

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

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION**

**HELD IN
OLD ORCHARD INN
WOLFVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA**

JULY 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2007

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DIVINE SERVICE

The “*Musical Gales*” ESTARL Church Service was held in The United Church of St. Paul and St. Stephen, Kentville, N. S., on Monday, July 2, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Randy Crozsmann and assisted by Sister Linda Townsend, P.M. (67). The sermon entitled “*The Greatest of These is Love*” was delivered by Rev. Dr. Judith Saunders. Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Chaplain, sang “*You Raised Me Up*” accompanied by Natalia Petrie on the violin. “*The Holy City*” was sung by Mr. David Talbot. To conclude the service the Choir sang “*The Irish Blessing*”. This service was held prior to the banquet “*Walk Down Memory Lane*” and was well attended by our members.

The offering from this service amounted to **\$641.85** and was given to the ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Award for Religious Leadership) Programme.

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“MUSICAL GALES” DEDICATION

This 60th Annual Session, “*Musical Gales*”, is lovingly dedicated to our chapters - Laurel Chapter #67, Berwick and Crescent Chapter #70, Lockeport. To our Hostess Chapters 2007 for all their dedication, work and support and to the Membership of this Grand Jurisdiction.

SCRIPTURES: *But the Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy and Peace.*

(Galatians 5, Verse 22)

Go out in Joy and be led forth in Peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you. (Isaiah 55:12)

AIM: Think Joy, Speak Love, Seek Peace, Walk in Kindness

MOTTO: Where there is Love, there is Peace

WATCHWORDS: Love, Harmony and Peace

HONOUR STATIONS: Martha and Warder

SPECIAL HONOUR: Grand Choir

EMBLEMS: Broken Column and Dove

COLOURS: Black and White, Red

FLOWERS: Daffodils, Red Roses, Laurel Flower and Leaf

FUN SYMBOLS: Ladybugs, Wolves, Music Notes

FUN SONGS: *The Wayward Wind* and *Music, Music, Music*

MUSICAL SELECTIONS:

Master of the Wind

Edelweis

Church in the Wildwood

Let There be Peace on Earth

Great is Thy Faithfulness

The Lord's Prayer

I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Come, Come In and Sit Down

The Wind Beneath My Wings

A Song of Peace

SPECIAL PROJECT: Canadian National Institute for the Blind - Digital Talking Books

PROJECT PINS: Dove and CNIB

GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
INFORMAL OPENING
TUESDAY EVENING, July 3, 2007

5:45 p.m. Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (IPEI):

INTRODUCTION of the 2006-2007 GRAND OFFICERS AND ESCORTS:

- District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 7 - Sister Connie MacDonald** (IPEI), accompanied by her husband, Brother Allison MacDonald, P.P. (IPEI) and Grand Representative of Quebec in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 6 - Sister Marion Buchan** (67), accompanied by her Grandson, Dillon Burgess
- District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 4 - Sister Clara Nieforth** (28) accompanied by Brother Earle King, P.P. (28)
- Grand Sentinel - Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier** (27), accompanied by his wife, Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27)
- Grand Warder- Brother Richard Pineo** (15), accompanied by his wife, Sister Lola Pineo, P.M. (15)
- Grand Electa - Sister Emily White** (30), accompanied by Brother William Cox, P.P. (30)
- Grand Martha - Sister Linda O'Hearn** (71), accompanied by her husband, Brother Gordon O'Hearn, P.P. (71)
- Grand Esther- Sister Joanne Newell** (5), accompanied by her husband, Brother Alfred Newell, P.P. (5) and Grand Representative of Montana in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- Grand Ruth - Sister Katharine Evans** (31), accompanied by her husband, Roy Evans
- Grand Adah - Sister Carolyn Galley-Card** (67), accompanied by her husband, Brother Norman Card, P.P. (67)
- Grand Organist - Sister Joyce Johnston** (47), accompanied by her daughter, Sister Brenda Johnston-Giles (27)
- Grand Marshal- Brother Frank Cullen** (24), accompanied by his wife, Sister Doris Cullen, P.M. (24)
- Grand Chaplain - Brother Fred Lipskey** (15), accompanied by his wife, Sister Peg Lipskey, P.M. (15)
- Associate Grand Conductress - Sister Stella Trask** (35), accompanied by her husband, Murray Trask
- Grand Conductress - Sister Edith Conrod** (61), accompanied by Brother Allison Mitchell, P.G.P. (61)
- Grand Treasurer - Sister Dorothy Powroz** (28), accompanied by Brother Robert Northup, P.P. (28) and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.
- Grand Secretary - Sister Betty Ann Loughnan** (40), accompanied by Brother Hillyard Shaffer, P.P. (40) and Grand Representative of Missouri in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- Associate Grand Patron - Brother Whitman Giffin** (59), accompanied by his wife, Sister JoAnne Giffin, P.M. (59)
- **Associate Grand Matron - Sister Annie Mae Backman** (8), accompanied by Brother Laurie Myra, P.P. (8)
- Worthy Grand Patron - Brother Ron Boudreau** (70), accompanied by his wife, Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. (70) and District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 5
- Worthy Grand Matron -Sister Gail Cook** (67), accompanied by her husband, Brother Lloyd Cook, P.P. (67)

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The Bible is placed by Sister Millie Aker, Laurel #67.

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The emblem of ADAH is the sword and veil united. The sword reminds us of God's LOVE and is typical of right. Dividing God's law and the principles of man is the Veil, the symbol of revelation, and when it covers our eyes, shrouds our vision of life. When the Veil is lifted, the clear purpose of life is brought into focus. The story of ADAH cautions us to build within our lives a strong chord of Loyalty and Obedience and above all, the LOVE OF GOD.

The Sword and Veil is placed by Sister Lola Pineo, P.M., Evangeline #15.

RUTH has given us the emblem of the Sheaf. Its golden hue reminds us to be steadfast and faithful in the demands of Honour and Justice. It represents the collective work of many deeds of kindness which are done for the sake of another. No task is ever menial when done as a labor of LOVE. The story of Ruth teaches that burdens can be lightened when we share our troubles and sorrows, and when we labor for the sake of another.

The Sheaf is placed by Sister Midge Medicraft, W.M., Annaval #31.

The Crown and Sceptre is the emblem of ESTHER. The Crown symbolizes the high honour when accepted with the proper sense of responsibility and obligation. The Sceptre represents the Power. When used together, the Crown and Sceptre symbolize the force of power and authority, which can achieve Justice for all. The story of ESTHER brings the regal gift of Dignity, reminding us whatever our station in life, we too, should conduct ourselves in a worthwhile manner.

The Crown and Sceptre is placed by Sister Jeanette Rawding, P.M., Pearle #71.

The Broken Column is the emblem of MARTHA. It brings us the gift of FAITH in times of strife. When we experience uncertainties during our lives, if we would but have Faith in God and rely upon His promises, then He will not leave us comfortless, nor will He ever put upon us more than we can bear. The story of MARTHA becomes personal to each of us at one time or another. Through Faith we have the promise of Life Everlasting from our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Broken Column is placed by Sister Kathryn Acker, Crescent #70.

The emblem of God's LOVE poured out for each of us is represented by the Cup. Because she gave with a glad heart ELECTA's love was the quality that God intended LOVE to be. Through her Faith in Christ, and her Love and Hospitality to those in need, Electa accepted her tribulations with a Cup of Joy. Our Cup of life will overflow with blessings, rich, abounding and eternal, if we but practice the admonition that "WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER".

The Cup is placed by Sister Elinor Sanford, P.M., Fairfield #22.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
INFORMAL OPENING**

6:15 p.m. **Sister E. Megan Church, P.G.M.** (22) and **Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P.** (66) were escorted to the East to call the meeting to order.

Sister Megan Church, P.G.M.: Good Evening.

Brother Lew, Past Grand Patron, Distinguished and Honoured Guests, Sisters, Brothers and Friends. It is a distinct pleasure, through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, to welcome each of you to this opening session of the 60th Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - THE MUSICAL GALES SESSION.

We are delighted to welcome many distinguished guests including the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Rennie Ofton of Texas, who is an honorary member of this Grand Chapter, our own Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, who is the pride of this Grand Jurisdiction, and our General Grand Chapter Committee members. We are pleased to also have in attendance government representatives as well as representatives of the various Masonic bodies. Welcome one and all.

You will note that this jurisdiction includes two provinces, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and I hope that our visitors especially will take every opportunity to learn about each province and if you have the time, visit each of them. Though this session is being held in Nova Scotia remember that Prince Edward Island is just across the bridge. We call Prince Edward Island the Garden of the Gulf and it surely is a beautiful garden province - famous for its Anne of Green Gables and many other beautiful areas. In Nova Scotia we have our Annapolis Valley famous for its apple orchards, Digby has its lobster, and of course our Peggy's Cove. The scenery in each province is very picturesque with water in view in most areas as you drive. Personally, I take what we call the old roads because they go through the towns and villages where you can see the residential areas, whereas the main road is just to make time. Enjoy our members and the two beautiful provinces while you are here and we hope you will come back again and again. There is much to see here in Eastern Canada.

I suggest that you visit our hospitality room where you can have tea and muffins and visit with others. This gives you an opportunity to make new friends and renew acquaintances.

As you join us to help celebrate our 60th anniversary may you find love and friendship and leave with happy memories and a wish to join us again at future sessions.

I am pleased to have Brother Lewis Smith, Past Grand Patron assisting me at this opening. Brother Lew would you like to give your welcome at this time?

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Brother Lewis Smith, P.G.P.: Good evening Sisters and Brothers, Distinguished Guest, Municipal and Provincial Officers.

It is a great honour and privilege for me to be asked by our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, to assist Sister Megan to call to order this Informal Opening of the "Musical Gales" Session.

It has been twelve years since I stood before you as your Worthy Grand Patron in 1995. How time flies. I wish to extend to each and every member of our Jurisdiction a very warm welcome to this Session - the sixtieth of our Grand Chapter. Also, I extend a warm Nova Scotia welcome to all visitors from other jurisdictions.

We hope your stay with us will be a pleasant one and that you will have some time to enjoy the beautiful Annapolis Valley and if time permits come to Cape Breton Island for a taste of "highland" hospitality.

Sister Megan, P.G.M.: I now call to order the Informal Opening of this 60th Annual Grand Chapter Session of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island - THE MUSICAL GALES SESSION. It is the wish of our Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the processional so that you can see the formations.

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

FORMATIONS: "Musical Gales" Session Processional Narration

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M.: During this year of "Musical Gales" the sweet melody of "Music, Music, Music" has indeed wandered. like "The Wayward Wind", throughout this jurisdiction, uniting us in bonds of fraternal LOVE.

As our Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and other members of our Grand Family visited each Chapter, they brought with them the music of JOY, LOVE, PEACE and HARMONY, thus strengthening those bonds of fraternal love.

Music is God's gift to each of us and we are admonished to "Go out in JOY and be led forth in PEACE and hills will burst into song before you. (Isaiah 55:12)

Entrance of Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons:

The Grand Officers, our Treble Clefs, have formed the BROKEN COLUMN, the emblem of our Honour Station, Martha.

The District Deputy Grand Matrons, our cardinals, messengers of Love, have formed the BASE of the BROKEN COLUMN.

Martha's love for Jesus and her faith in His love and promise of eternal life shine through the lesson of Martha.

Entrance of Grand Pages and Special Pages:

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The Grand Pages, our Doves of Peace, and the Special Pages, our Added Notes, have formed TWO MUSICAL NOTES of PEACE.

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Entrance of Grand Guards:

The Grand Guards, our Note-ables, have united the notes of PEACE to form one MUSICAL NOTE of HARMONY to symbolize the unity of purpose of each Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron to work together in HARMONY for the good of each Chapter and our Order.

We are reminded that it is only when we put our musical notes together that we can create beautiful music.

Entrance of Chapter Marthas:

Our subordinate chapter Marthas have formed the LETTER "M" for Martha and for Music. The lesson of Martha is one of Faith. Faith and Music are gifts from God and in each we find JOY and PEACE.

Entrance of Grand Representatives:

Our Grand Representatives have enclosed all formations within the LYRE, an emblem of music and poetry. It has been said that "Music is poetry in motion". Our Grand Representatives, as they travel, bring with them the musical notes of fraternal love and friendship, blending them together to bring HARMONY and "PEACE Flowing Like a River" to our Eastern Star World.

Entrance of Chapter Warders:

Our subordinate Chapter Warders, representing our other Honour Station, have added the BASE of HARMONY to the Lyre.

May we, Sisters and Brothers, always strive to promote PEACE and HARMONY, being ever mindful that:

To share JOY is to show LOVE.
To show LOVE is to know God.
To know God is to have PEACE.
And where there is JOY, LOVE, and PEACE,
there is HARMONY.

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

Sister Gail, I am very proud to be the first to welcome you to your Grand Session. We have been friends for many years and also we both have a great love of music as well as travel. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to not only welcome you to your Musical Gales Session, but I commend you on your service to our Order, not only this year but in all your years as a member. I'm sure you will always follow the star. May this session be all that you have hoped for and a fulfillment of your dream.

Brother Ron, I really got to know both you and your wife this year. I have looked forward to each of your meetings and your messages. I am sure this session will be the culmination of many happy years in Star and I congratulate you on your

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service to our Order. May this also be a dream fulfilled for you.

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Brother Lewis, P.G.P.: Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron, I wish to sincerely thank you for asking me to assist Sister Megan in this Informal Opening. I know you and Brother Ron have had a busy year and I hope all your dreams for your Session will be as successful as you hoped it to be.

Sister Gail, I know your “Musical Gales” Session will be presided over in an efficient manner so that our members and your Grand Officers will be proud of your accomplishments. Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, your smile and easy manner have brought dignity to the office and we are glad to have had you as our Worthy Grand Patron.

I also wish for you both a harmonious and rewarding “Musical Gales” Session and trust that you both will enjoy future good health as you join us Past Grands.

Sister Megan, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will escort our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the east in this Grand Chapter.

Worthy Grand Matron, behold your Sisters and Brothers, Sisters and Brothers behold your Worthy Grand Matron and salute her with Grand Honours.

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

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) sang a solo “*Master of the Wind*” to Sister Gail and Brother Ron.

Sister Megan, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, it is my pleasure to present to you your gavel, the emblem of your authority. Use it wisely and enjoy your session.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: The officers will take their respective stations.

The Opening Ode “*Come In, Come In and Sit Down*” was sung by all.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally and the Invocation was given by **Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P. (15), Grand Chaplain:**

Our gracious Heavenly Father, We come to you with grateful hearts for the many blessings you have so lovingly bestowed upon each of us. We are thankful for the privilege of belonging to our wonderful Order. May it be our constant aim to maintain the high ideals and principles for which it was established.

We ask Thy special blessings on those who are unable to attend this “Musical Gales” Grand Chapter session. Give strength to those who are ill and comfort to those in sadness.

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We thank You for the presence of many of our friends who have travelled long distances to join us in fraternal love.

Now, our Father, we ask Thy blessing upon our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as they lead us in the deliberations of the “Musical Gales” session. Grant unto them the wisdom, vision, strength and courage for the tasks that lie ahead and may they look to You for guidance in all things.

All this we ask Thy name. Amen

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Informal Opening of the 60th annual Grand Chapter Session., “*Musical Gales*”, called to order.

PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

under the direction of Brother George Crouch, P.G.P. (15)

The **Canadian Flag** was presented by Sister Mary Crouch, (15) followed by the singing of “*O Canada*”. The flag was then placed in the East.

The tribute was given by Brother Allen Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35)

Brother Allen: Tonight I have the honour and privilege to pay tribute to the flag of our country, “Canada”. A red maple leaf on a white field with a broad vertical red stripe at each end represents our 10 provinces and 3 territories. Our nation's flag was designed by George Stanley of Sackville, New Brunswick, and was adopted by the Canadian parliament in 1965. The Canadian flag is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation: and a symbol of our undying devotion to our country. The great events of our past and present are wrapped up in our flag. It is a symbol of our nation's vast natural resources found within its borders. The red maple leaf reminds me of the blood shed by our men and women who have gone to battle in wars in order to protect all Canadians. Today with so many adversities facing us, with the ongoing threat of terrorism, we confidently go about our lives knowing the presence of those serving our country, are always prepared, as our national anthem reads, "to stand on guard for thee". May we long remember our history whose foundation was built on our faith in God. We should be proud to wave our flag with integrity. It is a symbol of our devotion to our country . It is truly God's gift to mankind.

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

Thank you Sister Gail, W.G.M. and Brother Ron, W.G.P. for the honour of paying tribute to the flag of Canada, my homeland.

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

The flag of the **United States of America** was presented by Brother Craig Wallace, P.G.P., Massachusetts followed by the singing of "*The Star Spangled Banner*".

The flag was placed in the East and the tribute was given by Sister Bonnie Zumalt, P.G.M., Massachusetts.

Sister Bonnie Zumalt, P.G.M.:

I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
My red stripes stand for courage and hardiness.
My white stripes mean innocence and purity.
Blue for justice, perseverance and vigilance in its
promise to keep us free. I stand for a bountiful
land, its government, people and ideals. The
stripes from the 13 colonies; each state represented
by a star of white.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.
I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher,
My colors a little truer.
I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted.
I am loved - I am revered.
I am respected - and I am feared.
I have fought in every battle of every war for more
than 200 years. I was flown at Valley Forge,
Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.
I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France,
in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the
beaches of Normandy.
Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon,

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Vietnam know me.

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I'm presently in the mountains of Afghanistan and
the hot and dusty deserts of Iraq, and wherever
freedom is needed.
I led my troops, I was dirty, battle worn and tired,
But my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.
I have been burned, torn and trampled on the
streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled
in the streets of my country.
And when it's done by those whom I've served in
battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.
I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch
over the uncharted frontiers of space from my
vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hours are yet to come.
When I am torn into strips and used as bandages
for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving
parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.
I am Old Glory: for more than ten score years I
have been the banner of hope and freedom for
generation after generation of Americans.
Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom,
I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group
of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states.
Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American Faith, my gently
fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions.
Men and women have followed me into battle with unwavering courage.
They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity.
They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to
enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been granted
to every American as the heritage of free men.
So long as men love liberty more than life itself; so long as they treasure
the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers; so long
as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted
in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United
States of America.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, as a very proud Honorary
Member of this Grand Chapter, I would like to thank you for the honor you have
given me and the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts by asking me to give the
tribute to the flag of the United States of America.

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The **Nova Scotia** flag was presented by Sister Marlene Clyke, W.M. (28) and the **Prince Edward Island** flag was presented by Brother Charles Carr, (1PEI).

The **Texas** flag was presented by Sister Linda Foote, P.M. (67)

The **Christian** flag was presented by Sister Marianne MacMillan, P.M. (3) and the **Eastern Star** flag was presented by Sister Shirley Moir, P.M. (45).

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Thank you, Past Grand Patron, Brother George Crouch, and the Flag Bearers for a very dignified presentation of our flags. Also I thank Past Grand Patron, Brother Allen Denton, and Past Grand Matron, Sister Bonnie Zumalt for their excellent tributes.

WELCOME BY

WORTHY GRAND MATRON AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Distinguished East, Visitors, Sisters and Brothers. What a delight to have you with us. We extend to you our hand of friendship. I hope your stay with us will be enjoyable. Do come back and visit with us often.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Sisters, Brothers and Visitors, I also welcome you to this informal opening of our "Musical Gales Session". Thank you for taking your time to be here. Please do enjoy this beautiful Valley and if you have time, the other places of this picturesque province. Welcome.

FEDERAL GREETINGS

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: We are pleased to have the Honourable Scott Brison for Kings-Hants with us this evening. We will be happy to hear his message at this time.

Mr. Scott Brison, Member of Parliament, was introduced by Sister Gail, W.G.M. and he brought greetings from the Government of Canada and noted how pleased he was to be invited to this Informal Opening and wished us a successful session over the next three days. He congratulated Brother Fred Clarke and stated how pleased he was to hear that he will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Patron in 2009 and what a boost it will be for Nova Scotia and in particular the Annapolis Valley. Unfortunately, due to a tight schedule he was unable to stay any longer this evening. Sister Gail thanked Mr. Brison for taking the time out of his busy schedule.

