister Marylyn, WGM, and Brother Allen, WGP, for appointing us to this Committee and allowing us to serve you during your most successful year. It has been our privilege to be part of your Grand Chapter Standing Committee and our congratulations are extended to both on your very successful Grand Chapter Session.

Needless to say, without the dedicated assistance of volunteers, it would have been almost impossible to provide the efficient service that was required of this Committee. We would like to acknowledge and thank those Sisters and Brothers who graciously volunteered their dedicated assistance: Sister Erma Coleman, Sister Betty Amey, Sister Mary Crouch, Sister Nora Moxsom. We could never have completed our mission without your assistance.

General Information: Members registered from 46 of the 47 Chapters in Our Grand Jurisdiction

Other Grand Jurisdictions represented totalled 37
(6 from Canada and 31 from U.S.A.)

Once again, "THANK YOU" for allowing us to be part of your Most Successful Grand Chapter Session.

Brother Richard Coleman moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (15) and the motion was carried.

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<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>
Port Royal #1	6	Queens #34	8
Mayflower #2	17	St. Mary's #35	11
Cedar #3	5	Dr.Gordon MacLeod#37	2
Keystone #5	7	Mae #38	4
Halifax #7	8	Cobequid #39	4
Grace #8	3	Mystic Star #40	15
Century #10	17	Armcrest #45	7
Queen Elizabeth # 14	4	Florence Fraser #47	3
Evangeline #15	28	Elm #48	3
Britannia #18	1	Scotia #49	13
Victoria #19	4	Sunrise #50	3
Hon. Joseph Howe #20	4	Regent #52	8
Myrtle #21	8	Faith #54	2
Fairfield #22	12	Elmsdale #55	10
Maple Leaf #23	3	Ruth #57	11
Crystal #1 PEI	24	Emerald #58	4
Westville #24	19	Shoreham #59	6
Harmony #25	7	Queen Esther #61	23
Munro #26	2	Atlantic #65	0
Kwebec #27	14	Starlight #66	5
Amethyst #28	16	Laurel #67	20
Arbutus #30	7	Montague#69	7
Annaval #31	9	Crescent #70	7
		Pearle #71	6

Total Number of Chapters: 47

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GRAND TOTAL:	723

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The Grand Choir sang "*The Chipmunk Song*" to Brother Allan, Worthy Grand Patron.

**FAREWELL
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
Brother Allan R. Conrad**

Brother Allan, W.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matron, Grand East, Sisters and Brothers. Now the time has come to say goodbye to a most interesting and wonderful year. Thank you for giving me the honour of serving you as your Worthy Grand Patron, it was indeed a privilege. To our Grand Officers (Grand Family), it was a pleasure to get to know you, please remember the good times and stay in touch with each other.

Sister Marion, Associate Grand Matron and Brother John, Associate Grand Patron, congratulations and best wishes for a successful year, may it be all that you hope for. You have chosen a Grand Family that you can be proud of. I know you will have a fun year.

To my own Grand Family, thanks for all you have done to make this year what it was "**GREAT**".

Sister Marylyn, we have shared the last three years and now it has come to an end. I hope you feel that you have accomplished what you had set out to do. I thank you for the opportunity to share this time with you. I have enjoyed it greatly. Now Brother Ralph can have you full time. Thanks for sharing.

To my wife, Sister Shirley, thank you for all you have done, now you can relax and do the things you wanted to do.

To the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you for your friendship and support, may all your dreams come true. "I wish you Enough".

To Sister Marylyn, Worthy Grand Matron, the Grand Choir sang "**Smile**" - in barbershop harmony.

**FAREWELL
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
Sister Marylyn C. Swinamer**

Sister Marylyn, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers, I have had a wonderful year. I would like to close with the poem I have used all year:

*There's wisdom in taking the time to care;
There's wisdom in giving and wanting to share;
There's wisdom in grace and making amends;
There's wisdom in having and keeping good friends.*

The Grand Organist, Brother Ray Horton, accompanied by the Grand Choir sang

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“Let There Be Peace” to Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan.

PRESENTATION

Sister Marion Miller, A.G.M. and Brother John Patterson, A.G.P. approached the East and presented Sister Marylyn and Brother Allan 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 Evelyn Thompson, P.G.M. (52), Installing Officer for the Ceremony of Installation of the 2005-2006 Grand Officers presided.

RECESSIONAL OF 2004-2005 GRAND OFFICERS

As the Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar and placed their badges on the Altar. the Grand Choir provided beautiful music as the 2004-2005 Grand Officers retired.

INSTALLATION OF 2005-2006 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.

8:05 p.m.: Sister Evelyn Thompson, P.G.M. (52), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order.

Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21) attended at the Altar informally and Installing Grand Chaplain, Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10) led the members in prayer.

Installing Grand Officer: Sister Evelyn Thompson, P.G.M. (52)

Assisted by:

Installing Grand Marshal: Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)

Assisting in the East: Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. (52)
Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (25)
Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28)

Installing Grand Conductress: Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21)

Installing Grand Chaplain: Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10)

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Installing Grand Organist: Sister Marian Dickie, P.M. (37)
Installing Grand Warder: Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (58)
Installing Grand Sentinel: Brother James Dickie, P.G.P. (37)

Soloists: Sister Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson, P.M. (1PEI)
Sister Colleen McPherson, P.M. (25)
Brother Charles McPherson, P.P. (25)
Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61)

The Grand Officers were escorted by Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P., Installing Grand Marshal, into the Grand Chapter room. The Sisters wore beautiful two piece gowns in deep purple with beaded tops and chiffon skirts. The Brothers wore white dinner jackets with purple bow ties and cummerbunds.

Sister Evelyn Thompson, P.G.M. installed Sister Marion Miller as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Marion, Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East through an arch of flowers. Upon arriving in the East she was accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson, P.M. sang "*When You Wish Upon A Star*" to her.

Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. installed Brother John Patterson as Worthy Grand Patron. He was escorted to the East by a chimney sweep with his chapter members wearing shamrock hats forming a guard of honour. The organist played "*When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*". He was accorded Grand Honours when he reached the East.

Sister Colleen McPherson, P.M. (25) and Brother Charles McPherson, P.P. (25) sang "*We Shall Go Out With Resurrection*".

Sister Evelyn Thompson, P.G.M. installed the Associate Grand Matron
Brother Reginald MacRae, P.G.P. installed the Associate Grand Patron, Grand Marshal, Grand Organist, Grand Warder and Grand Sentinel
Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. installed the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Chaplain
Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. installed the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Star Points

Following the installation of the Grand Chaplain, Sister Jane Wooldridge, Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. sang "*Whisper A Prayer*" to her.

The Installing Grand Officers were then escorted to seats in the East and thanked for their beautiful work.

The following **Grand Officers** were installed for **2005-2006**:

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PEI)	Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Marion Miller	(1)
	Worthy Grand Patron	Brother John Patterson	(10)
	Associate Grand Matron	Sister Gail Cook	(67)
	Associate Grand Patron	Brother Ronald Boudreau	(70)
	Grand Secretary	Sister Betty Ann Loughnan	(40)
	Grand Treasurer	Sister Dorothy Powroz	(28)
	Grand Conductress	Sister Annie Mae Backman	(8)
	Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Edith Conrod	(61)
	Grand Chaplain	Sister Jane Wooldridge	(1)
PEI)	Grand Marshal	Brother Darrell Thurber	(7)
	Grand Organist	Brother Edward MacLaren	(69)
	Grand Adah	Sister Fran Harding	(52)
	Grand Ruth	Sister Evelyn Blair	(3)
	Grand Esther	Sister Nora Moxsom	(55)
	Grand Martha	Sister Beverly Caulier	(27)
	Grand Electa	Sister Mary Reid	(25)
	Grand Warder	Brother David Morrison	(22)
	Grand Sentinel	Brother Whitman Giffin	(59)

The Assistant to the Grand Organist for 2005-2006 will be Sister Marian Dickie, P.M. (37).

**ADDRESS OF THE
WORTHY GRAND MATRON
2005-2006
Sister Marion Miller**

As I stand here in the East of our Grand Chapter and consider all the Memories about to unfold, I am deeply humbled. When I joined the Order of the Eastern Star I had no idea of all the precious friends that I would make in my travels.

I thank the members of this Grand Chapter for the trust they have placed in me by electing me to this high honour. To all those who have stood here before me, I respect all that you have done for our beautiful Order and I hope that by walking in those footsteps I can prove worthy of this position of leadership.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John, doesn't that sound great! Thank you for putting your name forward a couple of years ago and choosing to come to the Grand East with me if you were elected and I'm so delighted you were. We have had two wonderful years and if possible I know this one will be even better. To Our Installing Grand Officers, Sister Evelyn, as you went through the Grand

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Chapter I was going through Crystal Chapter and was Brother Marshalls' Page at your "Umbrella" Session on Prince Edward Island 11 years ago. Never did I expect that Prince Edward Island would host Grand Chapter 12 years later with me as Worthy Grand Matron in 2006. You were a great role model and we hope our session will be as wonderful as yours. Brother Reg you have been a great support and asset to me in this journey and have installed me as Associate Grand Conductress, and Grand Conductress and would have installed me as Associate Grand Matron if you had been well last year, and I am so proud to have had you install my Worthy Grand Patron and all our Brother Officers. Sisters Marion, Belle and Joan thank you all for your part in the installation; you all have a special place in Brother John's and my heart for various reasons during our journey East. Brother Ken what a great pleasure to have you as Grand Marshal and have you escort all our Officers to their stations. I hope we will all be as proficient as you in our work this year. Brother Murray it was just Fantastic to have you as our Grand Chaplain and this is our honour station, and we are truly blessed to have you as a friend and our first Chaplain for this year. Brothers Howie and Jim thank you very much. With your Island connections and our friendships we are so proud to have you participate in our Installation. Sister Marian, Sisters Marjorie, Marian, Colleen, and Brother Charles, your music and solos have been the crowning jewel for this evening. Thank you all for the beautiful pieces you have sung this evening; and Sister Marian as Assistant to the Grand Organist, we look forward to hearing more.

Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Marylyn and Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Allan; it has been a pleasure following you in this journey. Thank you for all your support. You have had a wonderful Grand Chapter Session and year. I hope that you can sit back, relax and reflect on all the wonderful memories of this past year.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are very proud of our Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Brother Fred Clarke, and our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Edna Harding, International Temple, Sister Cheryl Denton, Registration, and Brother Bill Clark, Visioneer I'm so honoured that you are here with us.

To the visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, and Officers and Members from other Jurisdictions thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be with us this week.

To the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, you are special friends to each and every one of us. Thank you for your support and caring advice. You are the support system of each of us as we travel to the East and it is so appreciated. We look forward to seeing you in our travels.

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To all our Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons, thank you all for accepting your Offices and responsibilities we look forward to travelling and working with you over the next year. You are the chosen people, whether appointed or elected. I know we will all be using the "F" word this year, Fraternity, Friendship and Fun is our Motto.

Grand Chapter Committee Members thank you all for accepting these appointments, you are the backbone of this Grand Jurisdiction and work for the benefit of all of us. We know you will work hard and we thank you in advance for all your endeavours.

I'll ask the Members of Crystal Chapter #1, my Chapter to stand. Thank you all for the support that you have given me personally with all the work you have done and will be doing to make the "*Garden of Memories*" Session in 2006 on Prince Edward Island a success. It has been 25 years since our last Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Ellen Webster was standing before this membership, and I would like the members from Montague and Regent Chapters to stand with Crystal Chapter as we are one, and I couldn't do this without all your help also.

To the Hostess Chapters in District #7 what a pleasure to work with you all, and you have been a pleasure to work with and our success in 2006 will be due to each and everyone of your contributions.

To the Members of Century #10, as I previously said I couldn't have a better person as my Worthy Grand Patron in Brother John and he reflects his Chapter and your commitment to him and me for this special year we are beginning to night. Your participation in the Hostess Committee and past two years is more than anyone could wish for, thank you all!

I have had great travelling companions whom many of you have met at one time or another and look forward to them keeping me on time and asking me what meal we are eating now, and keeping me awake on our late night drives, they are Sisters Marion, Jean, Connie and Gladys - my extended family.

Also there are a couple of other people I'd like to thank for their patience and support as they are lending me their spouses, Sister Diane and Donnie Wooldridge. First, Sister Diane, we couldn't do it without you, and Donnie is Sister Jane's husband who is my right arm, travelling companion, Chair of the Hostess committee and the Sister I never had, so to Donnie I am your adopted in-law/outlaw. As the saying goes, you can pick your friends but not your relatives! Thank you both so much for all you do and put up with for our benefit and for Eastern Star.

To my immediate family Brother Edgar, my husband, thank you for all the

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support you have given me, and the encouragement to fulfil this journey; the patience with the telephone calls, messages, hours spent on the computer. I appreciate that you will look after our business and home as I travel this year. I love you and can only say we're on my last year of this wonderful journey. Sister Erin, our daughter, you are a great support and have helped whenever I need something done and look forward to many years together in Eastern Star. Our son, Dylan, was unable to be with us as he has a business, and we need someone to be home to look after our youngest member of the family, Deuce, the springer spaniel.

Our special project this year is the Children's Wish Foundation. I ask that in lieu of corsages and personal gifts this year donations be made for our special project, or Crib quilts or baby afghans be given to me instead. Everyone likes to curl up in a comfort or sookie blanket when we are unwell. They will be displayed at Grand Chapter as decorations, and labelled with: "donated by the Order of the Eastern Star, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island." Then we will give some to the Wish foundations and Hospitals to be given to unwell children.

As the Worthy Grand Matron from Prince Edward Island, which historically only happens every 10-12 years, we have many children on Prince Edward Island waiting for their wishes to be fulfilled so, Brother John and I agreed that the monies from our Special Project will be split equally this year, between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Thank you to everyone for your help and trust you have given me, to achieve this honour and I look forward to this year and our Official visits.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John, now it's your turn.

**ADDRESS OF THE
WORTHY GRAND PATRON
2005-2006
Brother John Patterson**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion; Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers, Family and Special Friends:

It is with the utmost humility and respect that I celebrate this great honour you have bestowed upon me this evening. I look forward to the year ahead as I journey with each of you and Sister Marion in guiding our Grand Chapter through the coming year and our "*Garden of Memories Session*."