Sister Gail Cook, W.G.M.: Sister Megan and Brother Lewis. Thank you so much for your wonderful, warm welcome. I asked you to preside for very personal reasons. Sister Megan, you are one of our early Past Grand Matrons and one of our 60 year members. It was very fitting for you to open our 60th Annual Grand Chapter Session. Brother Lewis, you are a quiet gentleman who is always

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very willing to help and support wherever needed. Thank you both for your fraternal help and love. Sister Megan, please accept this gift as my thanks.

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Brother Ron Boudreau, W.G.P.: Sister Megan and Brother Lewis I reiterate the words of our Worthy Grand Matron and thank you for opening our “Musical Gales” Session. Brother Lewis, please accept this token of my appreciation.

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

ELECTED GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Two Elected General Grand Chapter Officers were presented at the Altar: **Sister Rennie Ofton**, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas and **Brother Frederick W. Clarke**, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Welcome to our Elected General Grand Chapter Officers Sister Rennie and Brother Fred. Our Grand Chapter Session would not feel complete without the presence of both of you. This Grand Jurisdiction is looking forward to the time when you will be head of this World-Wide Organization.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: I welcome you Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Rennie and Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred. It's great to have you both with us for this “Musical Gales” Session.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(Including our own Sister Sheila MacDonald, Credentials, Sister Marion Conrad, Heart, Sister Isabelle Pearson, Visionquest, Brother Allen Denton, Shriners Hospital and Brother William A. Thompson, Eastern Star Journal)

Twelve General Grand Chapter Committee Members were presented, introduced and welcomed at the Altar:

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES: Brother Donald F. Pierce, Past Grand Patron of Maine;

CREDENTIALS: Sister Sheila MacDonald, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL: Brother William A. Thompson, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

ESTARL: Sister Jerri A. Holt, Past Grand Matron of Maine;

FRATERNAL RELATIONS: Brother Bill Oakley, Past Grand Patron of Manitoba;

HEART: Sister Marion V. Conrad, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Brother Loren J. Sandler, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts;

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Sister Elaine R. Wallace, Past Grand Matron of

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Massachusetts;

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SHRINERS HOSPITAL: Brother Allen Denton, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;

VISIONQUEST: Sister Isabelle Pearson, Past Grand Matron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Gretchen M. Brisette, Past Grand Matron of Maine; and Brother Elderic Thorne, Past Grand Patron of New Brunswick.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: General Grand Chapter Committee Members, including our own Sisters and Brothers - It is a pleasure to welcome you on behalf of our membership. As Worthy Grand Matron I wish for you only Happy Star Trails.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members, it's a privilege for me to add my welcome to the Worthy Grand Matron's words and to congratulate you on your appointments. I'm so glad you are here. Welcome.

Response: Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas thanked Sister Gail and Brother Ron for their hospitality and for the opportunity to express her thanks for all the courtesies this evening. She is looking forward to working with the members of this jurisdiction during the next five years in the preparation of the General Grand Chapter session to be held in Fort Worth, Texas in 2012.

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

PROVINCIAL GREETINGS

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: I welcome **The Honourable Mr. David Morse, MLA** for Kings South and I ask him to bring Provincial greetings at this time.

Mr. David Morse brought greetings from the Provincial Government and wished all a warm Nova Scotia welcome. In his remarks he stated how impressed he was with the work we do and that he enjoyed the beautiful music, the singing and the floor work of the officers. He wished Brother Fred Clarke all the best as he continues on the road to be Most Worthy Grand Patron. He thanked Sister Gail and Brother Ron for their hospitality.

CIVIC WELCOME

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: It is a pleasure for me to introduce and welcome **Paulette Scott, Warden of the Municipality of Shelburne** and to invite her to bring her message to my Brothers and Sisters.

Ms. Paulette Scott, in her remarks, brought greetings from the Municipality of Shelburne and thanked Sister Gail and Brother Ron for the invitation to attend this Informal Opening. She said it was an honour to be here and to see the

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impressive work bring done. She wished the Order all the best in the future.

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The **response** was given by **Brother Ted Caulier, Grand Sentinel**: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Her Honour The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Distinguished Guests, Grand Family, Sisters and Brothers:

It is with great pleasure and a very pleasant duty to respond to the warm welcome received from our Federal, Provincial and Civic leaders. On behalf of the Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, we thank our distinguished guests for taking the time from their busy schedules to be with us this evening.

To Warden Paulette Scott of the Municipality of Shelburne, we welcome your kind words and next year we will be coming somewhat close to your municipality and look forward to our visit there.

To the Honourable Scott Brison, Member of Parliament for Kings-Hants, who has since left, let it be recorded that we thank him for his kind words of welcome and best wishes from the Federal Government.

To the Honourable David Morse, MLA for Kings South, Minister of Natural Resources, thank you for your kind welcome and your reference to the beauty of the Annapolis Valley on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia.
Thank you all.

MASONIC GREETINGS

Brother Ron, W.G.P: It is an honour and a privilege for me as Worthy Grand Patron to welcome these two Most Worshipful Grand Masters to the East of our "Musical Gales" Session. Brother Heber Ross, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Edward Island. Just three weeks ago our Worthy Grand Matron attended your Grand Lodge and I thank you for all the courtesies extended to her as she brought to you her message. Brother Daniel Campbell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia, what a pleasure for me to welcome you here tonight. It was only a month ago that the Worthy Grand Matron and I accompanied by our spouses attended your Grand Lodge. We were pleased to be present at your Installation as Most Worshipful Grand Master. I thank you for all the courtesies extended to us at that time and I trust you will enjoy your visit with us.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Heber Ross, I invite you to bring your message at this time.

Most Worshipful Brother Heber Ross, brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island and stated how pleased he was to be here in the capacity of Most Worshipful Grand Master. He is also proud to be a member of Montague Chapter No. 69, O.E.S. in Montague, Prince Edward Island. He thanked Sister Gail and Brother Ron for the invitation to attend this Informal Opening and for

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the hospitality extended to him.

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Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Daniel Campbell, I invite you to bring your message.

Most Worshipful Brother Daniel Campbell thanked Sister Gail and Brother Ron for the invitation to attend this evening and also for attending the Grand Lodge session last month for his Installation. He expressed his pleasure in attending this Informal Opening and he brought greetings from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. He also brought a message relating to Rob Morris, our founder. Brother Dan is a member of Halifax Chapter No. 7, O.E.S., Halifax, Nova Scotia and was most happy to bring his aunt, Sister Florence Campbell, a Charter Member of Halifax Chapter with him this evening.

SHRINE GREETINGS

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: To introduce and welcome Noble and Brother Phil Beeler representing the Imperial Potentate of Shriners in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is a definite privilege. We attended the installation of the Shrine Officers and were impressed by the good work they do. We will be pleased to hear his message.

Brother Phil Beeler, brought greetings on behalf of the Imperial Potentate. He also thanked Sister Gail and Brother Ron for appointing him as Chairman of their Special Project, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, a project very dear to him. At this time he introduced Mr. Terry Kelley of the CNIB, who has recently received the Order of Canada. Mr. Kelley was given a standing ovation. Brother Phil expressed his best wishes for a successful session.

DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE GREETINGS

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Your Majesty Queen Arlene Antle, Daughters of the Nile. On behalf of the Worthy Grand Patron and myself it is a pleasure to welcome you to our Informal Opening. Both of us were so pleased to attend your installation. We will ask you, at this time, to bring greetings to our organization.

Sister Arlene Antle: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail; Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron; Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Rennie; Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred; Your Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia; Distinguished East; Sisters and Brothers all:

I am honoured to stand here representing our wonderful Order, Daughters of the Nile. Since 1913 our Order has been in existence; we now have 147 active temples in the United States and Canada; with a total membership of 37,302. In Canada we have 12 temples with a membership of 3,206.

Daughters of the Nile assist the Shriners with their work in the Shriner's hospitals, (19 in the continental United States, 1 in Hawaii, 1 in Mexico and 1 in Canada). All proceeds from the Canadian Daughters of the Nile temples is used for our Shriner's hospital in Montreal. This year our ladies of the household, in

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Canada, contributed over \$142,000.

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Sister Gail and Brother Ron, on behalf of the members of Athena Temple No. 149; I pray you will not have a "gale" but a pleasant breeze to sail through your Grand Chapter with many happy memories to look back on in the future.

Thank you again for this opportunity to address your Grand Session.

The **response** was given by **Brother Whitman Giffin**, Associate Grand Patron: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members, All Distinguished Sisters and Brothers.

If anything, at least this year I was prepared well in advance.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Daniel Campbell, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, and Most Worshipful Grand Master Heber Ross, Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island. What a distinct honour and privilege it is for me to respond to the fraternal greetings from these two distinguished Masons. Without our "Masonic" connection, the Order of the Eastern Star would not be possible. We are indeed proud of this connection and are so very pleased that you both took the time from your extremely busy schedules to be present at this, the Informal Opening of the Musical Gales Session of our Grand Chapter. Many parallels have been drawn between the two orders and it was only this past January that my wife attended an open Installation of Officers in Lunenburg. Her comment was the remarkable mirror image between the two fraternal organizations especially in the wording particular to that Installation ceremony. You both are to be congratulated on your election and installation to the highest Office of Craft Masonry in our two Provinces and I wish you both well as you carry out your duties.

Bro. Danny, you, too, are a member of the Order of the Eastern Star - a nephew of our much loved Sister Florence Campbell of Halifax Chapter #7. Do you realize that we could have been cousins? Sister Florence and my Dad attended Bloomfield High School at the same time, and Sister Florence often reminds me that she knew my Dad long before he met my mother!

However, instead of being cousins, we are something much better - brothers - both in the Masonic Order and the Order of the Eastern Star.

My two highly regarded brothers, it is important that we ensure the bonds of fraternal love continue to be strengthened between our two fraternities because it is through those bonds we can go forward in love and friendship and harmony as we serve the world-wide community.

To our representative of the Shriners of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and Queen Sister Arlene Antle, Athena Temple, Daughters of the Nile. Under the guidelines of the duties of the Associate Grand Patron it states to respond to the

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Masonic Greetings and it was not until I read our programme book this morning I realized I still had some homework to do. Please realize this does not diminish the importance of the many, many branches of the Masonic Family Tree of which you are a part. On behalf of this Grand Chapter, let me acknowledge and express appreciation for your presence. You are also an integral part of the bonds of fraternal friendship and cooperation that can only strengthen and uphold all our organizations.

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this honour of responding to the greetings from our Masonic Organizations.

OLD ORCHARD REPRESENTATIVE - Mr. Bill Wallace

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Mr. Wallace, (Bill). We're very pleased to have you here this evening, knowing your busy schedule.

Brother Ron W.G.P.: At this time I will introduce to you, Mr. Bill Wallace, the General Manager of this beautiful facility. Mr. Wallace has been very accommodating, understanding and willing to assist in any way he could to make the planning for use of the Old Orchard Inn as easy as possible. Mr. Wallace, on behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star, thank you for being easy to work with and I ask you to address your guests, who are now enjoying your accommodations.

Mr. Bill Wallace extended a warm welcome to all and stated how excited he and his staff were to be able to accommodate this Grand Chapter session. He also extended a welcome on behalf of the tourism in the Annapolis Valley and hoped that the visitors will get a chance to do some sightseeing while they are here.

THE HONOURABLE MAYANN E. FRANCIS, O.N.S. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: We are privileged to have the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Bro Ron -

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: With education and experience in the fields of public administration, human resources, law, health and religious studies the Honourable Mayann Francis brings a unique and wide ranging perspective to her role as the Queen's Representative in Nova Scotia. A career public servant, the first African Nova Scotia, and only the second woman to hold the position in the province's more than 400-year history, Ms. Francis became Lieutenant Governor in September of 2006. Her Honour earned a bachelor of arts from Saint Mary's University, a Master's degree in public administration from New York University, a certificate in equal opportunity studies from Cornell University and a Certificate in theological studies from the Atlantic School of Theology. After jobs as an X-Ray technician, department store switchboard operator and paralegal, she became a pioneer in senior positions with the provincial Governments of Nova Scotia and Ontario, and was instrumental in advancing diversity and equality through human

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resources positions at Dalhousie University and at the District Attorney's office in Kings County, New York. Her Honour has been the recipient of many awards, including the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and the Harry Jerome Award for Professional Excellence in 2000. Her Honour says the celebration of equity and inclusion will continue to be a primary influence in her new role as the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia:

Member of Parliament Brison, MLA Morse, municipal representatives, members of the Eastern Star, ladies and gentlemen:

As the Queen's representative in Nova Scotia I am delighted to bring greeting to this distinguished group of community-minded men and women. To those visiting Nova Scotia, I say welcome to our province and please enjoy your stay. If this is your first visit, I hope you have a chance to explore, starting with the delights that await you right here in the Annapolis Valley. And to all attendees, I hope you have a productive and interesting meeting.

For more than 150 years, the Order of the Eastern Star has offered fraternal fellowship to its members and moral certainty to the wider community.

You offer charity, truth and loving-kindness to a world that hungers for all three of these virtues. I commend you for choosing a particularly worthy charitable recipient this year, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind's talking book program. I had the pleasure of serving on the General Council for the CNIB and its governance committee prior to becoming Lieutenant Governor.

I came to know the great importance of the talking book program to blind persons across Canada. Your efforts on behalf of the program will help thousands of Canadians enjoy literature and expand their horizons culturally, socially and economically.

For some organizations, such noble work might be enough. But you aim higher still with the Worthy Grand Matron challenge to you all to "Think Joy, Speak Love, Seek Peace, Walk in Kindness."

From this comes the Order's long-standing devotion to civic duty and service, respect and fellowship, honesty and truth.

Some would argue these values are out-of-step with our modern, self-centered times. They claim duty and service are hold-overs from a less individualistic time. But it is not the virtues that are out of step. It is the times that we live in that are out of step with the virtues.

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We humans are social animals. We live, work and play in groups. This could be the tight knit-family or the community of friends in a large city. In both cases, the social group only works when we care for each other. That is what the Order of the Eastern

Star asks from its members - that they care about others.

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As Lieutenant Governor, I share this sense of public duty and service, split as it is between my constitutional and ceremonial roles. When I was asked to become Lieutenant Governor, I understood this to be a call to service, a call to serve my Monarch and my country. It was a call I answered without hesitation.

My role in our system of government is to assist in the smooth functioning of the Constitution and ensuring the democratic will of Nova Scotians and their elected representatives is upheld.

While the Lieutenant Governor acts on the advice of the premier, she may exercise the right to be consulted, to provide encouragement to Executive Government or to warn them if public interest is not being upheld.

But I give equal importance to my ceremonial role in which I can celebrate people and accomplishments often overlooked in our fast-paced world.

I have presented awards to outstanding young students and seniors who continue to volunteer their time to help others. I have honoured innovative engineers and inspired architects. I have acknowledged people for helping at their local hospital and for giving blood.

I have thanked people like the men and women in this room, people who give of themselves for the betterment of us all. You are helping to build this country, one community at a time. Please continue to give of your time and talents because our nation needs it more than ever. The Eastern Star must continue to shine and be a beacon to help all Canadians navigate these uncertain times. Thank You.

Response by Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron:

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and also our visitors we thank you most sincerely for taking the time to grace us with your presence at the Informal Opening of our Grand Chapter. We know that you have very busy schedule as Lieutenant Governor of this beautiful Province. We are very happy to have such a knowledgeable person such as you to represent our Queen in Nova Scotia. We in this Order of the Eastern Star close every meeting by singing "God Save the Queen". I am sure you have noted what pride our Order has in itself by the way we dress and the great feeling we have by giving financial aid to many Charities over the years. Worldwide the Order of the Eastern Star in the last Trienniums has given over 18 Million Dollars to charity. In a sense that is what our Order is all about. It is doing acts of kindness and committing acts of beauty and doing so without regard to the merits of those for whom we do those good deeds, without regard to the question of whether or not anyone has deserved or earned our affection, time or care. It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. Eastern Star strives to take

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good people and through the uplifting and elevating associations of love and service, through their living examples in their lives, have built an organization which is truly dedicated to performing random acts of kindness and acts of beauty. This is all made possible because members are prepared and are willing to share themselves for the common good. This is an act of devotion and a natural response to what God has already done for them - for each of us. In a sense, these acts of kindness and beauty that each one commits is no longer random or senseless- they now have a purpose. They make the world a better place.

I take great pride of telling the World about our beautiful Province.

The flag of Nova Scotia will go with me as I travel to the many Jurisdictions in the world. We thank you for all you have done for the people of Nova Scotia and for what you will accomplish as you continue your great service to our beautiful Province and its people.

Thank you sincerely, your Honour.

Your Honour, on behalf of the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I have the honour to present you this gift as a token of our appreciation.

PRESENTATION TO GRAND CHAPTER MOTHER SISTER THELMA LOW

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Your Honour, at this time we would like you to do this presentation. (The Honourable Mayann E. Francis was invited to the Podium). Sister Conductress, you will escort our Grand Chapter Mother to the East of this Grand Chapter.

Sister Thelma Low, P.M. (45) was escorted to the East, introduced and welcomed by Sister Gail, W.G.M. as **our Grand Chapter Mother** for the past year. Sister Thelma represented those members who are 90 years of age and older. At this time she was presented with a gift, a plaque, by the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

Sister Thelma expressed her sincere thanks for the plaque and for the honour bestowed upon her, both by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and by the Honourable Mayann E. Francis. She was so pleased to be chosen to represent the over 90 year old members for the past year and she so enjoyed visiting many chapters in this jurisdiction during the year.

Brother Ted Caulier, Grand Sentinel was escorted to the East where Brother Ron, W.G.P. thanked Brother Ted and Sister Gail presented him with a “Musical Gales” award for his exemplary service as Volunteer Chauffeur to Sister Thelma,

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in making sure that she got to a great many subordinate chapter meetings during the year.

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PRESENTATION TO
THE CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
Special Project of 2006-2007
By Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: It is exciting to welcome representatives of CNIB, Tony Croft and Terry Kelley, who is a spokesperson and wonderfully talented person for CNIB.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Tony Croft. When the Worthy Grand Matron and I decided on CNIB Digital Talking books, we had the pleasure of meeting with Susan Leblanc and other staff members of CNIB at your office in Halifax. After that meeting we knew that we were making the right choice. However what I did not understand, at that time, was the real need of and the deficiency in Government Funding for CNIB. Over the time of the project I have met many who need and use your service, some in our Order, some in their homes and even one working at a Fast Food Outlet. I doubt, that because of your help, others would detect his vision impairment and I only confirmed him to be visually impaired by speaking to him and he appreciated your help. We have tried to promote your needs at each of our Official visits and our Sisters and Brothers have responded generously for which I thank them. It was a pleasure for me to promote this project.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: On behalf of this Grand Jurisdiction, Brother Ron and I present this cheque in the amount of \$20,000 and by the middle of September we will be presenting another cheque in excess of \$9,000.

At this time Miss Croft, we will turn the mike over to you and Terry.

Response: Terry Kelley spoke on behalf of CNIB and thanked the Order of the Eastern Star for the gifts to the Library and the books. He stated that 790 use the digital book services in this province and the presentation is greatly appreciated. Terry then played his guitar and sang a song which he wrote "The Power of the Dream" - what it means to be blind. He received a standing ovation.

Sister Gail, W.G.M. thanked Terry for sharing his beautiful music with us.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: (To Honourable Mayann Francis)
Your Honour, it has been a privilege and honour to have you here this evening. Please accept this small token of remembrance of your evening with us. Before you leave we would like to honour you with a special musical blessing.

Solo: Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) sang "*Go Now In Peace*"

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Any distinguished Guests, who wish, may leave at this

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time.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Sister Choir Director - may we hear from the Choir as our Distinguished Guests are leaving.

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WORTHY GRAND MATRONS AND WORTHY GRAND PATRONS
OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Two Worthy Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Janet Workman Clark, Massachusetts; and Sister Glenda Meeks, South Dakota.

Three Worthy Grand Patrons were presented: Brother Frank Feener, Massachusetts; Brother Vlade Ampeff, Ontario and Brother William Winter, Quebec.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Welcome to the Musical Gales Session, being held in this beautiful Annapolis Valley, the land of orchards and tides. Many of you have travelled far and we trust your stay with us will fill your heart with wonderful memories.

The **response** was given by **Brother William Winter**, Worthy Grand Patron of Quebec: Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for your wonderful welcome. May your "Musical Gales" session compliment your year and be an inspiration to all in attendance.

*It is fine to say 'Good Morning',
It is great to say 'Hello',
But it is better still to grasp the hands
Of loyal friends you know.*

*For the look may be forgotten
The words misunderstood.
But just the touch of a friendly hand
Is a pledge of 'Brotherhood'.*

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the hospitality extended to all your guests and the honour given me to respond to this welcome.