To each of you I offer four things as we journey the road together:

First: My heart to care for you in fraternal love.
Second: My ears to hear you.

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Third: My hands to help you.

Fourth: My strength to walk with you.

So it is that I thank each of you for electing me as Grand Sentinel and sharing my journey to the Grand East. Your support and encouragement has been nothing short of wonderful.

There are so many people who have made this journey possible, from the members of Regent Chapter #52, who first showed me the beauty of this wonderful Order; the members of T.D. Mabe Chapter #62, who gave me the privilege of becoming a Worthy Patron for the first time; to Cape Breton Chapter #12, in Glace Bay who granted me the Honour to serve in the East with my wife, Diane as you celebrated your 50th Anniversary. To Crystal Chapter #1, where I was again honoured to serve as Worthy Patron with Sister Anna Carr and where I first met Sister Marion; and last but not least to Century Chapter, #10, where I was once again honoured to go through the East with first time Worthy Matron, Sister Margie Chisholm. Thank you, Century Chapter for all your support as we have journeyed together these past years.

Also, I would like to thank the Installing Team for the beautiful Installation this evening and especially Past Grand Patron, Brother Reg MacRae for installing me as Worthy Grand Patron. Brother Reg, with Regent Chapter it began and now the circle is complete. Thank you.

There are so many to thank but for the moment I would like to recognize my family who are present here tonight. My son, Jim and Daughter, Krista; my Grandson, Jonathan, my Granddaughter, Dakota and my Wife, Sister Diane. You are my life, my joy and everlasting strength and love. My brother-in-law, Rev. Bill Fraser and his wife, Hilary; my other brother-in-law, Jim Fraser and his wife, Paulette, and my sister-in-law, Sister Margie Allen.

To the members of St. James United Church, Hantsport, you were there for my family and myself during many times of celebration and at those times when we were low at the end of my ministry with you. And now you are here with me again sharing a time of celebration. Thank you for sharing your love and support once more.

The journey was not made in isolation. There are several people I must thank who have walked with me from the beginning of the journey to this evening.

Sister Diane, Sister Margie, Sister Georgie Dewey, Brother Charles Dewey and Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Thompson, Sr. This group of sisters and brothers are a pool of advice from which I have drawn deeply over the past years.

Sister Marion, I will stand with you on our journey and support you in all your endeavours and like you, I would appreciate that in lieu of personal gifts, a

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donation would be made to our Special Project, "The Children's Wish Foundation."

In closing, I leave you with this thought:

Son of an Irishman
*"Oh, I'm the Son of an Irishman
and the Son of another was he,
St. Patrick is my Patron
And I'm Happy as Happy can be."*

Thank you and God Bless.

Brother John asked his granddaughter, Dakota, age 4, to pass out lollipops to everyone in attendance.

PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Grand Conductress, you will present our District Deputy Grand Matrons for proper introduction.

The four appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2005-2006 were introduced:

Sister Beth Brett, Sister Diane Patterson, Sister Mary Smith and Sister Bonnie Lowe.

District No. 1	Sister Beth Brett, P.M.	(19)
District No. 2	Sister Diane Patterson, P.M.	(10)
District No. 3	Sister Mary Smith, P.M.	(57)
District No. 4	Sister Annie Mae Backman, G.C.	(8)
District No. 5	Sister Gail Cook, A.G.M.	(67)
District No. 6	Sister Bonnie Lowe, P.M.	(15)
District No. 7	Sister Edith Conrod, A.G.C.	(61)

Sister Marion, W.G.M. and Brother John, W.G.P. thanked each of them for accepting this appointment and the Grand Conductress escorted them to the East where the Worthy Grand Matron presented each with her badge of office.

Sister Marion, W.G.M. and Brother John, W.G.P. announced the new Committee appointments for 2005-2006 as follows:

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES For 2005-2006 STANDING COMMITTEES

Grand Historian: Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. (3)

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Membership:	Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P.	(27)
	Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M.	(61)
	Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.	(71)
	Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M.	(61)
	Brother John Newell, P.G.P.	(14)
	Sister Marie Parks, P.M.	(15)
	Brother Charles Graves, P.P.	(1 PEI)
	Brother Howard Ford, P.P.	(71)

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Jurisprudence:	Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M.	(35)
Finance:	Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M.	(21)
Credentials:	Sister Joan Mills, P.M.	(8)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

FIVE YEARS

E.S.T.A.R.L.:	Brother George Myles, P.P.	(7)
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ONE YEAR COMMITTEES

Librarian:	Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M.	(15)
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Temple Fund:	Sister Mildred Wagner, P.M. - Chair	(28)
	Sister Lorraine O'Neill, P.M.	(61)
	Brother Ralph McKay, P.P.	(18)

Courtesy:	Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M.	(2)
	Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P.	(49)
	Sister Suzanne Aitken, P.M.	(69)
	Brother Garry Hope, P.P.	(24)

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project:

	Brother Ray Zinck, P.P. - Chair	(59)
	Brother John Langley, P.P.	(66)
	Sister Linda Veinotte, P.M.	(47)
	Sister June MacIntosh, P.M.	(39)
	Sister June Dauphinee, P.M.	(58)
	Brother Richard Haynes, P.P.	(2)
	Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M.	(3)

Crafts and Treasures:	Sister Myrna MacPherson, P.M. - Chair	(10)
	Sister Mary Ihasz, P.M.	(19)
	Sister Wanda Leese, P.M.	(55)
	Sister Donna Hazeldine, P.M.	(45)
	Sister Helen Hatt, P.M.	(30)

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Sister Nora Bishop, P.M. (15)
Sister Carolyn Deegan, P.M. (18)

Publicity: Sister Melda Johnston, P.M. - Chair (52)
Sister Audrey MacDonald, P.M. (26)
Sister Vivian Ingham, P.M. (10)
Sister Lucy Josey, P.M. (49)
Sister Bernice Webb, P.M. (27)
Brother Charles Teal, P.P. (38)
Sister Linda Townsend, P.M. (67)

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)

Fraternal Relations: Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25)

**TRIENNIUM COMMITTEES - 2003-2006
(Three Year Appointments)**

Arrangements Committee for General Grand Chapter 2003-2006:

Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (General Chairman) (21)
Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (Social Events) (24)
Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (Housing) (28)
Sister Shirley MacLean, P.M. (Transportation) (58)
Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P. (Favours) (66)

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2005-2006
WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS**

Sister Marion, W.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress please present the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons for the year 2005-2006.