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

Eighteen Past Grand Matrons were presented: Sister Megan Church, Sister Sarah Doty, Sister Jessie Nutter, Sister Helen Connors, Sister Eleanor Mitchell, Sister Ruth Waterbury, Sister Eleanor Freeman, Sister Diane Hayman, Sister Barbara Bowser, Sister Violet Blair, Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, Sister Margaret Clarke, Sister Marian Durling, Sister Cheryl Denton, Sister Joan Campbell, Sister Carol Clark, Sister Marylyn Swinamer and Sister Marion Miller.

Twelve Past Grand Patrons were presented: Brother Kenneth Smith, Brother Keith Pettigrew, Brother Vincent Ells, Brother William Clark, Brother Allison Mitchell, Brother Adrian Pearson, Brother Lewis Smith, Brother David Waterbury, Brother William M. Thompson, Brother Murray Gardner, Brother

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George Crouch and Brother Allan Conrad.

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Brother Ron, W.G.P.: I know that each of you have stood in the East as Sister Gail and I do now, and Yes, our knees are knocking but your presence here helps ease the pressure for which we thank you and it's great to have your support here tonight. Welcome.

The **response** was given by **Sister Elizabeth Pettigrew, P.G.M. (15):** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, on behalf of the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of this Grand Jurisdiction, I am honoured to respond to your most gracious welcome.

During this past year we have had the privilege of watching you travel near and far spreading joy and laughter, and being an inspiration to the members of our beautiful Order.

With your wit and wisdom you gave love and sought peace, which is so greatly needed in these worldly troubled times. We trust that as you preside over this "Musical Gales" session, it will be an inspiration to many and with satisfaction to you both, come to a close with many fond memories to warm your hearts. It will then be our pleasure to welcome you both into the prestigious Past Grands Club.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the honour you have bestowed upon me this evening.

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

Six Past Grand Matrons presented were: Sister Glenda Payton, Arkansas; Sister Virginia Charles, Maine; Sister Judith Fenner, Massachusetts; Sister Bonnie Zumalt, Massachusetts; Sister Marjorie Morgan, Ontario and Sister Judith Brightman, Rhode Island.

Eight Past Grand Patrons presented were: Brother Russell Altes, Iowa; Brother Vernal "Mac" Blakely, Maine; Brother Clifford Brightman, Massachusetts; Brother Craig Wallace, Massachusetts; Brother Richard Haynor, Michigan; Brother John Murray, New Brunswick; Brother John McNamee, Saskatchewan and Brother Kenneth Gregory, Texas.

Sister Gail, W.G.M. : My Sisters and Brothers. It is indeed an honour to have you with us this evening. We hope your visit will be a pleasant one and afford you many happy memories.

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The **response** was given by **Sister Marjorie Morgan, P.G.M., Ontario:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail Cook, it is a great pleasure for me to respond to your warm and sincere words of welcome, on behalf of all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Jurisdictions.

I bring you greetings from my home Jurisdiction, Ontario, and from all the Jurisdictions represented here by the guests who have just now gathered around your Altar.

We are here to join hands with you in friendship, and we congratulate you on a Session so capably handled. Your musical theme has charmed everyone.

Many of us express our love and appreciation, as I surely do, as we feel a part of your Nova Scotia family as Honourary Members.

We all wish to share with you just now those special words of St. Paul to his friends, the Corinthians as he blessed them, saying, "My Friends, be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous and strong, and let everything you do be done in Love."

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for this privilege.

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

PRESENTATION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Eleven Sisters and Brothers were presented: Brother Paul Connelly, Associate Grand Patron, Maine; Sister Phyllis Blakeley, Grand Conductress, Maine; Sister Ruth Holden, Grand Esther, Maine; Sister Sarah Morrill, Grand Ruth, Massachusetts; Sister Lynn Hatt, Associate Grand Matron, New Brunswick; Brother Burton Hall, Associate Grand Patron, New Brunswick; Sister Lynn Hutchin, Associate Grand Conductress, New Brunswick; Brother Bob King, Grand Sentinel, New Brunswick; Sister Brenda Stone, Associate Grand Matron, Quebec; Brother Art Shore, Associate Grand Patron, Quebec; and Sister Fabienne Winter, Grand Marshal, Quebec.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: God made some special people, people strong and wise. As you have accepted your respective positions we trust God will continue to bless and keep you. Welcome to our Grand Jurisdiction.

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

PRESENTATION OF EMERITUS GRAND OFFICERS

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

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Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Emeritus Grand Officer, you worked long and hard and have earned the Honour and title of Emeritus Grand Officer. We thank and respect you for your service and we bid you a most hearty welcome here tonight.

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

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

The following were introduced: Sister Clara Nieforth, District No. 4; Sister Grace Boudreau, District No.5; Sister Marion Buchan, District No. 6 and Sister Connie MacDonald, District No. 7 of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Visiting: Sister Louise Connolly, District Deputy Grand Matron, District No. 12, Maine and Sister Jeannette Vreeland, Worthy District Deputy, District No. 6, New Jersey.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: To Our Messengers of Love and to our visiting District Deputies. You have been appointed as special representatives of your Worthy Grand Matron. May you have pleasant memories of your year of service. To our own District Deputies, I thank you for your diplomacy and love, in which you have carried out your duties. May love and joy surround you during this Musical Gales Session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (1PEI):**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, it is a privilege and honour for me to respond on behalf of the District Deputy Grand Matrons and Worthy District Deputy.

We thank you for your lovely welcome tonight. Thank you for the honour which was bestowed upon ourselves and our chapters and the faith that you and your counterparts showed in us when you selected us to represent you in our various districts. We enjoyed our tasks as we were greeted in every chapter with warmth and friendship. We have formed many new and lasting friendships within our jurisdictions and beyond.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron, may you have a harmonious “Musical Gales” session and I would like to leave you with this short poem.

*As a chapter closes in your life
A new one starts for you
May your years be filled with all the things
You're looking forward to.*

Thank you.

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

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While the Grand Representatives were assembling in the west, the Grand Choir sang "*It's A Small World*".

The following **thirty-five** Grand Representatives were introduced: Sister Mary Lou Higgins, Alabama; Sister Winna Smith, Alberta; Sister Arlene Riswold, Arizona; Sister June Whitman, Arkansas; Sister Gladys Hobson, British Columbia and Yukon; Sister Arlene Antle, California; Sister Gail Kay, Delaware; Sister Rowena Marsters, District of Columbia; Brother John Calder, Idaho; Sister Judith Graves, Indiana; Brother Reginald Gamache, Iowa; Sister Kay Horton, Louisiana; Sister Mary MacDonald, Maine; Sister Viola Horton, Manitoba; Sister Lynn Thurber, Maryland; Sister Mary Zinck, Massachusetts; Brother Richard Snowdon, Michigan; Brother Hillyard Shaffer, Missouri; Brother Alfred Newell, Montana; Brother Larry Ingham, Nebraska; Sister Evelyn Aulenback, Nevada; Sister Anna Carr, New Brunswick; Sister Ruth Bond, New Hampshire; Sister Linda Townsend, New Mexico; Sister Sheila Levy, North Carolina; Sister Charlene Davis, Ohio; Sister Patricia Armstrong, Oklahoma; Brother Arnold Burhoe, Ontario; Sister Jean Annear, Pennsylvania; Sister Shirley MacLean, Puerto Rico; Brother Allison MacDonald, Quebec; Sister Helen Hatt, Saskatchewan; Sister Linda Foote, Texas; Sister Reta MacDonald, Washington and Sister Darlene Amirault, Wisconsin.

Sister Annie Mae Backman, A.G.M.: It is my duty and my pleasure on behalf of this Grand Chapter to welcome you to our "Musical Gales Session." You are our travelling ambassadors of good will and by your correspondence and personal visits to other Grand Jurisdictions, you have strengthened the bonds of fraternal friendship that encircles our Eastern Star world.

We are proud of the service you are giving to our Order and it is inspiring to have you with us. May you continue to enjoy your commissions and please convey the best wishes of this Grand Chapter to your respective Grand Jurisdictions.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the honour of welcoming our own Grand Representatives. May you and Brother Ron have a very successful and harmonious Grand Chapter Session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Judith Graves:** Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron: Thank you for the privilege of responding to the gracious welcome given by Sister Annie Mae Backman, Associate Grand Matron, to the Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

We wish for you and Brother Ron a wonderful session filled with joy and love and know that our Grand Chapter's hospitality will become very well known throughout the jurisdictions. Once again, thank you.

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Twenty Grand Representatives were introduced: Sister Marsha Young, Arizona; Sister Renee Perry, Arkansas; Sister Marcia McBrayer, California; Brother Al Hailey, Florida; Brother Glenn Kinlock, Idaho; Sister Bonnie Altes, Iowa; Sister Peggy Oakley, Manitoba; Sister Diane Ricci, Massachusetts; Sister Bessie Mast, Michigan; Sister Ann Daniel, Missouri; Sister Carla Crawford, Nebraska; Brother Charles Biggs, New Mexico; Sister Eva Little, New York; Sister Barbara Shields, North Carolina; Brother Robert Lancaster, Ontario; Sister Ivy McNamee, Saskatchewan; Brother Michael Meeks, South Dakota; Brother Richard Comtois, Vermont; Sister Pamela Kidwell, Virginia and Sister Roma Nelson, Washington.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: God made some special people, with twinkles in their eyes and happy smiles upon their faces. He sent them to reach out to others, their influence to impart. May God's blessing be upon you as you continue to do your part.

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

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

Six Sisters and Brothers were introduced: Sister Bernadine Mills, District of Columbia in Iowa; Sister Sheila Thorne, Florida in New Brunswick; Sister Catherine Naghton, Oregon in Michigan; Sister Sharon Wallace, Scotland in Massachusetts; Sister Betty Shore, Texas in Quebec and Sister Phyllis Macon, First Vice President, International Grand Representative Association of General Grand Chapter.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: We congratulate you on your appointments. You are the Ambassadors and right now you are promoting your Jurisdiction and proving yourselves a good selection for your appointment. Thanks for attending our Musical Gales Session and we trust that you will have a most enjoyable visit with us. Welcome.

The **response** was given by **Sister Phyllis Macon**, First Vice President, International Grand Representatives Association of General Grand Chapter: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for your warm words of welcome and for the privilege of responding on behalf of the Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions.

Tonight is a milepost on our journey, and the many visiting Grand

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Representatives among us testify that ours is truly one world, one Star.

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You have visitors from all over our Eastern Star world, and each of us appreciate the many courtesies we've enjoyed since our arrival. We will reflect on these long after we return to our respective homes. Your hospitality has made our stay very special.

The Grand Representatives wish for you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, much happiness as you complete your year of service, and we hope this "Musical Gales" Session will truly be *A Time to Remember* for you for years to come.

Thank you.

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

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS "FRIENDS OF A FEATHER"

Three Sisters were introduced: Sister Betty Smith, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Sister Nancy Patterson, Massachusetts and Sister Marilyn Hutchinson, New Brunswick.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Welcome to those special Sisters who have been appointed by Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton, "Friends of a Feather". You are our special ambassadors who "tickle" our fancy. We trust that your stay with us will be of great enjoyment to you and on behalf of the Worthy Grand Patron and myself we welcome you to this Grand Jurisdiction.

They were escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Forty-six Grand Chapter Committee Members of this Jurisdiction and **Two** Visiting Grand Chapter Committee Members were introduced:

Courtesy: Sister Patricia Wamboldt, Brother Kirk Whitman

Crafts and Treasures: Sister Velda Forrest, Sister Carol Nielsen, Sister Audrey Farquharson, Sister Sandra Denton, Sister Elizabeth Stevenson

Credentials: Sister Irma Maxwell, Sister Joan Mills, Sister Helen Graham

Eastern Star Journal: Sister Donna White, Sister Freda Ells, Sister Carol Wooster, Sister Doreen Edgar

ESTARL: Sister Phyllis Munroe, Sister Barbara Nicholson, Sister Marion Robinson, Brother George Myles, Brother Donald Medicraft

Finance: Sister Mary Ellen Bishop

Historian: Sister Margaret Allen

Membership: Sister Marie Parks, Brother Charles Graves, Brother Howard Ford

Music: Sister Louise Seeley, Assistant to the Grand Organist; Brother Charles Teal

Publicity: Sister Yvonne Stephenson, Sister Amelia Whalley, Sister Janet Johnson, Brother Robert Turner, Brother Alex Nicholson, Sister Carolyn Phinney, Brother Wendell Dawson, Sister Ethel Brown

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Programme Brooklet: Brother William Cox, Brother Peter Kay, Brother
Edmund Davis

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Reception 2008: Sister Anna Ford

Temple Fund: Brother Cyril Marsters, Brother Richard Haynes

W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project: Brother Phillip Beeler, Sister Frances Burgoyne-Jackson, Sister Shirley Conrad, Sister Tracey Hobson, Sister Marilyn Lisk, Sister Mary Jane Page

Visitors: Sister Phyllis Haynor, Worthy Grand Matron's Secretary, Michigan; Sister Sharon Ampeff, Executive Committee, Ontario.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: We welcome you to this informal Opening. We thank you for coming. We know your schedule has been a busy one. You are our Movers and Shakers and Enthusiasm Makers. It is to you that goes the credit for the success of this Musical Gales Session.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Chair, Co-Chairs, Members. Thank you for accepting your Committee appointments. We are sure each of you know how important your participation in this Musical Gale's Session was and is, but what you do not know is how much the Worthy Grand Matron and I appreciate your help, and we do not know how to sufficiently thank you. So I will just say Thank You for your help and thank you for being here tonight.

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

PRESENTATION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS AND COMMITTEES

Twenty-eight members of the Hostess Chapters and Committees were presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Welcome to your Musical Gales Session. You have worked hard to ensure that our members and visitors will have a taste of our Annapolis Valley hospitality and also that this session will be one of success.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Hostess Chapters, Chair, Co-Chairs, Secretaries, Acting Secretaries, Treasurer and All members. Welcome! How can I say anything that would sufficiently thank you for all you have done for the Worthy Grand Matron and I, and in fact, for this Grand Jurisdiction. To ask anyone, not only to raise thousand's of dollars for a Gala event but also to work in various necessary positions is "to me", asking the limit. But you, great and willing members of our Hostess Chapters, have done just that. Thank you and it's an Honour for me to greet you here tonight.

Sister Marion Buchan, Worthy Matron, welcomed all members and visitors to this Grand Chapter Session and stated how proud the members of Laurel Chapter, No. 67 are of Sister Gail and Brother Ron for their most successful year and she

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wished for them a wonderful “Musical Gales” session.

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Brother Kirk Whitman, Co-Chair, Hostess Chapters:

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron: Thank you for those kind words. On behalf of the Hostess Chapters, thank you for allowing us time to assure you that all plans and preparations made for this Grand Chapter Session have been a "labour of love". We hope the results will reveal the co-operation that existed, and that these efforts will be a fitting tribute to both of you. Should you have any requests please let us know, and we shall do our best to deliver! We offer you our loyal support, and best wishes for a happy and successful Grand Chapter Session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Edith Conrod, Grand Conductress:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Friends.

It is my privilege and pleasure to respond to the kind words of welcome given on behalf of the Hostess Chapters.

I am well aware of all the planning, time and hard work that each Chapter so lovingly puts into preparing to make each Grand Chapter a success.

On Behalf of the Members of this Grand Jurisdiction I thank you for making us feel so welcome and for the courtesies extended to all in attendance here.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, my wish for you is that "The Musical Gales Session" will be all that you could have wished for. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of his hand as you preside over this Sixtieth Session of our Grand Chapter.

Thank you. for the Honour of responding to the Hostess Chapters Welcome.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron each expressed their deep thanks and appreciation to the Hostess Chapters for the beautiful roses and baskets which adorn the East.

CLOSING

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: - 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 "*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*".

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Sisters and Brothers, may God grant you a restful night's sleep and may he bring you back refreshed and in good spirits for our day tomorrow.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter called from labour to rest, to

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reconvene Wednesday, July 4, 2007 at 8:45 a.m. sharp.

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FORMAL OPENING
WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 4, 2007**

8:30 a.m.: **Musical Interlude**

8:45 a.m.: **Emblem Ceremony:**

Narrator:	Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61)
Bible:	Sister Millie Aker, P.M. (67)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Lola Pineo, P.M. (15)
Sheaf:	Sister Midge Medicraft (31)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Jeanette Rawding, P.M. (71)
Broken Column:	Sister Linda Scott, P.M. (24)
Cup:	Sister Elinor Sanford, P.M. (22)

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

9:00 a.m.: The Formal Opening of Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) and Brother Allen Denton, G.G.C.C.M. (35).

Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M.: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers.

Through the courtesy of our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, I am indeed honoured to open this 60th formal session of our Grand Chapter, the “Musical Gales” session.

My own Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Reg MacRae, was to join me in this opening but unfortunately he had a stroke and has to be quiet for a few days. He is improving and I am sure Brother Reg is sitting in his armchair at this moment and saying ‘good morning’ to each of you. Brother Allen Denton, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, thank you for stepping in. I am honoured to have you preside with me.

I extend to each one of you a most sincere welcome. To our distinguished visitors from other Grand Jurisdictions - welcome and I sincerely hope you will have time to visit other areas of our beautiful valley. To Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, our very special lady, welcome. To you, Brother Fred, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, how proud I am to welcome you to our 60th session. To our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members and Special Appointment, welcome. To our own members, welcome.

We now begin the legislation of this Grand Chapter. May we all give earnest thought to all matters brought before us and as the business is transacted may the spirit of good will and peace abide at all times.

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Brother Allen, may we have your words of welcome.

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Brother Allen Denton, G.G.C.C.M.: Good Morning, Sisters and Brothers.
I will read you the welcome that Brother Reg would have delivered to you.

Welcome to this Grand Chapter session, the "Musical Gales" Session. To be given the opportunity of sharing in the formal opening of a Grand Chapter session is a special honour and to be here with my Worthy Grand Matron is an added pleasure. Welcome to Nova Scotia and the beautiful Annapolis Valley. Please enjoy your time here and all that this province has to offer.

Sister Vi, P.G.M.: Thank you, Brother Allen.
I now call to order this Formal Opening of the 60th annual session, "Musical Gales", of this Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

It is the wish of the Worthy Grand Matron that you remain seated during the formations.

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

FORMATIONS

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71) presided over the formations as the Grand Officers, Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Chapter Marthas and Chapter Chaplains entered the Grand Chapter room. The formations were done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Tuesday evening.

Sister Vi, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail Cook and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Boudreau at the Altar.

Sister Vi, P.G.M.: Sister Gail and Brother Ron, how proud I am to welcome you to this Formal Opening of your "Musical Gales" session. Your year has been filled with Love, Peace and Harmony as you have set about fulfilling your duties. You spoke of the great love we have for one another and how blest we are to belong to our beautiful Order.

Sister Gail, you served Brother Reg and I as our Grand Organist and how proud we were of you and the fabulous Choir. We are very proud of you as you stand at the Altar today as our Worthy Grand Matron. May you be surrounded with peace and God's love as you carry out the many duties of this Grand Chapter.
Brother Allen.

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Brother Allen, G.G.C.C.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, I thank you for the privilege of assisting my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Violet Blair at the Formal Opening of your Grand Chapter. I know that you have had a wonderful year as you travelled to the many chapters in this jurisdiction and your visits outside this jurisdiction. Sister Gail, a few years have passed since you fulfilled your duties as our Grand Organist; now it is especially pleasing for me to welcome you to your Grand Chapter. Congratulations and good health to you both.

Brother Allen, G.G.C.C.M.: Sister Vi, it has been a pleasure serving with you in the East for this Formal Opening and bringing the greetings from Brother Reg.

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

Sister Gail and Brother Ron were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Vi, P.G.M.: Sister Gail, what a beautiful Informal Session you had last evening. You and Brother Ron are to be congratulated on your planning and enthusiasm. Love abounded everywhere. Thank you for inviting Brother Reg, even though he couldn't be here, and myself to preside at the Formal Opening of your "Musical Gales" session.

It is with great pleasure and love I present you with your gavel. I know you will use it wisely and well for the good of the Order. Sister Gail, your gavel.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Sister Violet, Past Grand Matron and Brother Allen, General Grand Chapter Committee Member. It is an honour to have you formally call to order this 60th annual Musical Gales Session. Sister Vi, I was so pleased to be one of your's and Brother Reg MacRae, Past Grand Patron's, Grand Officer. I was so proud and honoured to serve as your Grand Organist. Brother Allen, thank you for coming to our rescue; I couldn't think of anyone better. As well as serving with Brother Reg, you were also my Worthy Grand Patron when I served as Associate Grand Conductress. I thank both of you for your love and support and all the help you have given to me. God bless you. Sister Vi, please accept this gift as a token of my thanks.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Past Grand Matron, Sister Vi, how honoured we are to have you formally open this Musical Gales Session, Past Grand Patron, Brother Allen, I was Grand Chaplain when you were Worthy Grand Patron. I enjoyed travelling to your Official visits then and I am honoured to have you take part in this formal opening of our Musical Gales session. Thank you for all your help over the past three years. Please accept this gift as an expression of my appreciation.

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Thank you.

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Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. (49) sang “*Let There Be Peace for Today and Forever*” to Sister Gail and Brother Ron and to all members in honour of those serving Canada and the United States overseas.

The Grand Officers assumed their respective stations.
The Grand Chapter was opened in Ritualistic form. The Opening Ode: “*Come In, Come In and Sit Down*” was sung.
The Grand Marshal, Brother Frank Cullen, presented the Canadian Flag and “*O Canada*” was sung and the flag was placed in the East.

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

Sister Gail, W.G.M. : My dear Sisters and Brothers, I trust you had a good night’s sleep and are refreshed and prepared for the business of the day.

First I need to share with you this poem - it seems so fitting for me as of this hour. The poem is entitled “*Slow Me Down A While*” by Nancy W. Tant:

*Today, I'm in a hurry, Lord,
There's much I need to do.
Slow me down a while, that I
Might share some time with You.*

*There are many who are lost, Dear Lord,
Who cannot find their way.
You know each sparrow, man, and child,
Embrace each one, I pray.*

*Many hurt and hunger, Lord,
I pray Thy Will be done.
Slow me down to give You praise,
For blessings, everyone.*

*As for me, Dear Lord, I cannot ask
For more than You have given.
Slow me down, that I may lift
My grateful prayers to Heaven.*

*If any day, I fail to pray,
Lord, slow me down a while.
Let me reflect upon Your grace,
Before another Mile.*

Brother Ron, W.G.P. added his words of welcome to all present and stated how pleased he was to see so many chairs filled this morning.

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PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
NOT PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

Grand Secretary Emeritus, Sister Hazel MacLeod, P.M. (45) was presented in the West, introduced and welcomed by both the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. She was then escorted to the East and given a hearty welcome.

Grand Chapter Committee Members presented were:
Brother Patrick O'Neill, Finance; Brother Walter Blair, Program Booklet and Sister Heather Cook, Publicity.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Thank you for coming and sharing your time with us. We trust you will enjoy the fellowship and hospitality of our members and our "Musical Gales" session will be all that you wish it to be.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: I also welcome you to this "Musical Gales Session". Thank you for coming.

RULES OF ORDER

Brother William F. Clark, P.G.P. (24), Parliamentarian read the Rules of the Order as follows:

Standing Rules of the 60th Session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

1. **Parliamentary Authority:** "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition", shall govern this session to the extent that it is not inconsistent with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island or with the standing rules of this 60th session.
2. **Credential Report:** The Credentials Committee, immediately after the Ritualistic Opening shall report the number of delegates registered and entitled to vote. A supplemental report shall be given each day when called for and a final report shall be given immediately preceding the election of officers.
3. **Debate and Voting:** Only registered delegates shall be entitled to make motions, debate and vote. All motions must be seconded before discussion can take place. At all business sessions, registered delegates shall wear their official registration card issued by the Credentials Committee.
4. **Addressing the Session:** To obtain the floor to address the Session, the members shall go to the nearest microphone, address the presiding officer, state her or his name, title and chapter and wait for recognition from the presiding officer before proceeding. If desiring to address a question properly before the Session, the delegate shall state whether she or he is for or against the question

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immediately after obtaining the floor.

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5. **Business Introduced from the Floor:** Proposed motions from the floor shall be in writing and sent to the platform in triplicate (one for the Worthy Grand Matron or when presiding the Worthy Grand Patron, the Grand Secretary and one for the Chairman of Jurisprudence.) Motions may be withdrawn with the agreement of the person who seconded the motion.

6. **Limitation on Debate:** Debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker on each question. The principal proponent of the questions will be the first speaker to be recognized if she or he desires to address the Session at this time. There shall be no more than three members recognized to speak for the question and no more than three members to speak against it; and to the extent practicable, they shall be recognized alternately. The principal proponent of the question may speak, however, a second time for an additional two minutes before the vote is taken. No other member may speak more than once on the same question until those wishing to speak have been heard once or unless permission is granted by the presiding officer or by a two-thirds vote of the votes cast by the registered delegates.

7. **Closing Debate (Previous Question):** The previous question may be moved to close debate and unless otherwise specified in the motion, shall apply only to the question immediately pending. The delegate must have been recognized by the presiding officer before she or he can obtain the floor to make the motion. This motion is undebatable and requires two-thirds of the votes cast in the affirmative to be adopted.

8. **Taking the Vote on Resolutions and other Session Business:** When a vote is required to dispose of any Resolution or other business before the Session, the affirmative and negative of such vote shall be taken on the question. Voting cards will be used when taking the vote, unless otherwise required by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter or by paragraph 9, below. A standing vote may be called upon request.

9. **Requesting a Ballot Vote:** Upon motion for vote by ballot, which is not debatable and has been properly made, seconded and adopted by a majority vote upon showing of voting cards, a ballot shall be required on any pending question. After any ballot has been closed, business shall proceed while the ballots are being counted. As soon as the ballot count is complete and reported, the results shall be announced by the presiding officer. The ruling of the Chairman of the Tellers regarding the number of valid ballots cast or as to the validity of any individual ballot cast, is final and not subject to appeal.

10. **Votes Required:** Proposed amendments to the Constitution require a two-thirds of the votes cast for adoption. The Laws and Regulation and the Books of Instruction require a majority vote cast for adoption. Except as provided in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, all motions require a

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majority of the votes cast for adoption. A majority of the votes cast is required for election to office,

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but if there is only one nomination for a particular office, election may be made by acclamation as provided in the C.L.& R.

11. **Reports:** All reports of committees and other material for the permanent record shall be presented in duplicate to the Grand Secretary before the start of the meeting at which the report is to be given. Committee reports containing only an account of work done or a statement of fact or opinion for the Session's information, requires no further disposition except for filing or printing in the proceedings, which can be directed by the presiding officer or by general consent of the delegates. Committee reports requiring action by the Session will be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for distribution to the appropriate committee, and will be voted upon after the committee to which it is referred presents its recommendations.

ADOPTION OF 2006 MINUTES

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), **Grand Secretary** moved the adoption of the 2006 minutes as printed in the proceedings. This was seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27). The motion was carried.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (15) gave the following report:

Members registered from our Grand Jurisdiction:	334
Members registered from other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>102</u>
Total attendance to date:	436

Sister Irma Maxwell moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Joan Mills, P.M. (8) and the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Gail, W.G.M. announced that tickets are available for the 60th Anniversary Banquet to be held on September 15, 2007 in New Glasgow.

PRESENTATION OF 2006-2007

WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

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

Worthy Matrons: Sister Winna Smith, Port Royal #1; Sister Mabel Haynes, Mayflower #2; Sister Marianne MacMillan, Cedar #3; Sister JoAnne Newell, Keystone #5; Sister Eleanor Decker, Halifax #7; Sister Sheila Levy, Grace #8; Sister Morgana Brownell, Century #10; Sister LaVerne Porter, Evangeline #15; Sister Heather Boyd, Myrtle #21; Sister Ruth Bond, Fairfield #22; Sister Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson, Crystal #1(PEI); Sister Linda Scott, Westville #24; Sister Candace Reid, Harmony #25; Sister Geraldine Parker, Amethyst #28; Sister Emily White, Arbutus #30; Sister Carolyn Phinney, Annaval #31; Sister Margaret Fisher, Queens #34; Sister Amelia Whalley, St. Mary's #35; Sister Mildred

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Wagner, Mystic Star #40; Sister Shirley Moir, Armcrest #45; Sister Beverley Brown, Elm #48; Sister

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Darlene Amirault, Scotia #49; Sister Melda Johnston, Regent #52; Sister Ruth Digdon, Faith, #54; Sister Shirley MacLean, Emerald #58; Sister Vicki Perry, Shoreham #59; Sister Jean Coombes, Queen Esther #61; Sister Marion Buchan, Laurel #67; Sister Mary MacDonald, Montague #69; Sister Leora Enslow, Crescent #70 and Sister Patricia Armstrong, Pearle #71.

Worthy Patrons: Brother Walter Blair, Cedar #3; Brother Alfred Newell, Keystone #5; Brother George Myles, Halifax #7; Brother Laurie Myra, Grace #8; Brother William M. Thompson, Century #10; Brother Cyril Marsters, Fairfield #22; Brother Wendell Dawson, Crystal #1(PEI); Brother Allen Reid, Harmony #25; Brother Kenneth Smith, Kwebec #27; Brother William Cox, Arbutus #30; Brother Donald Medicraft, Annaval #31; Brother Gordon O'Hearn, Queens #34; Brother Jack Whalley, St. Mary's #35; Brother Charles Teal, Mae #38; Brother Allan Conrad, Scotia #49; Brother Whitman Giffin, Shoreham #59 and Brother Patrick O'Neill, Queen Esther #61.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: My Sisters - Our Doves of Peace and My Brothers - Our Notables. Thank you for your wonderful support during this past year. Your friendship, fellowship, love and hospitality shown to us during our visits to your respective Chapters will long remain among my most treasured memories. Thank you for assisting us in making this year most successful. Words cannot truly express how proud I am of our Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. You are indeed Special People; may God richly bless you as you have indeed blessed us. Thank you.

The **response** was given by **Sister Geraldine Parker (28), Chairman, Grand Pages:**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for a most gracious welcome to your Grand Pages. I consider it a huge honour for myself and my Chapter, Amethyst #28, Halifax, to act as Chairperson of Pages and to respond to your welcome. On behalf of all Pages we wish to thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron

for the friendship and love you brought unto our Chapters on your official visits. We

know as your year proceeded more friendships were established and our wish for you is Fraternal love and God's Blessings always. I wish to express regrets from those Worthy Matrons who are unable to attend. May your Session of "Musical Gales" be full of Fraternal love, joy and happiness as it is for those of us attending. Thank you.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. You have welcomed the Worthy Grand Matron and I into your Chapters and you have extended "to us" many courtesies. Now it gives me great pleasure to return those

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courtesies by both welcoming and thanking you.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron went to the West to greet the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and a hearty welcome was extended to them.

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REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2006-2007
SISTER GAIL COOK

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

As I look back over the past year my heart is full and overflowing with gratitude and appreciation to you my sisters and brothers for all your prayers, kindness, consideration and love shown to me. A year ago as I stood before our sacred Altar and took the obligation as your Worthy Grand Matron, I gave this year to God and asked Him to guide me, to give me extra energy and wisdom and to surround this jurisdiction with His love.

We have all walked together, worked together, laughed together and shared sorrow together. All that we have accomplished was placed in God's hands. Therefore to Him goes all Honour and I thank you for being God's people. You have indeed followed "His Star".

You, my Sisters and Brothers, put your faith in me as your Worthy Grand Matron when you elected me to this high office.

Humbly, I accepted and have tried my very best to serve this wonderful jurisdiction with the combined efforts of all who serve our Order. As a team we all stand together, for I did not journey this road alone.

I thank you for the honour of being able to serve you this year as your Worthy Grand Matron.

Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you and thank you for attending our "Musical Gales" Session, the 60th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. May you experience love, harmony and peace as we spend time together and leave with renewed enthusiasm for our beautiful Order.

Dedication

The "Musical Gales" Session is lovingly and sincerely dedicated to the Worthy Grand Matron's and the Worthy Grand Patron's home Chapters, Laurel #67, Berwick and Crescent #70, Lockeport, to the Hostess Chapters 2007 for all their dedication, work and support and to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction our Melodies of Love.

"Let us continue to grow in Harmony and Love"

In Memoriam

With reverence and love, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island acknowledges the loss of three Past Grand Matrons and one Past Grand Patron:

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Sister Claretta Palmer, P.G.M. (1 P.E.I.)
Sister Dora Turnbull, P.G.M. (25)
Sister Adline Purves, P.G.M. (26)
Brother Howard MacInnis, P.G.P. (58)

God called them to their eternal home. Many of our subordinate Chapters have lost loved ones. May God's love give strength to those left behind.

Many in our Grand Jurisdiction have found almost insurmountable challenges, but the prayers and support of our Sisters and Brothers for each other have given strength to those in need. How deeply grateful I am that our Heavenly Father's care has permitted our circle of Grand Officers to remain unbroken.

We extend loving sympathy and understanding to all who have suffered the loss of loved ones both in this Jurisdiction and other Jurisdictions.

Our memorial will pay tribute to our departed members.

My Traveling Emblem

My beautiful broken column, a gift to me by Sister Irma Maxwell and Sister Carolyn Galley-Card at our installation last July, has rested at the station of Martha in each subordinate chapter as I travelled throughout our Jurisdiction and is now at the station of Martha.

The beautiful redwood carrying case for my broken column was made by Brother Charlie and Sister Georgie Dewey and given to me at the installation by Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron.

My Bible, Bible Cover and Bible Marker

It was an honour for me to use my Bible that was given to me several years ago by a very special friend. The Bible cover was beautifully made and given to me by Sister Irene Beeler and Sister Carolyn Galley-Card. The Bible marker was a gift to me from Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Grace, D.D.G.M.

Brother Ron and I each took turns having our Bibles on the Altar with the Worthy Matron's permission in each Chapter.

Travelling Bible Case

This was a beautifully handcrafted case for my Bible made out of oak and walnut with the sign of the dove and a treble cleft and a star - given to me by Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Grace, D.D.G.M.

Laurel Chapter #67 Gift

A most treasured picture, done in cross stitch by Sister Linda Foote, called "*Piano Lesson*".

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Official Acts

One of the most exciting responsibilities of a Worthy Grand Matron and a Worthy Grand Patron is the appointment of Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons. It was with much thought, consideration and love that we appointed:

Grand Chaplain	Fred Lipskey (15)
Grand Marshal	Frank Cullen (24)
Grand Organist	Joyce Johnston (47)
Grand Adah	Carolyn Galley-Card (67)
Grand Ruth	Katharine Evans (31)
Grand Esther	JoAnne Newell (5)
Grand Martha	Linda O'Hearn (71)
Grand Electa	Emily White (30)
Grand Warder	Richard Pineo (15)

District Deputy Grand Matrons

District No. 1	Stella Trask (35) Associate Grand Conductress
District No. 2	Edith Conrod (61) Grand Conductress
District No. 3	Annie Mae Backman (8) Associate Grand Matron
District No. 4	Clara Nieforth (28)
District No. 5	Grace Boudreau (70)
District No. 6	Marion Buchan (67)
District No. 7	Connie MacDonald (1PEI)

We are so proud of each of you and the manner in which you fulfilled your obligation. You truly are our "Grand Family." You have helped to make this year so very wonderful. Your love and support was more than we ever imagined or expected.

"The Music in my heart I bore, long after it was heard no more."

I will always treasure the joy and love you have given. May God truly bless you as you have blessed me.

Schools of Instruction

In accordance with our CL&R a School of Instruction was held on July 7th, 2006 at Crystal Chapter #1, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The school was attended by the officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Jurisprudence Committee.

There were three Schools of Instruction held for Subordinate Chapters as follows:
September 16, 2006 Queen Esther #61, Dartmouth, N.S.
September 23, 2006 Mae Chapter #38, Bridgewater, N.S.
September 30, 2006 Starlight #66 and Faith #54, Port Hastings, N.S.

The Jurisprudence Committee was in attendance at all the Schools of Instruction. The Grand Officers exemplified the ritualistic work, followed by a question and answer period. I would like to thank the members who filled in for officers who were ill or unable to attend because of other commitments. The Host Chapters for

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our Schools provided us with an excellent lunch and refreshments. It was nice to see

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two chapters, Starlight #66 and Faith #54, hosting our last school at the Strait so wonderfully together. All the Schools were well attended.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Matrons

Be it noted that in this year I returned Fairfield Chapter #22, Windsor back to District #6. This Chapter has been struggling and were getting very discouraged. They have always been part of District #6 and did not feel a part of their new District. Fairfield Chapter members made me very aware of their feelings when I was Associate Grand Matron. It was after much discussion with Sister Edith Conrod, as this Chapter was in her District, then rethinking again, then touching base with the Jurisprudence Committee, that I decided to grant this Chapter their request. I hoped this move would give a lift to Fairfield Chapter and some new life.

This in no way reflected on the Sisters and Brothers from the other District. I feel it was probably more due to demographics. Sister Edith also made an effort to visit this Chapter on more than one occasion hoping to help make them feel more a part of District #3.

District # 1 - Sister Stella Trask, Associate Grand Conductress, found all Chapters striving to do well and follow the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter. The members in this District were very hospitable and caring people. She found the books were in good order. One Chapter in this District is struggling greatly but the members from another Chapter helped fill many of the stations. Two new members were initiated.

District #2 - Sister Edith Conrod, Grand Conductress, found the books to be in good order and work generally well done. In one Chapter, Sister Adah was ninety-two years of age and Sister Ruth was ninety-nine years of age but did their work letter perfect. A couple of Chapters are having problems with the prayer circle not being formed smoothly and need some help but they are striving to do their best.

District #3 - Sister Annie Mae Backman, Associate Grand Matron, on the whole found the work well done and the books in order. She found the Chapters gracious and co-operative and she also witnessed the initiation of eight new members.

District #4 - Sister Clara Nieforth, District Deputy Grand Matron, was thrilled to deputize her district and she was very well received by all officers and members. She found the books were all in good order and the ritualistic work well done. She witnessed the initiation of five new members.

District #5 - Sister Grace Boudreau, District Deputy Grand Matron, found all the books to be in good order and as a rule ritualistic work was done well. Some

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Chapters are struggling but very determined to keep going. This, they are doing with the help of officers protemming in other Chapters. Sister Grace witnessed the initiation of four new members.

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District #6 - Sister Marion Buchan, District Deputy Grand Matron, was received most graciously by all Chapters. She found all the books to be in good order. A couple of the Chapters are struggling due to a decline in membership. The active members are few but determined to carry on. She witnessed the initiation of a new member.

District #7 - Sister Connie MacDonald, District Deputy Grand Matron, reports Chapters in this district doing well with the exception of a couple of Chapters. All Chapter books were found to be in good order, however in two Chapter no warrants were seen. In one Chapter three copies of the secret work were lost. In this district, five new petitions were received to be initiated at a subsequent meeting.

All District Deputy Grand Matrons witnessed the ritualistic work in each Chapter. They reported they were shown wonderful hospitality and courtesies. They enjoyed their visits very much. They found the Chapters worked hard and the members were trying their best.

Each District Deputy Grand Matron held an ESTARL Church Service at the time of regular worship so that the church members and public could become better informed about the Order of the Eastern Star. We chose Sunday, April 22, 2007, as ESTARL Sunday, with the exception of District #7 in which two services were held on different Sundays.

Irregularities

Irregularities noted by the Worthy Grand Matron and District Deputy Grand Matrons during the Grand Chapter Year 2006 - 2007:

- 1) more than one ritual open at a time
- 2) copying from the ritual
- 3) copying from the secret work
- 4) District Deputy not being introduced behind Esther's chair and brought to the East on the night of her official visit
- 5) members leaving or entering the Chapter room without going behind Esther's chair to receive permission from the Worthy Matron
- 6) Sentinel taking part in the business of the meeting from his station
- 7) door of the Chapter room being opened or closed by someone other than the Warder
- 8) officers not standing and facing the Worthy matron when being addressed by her
- 9) secretary not putting the seal on the minutes or correspondence
- 10) secretary not using warrant books
- 11) Chapters listing protem officers in their Chapter notices. The notice is a list of your installed officers. There is no provision for listing protem officers.
- 12) using short form more times than the allotted number
- 13) more than one prompter

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- 14) all copies of the secret work not available for District Deputy Grand Matrons on their official visits

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- 15) Organist and Warder joining the prayer circle
- 16) secretary requesting dispensation from the Worthy Grand Patron
- 17) Committee chairman sending letters to Chapters without the knowledge or approval of the Worthy Grand Matron. (letters pertaining to the business of Grand Chapter need prior approval)
- 18) some rituals and C.L.&R.'s not updated

Most of these irregularities are not new to us. The ritual and the C.L.&R are our guides. The answers to correcting these irregularities are all found in the pages of these books. A special effort should be made to correct these continuing irregularities.