At this time **twenty-five Worthy Matrons and sixteen Worthy Patrons** for 2005-2006 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Marion and Brother John:

Worthy Matrons: Sister Winna Smith, Port Royal #1; Sister Mabel Haynes, Mayflower #2; Sister Margaret Allen, Cedar #3; Sister Lynn Thurber, Halifax, #7; Sister Frances Duncan, Century #10; Sister Carol Nielsen, Hon. Joseph Howe #20; Sister Joan Campbell, Myrtle #21; Sister Marguerite Morrison, Fairfield #22; Sister Judy Graves, Crystal #1 PEI; Sister Janet Johnson, Westville #24; Sister Janet Merry, Kwebec #27; Sister Carolyn Phinney, Annaval #31; Sister Sandra Denton, St. Mary's #35; Sister Heather Cook, Mae #38; Sister Mildred Wagner, Mystic Star #40; Sister Donna Hazeldine, Armcrest #45; Sister Viola Horton, Florence Fraser #47; Sister Frances Jackson, Elm #48; Sister Ethel Brown, Elmsdale #55; Sister Annie Mae Backman, Shoreham #59; Sister Inez Daye,

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Atlantic #65; Sister Marion Robinson, Laurel #67; Sister Donna White, Montague
#69; Sister Grace Boudreau, Crescent #70; Sister Anna Ford, Pearle #71.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Cordell Levy, Mayflower #2; Brother Laurie Myra, Grace #8; Brother Donald Duncan, Century #10; Brother David Morrison, Fairfield #22; Brother Charles Graves, Crystal #1 PEI; Brother William A. Thompson, Westville #24; Brother Tabor Caulier, Kwebec #27; Brother Donald Medicraft, Annaval #31; Brother Allen Denton, St. Mary's #35; Brother Charles Teal, Mae #38; Brother Whitman Giffin, Mystic Star #40; Brother Donald Cooke, Scotia #49; Brother George Moxsom, Elmsdale #55; Brother Ray Zinck, Shoreham #59; Brother Ron Boudreau, Crescent #70; Brother Howard Ford, Pearle #71.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL

Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. (35) was escorted to the East and he presented Sister Marylyn Swinamer with her Past Grand Matron's Jewel. This jewel had belonged to his mother, Sister Mildred Denton, P.G.M.

Sister Marylyn thanked Brother Allen for presenting her with this jewel. This jewel was first worn by Sister Agnes Hallyburton, P.G.M. - a member of Mayflower Chapter #2 - Sister Marylyn's own chapter. She is very pleased to receive this jewel and it will be an honour to wear it.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWEL

Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. presented Sister Marion Miller, W.G.M. with the Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel to wear during the year when she is travelling outside our Jurisdiction. Sister Marion thanked Sister Marylyn for this jewel.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL

Sister Lorna Spencer, P.M. (28) was escorted to the East and along with Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (28) presented Brother Allan Conrad with his Past Grand Patron's Jewel. This jewel had belonged to Brother Harold Spencer, P.G.P.. Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49) pinned the jewel on Brother Allan. Brother Allan thanked Sister Lorna and Sister Marion and said that he will wear it with pride.

PRESENTATION OF TRAVELLING JEWEL

Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. presented Brother John Patterson, W.G.P. with the William McLellan Travelling Jewel to wear during the year while he is visiting outside our Jurisdiction. Brother John thanked him and said he will wear it with pride.

SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister Marylyn,

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P.G.M. and Brother Allan, P.G.P. were escorted to the Altar by the Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress and signed the Bible. They were escorted back to the East.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO WORTHY GRAND MATRON

Sister Judy Graves, Worthy Matron of Crystal Chapter No. 1 presented Sister Marion with her Bible. This Bible had belonged to Sister Helen Herring and used when she visited the chapters in 1958-1959. She also presented her with a monetary gift from the members of her chapter.

Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. presented Sister Marion with a beautiful handcrafted carrying case for her Bible. This is a gift from Sister Gladys, Brother Reg, Sister Jane and Don.

Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (1 PEI) presented Sister Marion with a gift from the Past Matrons of her chapter.

Her gavel is a gift from Sister Claretta Palmer, P.G.M. Sister Claretta used this gavel when she was Worthy Matron of Crystal Chapter No. 1 and when she was Worthy Grand Matron in 1967-1968.

Sister Marilyn Lisk, P.M. presented a monetary gift for her Special Project, The Children's Wish Foundation, from the members of Regent Chapter No. 52.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Sister Frances Duncan, Worthy Matron of Century Chapter No. 10 presented Brother John, W.G.P. with a gift and good wishes from the chapter.

Sister Diane Patterson, P.M. and Sister Margaret Allen, P.M. presented Brother John with a gift from his family - a beautiful set of oak tables made by Brother Charlie Dewey. The oak came from an oak tree off Brother David Waterbury's property.

Brother Charles Graves, Worthy Patron of Crystal Chapter No. 1 presented Brother John with a gift from the chapter.

Brother Reg MacRae, P.G.P. (52) presented a gift to Brother John from the members of Regent Chapter No. 52.

Sister Barbara Myles, P.M. (7) presented Brother John with a gift from Brother George and herself as former members of T.D. Mabe Chapter No. 62.

CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER

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The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session closed, to reconvene on July 4, 2006 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

**“GARDEN OF MEMORIES”
GRAND CHAPTER SESSION**

To be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 4, 5 and 6, 2006

- Aim:** To Recapture the Joy of our Initiation
Theme: Fun, Friendship and Fraternity
Watchwords: *Faith* - Makes our paths a little clearer
Hope - Makes our lives a little brighter
Charity - Makes our load a little lighter
Emblem: Bible
Honour Station: Chaplain
Flower: Pansies
Motto: Serve with the heart of a child
Charity: **Children’s Wish Foundation**
Fun Symbols: **W.G.M.** - Teddy Bear
W.G.P. - Rainbows, Lollipops and Everything Irish
Colours: Purple, Nova Scotia Tartan, Prince Edward Island Dress
Tartan and accents of Silver and Gold.
Special Music:
W.G.M.: *When You Wish Upon A Star* *You’ll Never Walk Alone*
The Lord’s Prayer *High Hopes*
Twenty-third Psalm *Side By Side*

W.G.P.: *We Shall Go Out With Resurrection*
Here I Am Lord
Good Ship Lollipop
Look to The Rainbow
Will You Come And Follow Me

Scriptures: **W.G.M.:** “A friend loveth at all times.” Proverbs 17 Verse 17
W.G.P.: “*The Covenant of the Rainbow*” Genesis 9 Verse 12-17
“And I seal this promise with this sign. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds as a sign of my promise until the end of time, to you and to all the earth. When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will be seen in the clouds, and I will remember my promise to you and to every being, that never again will the flood come and destroy all life. For I will see the rainbow in the cloud

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*and remember my eternal promise to every living
being on the earth."*

DECORATIONS

The "*Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope*" Grand Chapter Session was held in the Gymnasium of Horton High School, July 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2005. The Grand Chapter Room was decorated using themes of this year's Special Project and fun symbols. The Project was the IWK/Grace Children's Hospital Dermatology Department. The fun symbols were the owl (for hope) and the chipmunk (for curiosity).

Grand Officers and Visitors entered the Grand Chapter Room through an archway created by two imitation trees, one on either side of the entranceway. In the arch, which joined the trees, chipmunks could be seen among the foliage. An owl was perched on top of each tree along with individual owls resting in various openings up and down the sides of each tree.

The Grand Chapter area was cordoned off with rope and pedestals at equal distances apart. Atop each pedestal sat an owl. The labyrinth floor was covered with a blue Eastern Star rug. The Star Point stations were setup as per our Ritual. Behind each Star Point's chair was a window box containing artificial flowers and a Cabbage Patch kid wearing a dress, with the flowers and dress being the colour appropriate to that degree.