Dispensations

During the year I issued thirty-four dispensations:

- a) to change stated meeting to accommodate the Worthy Grand Matron:
 - Faith #54, Mulgrave to August 23, 2006
 - Queen Elizabeth #14, Sydney to October 12, 2006
 - Munro #26, North Sydney to October 14, 2006
 - Elmsdale #55, Elmsdale to March 24, 2007
 - Sunrise #50, Pugwash to March 17, 2007 then rescheduled to March 29, 2007 due to a winter storm
 - Atlantic #65, Tatamagouche to March 28, 2007
 - Regent #52, Bedeque P.E.I. to May 03, 2007
 - Crystal #1, Charlottetown, P.E.I. to May 04, 2007
 - Montague #69, Montague, P.E.I. to May 05, 2007
- b) to change stated meeting to accommodate visit of District Deputy Grand Matron: Starlight Chapter #66, Port Hawkesbury to September 28, 2006
 - Faith Chapter #54, Mulgrave to October 24, 2006
 - Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37, Whycomagh to November 15, 2006
 - Munro Chapter #26, North Sydney to November 17, 2006
- c) to change time of stated meeting for appropriate reasons:
 - St. Mary's #35, Florence Fraser #47, Shoreham #59, Harmony #25, Munro #26, Cedar #3, Amethyst #28, Laurel #67, St. Mary's #35 and Keystone #5
- d) to change regular meeting dates for various appropriate reasons:
 - Cobequid #38 Britannia #18, Sunrise #50, Munro #26, Emerald #58, Westville #24, Grace #8 and Fairfield #22
- e) to change place of regular meeting:
 - Harmony #25, Munro #26, Cedar #3

Committees - Re: Grand Chapter

These are special committees that Brother Ron and I were directed to appoint

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following Grand Chapter 2006.

Program Booklet Committee: Chairman Brother Bill Cox, Brother Ted Davis, Brother Peter Kay, Brother Walter Blair, Brother Lawrin Armstrong and Brother Darrell Thurber

Reception Committee 2008: Chairman Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M., Brother Ken Smith, P.G.P. and Sister Anna Ford, P.M.

Membership Committee: In November 2006, after General Grand Chapter, Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. and Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. were appointed to the membership committee.

Grand Representatives

A Grand Representative Commission is among the highest honours that a Worthy Grand Matron can bestow upon a Sister or a Brother. Brother Ron and I had the great pleasure of making the following recommendations. It was our pleasure to honour these members as well as their Chapters. We know that each will serve with love and will help strengthen the bond of our Fraternal Order.

Grand Representatives Recommended

Kansas	William Scrymgeour (61)
Alberta	Winna Smith (1)
BC and Yukon	Gladys Hobson (67)
Ontario	Arnold Burhoe (1 PEI)
New Jersey	Lucinda Josey (49)
Florida	Albert Timmons (52)
Indiana	Judith Graves (1PEI)
Minnesota	Shirley Rydholm (70)
West Virginia	Donald Doucet (8)
Wyoming	Angus Bragg (1)
Idaho	Jack Calder (15)
Nevada	Evelyn Aulenback (34)
Virginia	Lucy Langille (65)
Colorado	Rhonda Fader (71)
Saskatchewan	Helen Hatt (30)
Arizona	Arlene Riswold (2)
Massachusetts	Mary Zinck (59)
New Mexico	Linda Townsend (67)
Oklahoma	Patricia Armstrong (71)
Arkansas	June Whitman (35)
Australia	Robert Eisener (35)
North Carolina	Sheila Levy (8)
Kentucky	Barbara Cooke (49)
Maine	Mary MacDonald (69)
Iowa	Reginald Gamache (58)
Montana	Alfred Newell (5)
Puerto Rico	Shirley MacLean (58)
Missouri	Hillyard Shaffer (40)
Bolivia	Harold Huskilson (5)

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Sao Paulo

Ken Crook (2)

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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 trust that each of these goodwill ambassadors will enjoy their appointments and make long lasting friendships.

Pennsylvania	Deanna Williams
New Hampshire	Jane Carter
Virginia	Pamela Kidwell
Manitoba	Peggy Moore-Oakley
Kansas	Leland G. Denton
Minnesota	Beth Young
Arizona	Marsha Young
Utah	Peggy Wilcoxon
Wisconsin	Brenda Gaulke
West Virginia	Mary Virginia Primm
Vermont	Richard Comtois
Wyoming	Shannon Stewart
Colorado	George Estep
Idaho	Glenn Kinlock
New Brunswick	Christine Trenholm
Quebec	Elaine Wilson
North Carolina	Barbara Shields
South Carolina	Doug O' Shields
North Dakota	Meredith Mitskog
Alabama	Joyce Baker
New Mexico	Charles "Sarge" Biggs
Arkansas	Renee Perry
Saskatchewan	Ivy McNamee
Texas	Sharon Adams
Tennessee	Trudy Mick
New Jersey	Millicent Houston
Australia	Pamela Sangwell
Kentucky	Thelma Prater
Louisiana	Wanda Hagemeyer
Illinois	Evelyn Harris
Puerto Rico	Ruperto Negron
Ohio	Debbie Bralley

Official Visits

Our official visits for the year started with Mae Chapter #38 in Bridgewater and ended with Starlight Chapter #66 in Port Hawkesbury. The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron and Sister Grace, our District Deputy Grand Matron, were my constant companions along with Brother Lloyd (my second fiddle) but top note.

We were well received at all our visits. The beautiful decorations, special programs, delicious food sprinkled with fun and fellowship will remain treasured memories forever. We had great support from the Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons as well as the membership. Thank-you for your

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love and support.

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Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Official Visits

July 12, 2006	Mae #38
August 08, 2006	Keystone #5
August 10, 2006	St. Mary's #35
August 11, 2006	Cedar #3
August 21, 2006	Port Royal #1
August 23, 2006	Faith #54
August 24, 2006	Britannia #18
September 05, 2006	Queen Esther #61
September 06, 2006	Armcrest #45
September 14, 2006	Grace #8
September 19, 2006	Shoreham #59
September 29, 2006	Victoria #19
October 12, 2006	Queen Elizabeth #14
October 13, 2006	Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37
October 14, 2006	Munro #26
November 14, 2006	Mayflower #2
November 21, 2006	Annavaal #31
December 05, 2006	Evangeline #15
December 07, 2006	Fairfield #22
December 08, 2006	Ruth #57
December 14, 2006	Emerald #58
December 18, 2006	Crescent #70
December 20, 2006	Laurel #67
January 22, 2007	Kwebec #27
February 03, 2007	Arbutus #30
February 22, 2007	Amethyst #28
March 15, 2007	Queens #34
March 19, 2007	Halifax #7
March 22, 2007	Pearle #71
March 24, 2007	Elmsdale #55
March 28, 2007	Atlantic #65
March 29, 2007	Sunrise #50
April 02, 2007	Mystic Star #40
April 10, 2007	Elm #48
April 12, 2007	Scotia #49
April 16, 2007	Westville #24
April 17, 2007	Myrtle #21
April 23, 2007	Cobequid #39
May 03, 2007	Regent #52
May 04, 2007	Crystal #1(PEI)
May 05, 2007	Montague #69
May 08, 2007	Florence Fraser #47
May 10, 2007	Harmony #25
May 22, 2007	Century #10
May 23, 2007	Starlight #66

Special Events

July 08, 2006 - attended New Brunswick Grand Chapter
August 15, 2006 - attended Grand Chapter of Texas

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August 25, 2006 - attended CNIB golf tournament
August 31, 2006 - travelled to Barrington Passage with the invitation from the Worthy Grand Patron to speak to a group of interested people in regards to forming a new Chapter
September 29, 2006 - Victoria #19 celebrating 60th anniversary. First went to a nursing home and gave out special certificates to charter members who celebrated with cake and ice cream
October 16, 2006 - visited with Sister Adline Purves, Past Grand Matron, in Sydney. This was one of the highlights of the year. She was very alert that morning and so happy to have us visit her. She was 102 at the time of our visit
October 26, 2006 - attended General Grand Chapter in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I was privileged to nominate Brother Fred Clarke to the Position of Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron
December 09, 2006 - held a surprise party to celebrate Brother Ron and Sister Grace's 50th wedding anniversary. This was combined with a Christmas party with our Grand Family
December 14, 2006 - Emerald Chapter #58 celebrating 50th anniversary
January 20, 2007 - attended the installation ceremony of Philae Shriners along with Brother Ron
February 17, 2007 - attended Emerald Chapter's Valentine Tea
March 31, 2007 - attended Ruth Chapter #57 at a banquet celebrating their 50th anniversary
April 01, 2007 - attended the installation ceremony of Daughters of the Nile and brought greetings on behalf of our Grand Jurisdiction
April 13, 2007 - Grace Chapter #8 celebrating 75th anniversary
April 21, 2007 - Emerald Chapter #58 celebrating 50th anniversary with a dinner cruise
May 01, 2007 - attended honour night for Sister Edith, Grand Conductress
May 12, 2007 - attended combined honour tea for Sister Annie Mae, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Whitman, Associate Grand Patron
May 14-15, 2007 - attended Grand Chapter of Maine
May 17-19, 2007 - attended Grand Chapter of Massachusetts
May 26, 2007 - combined homecoming of Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron hosted by Laurel Chapter #67, Berwick and Crescent Chapter #70, Lockeport
June 1-2, 2007 - attended reception, ladies luncheon and banquet as the guest of the Worshipful Grand Master. I also addressed the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia
June 09, 2007 - addressed the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island accompanied by District Deputy Grand Matron, Marion Buchan. We were also invited guests of Grand Lodge at their luncheon
June 15, 2007 - attended Crystal Chapter #1 stated meeting celebrating their 86th birthday
June 20, 2007 - assisted in the installation at Laurel Chapter #67
June 21, 2007 - assisted in the installation at Queen's Chapter #34 and presented a fiftieth year jewel, which was passed from Mother to her daughter

When I was outside of our Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Secretary was notified and the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Annie Mae Backman, was presiding.

Life and Honourary Membership

I was honoured to receive a Life membership from my own Chapter - Laurel #67, Berwick. I also received Honourary memberships in Port Royal #1, Keystone #5,

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Crescent #70, the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

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Exchanges

Maritime Exchange was hosted by Westville Chapter #24, Westville on April 28, 2007 with members from the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick and the Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in attendance. There was a very good representation from both jurisdictions. We had nine of our own Grand Officers and Brother Gordon O'Hearn from Nova Scotia acting as protem Warder for the New Brunswick officer who was not able to attend due to illness.

Brother Vaughn Henshaw, Evangeline Chapter #15 and Sister Amy Fraser, Westville Chapter #24 were initiated.

Grand Officers Initiation

The Grand Officers were asked to do a courtesy initiation at a special meeting of Laurel Chapter #67 when Andre Gagnon was initiated into our Order. This was a very rewarding event.

Grand Council Meetings

We kept in close contact with each other throughout the year. We met formally on April 28, 2007 at Maritime Exchange to discuss matters affecting Grand Chapter and to give approval to the budget as presented by the Finance Committee.

With the advantage of computers keeping us in touch, we were able to study the proposed budget ahead of time and to make informed decisions. Knowing this incoming budget affects Sister Annie Mae, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Whit, Associate Grand Patron's year, it was important for them to have a chance to better study the budget.

Jurisprudence Committees

In May of 2006, the Jurisprudence Committee reviewed and approved my instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons.

It is with much appreciation, I thank the Jurisprudence Committee for all their wisdom, support and help but most of all I thank them for their listening ears. I have spoken privately and individually with the members of this committee on several occasions during the year. They were kept informed and made very much aware of the happenings and my concerns within our Jurisdiction. On June 20, 2007 each member received a copy of my report. Again I thank them for their guidance, advice and support throughout the year.

Warrants

Warrant Numbers - from July 07, 2006 to May 31, 2007 (#16 - #98) were signed

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by the Worthy Grand Matron. June 01, 2007 begins with Warrant #1.

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Correspondence

One of the privileges of the Worthy Grand Matron is that of having a mail box that is full and overflowing. I wish to thank the members for their special notes. I enjoyed reading Chapter notices as it helped to keep me abreast of the happenings of your Chapter.

During the Official year, letters were sent out as follows:

Letter to the Chapters following installation, to the District Deputy Grand Matrons,
Letter of greeting to chapters with our program and itinerary,
Letter to Chapters announcing date, time and location of three Schools of Instruction.
Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter greetings and farewell letter.
Several letters to Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons;
Letters to Chapters announcing committee appointments for the Program Booklet,
Reception 2008, additional members to the Membership committee.
Letters to all Chapters announcing Maritime Exchange.
Thank-you letters to all Chapters.
Letters to Municipal, Provincial and Masonic leaders for the Grand Chapter Session.
Letter to Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia accepting their invitation to attend their
communication.

Letter to Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island accepting their invitation to attend their
communication.

I approved all letters sent out to Chapters by Committee members and letters sent out by
Sister Annie Mae Backman, Associate Grand Matron in preparation for her year.

25, 50 and 60 year pins

I had the pleasure of signing twenty-three 50 year pins and six 60 year pins. I had the honour of presenting many of these myself, including a couple of 25 year pins as well.

Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, presented Sister Joyce MacDonald of Century Chapter #10 with her 60 year jewel at the Grand Chapter of Ontario. Some jewels were given to the District Deputy Grand Matrons to give out on their official visits. Even Brother Ted, Grand Sentinel presented a jewel.

Those receiving **60 year pins**:

Joyce MacDonald	Century #10
Eliza MacKay	Century #10
Wilfred Fisher	Century #10
Maxine Horncastle	Fairfield #22
Kathleen Boutilier	Florence Fraser #47
*Lorna George	Crystal # 1 (PEI)

*Sister Lorna died before the jewel could be presented. She wanted to wait until Grand Chapter but she had a fall in early June and then developed pneumonia.

Those receiving **50 year pins**:

Nina Allen	Britannia #18
Annie Mac Hunter	Britannia #18

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Hester L. Mitton

Britannia #18

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Eleanor (Vogler) Decker	Halifax #7
Edythe Brown	Crystal #1
Lorna Keizer	Crystal #1
Joyce Keizer	Crystal #1
Wendell Brown	Crystal # 1
Joan Dawes	Kwebec #27
Dorothy Levo	Westville #24
Sally Jackson	Queen Elizabeth #14
Sylvia Legge	Arbutus #30
Jean Dellapinna	Amethyst #28
Doris Patterson	Myrtle #21
Margaret Dakin	Ruth #57
Harriette Montgomery	Emerald #58
Gordon MacInnis	Emerald #58
Dorothy Archibald	Emerald #58
Leda Graham	Queen Esther #61
Bernice Ring	Halifax #7
Lillian MacKeen	Florence Fraser #47
Nancy Kempton	Arbutus #30
Hattie Hagen	Queen's #34

Special Appointment - Grand Chapter Mother 2006 - 2007

Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron and I had the wonderful privilege of appointing Sister Thelma Lowe as our Grand Chapter Mother. She has been a wonderful "Mother" to all of the membership and it is so heart warming to see how much she has enjoyed this appointment and enjoyed visiting with all her "Grandchildren" as she calls us. God bless you "Sister Thelma".

Golden Year Awards - 151 awards given out

When Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron and I started our journey, we had decided to honour our members who were 90 years and older by giving each of them a special certificate called the Golden Years Award. This award was given in recognition of their dedication to our Order, many through the early years of active participation. We felt at the most, we might have twenty or possibly thirty of these awards to give out.

Imagine our surprise, when we found we have given out **151 Golden Year Awards**.

Many of these Sisters and Brothers are still very active in their Chapters. We found a 97 year old and a 99 year old member holding Star Point offices and doing their work letter perfect. What an example these members have set and continue to set for the rest of us. What a privilege it was to meet them at our official visit. We found many of these recipients continue to be active and

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productive members in their own Chapters.

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Questions and Answers

Q. A Sister called and asked, if a Chapter opens in ritualistic form, can a non-member of the Order be admitted when the Bible is closed during the meeting and before the meeting is closed in ritualistic form.

A. She felt that the answer was no. I said she was correct. Only after the Chapter is closed in ritualistic form can a non-member be admitted.

Q. Can an Alternative Funeral Service of the Order of the Eastern Star be used at the request of the family whose loved one was a long time member but had been given a demit after going into a nursing home and had recently died.

A. Yes, no problem. This is the reason for the Alternative Funeral Service.

Q. Should we have election and installation of officers right after the ritualistic opening and before the introductions?

A. The election should come after the introductions and minutes but suggest that they check their by-laws.

Q. Can a great niece become a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?

A. Yes. In the new updated ritual on page 161. Membership - Eligibility for degrees - great-nieces are eligible for degrees.

Recommendations

1) I recommend that Chapters check with the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron's itinerary before scheduling Honour nights or special Chapter Anniversaries on the same night as the official visit to Chapters. Members feel torn as to which to attend.

2) I recommend that the Chairperson of the Finance Committee invite the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron to the meeting for the proposed budget for the upcoming year. This budget has more impact on their year than for the presiding Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron.

3) I recommend that the Associate Grand Matron not be a District Deputy Grand Matron as she is preparing for her year as Worthy Grand Matron and has many preparations to complete.

4) I recommend the appointment of a personal secretary to the Worthy Grand Matron. If we wish to attract younger professional women to the elected line in the Order of the Eastern Star, a special appointment should be made for a personal secretary as the paper work is at times very heavy. One should not feel they have to be retired in order to fulfill the requirements of the Worthy Grand Matron. With my professional vocation, while trying to give my best as Worthy Grand Matron, I have felt at times very overwhelmed by the paper work especially as Grand Chapter approaches and the teaching year comes to a close.

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Special Project

We are very grateful for the support this Jurisdiction has given to our special project, the CNIB digital talking books. We feel our members generosity is second to none. Many of the Chapters have had their own projects and some have raised a considerable amount of money. All these were very worthwhile projects. Thus, I do appreciate the most generous support the members have given to our CNIB project and I personally want to thank each member who has made a contribution to our project. I wish to thank Brother Phil Beeler, Chairman, Sister Tracey Hobson, Co-chairman and the committee members for the work they have done. I think most of our pins and calendars are sold. Again thank-you for all your endeavours on our projects behalf. You are indeed God's people with giving hearts.

Appreciation

Proverbs 3:6 ---- *and He shall direct your paths*

I truly believe when we commit to the Lord the things we do in our lives and try to have our hearts open to listen to His voice, He will direct our paths, affirm us and bless us. To Him, I owe everything for he has assuredly been with me throughout this journey. That wonderful hymn "My God and I go through the fields together, We walk and talk as good friends should and do." His love and help has been so evident throughout every step of this journey.

Worthy Grand Patron Brother Ron, here we are as Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron which in itself is hard to believe let alone that our journey is nearly completed. You have made most every official visit with me, only missing two I believe. We have shared in the presentation of Grand Representative appointments and fifty and sixty year jewels.

What a truly great, great year we have had. Your dedication, support, wisdom, humour, love and friendship has been wonderful. I have been so proud to have you stand by my side this past year. I have been doubly blessed because you did not come alone but as a packaged deal.

Your significant other, Sister Grace, has been a great helpmate to both of us. Brother Lloyd and I thank-you for your friendship. I am truly thankful that both you and Sister Grace met my Father and had such a good rapport with him. Thank-you for your generous heart and spirit, I know you have gone the extra mile to help make our year extra special.

Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron
and General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Brother Fred, what an honour to nominate you to the position of Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron at General Grand Chapter in Minnesota this past fall. We have enjoyed having you at some of our official visits. We know you and your Sister Rennie have much to prepare. It is great to have Sister Rennie, Right

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Worthy Associate Grand Matron with us this year.