The Altar Cloth belonged to Acadia Chapter No. 4, Lawrencetown. Three different Bibles were used during this session. On Monday, the Bible on the Altar belonged to the Worthy Grand Patron; Tuesday's Bible had formerly belonged to Cherry Blossom Chapter No. 46, Bear River; and on Wednesday, the Bible used was the Worthy Grand Matron's. The Bookmark in the Bible was a gift made by Sister Shirley Daine of Halifax Chapter No. 7 and Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M., Scotia Chapter No. 49.

The Charter stood in the Northeast corner of the Grand Chapter room.

The Chapter Room was outlined with window boxes filled with flowers and produce, i.e. strawberries grown in the Annapolis Valley.

A toy chipmunk with his young family members sat on the front corner of the Grand Treasurer's desk.

The Grand East was located on the gymnasium stage. Over the Worthy Grand Matron's podium, a cloth was draped imprinted with an owl hanging over the front edge. Across the front of the stage, six floral bouquets were placed evenly apart. Between and around the floral arrangement, from left to right, a continuing

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND story was depicted using Cabbage Patch kids in scenes beginning as patients receiving dermatology care while sick in a hospital bed setting, progressing to hospital play areas, and ending in playtime settings as they returned home after successful treatments were completed. These outfits and displays of Cabbage Patch kids were created by Sister LaVerne Porter of Evangeline Chapter No. 15. Sister LaVerne was responsible for making all the clothes, quilts and mats. She was assisted by Sister Linda Foote (67) and Brother Ralph Swinamer (2) who furnished the trees. Across the rear of the stage stood nine flags: namely, the Canadian Flag, Union Jack, Stars and Stripes, Nova Scotia Flag, Prince Edward Island Flag, Minnesota Flag, California Flag, the Christian Flag and the Order of the Eastern Star Flag.

GRAND CHAPTER GOWNS

All the sisters (Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons) wore identically styled two piece outfits in a deep purple. The tops were beaded with chiffon skirts. The brothers wore black tuxedos with purple bow ties and cummerbunds.

FORMATIONS

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar, symbolizing Constancy, Faith and Hope - the watchwords of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. The Grand Pages and Grand Guards formed a circle around the Grand Officers, symbolizing hugs - one of the non-profit projects this year. The District Deputy Grand Matrons formed a semi-circle representing smiles - another non profit project this year. Around all the Grand Representatives formed a circle linking hands of friendship - a circle without end where everyone is special. While the members sang "Love Makes The World Go Round" each group moved in the opposite direction to the groups around them.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Events for the "Valley of Constancy, Faith and Hope" Grand Chapter Session were held at the Old Orchard Inn, except for the Church service, as follows:

Sunday, July 3, 2005

4:00 p.m. The **Church Service** was held at Kings Presbyterian Church, New Minas. The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

6:30 p.m. The **"Peace In The Valley" Banquet** was held in Orchard Hall at the Old Orchard Inn. This banquet was in honour of our General Grand Chapter Officer, Brother Fred Clarke, and our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Edna Harding, Sister Cheryl Denton and Brother Bill Clark.

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Monday, July 4, 2005

11:00 a.m. **The Past Grands Club** held their meeting in the Old Orchard Inn, Salon E. This was followed by their **Luncheon** in the Acadian Room at 12:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m. **The Grand Representatives Association** held their meeting in Salons A, B and C at the Old Orchard Inn.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The **Afternoon Tea** was held in Salon E and Pre Fun at the Old Orchard Inn, and was well attended with many of our members having the opportunity to enjoy the abundant refreshments while chatting with friends.

Tuesday, July 5, 2005

7:15 a.m. the **Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast** was held in Salon D at the Old Orchard Inn.

12:00 p.m. The annual **Grand Representatives Association Luncheon** was held in Orchard Hall, Old Orchard Inn.

12:00 p.m. The **“Owl Whoo Give a Hoot” Luncheon** was held in the Acadian and Blomidon Rooms, Old Orchard Inn.

6:00 p.m. **The “Red Carnation” Main Banquet** was held in Orchard Hall, Old Orchard Inn.

Wednesday, July 6, 2005

7:30 a.m. The **Grand Family Breakfast** was held in the Blomidon Room, Old Orchard Inn.

12:00 p.m. The **“Hope and Curiosity” Luncheon** was held in Orchard Hall, Old Orchard Inn.

BANQUET

“Peace in the Valley” Banquet

Sunday, July 3, 2005

Sunday evening our General Grand Chapter Officer and General Grand Committee Members were honoured by Grand Chapter at the *“Peace In The Valley”* Banquet at the Old Orchard Inn. The banquet room was opened to look out over the Valley with Cape Blomidon in the background. Each table was decorated with a Church sitting on a mound of snow and snowflakes scattered around. The head table was also decorated with Churches and snowflakes. In front of each honouree was a symbol of their year (teddy bear, candle, teapot and lighthouse). A crocheted snowflake was placed at each place as a favour. The head table was piped into the room after which welcomes were extended by the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and the Vice President of the Past

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Grands Club. Remarks to the honourees was extended by Sister Sheila
MacDonald, P.G.M.

Brother Ward Cunningham, P.G.P. brought a tribute to Sister Edna Harding -
International Temple. Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. sang "*One Little Candle*".
Gifts were presented on behalf of Grand Chapter and her Chapter, Faith
Chapter#54.

Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. brought a tribute to Sister Cheryl Denton -
Registration. Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. sang "*I Planted a Rose*". Gifts were
presented on behalf of Grand Chapter and her Chapter, St. Mary's #35.

Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. paid tribute to Brother William "Bill" Clark
- Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Brother Whitman Giffin,
P.P. sang "*The Rose*". Gifts were presented on behalf of Grand Chapter and his
Chapter, Westville #24.

Tribute to Brother Fred W. Clarke - Right Worthy Grand Sentinel was brought by
his Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara B. Bowser. Sister Marian Durling,
P.G.M. sang "*Suddenly There Is A Valley*". Sister Rennie Oton, Right Worthy
Grand Conductress, P.G.M. Texas and granddaughter, Jenna Clarke each brought
remarks to Brother Fred. Gifts were presented on behalf of Grand Chapter and
his Chapter, Laurel Chapter #67.

Due to delays and weather the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy
Grand Patron were detained in Toronto for two days. Sister Helen R. Cox, Past
Most Worthy Grand Matron spoke on behalf of General Grand Chapter in their
absence.

LUNCHEON
Grand Representatives
Tuesday, July 4, 2005

The Grand Representatives Luncheon was held Tuesday July 4, 2005, at the Old
Orchard Inn, Greenwich, N. S.

President Brother Charles Teal welcomed everyone. The tables looked lovely
decorated with Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Flags. Brother Charles had
programmes made, with the names of our Grand Representatives and the
Executive's pictures. Something new this year.

We were very honoured to have Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Pat
Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Loyal Stark, Past Most Worthy
Grand Matron, Sister Helen Cox, our own Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, Brother
Fred Clarke, General Grand Chapter Committee Members - Sister Edna Harding,
International Temple, Brother William Clark, Visioneer. Our own Worthy Grand

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Matron, Sister Marylyn Swinamer and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Allan Conrad joined us for dessert.