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General Grand Chapter Committee Members

Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (Credentials), Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (Chairman, Eastern Star Journal), Sister Marion Conrad, P.G.M. (Heart) Brother Allen Denton, P.G.P. (Shriners' Hospital) Sister Isabelle Pearson, P.G.M. (Visionquest), and Special appointment of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton - Sister Betty Smith, P.M. as "Friend of a Feather"

Your appointments have brought much honour to each of you and our Grand Jurisdiction. We are very proud of you and wish you only success and happiness as you continue to serve our Order.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons (Our Harmonies)

Thank-you for your support and guidance this past year. I greatly appreciated having your presence at our official visits. I know Sister Marion Miller is looking forward to me joining your distinguished group. She's tired of being the horses tail end - (my translation is much different than Sister Marion's).

Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann: Thank-you for your help throughout this past year. I know Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit will certainly benefit, as we did, from all your support and expertise. Where would we be without a good Grand Secretary.

Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy: Yours is a responsible position which helps to keep our financial affairs in order. My sincere thanks to you for the efficient manner in which you handle the finances of our Grand Chapter and I treasure your friendship.

Elected Grand Officers: Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit, in a few short hours you will be our new leaders. May God be with you and may He give you wisdom and keep you in good health as you fulfill your duties.

Sister Edith, Grand Conductress and Sister Stella, Associate Grand Conductress: May God bless you as you continue this journey to the Grand East. I treasure our friendships and thank-you for the support you have shown to both Brother Ron and myself.

Brother Ted, Grand Sentinel: What can I say, you and Sister Bev have been so supportive. You have been wonderful to have taken our Grand Chapter Mother "Sister Thelma" to most of our visits. Your generous spirit has been a true blessing to each of us. Thank-you.

Appointed Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons:

You were chosen with love and care. Each of you came into my life at different times and in different ways, but each of you are so special and hold a treasured place in my heart. You have supported us all year and traveled extensively. Thank-you for your dedication to our Order and to your Chapters . You are all a

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Matron could hope for. You have indeed been our Treble Clefs and our Messengers of Love and have helped to make our year.

Grand Representatives: Each of you have given much to strengthen our fraternal ties with other Grand Jurisdictions and have extended greetings from our Jurisdiction. Enjoy your appointments and may they be all that you wish them to be.

Grand Chapter Committee Members: You are our movers and shakers. A special thanks to each of you for the duties you have performed and are, even now, performing to make this Grand Chapter a success. I do so appreciate your dedication and hard work.

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons - 2006 - 2007: We have had a wonderful time in your Chapter with you and your members. I enjoyed each and every visit. Each and every visit was unique. Thank-you for the thought and preparation you put into your programs. I thank-you for your hospitality and kindness that you shared with me. Thank-you for the monetary gifts for our special project and also for the personal gifts. I felt so richly blessed to have such good Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons. You certainly have been our Doves of Peace and our Notables.

Hostess Chapters 2007: Thank-you cannot truly express my appreciation for all your preparations and hard work in helping to make this Grand Chapter the "Musical Gales Session" successful. You are a wonderful group and I thank-you.

Grand Organist, Associate Grand Organist, Choir and Soloists: Music is one of God's special gifts. Music came even before the written word. It soothes and enriches the soul. As our "Humming Birds" you have enhanced our Session. You have lifted us up and brought us much joy.

Laurel Chapter #67: My Home Chapter - my heart is so full of love for you. Throughout the years we have shared so many wonderful memories. You are not only special friends but my special Star family. Thank-you for your love, encouragement and support and for being there every time I needed you. I will treasure my Life Membership and pray I will always be worthy of this honour. The honours that have come to me are also yours. I have been so privileged to represent you as Worthy Grand Matron.

Crescent Chapter #70: To the Home Chapter of our Worthy Grand Patron, thank-you for your kindness and hospitality you have always shown me and for the Honourary Membership. It means so much to me. My growing up years were spent in your area as I lived in Brother Ron's Town of Shelburne. I am so proud to be one of you and be assured I will visit often.

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My Husband, Lloyd (Bruz): Our spouses were named our second fiddles but you are my "Top Note". Your quiet strength, guidance, patience and support have been my

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anchor. You never knew in which direction this little "gale" was flying but you were always there. You cannot truly know how much your support has meant to me. Your sacrifices have been many. You are so unselfish in your love and giving. I thank-you for the gift of my unique and beautiful pearl necklace which you gave me at my installation. I enjoyed wearing it at my Official visits. Thank-you, Bruz for your love. Every day I thank God for you.

In Conclusion: My year of service is almost over. To serve as your Worthy Grand Matron has been one of the most humbling and yet the greatest honour of my life. Perhaps the best way to express my feelings is to share with you the beautiful story that Sister Morgana Brownell created in Honour of my visit to her Chapter, Century #10:

There once existed in this vast land, a Kingdom of people who took as their guiding light the Eastern Star. Oh, it was a grand Kingdom indeed. It was overseen by a Worthy Grand Matron and a Worthy Grand Patron. They were diligent in helping their own people, yet their hearts went out to all mankind.

One day, it came to their attention that there were those in the land who dwelt in darkness, whose eyes could not see the light. They were grieved by this and together pondered what they could do to help these people. Finally, they agreed that she should set out on a journey throughout the land to seek wisdom and share with others the desire to help those whose sight was covered.

There were five wise women, each descended from one of five heroines whose merits will live for all time.

The First woman she visited was descended from Adah. The Worthy Grand Matron listened attentively as the beautiful story of Adah was retold. While pondering how this lesson could guide her, the wise woman then said: "Worthy Grand Matron, you have taken a vow to help those in need. May Adah's story encourage you to always remain faithful to your vow and obedient to your calling. For in so doing, you are true to yourself, your sisters and brothers; and the God you serve. Follow your heart and may the blue ray of Adah guide you".

She then sent her on with a light to brighten her way and a bag of coins.

She made her way to the home of the Second wise woman who was descended from Ruth. She was touched by the story of Ruth, a woman who would not give up and asked, "How does this story relate to me?" The wise woman answered, "Worthy Grand Matron, your devotion to those who need your help is the same devotion that Ruth had for Naomi. You have been steadfast, constant and true to your responsibility; and have refused to back down from what you believe is right. Take courage and never doubt yourself. May the yellow ray of Ruth guide you."

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She handed her a light for her journey and a bag of coins.

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She went on until she reached the house of the Third wise woman who was descended from Queen Esther. The woman told her the incredible story of how Esther saved her people. They were both very quiet for a few moments. Finally the woman spoke: "Worthy Grand Matron, you are a symbol of light to those who cannot see. By your loyalty to their cause, you give them hope and encouragement. Queen Esther was a living example of loyalty and devotion to others. May you go forth with joy and never lose your courage. May the white ray of Esther guide you."

The woman blessed her, gave her a light and a purse of gold coins.

She came to the house of the Fourth wise woman who was descended from Martha. She listened attentively to the story of Martha's great faith. When the story was finished, the Worthy Grand Matron exclaimed, "Oh, how I could have such faith!" The wise woman answered, "Oh, Worthy Grand Matron, indeed it is that faith I see in you as you have steadfastly sought wisdom throughout this land. In spite of the uncertainty on your journey you, like Martha, have held a trustful faith in the unseen hand that protects and guides you. That faith can and will move mountains. Go on now with my prayers and never loose hope. May the green ray of Martha guide you.

She handed her a light of hope and a bag of coins.

Her final visit was to the house of the Fifth wise woman who was descended from Electa. She was moved by Electa's enduring love throughout great trial and spoke of her feelings and fears to the wise woman, who responded: "Worthy Grand Matron, the story of your journey reflects the loving kindness and charity of Electa. You are not unlike her. Faith and love combined can achieve great things. No doubt, you have encountered trials on your journey. Yet, your steadfast courage and love for others have propelled you on regardless of the cost. Go in peace and remember that love conquers all. It is the greatest commandment given. Return to your home and continue your mission with fervency. May the red ray of Electa guide you."

She bid her farewell with a light of love, a bag of gold and a red rose.

The Worthy Grand Matron returned to the Grand Kingdom where the Worthy Grand Patron and all their consorts awaited the news of her travels. Great was her light and even greater her joy. Together they gave the light of love to many people and there was much support throughout the land.

Thank-you my Sisters and my Brothers for the light of your love to me. And thank-you, Sister Morgana.

I move the adoption of this report.

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Sister Mabel Haynes, P.M. (2) seconded the motion and it was carried.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
DONATIONS
WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S SPECIAL PROJECT
CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND:
DIGITAL TALKING BOOKS**

Associate Grand Conductress:

Fred and Margaret Clarke	\$15.00
June Dauphinee	\$10.00
Mildred Denton	\$20.00
Tracey Hobson	\$10.00
June Macdonald	\$25.00
Howard and Noreen MacInnis	\$20.00
Cora MacKay	\$10.00
George and Barbara Myles	\$10.00
Keith and Elizabeth Pettigrew	\$10.00
Elizabeth Stevenson	\$10.00
Ken and Betty Smith	\$10.00
Elizabeth Thompson	\$10.00

Grand Conductress:

Evelyn Aulenback	\$10.00
Annie Mae Backman	\$10.00
Ron and Grace Boudreau	\$20.00
Barbara Bowser	\$10.00
Norman and Carolyn Galley Card	\$15.00
Fred and Margaret Clarke	\$20.00
Lloyd Cook	\$20.00
Marion Conrad	\$10.00
June Dauphinee	\$10.00
Myrtle Demings	\$10.00
Kelly Fraser	\$10.00
Eleanor Freeman	\$10.00
Tracey Hobson	\$10.00
Marilyn Lisk	\$10.00
Howard MacInnis	\$20.00
Jim and Ruby MacKenzie	\$20.00
Irma Maxwell	\$10.00
George and Barbara Myles	\$20.00
Penny Parker	\$ 5.00
Richard and Lola Pineo	\$10.00
Morley and Marion Robinson	\$20.00
Ken and Betty Smith	\$10.00
Elizabeth Thompson	\$10.00
Millie Wagner	\$10.00

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Associate Grand Matron:

Evelyn Aulenback	\$10.00
Ron and Grace Boudreau	\$10.00
Marion Buchan (in lieu of gifts for Installation team)	\$100.00
Barbara Bowser	\$10.00
Norman and Carolyn Galley Card	\$25.00
Ted and Beverly Caulier	\$15.00
Fred and Margaret Clarke	\$20.00
Allan and Shirley Conrad	\$10.00
Frank and Doris Cullen	\$20.00
Ward and Joyce Cunningham	\$ 5.00
Inez Daye	\$10.00
Allen and Cheryl Denton	\$20.00
Ennis and Myrtle Demings	\$10.00
Rick and Mabel Haynes	\$10.00
Mary Lou Higgins	\$10.00
Diane Hayman, Janet Johnson	\$20.00
George and Ruth Hill	\$10.00
Tracey Hobson	\$10.00
Larry and Vivian Ingham	\$10.00
Frances B. Jackson (in honour of G.C.C.M.)	\$20.00
Fred and Peggy Lipskey	\$25.00
Marilyn Lisk	\$50.00
Thelma Low	\$ 5.00
Mary Jane Noyes and Alfred and Mary Allen Hailey (US)	\$25.00
Cora MacKay	\$10.00
Cyril MacIntosh, Heather Boyd (in lieu of gifts to Installation team)	\$50.00
Cyril and Rowena Marsters	\$20.00
Hayward and Leota Meisner	\$10.00
Alfred and JoAnne Newell	\$10.00
A friend	\$25.00
Louise Seeley	\$ 5.00
Ken and Betty Smith	\$10.00
Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer	\$15.00
David and Ruth Waterbury	\$15.00
Millie Wagner (in lieu of gifts to Installing Officers 2006)	\$25.00
Carol Wooster	\$20.00

Combined Donations for A.G.M. and A.G.P. at Honour Tea:

Mel and Arlene Antle	\$25.00
Wayne and Olga Beno	\$10.00
Alvin and Violet Blair	\$20.00
June Dauphinee	\$10.00
Leora Enslow	\$10.00
Gerald and Helen Hatt	\$10.00

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Kathy Holmes, Kathryn Acker	\$20.00
Bonnie Lowe	\$20.00
Don and Midge Medicraft	\$50.00
Allison and Connie MacDonald	\$25.00
Gordon and Linda O'Hearn, Jean Luxton	\$20.00
Raymond and Mary Jean Page	\$15.00
Arthur and Carolyn Phinney	\$10.00
Edna Smith	\$ 5.00
Lawrence and Shirley Smith	\$10.00
Elizabeth Stevenson	\$25.00
Charlie Teal	\$10.00
Howard and Anna Ford, Velda Forrest, Arlene MacBride, Jeanette Rawding, Trish Armstrong	\$45.00

Combined Homecoming of W.G.M. Sister Gail and W.G.P. Brother Ron:

Mel and Arlene Antle	\$100.00
Evelyn Aulenback	\$20.00
Julie Baker	\$25.00
Jean Beckwith	\$50.00
Alvin and Violet Blair	\$25.00
Bonnie Boultier	\$20.00
Charlie and Anna Carr	\$20.00
Norman and Carolyn Galley Card	
(in honour of Cecil & Eleanor Decker's wedding)	\$50.00
(in honour of G.O's, D.D.G.M's, G.C.C.M's)	\$50.00
(in honour of W.G.M. & W.G.P's Homecoming)	\$20.00
Bill and Carol Clark	\$50.00
Fred and Margaret Clarke	\$50.00
Marion Conrad (sale of Lady bug pins)	\$1000.00
Allan and Shirley Conrad	\$15.00
Edith Conrod	\$100.00
Frank Cullen (in honour of G.O's, D.D.G.M's)	\$100.00
Joan Campbell	\$50.00
Jean Coombes	\$20.00
Helen Connors	\$20.00
George and Mary Crouch (in lieu of gifts for honour nights)	\$50.00
Crescent Chapter #70	\$763.00
Cecil and Eleanor Decker	in total \$300.00

(in lieu of gifts as follows) \$10.00 each:

In honour: Betty Smith, Carolyn Galley Card,
Shirley Conrad, Marion Buchan, Irma Maxwell,
Joan Mills, Edith Conrod, George Myles, Darrell
Thurber, Mel Antle, Ross Hagar, Thelma Lowe,
Betty Ann Loughnan
In honour of Clara Nieforth - \$20.00

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In honour of Gail Cook, Ron Boudreau,
Annie Mae Backman, Whit Giffin - 25.00 each
In memory of Eleanor's sister, Eveline Vogler-\$50.00

Allen and Cheryl Denton	\$100.00
Jeanette Durnnian, Vivian Irwin	\$20.00
Sarah Jean Doty	\$10.00
Emerald Chapter #58 (in honour of P.M's and P.P's)	\$25.00
Katherine Evans (in honour of G.O's and D.D.G.M's)	\$50.00
Howard and Anna Ford (in lieu of gifts for honour night)	\$50.00
Velda Forrest	\$25.00
Whitman and JoAnne Giffin (in honour of G.O's, D.D.G.M's, G.C.C.M's)	\$150.00
Mary Lou Higgins	\$25.00
Tracey Hobson (in lieu of gifts for homecoming)	\$50.00
David and Gladys Hobson	\$25.00
Janet Hue	\$10.00
Larry and Vivian Ingham	\$20.00
Frances Burgoyne Jackson	\$20.00
Irene Johnson (in honour of Fran Jackson)	\$20.00
Joyce Johnston (in honour of G.O's, D.D.G.M's, G.C.C.M's)	\$50.00
Keystone Chapter #5	\$200.00
Fred Lipskey	\$100.00
Marilyn Lisk	\$100.00
Betty Ann Loughnan (in honour of G.O's, D.D.G.M's, G.C.C.M's)	\$100.00
Thelma Low	\$ 5.00
Arlene MacBride	\$20.00
Allison and Connie MacDonald	\$100.00
	\$50.00
Jackie and Sheila MacDonald	\$20.00
Howard MacInnis	\$40.00
Shirley MacLean	\$100.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	\$140.00
Marves Mitchell Mansfield	\$25.00
Cyril and Rowena Marsters	\$40.00
Irma Maxwell	\$100.00
Don and Midge Medcraft (in honour of Installing team)	\$20.00
Hayward and Leota Meisner	\$20.00
Janet Merry	\$20.00
Marion Miller, Jane Wooldridge	\$100.00
Allison and Eleanor Mitchell	\$25.00
Music, Music, Music (Skit by A.G.M. Annie Mae & A.G.P. Whit performed at the homecoming)	\$188.25
George and Barbara Myles	\$20.00
JoAnne Newell	\$40.00
A friend	\$25.00

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Linda O'Hearn (for honour night)	\$50.00
O.E.S. Social Card Players	\$300.00
Mary Jean Page	\$20.00
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson	\$50.00
Keith and Elizabeth Pettigrew	\$50.00
Richard and Lola Pineo	\$25.00
Jean Profit	\$200.00
Dorothy Powroz (in honour of G.O, D.D.G.M, G.C.C.M's)	\$100.00
Candice Riley (Cambridge)	\$20.00
Morley and Marion Robinson	\$100.00
Louise Seeley	\$10.00
Ken and Betty Smith	\$10.00
Betty Smith (in lieu of gifts for G.O, D.D.G.M, G.C.C.M)	\$40.00
Betty Smith (received by Sister Betty on her honour night)	\$90.00
Ralph and Marylyn Swinamer	\$50.00
Elizabeth Thompson	\$25.00
William Thompson (Beth)	\$20.00
Murray and Stella Trask	\$100.00
Rhoda Tupper	\$25.00
Robert and Gloria Turner	\$25.00
Millie Wagner	\$65.00
Patricia Wamboldt (in honour of G.C.C.M's)	\$55.00
Emily White (in lieu of gifts for honour night)	\$50.00
Wake-A-Thon and Combination ----- N.S. & P.E.I.	\$1500.00

Donations given to Special Project in Honour of DDGM's on their Official Visits:

District #1 - Stella Trask	
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14	\$50.00
Victoria Chapter #19	\$50.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	\$25.00
Munro Chapter #26	\$10.00
District #2 - Edith Conrod	
Westville Chapter #24	\$25.00
Harmony Chapter #25	\$25.00
Myrtle Chapter #21	\$50.00
Century Chapter #10	\$50.00
District #5 - Grace Boudreau	
Arbutus Chapter #30	\$20.00
Shoreham Chapter #59	\$25.00
Queen's Chapter #34	\$25.00
Pearle Chapter #71	\$25.00
Crescent Chapter #70	\$25.00
Eleanor & Raymond Freeman	\$5.00
District #7 - Connie MacDonald	
Britannia Chapter # 18	\$25.00

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Other Donations for our Special Project Received at Different Times:

Mel Antle (in honour of G.C.C.M's)	\$100.00
Evelyn Aulenback	\$15.00
	\$15.00
Mildred Aker (Laurel Chapter #67)	\$20.00
Jean Annear	\$100.00
Annie Mae Backman	\$125.00
Jean Beckwith (honour night at Laurel Chapter #67)	\$20.00
Bill and Mary Ellen Bishop	\$50.00
Phil and Irene Beeler	\$50.00
	\$50.00
Ruth Bond	\$25.00
Shirley Bezanson (in lieu of gifts for honour night)	
\$25.00	
Heather Boyd (in lieu of gifts for Installing Officers)	\$25.00
Anna Carr (received at honour night)	\$20.00
(in honour of G.Rep, GCCM DDGM &GO)	\$25.00
(in honour of Marilyn Lisk)	\$ 5.00
Ted Caulier (on behalf of Chapter Sentinels)	\$20.00
Harold Coggins	\$25.00
Lloyd and Gail Cook (in honour of those footsteps in kindness)	\$60.00
Gail Cook (in lieu of gift for Cecil,Eleanor Decker wedding)	\$20.00
Gail Cook (in memory of Milt Vreeland - Jeanette's husband)	\$20.00
Gail Cook (in honour of G.O, D.D.G.M, G.C.C.M.)	\$125.00
Lloyd and Gail Cook (in memory of Sister Adline, Sister Claudette	\$20.00
Sister Dora and Brother Howie)	
Donald and Barbara Cooke (in honour of Thelma Low)	\$10.00
Doris Cullen (in honour of Frank Cullen)	\$25.00
Frank Cullen (in lieu of gifts on honour nights)	\$50.00
Marjorie Cushing	\$50.00
Wendell and Marjorie Dawson	\$50.00
Charlene Davis (in honour of Sister JoAnne Newell,	\$20.00
Sister Louise Seeley, Brother Murray Allen	
from Keystone Chapter #5)	
June Dauphinee	\$10.00
Tricia Duncan (in lieu of gifts for Grand Representatives)	\$40.00
Jeanette Durnnian (to honour Grand Adah, GCCM's and	\$20.00
Grand Representatives at Laurel Chapter#67	
Ramon Dilkie (friend of Phil Beeler)	\$25.00
Doreen Edgar	\$25.00
Katharine Evans (in memory of Brother Fred Ralph)	\$10.00
Margaret Fisher	\$100.00
(in honour of Grand Martha, GCCM's of Pearle #71)	\$20.00
Linda Foote (in lieu of gifts for Grand Representatives)	\$25.00