Brother Charles presented a \$100.00 cheque to each the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for their special project . As well,\$100.00 dollars was donated to ESTARL.

Sister Carolyn Galley Card gave the tribute to the Canadian Flag. The response was given by Sister Diane Patterson.

Sister Janice Krambeer of Iowa gave the tribute to the American Flag. The response was given by Sister Jessie Nutter, P.G.M.

Brother Ken Josey, Grand Chaplain, gave the grace.

The president introduced the head table.

A special presentation was made to Sister Jessie Nutter, P.G.M. by President Brother Charles Teal.

Sister Pat, M.W.G.M., spoke on their new programs for the I.G.R.A., the Super Stars program and the Golden Keys of the Order.

The program was turned over to the new President Sister Connie MacDonald. The new slate of officers for 2005-2006:

President	Connie MacDonald
1st Vice	Edith Conrod
2nd Vice	Carol Nielsen
Secretary	Carolyn Galley Card
Treasurer	Doris Cullen
Past President	Charles Teal
Liaison Person	Fran Harding

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

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* Mr. Avery Day, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 1967
* 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 Benham, 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

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* Mr. Carr Graham, Past Grand Patron, New Brunswick	July 2000
Mrs. Betty J. Briggs, Right Worthy Grand Secretary , Past Grand Matron, Iowa	July 2000
Mr. William Briggs, Past Patron, Iowa	July 2000
Mr. Bruce Wedlock, Grand Representative of N.S.&P.E.I. (98-00) New Hampshire	July 2000
* Mrs. Dorothy M. Dewing, Most Worthy Grand Matron (2000-2003)	July 2001
Mr. Harles I. Creech, Most Worthy Grand Patron (2000-2003)	July 2001
Mrs. Jeanette Vreeland, Grand Representative of N.S.& P.E.I. (97-98) New Jersey	July 2001
Mrs. Estelle Creech, Past Matron, Louisiana	July 2002
Mrs. Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Cond., Past Grand Matron, Texas	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
Mrs. Patricia Rasmusson, Most Worthy Grand Matron (2003-2006)	July 2005
Mr. Gary Rasmusson, Past Patron, Minnesota	July 2005
Mr. Loyal Stark, Most Worthy Grand Patron (2003-2006)	July 2005
Mrs. Joan Stark, Past Matron, California	July 2005

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

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* Mrs. Agnes Hallyburton	1969-70
Mrs. E. Megan Church, P.O. Box 804, Windsor, N.S., BON 2T0	1970-71
* Mrs. Ada Bayers	1971-72
Mrs. Sarah Doty, 118 Parade St., Yarmouth, N.S., B5A 3B7	1972-73
* Mrs. Ethel Lovett	1973-74
* Mrs. Dorothy Hill	1974-75
Mrs. Jessie Nutter, 130 Young St. #208, Truro, N.S., B2N 3X4	1975-76
Mrs. Helen Connors, 390 Marsh St., Unit 9, New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 4S6	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 2E0	1980-81
* Miss Dorothy Oliver	1981-82
Mrs. Edna Harding, P.O. Box 62, Mulgrave, N.S., BOE 2G0	1982-83
* Mrs. Helen Turner	1983-84
* Mrs. Eunice Brown	1984-85
Mrs. Eleanor Freeman, R.R.#1 Caledonia, Queens Co., N.S., BOT 1B0	1985-86
Mrs. Diane Hayman, 1900 Drummond Rd., Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	1986-87
Mrs. Barbara Bowser, 20 Brigadoon Ave., Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 2B5	1987-88
Mrs. Violet E.R. Blair, 467 Canaan Cross Rd., Kentville N.S., B4N 4K1	1988-89
Mrs. Dora Turnbull, Box 654, Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	1989-90
* Mrs. Mildred E. Denton	1990-91
Mrs. Elizabeth Pettigrew, 49 Durno Dr., Cambridge, N.S., BOP 1G0	1991-92
Miss Marion V. Conrad, 2100 Poplar St., Halifax, N.S., B3L 2Y7	1992-93
Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, Kensington R.R. #6, P.E.I., COB 1M0	1993-94
* Mrs. Irene Liggins	1994-95
Mrs. Margaret A. Clarke, 1001 Maple Drive, New Minas, N.S., B4N 4C6	1995-96
Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, 14 Oland Ave., Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1	1996-97
Mrs. Marian Durling, 127 Golden Sands Dr., Malagash Mines, N.S., B0K 1E0	1997-98
Mrs. Cheryl A. Denton, 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.509, Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6J3	2002-03
Mrs. Inez Daye, 12 Forest Rd., Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 2M3	2003-04
Mrs. Marylyn C. Swinamer, 16 Harvey Ln, Wilmot, RR#2, Kingston, N.S., B0P 1R0	2004-05

PAST GRAND PATRONS

* 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

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* Mr. Frank Ripley	1965-66
* Mr. Winthrop Doty	1966-67
Rev. Bruce Atkinson, 5524 Heatherwood Crt., Apt. 604, Halifax., N.S., B3K 5N7	1967-68
* Mr. Edward Brown	1968-69
* Mr. Robert Fraser	1969-70
* Mr. Keith MacKinnon	1970-71
* Mr. Wilfred Cole	1971-72
Mr. Charles Thompson , 29 Valleyfield Rd., Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 1N2	1972-73
* Mr. William Ross	1973-74
Mr. Royce Hefler, 239 Lucasville Rd., Lower Sackville, N.S. B4B 1S1	1974-75
* Mr. Kenneth Henderson	1975-76
* Mr. William Anderson	1976-77
* Mr. Warren Walker	1977-78
* Mr. Harold Spencer	1978-79
Mr. Cyril MacIntosh, 150 Smith Ave., Truro, N.S., B2N 1C7	1979-80
* Mr. Chester Turnbull	1980-81
Mr. Kenneth Smith, 100 Union St., Bedford, N.S., B4A 2B7	1981-82
Mr. Ward Cunningham, Box 6, Pubnico, Yarmouth Co., N.S., BOW 2W0	1982-83
Mr. Lawrin Armstrong, RR#4 Shubenacadie, N.S., BON 1H0	1983-84
* Mr. Neil Archibald	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
Mr. Allan R. Conrad, 9 Hershey Rd., Dartmouth, N.S., B2Y 2H4	2004-05

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

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Mrs. Margaret Clarke 1988-92
Mr. Cecil E. Decker 1992-03
Miss Dorothy Powroz 2003-

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

* Mrs. Gertrude Dowell 1977-82
Mrs. Hazel MacLeod 1994-
* Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz 1998-01

GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS

* Mrs. Mabel Johnson 1988
Mr. Cecil E. Decker 2003-

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ALABAMA - Oct. - Mrs. Ramona Vickery, 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. Ruth Brannan, 4600 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016-5204
ARKANSAS - Dec. - Mrs. Rosemary Messersmith, PGM, 610 Royal Lane, Bentonville, AR, 72712
AUSTRALIA - June - Mrs. Elaine O'Brien, PMWGM, 92 First Ave., Berala, N.S.W. 2141, AUS.
BOLIVIA - Mrs. Isabel Fernandez, Calle Quijarro 190 entre,, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON - June - Mrs. Sheila Carlson, #3 - 1735 Spring Creek Dr., Lindell
Beach, BC, V2R 4W8
CALIFORNIA - Oct.-Mrs. Sharanne Wick, 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. Joan Edwards, PGM, 6112 W. Denny's Rd., Dover, DE, 19901-1534
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, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD,
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02460
MICHIGAN - Oct. - Miss Mary Ivey, 13464 Preston Dr., #250, Marshall, MI, 49068-9684
MINNESOTA - May - Mrs. Robyn E. Johnson, 3940 Black Oaks Lane North, Plymouth, Minneapolis,
MN, 55446
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

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 NEW BRUNSWICK - July - Miss Brenda Saunders, PGM, 214 Downey Ave., Riverview, N.B.,
 E1B 1W7
 NEW HAMPSHIRE - Sept. - Mrs. Janet I. Noland, 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. Barbara Brock-Eichmuller, 1602 S. Saddler, Deming, NM, 88030
 NEW YORK - Oct. - Mrs. Lois M. Carlsen, 1400 Utica St., Box 106, Oriskany, NY, 13424
 NORTH CAROLINA - June - Mrs. Marjorie S. Hudson, PGM, P.O. Box 289, Midland, NC, 28107
 NORTH DAKOTA - June - Mrs. Judy Foster, P.O. Box 5268, Grand Forks, ND, 58206-5268
 NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - July - Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan, 2375 Roosevelt
 Dr.,
 Halifax, NS, B3L 3H8
 OHIO - Oct. - Mrs. Barbara Price, P.O. Box 419, Grand River, OH, 44045
 OKLAHOMA - Oct. - Mrs. Margie Onkst, 1415 N. Walnut, Guthrie, OK, 73044-2003
 ONTARIO - Sept. - Mrs. Betty Romenick, 57 Edilou Dr., Etobicoke, ON, M8W 4B4
 OREGON - June - Mrs. E'Laine Armstrong, 9045 SW Barbur Blvd., Suite 122, Portland, OR, 97219
 PENNSYLVANIA - June - Mrs. Ann K. 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. - Mr. Robert A. Kane, PGP, 95 Farnum Rd., Warwick, RI., 02888
 SAO PAULO - Ivete R. Leite, Av. M. Hipolito do Rego 2416, Sao Sebastiao, Sao Paulo, Brazil
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 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
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 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
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 VIRGINIA - May - Mrs. Paula Swansey, 8157 Old Cavalry Dr., Suite 105B, Mechanicsville, VA,
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 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
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 WYOMING - Aug. - Mrs. Patricia Harwood, 2645 Torrey Pines Ct., Gillette, WY, 82718-5560

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

Donald Duncan (10)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2005
Heather Matthews (3)	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2006
Ruby MacKenzie (15)	Arizona	Jan. 01, 2007
Wilma Verge (58)	Arkansas	Feb. 01, 2007
Mildred O'Neill (31)	Australia	Dec. 31, 2006
Tricia Duncan (61)	Bolivia	Apr. 30, 2007
Julia Llewellyn (67)	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2006
James Coolen (40)	California	Dec. 31, 2005
Donald Cooke (49)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2006
Lawrence Mandy (57)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2005
Elizabeth Morash (40)	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2005
Grace Boudreau (70)	District of Columbia	Mar. 31, 2007
Shirley Smith (30)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2006

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Stella Myra (8)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2005
Margaret Bonn (22)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2006
Beverly Ann MacDonald (14)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2006
Helen Hewitt (47)	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2006
Jean Luxton (71)	Iowa	Apr. 01, 2007
Barbara Mosher (28)	Kansas	Nov. 14, 2006
Wayne Arsenault (50)	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2006
Elizabeth Seymour (58)	Louisiana	July 01, 2006
Amelia Collis (26)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2007
Viola Horton (47)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2007
James Malyk (34)	Maryland	June 15, 2006
Doris Hillier (57)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2006
Yvonne Stephenson (14)	Michigan	Jan. 01, 2006
Donald P. MacDonald (19)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2006
Walter Tingley (55)	Mississippi	Dec. 31, 2005
Kathy Turner (21)	Missouri	June 16, 2007
Gordon Bragg (1)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2007
Shirley Haugen (38)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2005
Ruth Donaldson (55)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2006
Joyce Heffler (27)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2005
Sheldon Chisholm (24)	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2006
George Leaman (2)	New Jersey	Jan. 01, 2007
Shirley Shot (34)	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2007
Gordon O'Hearn (71)	New York	May 01, 2006
Naomi Prest (48)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2007
Everett Baker (49)	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2005
Margaret Keddy (21)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2005
Maureen Doucette (28)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2007
Laland Potter (35)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2006
Helen Graham (61)	Oregon	May 01, 2006
Charles Stuart (69)	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2005
Kevin Conrod (20)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2007
Allison McDonald (1PEI)	Quebec	July 01, 2007
Edgar Miller (1 PEI)	Rhode Island	Feb. 01, 2006
Jean Withrow (39)	Sao Paulo	Dec. 31, 2006
Averill MacKenzie (39)	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2006
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
Susan Martin (24)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2006
Frances Johnsen (57)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2006
Margaret Muise (25)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2006
Alan Smith (31)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2005
Murray Allen (5)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2006

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OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
REPRESENTING NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Steve Smith	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2006
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Laurena Titsing	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2005
Patricia Askew	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2006
Betty Tovar	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2006
Margaret Lavaring	Australia	Dec. 31, 2006
Doreen Curry	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2005
L. Roy Acreman	California	Dec. 31, 2005
Millicent Ramsay	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2006
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
Milton Slavin	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2006
John Broeker	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2006
Sandy Falls	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2005
Janice Krambeer	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2005
Judith Caputo	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2006
Wilma King	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2006
Theresa Johnscher	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2005
Judith Caldwell	Maine	May 31, 2006
Jeanne Fell	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2006
Dawn Meade	Maryland	June 01, 2006
Gail Smith	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2005
Charles Cook	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2005
Shirley Boe	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2006
Jeanne Thompson	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2007
Kathleen Stringer	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2006
Ruth Baker	Montana	Dec. 31, 2005
Milo Cheney	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2005
Paul Lunsford	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2005
George Jones	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2006
Nancy Jackson	New Hampshire	Oct. 31, 2006
Virginia Foose	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2006
Mary McClain	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2007
Lawrence Chichester	New York	Dec. 31, 2005
Randolph Mizelle	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2007
Elaine Hanson	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2006
Beverly Bacon	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2006
Maxine Helgeson	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2005
Charles Baker	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2005
Joyce Richmond	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2005
Helen Shutt	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2006
Reinerio Velez	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2007
Anita Young	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2006
Lois Byrant	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2005
Maria L.S. Alves	Sao Paulo	Oct. 31, 2007
Wally Hudyma	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2006
Kenneth MacLeod	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2005
Alice Whitt	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2006
Patsy Miller	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2005
Yvonne Wolfe	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2006
Karl Drescher, Sr.	Texas	Nov. 18, 2006
Brooks Baker	Utah	Dec. 31, 2006
Winnifred Cass	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2006
Pamela Brooks	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2006
Nancy Peterson	Washington	Dec. 31, 2005

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Bill Mushet	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2006
David Schreier	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2006
Marilyn Huffman	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2006