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at her honour night Laurel Chapter #67)

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Daisy Frail (in honour of Linda O'Hearn, Grand Martha Jean Luxton, Grand Representative Velda Forrest & Tricia Wamboldt, GCCM's)	\$20.00
Raymond & Eleanor Freeman (in lieu of gifts for those honoured in Pearle Chapter #71)	\$20.00
Mabel Haynes (in lieu of gifts for Installing team)	\$20.00
Linda O'Hearn (in lieu of gifts for her honour night)	\$60.00
Diane Hayman (in honour of: Bill Clark GGCCM 2003-2006) Alden & Esther Beck's 50th Anniversary Ges & Lily Brimisombes's 60th Anniversary Frank Cullen, Grand Marshal Lewis & Maxine Smith's 50th Anniversary Olive Bowen's 80th Birthday (in memory of: Sister Annie Wright Steven MacBeth, John Dowell, Bill Thompson, Margaret Balter, Juliana's Dad in Brazil, Howie MacInnis, PGP, Claretta Palmer, PGM, Adline Purves, PGM)	\$20.00 \$150.00
Mary Lou Higgins (in lieu of gifts for Grand Representatives honour night)	\$100.00
Tracey Hobson	\$40.00
Dorothy Hale (honour tea June 26 th)	\$100.00
(to honour JoAnne Newell, Grand Esther, Louise Seeley, Associate Grand Organist Elizabeth Stevenson, GCCM Murray Allen, Grand Representative)	\$20.00 \$50.00
Larry Ingham (received at honour night)	\$40.00
Dorothy Jewers (in lieu of gifts for honour night)	\$25.00
Carson Jackson (honour night)	\$50.00
Peter Kay (in honour of Isabelle Pearson)	\$10.00
Peter Kay (from Harmony Chapter in his honour)	\$20.00
Gail Kay (in honour of Grand Representatives)	\$20.00
Elizabeth Langille (in honour of Installing team)	\$10.00
Sheila Levy	\$25.00
(in honour of Bob Turner, GCCM)	\$10.00
(in honour of Joan Mills, GCCM)	\$20.00
Thelma Low	\$20.00
(in Thelma's honour as Grand Chapter Mother)	\$ 5.00
Cora MacKay (in honour of Fran Jackson, GCCM)	\$10.00
Cora MacKay (in honour of Grand Family, DDGM's)	\$100.00
Howie MacInnis (in honour of official visits & honour nights)	\$100.00
Hazel MacLeod (in memory of husband Reg.)	\$50.00
Ruby MacKenzie	\$25.00

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Jean MacMillen (in honour of Louise Seeley, JoAnne Newell, Murray Allen)	\$20.00
Reg. and Gladys MacRae	\$25.00
(in memory of Elva Shewchuck, Charter member of Regent Chapter #52)	\$20.00
Edna MacVicar (in lieu of gifts for honour nights)	\$25.00
Irma Maxwell (in honour of visiting GCCM's)	\$20.00
Joan Mills (in lieu of gifts at honour nights)	\$50.00
David and Shirley Moir	\$15.00
Barbara Mosher (received on honour night)	\$25.00
Barbara Mosher (in honour of Grand Representatives)	\$20.00
Nora Moxsom	\$100.00
Iris Newman(in honour of Cecil and Eleanor Decker marriage)	\$10.00
Alfred and JoAnne Newell (in lieu of gifts for Installing team)	\$40.00
JoAnne Newell (in honour of Louise Seeley)	\$5.00
JoAnne Newell (in lieu of gifts for Grand Family, DDGM's)	\$60.00
John and Carole Newell	\$50.00
A friend (in lieu of gifts to Grand Officers, DDGM's and GCCM's)	\$200.00
Joe Parker	\$20.00
Adrian and Isabelle Pearson (in honour of Frank Cullen)	\$10.00
Arthur and Carolyn Phinney(in honour of Grand Officers,GCCM's)	\$100.00
Naomi Prest (in honour of her Grand Representatives' appointment)	\$10.00
Morley and Marion Robinson (in lieu of gifts for Grand Officers, DDGM's & GCCM's)	\$50.00
Elizabeth Stevenson (in lieu of gifts on honour night)	\$50.00
Mary Smith (in honour of Official visits)	\$25.00
(in honour of Chapter birthday)	\$50.00
	\$100.00
Ken and Betty Smith (in lieu of gifts to GCCM's)	\$20.00
Charlie Teal (gifts received at his honour night)	\$100.00
Linda Townsend (in lieu of gifts at honour night)	\$135.00
Frances Thompson	\$25.00
Stella Trask(in honour of JoAnne Newell, Grand Esther)	\$20.00
(in honour of Louise Seeley)	\$20.00
(in lieu of gift in honour of Sara Doty, PGM Installing Officer)	\$25.00
Rhoda Tupper (in honour of Betty Ann Loughnan, Gr. Sec. & Mel Antle GCCM)	\$25.00
(in memory of Elizabeth (Sonny) Mattson)	\$25.00
Muriel Walker (member of Annaval Chapter #31)	\$20.00
David and Ruth Waterbury (in memory of PGM's, Sister Claretta Palmer,Sister Adline Purves, Sister Dora Turnbull, who was Ruth's Grand Marshal 1980-1981)	\$75.00
Amelia Whalley (in lieu of Christmas gifts to Chapter Officers)	\$20.00
(in honour of Kay Evans, Carolyn Phinney,	\$20.00

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Elizabeth Stevenson, Don Medicraft, Richard Haynes, Elizabeth MacGregor)	
Emily White (those honoured at Pearle Chapter #71)	\$10.00
June Whitman (in honour of JoAnne Newell, Grand Esther Louise Seeley, Associate Grand Organist Murray Allen, Grand Representative)	\$30.00
(in honour of Brothers & Sisters honoured at Annaval Chapter #31)	\$25.00
(for those honoured at Pearle Chapter #71)	\$20.00
Carol Wooster	\$25.00
Margery Zurko (US)	\$100.00
Ray Zinck (sale of hockey pucks Sept.06/06)	
\$11.00	

Donations Received at Grand Chapter for Special Project:

Marjorie Morgan	\$50.00
Love gifts Mass. visitors	\$15.00
Quebec visitors	\$39.00
Maine visitors	\$22.00
Mab's Jewels & Gems	\$980.00
Terry Kelly (donation from sale of CD's)	\$250.00
Grand Representatives Assoc.	\$100.00
PAGOS	\$200.00
In memory of departed PAGOS members 2006-2007	\$50.00
Turtle Initiation dues	\$25.00
Blue Water Agencies Limited	\$200.00
Piggy Bank (Janet Merry, Betty Smith)	\$211.50
Anonymous donor (US)	\$1000.00
Grand Officers & GCCM (2006-2007)	\$247.00
(For WGM & WGP Special Project)	
Rennie Ofton (US) (in memory of Howie MacInnis)	\$ 5.00
(US) (in memory of PGM's Carol Clark's father)	\$ 5.00
(US) (donation to CNIB)	\$10.00

Note: DDGM's provided photo albums to the Publicity
Committee for the WGM, Gail Cook and the WGP,
Ron Boudreau (donation):

DDGM's Sister Connie MacDonald	\$79.00
Sister Grace Boudreau	
Sister Clara Neiforth	
Sister Marion Buchan	

The Grand Pages presented the WGM, Gail Cook with a beautiful
Swarowski bracelet

Chapter Donations Official Visits and Others:

Port Royal Chapter # 1 Silver Drill Official Visit	\$100.00
Crystal Chapter #1, PEI Corsage Official Visit	\$75.00
In honour of: Marion Miller, GCCM, Audrey	\$180.00

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Farquharson, GCCM Connie MacDonald, DDGM,

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Anna Carr, Grand Representative, Reta MacDonald,
Grand Representative, Judy Graves, Grand Representative

Past Matrons, Crystal Chapter # 1	\$140.00
Mayflower Chapter #2 Official Visit	\$100.00
Cedar Chapter #3 Official Visit	\$50.00
Proceeds from sale of Afghan,	\$36.00
in honour of Doreen Langille, PM	
In honour of Walter Blair, GCCM	\$20.00
In memory of Heather Mathew's father	\$20.00
Keystone Chapter #5 Official Visit	\$50.00
In lieu of bars for jewels for WM & WP	\$50.00
Halifax Chapter #7 Official Visit	\$25.00
Addendum	\$10.00
Grace Chapter #8 Official Visit Addendum	\$25.00
Officers and Members	\$20.00
Official Visit	\$50.00
In honour of Barbara Mosher, Grand Representative	\$25.00
Century Chapter #10 Official Visit	\$100.00
Queen Elizabeth Chapter #14 Official Visit	\$100.00
Evangeline Chapter #15 Silver Drill Official Visit	\$65.00
In honour of Grand Chaplain, Fred Lipskey	\$300.00
and Grand Warder, Richard Pineo	
Britannia Chapter #18 Official Visit	\$100.00
Victoria Chapter #19 Official Visit - Star point addendum	\$100.00
Donation to Special project	\$200.00
Myrtle Chapter #21 Official Visit	\$50.00
Past Matron's Club	\$25.00
Fairfield Chapter #22 Official Visit	\$100.00
Special project	\$75.00
Westville Chapter #24 Honour of Official Visit	\$50.00
Honour of Frank Cullen, Official Visit	\$25.00
Honour of GCCM's: Janet Johnson, Bill Allen, Sharon Ward	\$25.00
Honour of Grand Representatives (2005-2006)	\$20.00
Harmony Chapter #25 Official Visit, honoured GCCM's & Gr. Rep.	\$75.00
Munro Chapter #26 Official Visit	\$58.40
Addendum	\$10.00
DDGM, Stella Trask's visit	\$10.00
Kwebec Chapter #27 Official Visit	\$25.00
Past Matron's Club, Official Visit	\$25.00
In memory of JoAnne Cameron's Mother	\$25.00
Amethyst Chapter #28 Official Visit	\$25.00
Corsage	\$10.00
Pennies saved for Special Project	\$42.75
Arbutus Chapter #30 Officers and Members	\$20.00
Donation with Addendum	\$25.00

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Annaval Chapter #31 Official Visit	\$100.00
Queens Chapter #34 Official Visit	\$50.00
In memory of John Martin	\$15.00
Donation of Special project	\$160.00
In memory of Arthur White	\$25.00
St. Mary's Chapter #35 Official Visit Silver Drill	\$161.15
Cobequid Chapter #39 Addendum Official Visit	\$25.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37 Official Visit	\$50.00
DDGM, Stella Trask's visit	\$25.00
Mae Chapter #38 Official Visit	\$30.00
Mystic Star Chapter #40 Official Visit	\$50.00
PM & PP's Club	\$10.00
Armcrest Chapter #45 Official Visit	\$25.00
Corsage	\$15.00
Past Matron's Club	\$25.00
In lieu of favours for Birthday night	\$25.00
Florence Fraser Chapter #47 Official Visit	\$50.00
Donation from Chapter	\$20.00
Elm Chapter #48 Official Visit, Past Matron's Club	\$25.00
In honour of Robert Redden's 90th birthday	\$20.00
In honour of Jean Murphy's 90th birthday	\$20.00
In honour of Joyce Stewart's 90th birthday	\$20.00
In memory of Irene Retson	\$25.00
Scotia Chapter #49 Official Visit	\$50.00
Money corsage	\$15.00
Sunrise Chapter #50 Official Visit	\$50.00
Regent Chapter #52 Official Visit	\$75.00
Past Matron's Club	\$50.00
Faith Chapter #54 Official Visit	\$50.00
Star Point Addendum	\$25.00
Silver Drill	\$72.00
Elmsdale Chapter #55 Addendum	\$55.00
Collection	\$88.40
Ruth Chapter #57 Official Visit	\$100.00
Emerald Chapter #58 Official Visit	\$100.00
Past Matron's Club	\$25.00
Shoreham Chapter #59 Official Visit	\$50.00
Officers	\$15.00
Queen Esther Chapter #61 Official Visit	\$75.00
Atlantic Chapter #65 Official Visit	\$35.00
Starlight Chapter #66 Official Visit	\$100.00
Laurel Chapter #67 Official Visit	\$50.00
Silver Drill	\$80.00
Auction for Special project	\$142.00
Valentine Tea	\$300.00

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Montague Chapter #69 Official Visit	\$50.00
Crescent Chapter #70 Official Visit	\$25.00
Pearle Chapter #71 Official Visit, In honour of Grand Martha, Linda O' Hearn and GCCM's Special Project	\$25.00
Money Corsage	\$50.00
Past Matrons of Halifax and Dartmouth	\$20.00
	\$100.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED TO CNIB: \$35,083.51

**REPORT OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2006-2007
BROTHER RONALD E. BOUDREAU**

Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, General Grand Chapter Friend of a Feather, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers All.

In July of 2004 I was elected to, and installed in the Office of Grand Sentinel of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. That was the beginning of a most wonderful journey. Subsequently I was elected to and installed in the offices of Associate Grand Patron, and in 2006 I was installed in the office of Worthy Grand Patron by Past Grand Patron Brother Allen Denton, for which I thank him. This journey was not without bumps and one such bump (a serious health issue) threatened to cut the journey short. I must admit that it was only the support of my wife Grace, the encouragement of Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, some very special Past Grands, the prayers of my Sisters and Brothers of this beautiful Order, coupled with God's willingness to hear, that carried me over those stormy waters. I want you to know that during my illness, I never lost sight of others of this beautiful Order that were also experiencing serious health issues, and I prayed for them. On the night of my installation into the office of Worthy Grand Patron I felt honoured but very humble. I knew then that I had an obligation to occupy this office, knowing full well that I must work hard and earn the honour that had been given me. I only trust that you will see my short-comings outweighed by my accomplishments in this office.

To my Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail. What a wonderful "Young" Lady you are and a real "Breeze" to work with. It has been an honour and pleasure to share the past three years and this journey with you. On this journey we planned, we calculated, we changed our course, and all the time keeping our Sisters and Brothers as our number one priority. How wonderful it has been to have your Lloyd and my Grace accompany us on every part of this journey, establishing a friendship that I am sure will stand the test of time. We four now have fond

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memories that will last a lifetime.

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To our Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred.

I congratulate you on the high office you now hold and I thank you for allowing me to carry our Nova Scotia flag at General Grand Chapter on the occasion of your installation. I wish both you and our Past Grand Matron, Sister Margaret, good health and safe travel on the long road that you have yet to travel and, if God willing, both Grace and I want to be in Oklahoma to see both Sister Rennie and you, "our own Brother Fred", installed as our Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

To our General Grand Chapter Committee Members.

Being appointed as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member is surely an honour bestowed upon you because you have earned such recognition and I congratulate each of you on your appointment. But really your appointment is not only an honour for you but also brings honour to this Grand Jurisdiction, and when you speak in our Chapters a better understanding of the broad scope and expanse of the Order of the Eastern Star. May your appointments be for you both a pleasure and rewarding.

To our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

You have left a trail of accomplishments and caring and a very difficult and intimidating road for my feet to tread. However, as the road began, it became clear to me that, as our initiation ceremony tells us, you were there to guide and support us and without hesitation and as I/we needed, you have done that. Thank you for all the help and support you have so freely given.

To our own General Grand Chapter Friend of a Feather.

I congratulate you on your appointment and hope you really enjoy it. P. S.: I love the red dress.

To our Elected Grand Family.

You are the choice of the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction and they have made an excellent selection. I have enjoyed working with you and was pleased to have, those who were able, with us on our official visits. I wish you well and pledge to you my support as you continue your journey. Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit I wish for you a great year, filled with good times and lots of fun. Sister Edith and Brother Ted thanks for your support throughout our year and I wish for you good planning and a successful year in 2008 -09. Sister Stella soon you will know who you will make this journey with and I wish for both of you all the best.

To our Appointed Grand Family.

Thank you for accepting your appointments. You are the choice of Sister Gail and I and we have not been disappointed with our selection. We are proud of each one of you and we hope that you have enjoyed, to the fullest, your appointments. You attended most of our official visits, and many of our other,

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visits and I thank you for your support. I am sure the Chapter Sisters and Brothers were also pleased to have you at their meetings.

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To our District Deputy Grand Matrons.

Your dedication to the Worthy Grand Matron, as her representative in your respective Districts, is commendable. You completed your duties with zeal for our Order and topped it all off with ESTARL services that were appreciated and well attended. Thank you for caring enough to do your work well.

To our Grand Chapter Committee Members.

I thank each one of you for accepting the task that we asked you to do. Those tasks are not always easy, nor are they always visible, but they are always necessary. You expend your energy and dedication making things run smoothly without thought of fee or reward, and so many times most of us do not even realize how much you have really done. For all your hard work, my hat is off to you. I thank you for your service to this Musical Gales Session.

To our Hostess Chapters.

Over the past three years there has been many meetings, much planning, coupled with an abundance of hard work, to provide for this Grand Chapter. You have sold tickets, hosted events and raised funds, wherever possible, all this with dedication and caring and your only reward is knowing that your task was well done. Please know that the Worthy Grand Matron and I both are aware and appreciate your hard work. Please accept our thanks.

To all the Chapter Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and to each one of my Sisters and Brothers in your Chapter. What an honour for me to visit with you. I was always humbled by the courtesies extended by you to me. However, I must admit that I enjoyed every minute that I spent in your Chapter rooms. I thank you for all the courtesies, the meals, music, addendums, gifts, etc. and for the enjoyment and fun that I had in your Chapters, and most of all for you and your members being there when the Worthy Grand Matron and I made our official visits.

To our Grand Chapter Mother, Sister Thelma Low, a special one year 2006-2007 appointment. We were honoured by your attendance at so many of our official visits, representing our senior members (90 years and over). You represented them with dignity and your dedication is second to none. I trust that you enjoyed this appointment and I thank you for accepting it. At this time I want to thank our Grand Sentinel, Brother Ted Caulier and his wife Sister Bev, for caring enough and being so kind to provide Sister Thelma with safe transport to and from official visits and other meetings. What you have done is what the Order of the Eastern Star is all about. I extend to you my gratitude and thanks.

To the Officers and Members of my Chapter, Crescent #70, Lockeport. You have been kind, caring thoughtful and I thank each of you for all the support that you have given me over the past three years. For all three offices I was nominated by Past Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Denton, and installed in this office by Past

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Grand Patron, Brother Allen Denton, both Honourary members of my Chapter,
Crescent

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#70. It is with gratitude and appreciation that I thank them. All of my Chapter members have assisted this journey for me in any way that I have asked and some that I needed but did not want to ask for. I only hope that I have filled the office of Worthy Grand Patron in a way that meets with your approval and reflects favorably on Crescent Chapter.

To Laurel Chapter # 67. Getting to know the members of Laurel Chapter has been a great part of this Journey and to be presented with an Honourary Membership in your Chapter is something that I never expected. Thank you and I will Cherish that membership to the end of my days. I consider that I have made this journey not only with Sister Gail but also with the members of Laurel Chapter. Thank you for being so kind to Sister Grace and myself. I am sure that I speak for Both Sister Gail and myself when I tell you that this has been very comforting to know that we had your support. Thank for all you have done for us to make this a memorable year.

To the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, Sister Betty Ann and Sister Dorothy. Your offices are such that when one Grand Chapter is completed the next is just beginning and the paperwork and accounting is never-ending. The Grand Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is very lucky to have two Sisters with your dedication to serve as Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and while so doing you still found time to give me assistance when I had need of it, for that I thank you.