**SECRETARIES
OF
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS
2004-2005**

<u>CHAPTER NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING NIGHT</u>
Port Royal #1	Annapolis Royal 3599 Granville Road	Mrs. Joan Ross RR#2, Granville Ferry N.S., B0S 1K0	3 rd Monday
Mayflower #2	Kingston	Mr. Donald Riswold Box 469 Greenwood, N.S., B0P 1N0	2 nd Tuesday
Cedar #3	Wallace	Mrs. Marianne MacMillan R.R.#3, Wallace N..S., B0K 1Y0	2 nd Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Mrs. Joyce Cunningham Box 6 Pubnico, N.S., B0W 2W0	2 nd Tuesday
Halifax #7	Halifax	Mrs. Barbara Myles 158 Old Sambro Road Halifax, N.S., B3R 1R3	3 rd Monday
Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mrs. Geraldine Delk 841 Mason's Beach Road RR#2, Lunenburg, N.S., B0J 2C0	2 nd Thursday
Century #10	New Glasgow	Mrs. Olive Bowen 34 North Albert Street New Glasgow, N.S., B2H 3V1	4 th Tuesday
Queen Elizabeth #14	Sydney	Mrs. Edna MacVicar 1990 Point Edward Hwy. Edwardsville, N.S., B2A 4S1	3 rd Thursday
Evangeline #15	Kentville	Mrs. Peggy Lipskey 89 Nichols Avenue Kentville, N.S., B4N 2G9	1 st Tuesday
Britannia #18	Amherst	Mrs. Shirley MacTavish 8 Lorne Crescent Amherst, N.S., B4H 4B7	4 th Thursday
Victoria #19	Baddeck	Mrs. Dolena Matheson R.R.#2, Baddeck N.S., B0E 1B0	4 th Monday

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Hon. Joseph Howe #20	Dartmouth	Mrs. Leda Graham 30 Brookdale Crescent, #904 Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 4T7	2 nd Monday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Mary Ellen Bishop 62 Scenic Drive Truro, N.S., B2N 4N5	3 rd Tuesday
Fairfield #22	Windsor	Mrs. Maxine Horncastle Box 221 Windsor N.S., BON 2T0	1 st Thursday
Maple Leaf #23	Sheet Harbour	Mrs. Evelyn Murphy Box 98, Sheet Harbour, N.S., BOJ 3B0	3 rd Wednesday
Crystal #1 PEI	Charlottetown, P.E.I.	Mrs. Anna Carr 7 MacMillan Crescent Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1A 8G3	3 rd Friday
Westville #24	Westville	Mrs. Arleigh Hardy R.R.#1, Westville, N.S., B0K 2A0	3 rd Monday
Harmony #25	Stellarton	Mrs. Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. P.O. Box 704 Stellarton, N.S., B0K 1S0	2 nd Thursday
Munro #26	North Sydney	Mrs. Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. 14 Oland Avenue Sydney, N.S., B1R 2H1	1 st Thursday
Kwebec #27	Bedford	Mrs. Beverly Caulier 40 Chelton Woods Lane, A105 Halifax, N.S., B3M 3V2	4 th Monday
Amethyst #28	Halifax	Mrs. Iris Newman 5538 Livingstone Place Halifax, N.S., B3K 2B9	4 th Thursday
Arbutus #30	Milton	Mrs. Pauline Hatt Box 353 Milton, N.S., B0T 1P0	1 st Thursday
Annal #31	Middleton	Mrs. Dianne LeGard RR#3, Middleton N.S., B0S 1P0	3 rd Tuesday
Queens #34	Liverpool	Mrs. Dorothy Jewers Box 1667 Liverpool, N.S., B0T 1K0	3 rd Thursday
St. Mary's #35	Digby	Mrs. June Whitman R.R.#3, Bridgetown	2 nd Thursday

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Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Whycocomagh	Mrs. Diann Campbell-Kinney Box 162 Whycocomagh, N.S., B0E 3M0	2 nd Thursday
Mae #38	Bridgewater	Mrs. Helen Holden R.R.#4, Bridgewater N.S., B4V 2W3	2 nd Wednesday
Cobequid #39	Maitland	Ms. Jana Miller R.R.#1, Maitland N.S., B0N 1J0	4 th Monday
Mystic Star #40	St. Margaret's Bay	Mrs. Mary Zinck 3003 Olivet Street, Apt. 409 Halifax, N.S., B3L 4A1	1 st Monday
Armcrest #45	Bedford	Mrs. Hazel MacLeod 1822 Robie Street Halifax, N.S., B3H 3G3	1 st Wednesday
Florence Fraser #47	Sherbrooke	Mrs. Barbara Crosby Box 99 Sherbrooke, N.S., B0J 3C0	2 nd Tuesday
Elm #48	Upper Stewiacke	Mrs. Lyda Fisher RR#3, Brookfield N.S., B0N 1C0	2 nd Tuesday
Scotia #49	Musquodoboit Harbour	Mrs. Marjorie Davis-Snow 6 Rosehill Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 6E5	2 nd Thursday
Sunrise #50	Pugwash	Mrs. Hazelann Sterling River Philip, R.R.#1 N.S., B0M 1V0	4 th Monday
Regent #52	Central Bedeque, P.E.I.	Mrs. Marilyn Lisk Module 4, Comp 1 Kensington, P.E.I., C0B 1M0	3 rd Tuesday
Faith #54	Mulgrave	Mrs. Edna Harding P.G.M. Box 62, 331 Campbell Street Mulgrave, N.S., B0E 2G0	3 rd Wednesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Nora Moxsom 8565 Hwy 14 Hardwoodlands, N.S., B0N 1Y0	2 nd Wednesday
Ruth #57	Dartmouth	Mrs. Marion Tizard 14 Athorpe Drive Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 3A5	2 nd Friday

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Emerald #58	Halifax	Mrs. Doreen Edgar 14 Juniper Crescent Eastern Passage, N.S., B3G 1C9	2 nd Thursday
Shoreham #59	Chester	Mrs. Mary Perry R.R.#1, Chester N.S., B0J 1J0	3 rd Tuesday
Queen Esther #61	Dartmouth	Mrs. Edith Conrod 67 Hollyoake Lane Dartmouth, N.S., B2V 1L6	1 st Tuesday
Atlantic #65	Tatamagouche	Mrs. Annie Leslie 242 Couper Road, Fr. River RR#2, Tatamagouche, N.S., B0K 1V0	4 th Wednesday
Starlight #66	Port Hawkesbury	Mrs. Jean Pierce 1877 Crandall Road Sugar Camp, N.S., B9A 1T4	4 th Wednesday
Laurel #67	Berwick	Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Box 281 Berwick, N.S., B0P 1E0	3 rd Wednesday
Montague #69	Montague, P.E.I.	Mrs. Alena Buchanan Montague P.E.I., C0A 1R0	2 nd Monday
Crescent #70	Lockeport	Mrs. Mary Jean Page 820 Rockland Road RR#1, Sable River, N.S., B0T 1V0	2 nd Monday
Pearle #71	Caledonia	Mrs. Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. 10 Lakeview Road RR#1, Caledonia, N.S., B0T 1B0	4 th Thursday

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