Over the past year I attended all but two of the Worthy Grand Matron's official visits, the three Schools of Instruction and Maritime Exchange. I missed Fairfield Chapter #22, due to my wife's illness, and I missed Atlantic chapter #65, due to my short stay in hospital. I had previously travelled to Atlantic Chapter on the 24th January 2007 for the purpose of presenting a Grand Representative appointment. Commitments and schedules prevented me from travelling to Fairfield Chapter during my term as W.G.P. I do intend to travel to Fairfield Chapter, "unofficially" as a Past Grand Patron, on a future date. I want both those Chapters to know that few things would keep me from their official visit for the Musical Gales Session, and one of them is illness. It was such a pleasure for me to visit Chapters, meet their members and to see Sisters and Brothers enjoying each other's company. I enjoyed the solos, duets, groups and all member musical presentations, for the Worthy Grand Matron and I. The meals were nothing short of scrumptious. The addendums done for me were always fun and gave the Star points an opportunity to participate in the ceremony of the meeting, which for me was rewarding. I cannot single out one Chapter as special, for to me, each one was special and each one has it's own uniqueness and charm.

I hereby express my pride and appreciation for a Life Membership in Crescent Chapter #70 and Honourary Membership in Port Royal Chapter #1, Mayflower Chapter #2, Laurel Chapter #67 and the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. It is

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also with pride that I hold Honorary membership in Keystone Chapter #5 and Queens Chapter #34. I thank all those Chapters and the Grand Chapter for their kindness.

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During my year as Worthy Grand Patron, as my schedule permitted, I travelled to more than fifty different events, other than official visits. They included a Canadian National Institute for the Blind fundraiser luncheon, Honour nights/teas, special meetings, the Card Player's evening that raised money for our Special Project, regular meetings, other than my own Chapter, the General Grand Chapter in Minneapolis, the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, the Grand Chapter of Maine, the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Nova Scotia Masonic Grand Lodge, Shrine Installation of Officers, Daughters of the Nile Installation of Officers, Chapter anniversaries and a Halifax Harbour Cruise. All events were rewarding, enlightening and again I enjoyed every minute of it. To all the above I was accompanied by my wife Grace and, to most, by the Worthy Grand Matron Sister Gail and Brother Lloyd.

To my wife Grace. You are the one that has been with me every step of this journey and I could not have done it without you. You must know how much I appreciate all your help for I have on many occasions told you that. Now I will also admit that behind this man is a very special Lady and that's you. Thank you for being there for me. Remember always, it's wonderful to have a best friend who knew me before this whirlwind, someone that I can go home with, someone who knows what's real.

During my tour as Worthy Grand Patron I have approved By-Law changes for the following Chapters:

Evangeline Chapter # 15

1. Article IV Fees & Dues, Section 2. Making dues payable on 1 June, amount \$33.00 with discount of \$3.00 if paid before 30 Sept each year.
2. Article V, Page 4. Entitled Honorary or Life Membership. Add: Any member in good standing, achieving an age of 90 years, shall be granted Life Membership.

Britannia Chapter #18. Article 2 -Meetings- Section 3.

Meetings will be suspended during the months of July and August.

Kwebec Chapter #27. Article IV - Fees and Dues, Section 1.

Request to raise fee for Degrees and Affiliated. Returned.
WGP approval not required as By-Laws provide for this by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter.

Arbutus Chapter #30. Article 18, Section 1.

To provide for gold plated jewels for Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron on their retirement from office. That the Secretary and Treasurer select and procure the jewels, the expense of same to be paid by the Chapter.

Ruth Chapter #57. Article IV - Fees & Dues.

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Section 1. Deleted and replaced with: Section 1. Fees for Degrees and for Affiliated shall be as stated in CL&R, Sub Chap Art 22, Page 19.

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Emerald Chapter #58.

1. Page 2, Art 11, Sec 3 - Meetings

The Annual Meeting of this Chapter shall be held on Second Thurs in June. 2 Page 4, Art IV, Sec I - Fees & Dues

To make fee for Degrees & Affiliation correspond with CL&R, Art 22, Fees and assessments, page 19, Section 1.

3. Page 4, Art IV, Sec 5 - Fees & Dues. To provide direction to Secretary & Chapter for members in arrears for dues as of May.

4. Page 7, Art VII, Sec 3 - Permanent Fund.

Provide direction on Permanent Fund and General Fund

5. Page 13, Art XI, Sec 3 - Relief & Visiting Committee

Authority for Worthy Matron to expend without vote of Chapter \$150.00 for relief or benefit of members and the Treasurer to pay such amount.

6. Page 14, Art XIV, Sec 2 - Expenditures.

Restricting spending to Worthy Matron or Secretary. No officer or member shall contract any bill.

Numbers 1-4 to coincide with CL&R. Numbers 5-6 due to inflation.

Armcrest Chapter # 45. Article II Para 2.

That Armcrest Chapter # 45 meetings start at 7:30 PM instead of 8:00 PM

The Special Project this year was Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and in particular Digital Talking Books. Before starting this project I was unaware of the number of people needing the service of CNIB, however over the year I came to know that vision impairment affects all ages from the very young to the elderly and all ages in between. I have come to realize that we have many members of our Order of the Eastern Star or a member of their family experiencing vision impairment. For the generous support that each of you have given this Special Project, I thank you. I thank Brother Phil Beeler, Chairman and Sister Tracey Hobson, Co-Chair of this project for their help. I must say that although I was aware of previous years, when our Past Grand Matron Sister Marion Conrad has been instrumental in raising large amounts of money for the Special Project of the year, I also knew that she would not be able to continue her fundraising this year, because for several months of this Session, Sister Marion was seriously ill in hospital. BUT, Sister Marion, you have again lived up to your "bigger than life" image and motivated your crew, and again you have made a significant donation to our Special Project (which is reflected both in this and in our Worthy Grand Matron's report). You and they are an inspiration to us all. I do not know how to thank you and the others than to say thanks. Note: Official Tax Receipts will be issued, to all who have requested, by CNIB for the 2007 tax year.

Finally I will remember always with fondness and appreciation the time that I have been permitted to occupy the office of Worthy Grand Patron and I will always know that it is the members of the Order of the Eastern Star that created

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the events for me to form those great memories. Please accept my thanks.

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Brother Ron, W.G.P. moved the adoption of this report. This motion was seconded by Sister Leora Enslow, P.M. (70) and carried.

**DONATIONS
TO THE CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
DIGITAL TALKING BOOKS**

Grand Sentinel:

Shirley Rydholm	5.00
Robert Purney	5.00
Evelyn Aulenback	10.00
Evelyn/Glenn MacAdams	10.00
Marion Conrad	10.00
Millie Wagner	10.00
Leora Enslow	5.00
Helen/Gerald Hatt	5.00
Emily White	5.00
Linda/Gordon O'Hearn	5.00
Marjorie Williams	5.00
Joyce/Ward Cunningham	10.00
Marilyn Lisk	10.00
Helen Oxford	5.00
Gail/Lloyd Cook	20.00
Charlie Teal	5.00
Kathryn Acker/Kathy Holmes	20.00
Leota/Hayward Meisner	5.00
Myrtle/Enos Demings	5.00
Eulalie Conrad	22.00
Barbara Boyd	10.00
Louise Seeley	5.00
Tracey Hobson	10.00
Eleanor Freeman	10.00
Dorothy Hale	10.00
JoAnne/Alfred Newell	30.00
Betty/Ken Smith	10.00

Associate Grand Patron:

JoAnne/Alfred Newell	20.00
Margaret/Fred Clarke	15.00
Joyce/Ward Cunningham	5.00
Marilyn Lisk	50.00
Myrtle/Enos Demings	10.00
Stella/Murray Trask	20.00
Cora MacKay	10.00
Thelma Low	5.00
Ruth/Dave Waterbury	15.00
Betty/Ken Smith	10.00

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Ruth/George Hill	10.00
Vivian/Larry Ingham	10.00
Doris/Frank Cullen	20.00
Edith Conrod	15.00
Leota/Hayward Meisner	10.00
A friend	25.00
Inez Daye	10.00
Cheryl/Allen Denton	20.00
Marylyn/Ralph Swinamer	20.00
Barbara Bowser	10.00
Bev/Ted Caulier	15.00
JoAnne/Alfred Newell	10.00
Faye/Jack Calder	5.00
Shirley/Allen Conrad	10.00
Marion/Morley Robinson	10.00
Evelyn/Glenn MacAdams	20.00
Tracey Hobson	10.00
Gladys/Dave Hobson	10.00
Shirley Rydholm	10.00
Robert Purney	10.00
Ruby/Jim MacKenzie	25.00
Lynn/Darrell Thurber	10.00
Eleanor/Raymond Freeman	10.00
Sylvia McCleave	10.00
James Malyk	10.00
Amelia/Jack Whalley	20.00
Helen Holden (for Install team)	20.00
Louise Seeley	5.00
<u>Worthy Grand Patron - for Honor Nights and in Memorium:</u>	
Shirley/Allen Conrad, Honour Gr Reps Don Cook, Keith Donaldson	15.00
Frank Cullen, Honour Gr Offr, DDGMs	100.00
Mary Smith, Honour Ross Hagar, Carson Jackson, Thelma Low, WGP	50.00
Betty/Ken Smith, Honour WGP	10.00
Betty/Ken Smith, Honour Gr Offrs, DDGMs, GCCMs	40.00
Marion Conrad, For a Digital Talking Book - CNIB	485.00
Midge/Don Medicraft, For Insall Team, Marilyn Swinamer, PGM Tracey Hobson, Richard Pineo, Fred Lipskey	20.00
JoAnne/Alfred Newell, Honour Nights	50.00
JoAnne/Alfred Newell, Honour Margaret Messinger	50.00
Grace Boudreau, Honour DDGMS & Grand Family	30.00
Grace Boudreau, Honour Mary Jean, Myrtle Demings - GCCMs	30.00
Evelyn/Glenn MacAdams, Honour DDGM Grace, GCCMs Mary Jean & Myrtle	10.00
Joyce/Ward Cunningham, Honour DDGM Grace, GCCMs Mary Jean & Myrtle	15.00

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Dorothy Jewers, Honour DDGMs and GCCMs	15.00
Linda/Gordon O'Hearn, In lieu of gifts Queens #34 Officers	10.00
Marion Miller, Honour 50th Anniversary Grace/Ron Boudreau	50.00
Betty Ann Loughnan, Honour Subordinate Chapter Secretaries	50.00
Amelia/Jack Whalley, Honour GCCMs	25.00
Anna/Charlie Carr, In memory of Elva Shewchuk	25.00
Gladys/Reg MacRae, In memory of Elva Shewchuk	20.00
Dorothy Powroz, In memory of Hilda Powroz	50.00
Louise Seeley, Honour Gr Chap Officers & Honour Nights	15.00
Crystal #1, Honour John Patterson, PGP, GCCM	30.00
Crystal #1, Honour Charlie Graves, GCCM	30.00
Crystal #1, Honour Wendell Dawson, GCCM	30.00
Crystal #1, Honour Arnold Burhoe, Gr Representative	30.00
Crystal #1, Honour Allison MacDonald, Gr Representative	30.00
Hattie Hagen, in lieu of Flowers for Install Team	25.00
Shirley/Allen Conrad, in lieu of gifts for Gr Offrs & DDGMs	25.00
Ron Boudreau, Grand Guards Donation	120.00
Patricia Armstrong, Honour Nights	60.00
Grace/Ron Boudreau, In memory of Howie MacInnis	10.00
Janet Johnson, In memory: Bill Embree, Glenn Johnson PP	
Jeanette Cameron, Warren Oliver, Lloyd MacLean,	
Grace Fillier, sandy Robinson, Helen Pitts,	
Mildred Pushie, Dora Turnbull PGM,	
Elva Shewchuk PM, Elwood MacLaughlin,	
Peggy Johnson (N.H.), Reg MacLeod PP	150.00
Ron Boudreau, Honour Nights -Grand Family, DDGMs & others	125.00
<u>Worthy Grand Patron (Homecoming & Others):</u>	
Dorothy Hale	20.00
Thelma Low	20.00
David Moir	15.00
Gail Fudge	50.00
Ruby MacKenzie	25.00
June Dauphinee	20.00
Helen/Gerald Hatt	50.00
Mary Smith	25.00
Gary Hemeon	20.00
Carole/John Newell	50.00
Joe Parker	20.00
Midge/Don Medicraft	25.00
Shirley/Allen Conrad	15.00
Joan Campbell	50.00
Irene/Phil Beeler	50.00
Marylyn/Ralph Swinamer	50.00
Marilyn Lisk	100.00
Shirley/Allen Conrad	15.00

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Stella/Murray Trask	100.00
Margaret/Fred Clarke	50.00
Carol/Bill Clark	50.00
Irma Maxwell	25.00
Jean Beckwith	25.00
A friend	25.00
Betty Thompson	25.00
Anna/Charlie Carr	20.00
Jane Wooldridge	25.00
Marion Miller	25.00
Jean Profitt	200.00
Belle/Adrian Pearson	50.00
Eleanor/Raymond Freeman	10.00
Edith Conrod	50.00
Ruth/George Hill	20.00
Sheila MacDonald	20.00
Bill Thompson	20.00
Vivian/Larry Ingham	20.00
JoAnne/Alfred Newell	40.00
Mary/Ray Zinck	10.00
Vi/Alvin Blair	25.00
Gladys/Dave Hobson	25.00
Allen/Cheryl Denton	100.00
Frances Burgoyne Jackson	20.00
Shirley MacLean	50.00
Norman/Carolyn G.Card	20.00
Janet Merry	20.00
Irene Johnson	20.00
Thelma Low	5.00
Mary Lou Higgins	25.00
Bev/Ted Caulier	25.00
Betty/Ross Hagar	200.00
Myrtle/Enos Demings	10.00
Kathryn Acker	50.00
Eleanor/Allison Mitchell	20.00
Rhoda Tupper	25.00
Marilyn Lisk (Honour Anna Carr)	5.00
Anna Carr (Honour Night)	20.00
Leland Potter	22.00
Nora/George Moxsom	100.00
George Myles	5.00
Anna/Bill Cox	25.00
Margaret/Rick Muise	20.00
Sylvia McCleave	20.00

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Chapter & Other Group Donations to Worthy Grand Patron:

Mae #38	20.00
Cedar #3	25.00
Faith #54	10.00
Queen Esther #61	65.00
Armcrest #45	25.00
Grace #8	75.00
Shoreham #59	15.00
Victoria #19	50.00
Queen Elizabeth #14	100.00
Dr Gordon MacLeod #37	25.00
Munro #26	25.00
Ruth #57	50.00
Emerald #58	50.00
Fairfield #22	25.00
Kwebec #27	25.00
Arbutus #30	20.00
Amethyst #28	30.00
Queens #34	25.00
Halifax #7	35.00
Pearle #71	45.00
Elmsdale #55	45.00
Atlantic #65	35.00
Sunrise #50	50.00
Mystic Star #40	60.00
Elm #48	25.00
Scotia #49	60.00
Westville #24	50.00
Myrtle #21	50.00
Regent #52	50.00
Crystal #1	25.00
Montague #69	50.00
Florence Fraser #47	50.00
Harmony #25	25.00
Century #10	100.00
Starlight #66	20.00
OES Social Card Players	300.00
Arbutus #30	25.00
Grand Representatives Association	100.00
PAGOs	200.00
Massachusetts Members Gift	15.00
Turtle Club	4.00
Quebec Members Gift	19.00

Note: Donation from Crescent Chapter #70 in amount of \$763.00 is shown on Combined list for WGM/WGP.

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JURISPRUDENCE REPORT ON NOTICES OF MOTION, 2007**

The Jurisprudence Committee: Sister Margaret A. Clarke, P.G.M. (67), Chairman, Sister Cheryl A. Denton, P.G.M. (35) and Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (24)

We, the Jurisprudence Committee, met following the Maritime Exchange meeting on April 28, 2007 to review the notices of motion presented and again on June 25. The motions are in order to be presented with our comments.

Motion #1: We find the motion to be in order.

Motion #2: We find the motion to be in order. This is housekeeping.

Motion #3: We find this motion to be in order. This is housekeeping

Motion #4 : We find this motion to be in order. To comply with Ritual change
General Grand Chapter, 2006

Motion #5: We find this motion to be in order. We agree with motion with the
ever increasing cost printing and postage.

Motion #6: This motion is in order but we do not agree with the motion and feel
that both sections should be defeated for the following reason...
all work should be performed otherwise we become lax and the
work will become poorly done.

From the last sentence of the 2nd portion “a Chapter cannot make a
person attend a School of Instruction.”

Motion #7: We find this motion to be in order.

Motion #8: We find this motion to be in order.

Motion #9: We find this motion to be in order. We reserve comment on #7, #8
& #9. It will be up to the vote of the Membership.

Motion#10: We find this motion to be in order.

Motion #11: We find this motion to be in order.

Motion #12: We find this motion to be in order.

Motion#13: We find this motion to be in order. The changes to these sections
will help the proponent of a motion to have the motion in order
when it is presented.

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It was moved by Sister Margaret A. Clarke P.G.M. (67) that this report be accepted.

This motion was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and the motion was carried.

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.: Motions # 10, 11, 12 & 13. Since each of these motions have the same intent for all sections of the CL&R and the same wording change, I move they be consolidated into one motion.

This motion was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M., and carried.

The Notices of Motion will be dealt with during the Wednesday afternoon session.

CORRESPONDENCE AND GREETINGS

The Grand Secretary read the following correspondence:

1. A letter of thanks from **Sister Marjorie M. Morgan, Past Grand Matron of Ontario**, for the hospitality at the July, 2006 Grand Chapter Session.
2. **Thank you letters** from **Sister Marion Miller, Past Grand Matron and Brother John Patterson, Past Grand Patron and the Children's Wish Foundation** for the monetary gifts and the quilts received for distribution throughout Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
3. **Thank you letter** from **Sister Sally and Brother Lawrence Chichester**, for the Honourary Memberships and for all courtesies extended during the July, 2006 Grand Chapter Session.
4. **Regrets** were received from: **Sister Barbara, Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Tom Benton, Sister Pat Rasmusson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Susan Thomas, Worthy Grand Adah, Sister Carol E. Webber, G.G.C.C.M. on Visionquest and Sister Pam Sangwell, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Australia.**

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER SECRETARIES

Twenty-three Subordinate Chapter Secretaries were presented, introduced and welcomed by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40), Grand Secretary:

Sister Arlene Riswold (2); Sister Marianne MacMillan (3); Sister Barbara Myles (7); Sister Peg Lipskey (15); Sister Ann Ross (19); Sister Mary Ellen Bishop (21); Sister Margaret Bonn (22); Sister Diane Hayman (24); Sister Isabelle Pearson (25); Sister Sheila MacDonald (26); Sister Beverly Caulier (27); Sister Iris Newman (28); Sister June Whitman (35); Sister Mary Zinck (40); Sister Cora

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MacKay (48); Sister Fran Harding (52); Sister Doreen Edgar (58); Sister Mary Perry (59); Sister Bonnie Boutilier (61); Sister Elizabeth Thompson (67); Sister Alena Buchanan (69); Sister Mary Jean Page (70) and Sister Eleanor Freeman (71).

Sister Betty Ann: Sister Secretaries, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my co-workers, the secretaries, for the wonderful service you are rendering to your chapters and to me. Even though I know there will be work for me, each day I hasten to open your letters as I know I will always find a note of love, encouragement and good cheer.

*We know you are the certain people
Who are as thoughtful as can be,
Who are always nice to everyone,
And very nice to me.*

*And so this little welcome
Is one I gladly send
To wish a life of happiness
To our secretaries, the nicest kind of friends.*

It has been an honour and a pleasure to welcome each of you to this “Musical Gales” Session. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for this privilege.

The **response** was given by Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, Secretary (21):
Sister Betty Ann, on behalf of the secretaries of the Subordinate Chapters, it is my privilege to thank you most sincerely for your warm welcome. It is a pleasure to work with you and we are truly grateful for your help, and prompt response to all our inquiries.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron thank you for the honour given to Myrtle Chapter No. 21 and myself for the privilege of responding to the words of welcome from our Grand Secretary. I wish you both a most successful "Musical Gales" Session. May it be filled with love, harmony and peace.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron also welcomed the Secretaries and presented each with a gift.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER TREASURERS

Thirteen Subordinate Chapter Treasurers were presented and welcomed by Sister

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Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28), Grand Treasurer:
Sister Frances Duncan (10); Brother Vincent Ells (14); Sister Bonnie Lowe (15);
Sister Goldie Chisholm (21); Sister Elinor Sanford (22); Brother Allister
Thompson (24); Sister Evelyn Aulenback (34); Brother Kirk Whitman (35);
Sister Myra Bailey (45); Sister Doris Hillier (58); Sister Lorraine O'Neill (61);
Brother Lewis Smith (66); Sister Jeanette Durnnian (67).

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

Having the honour of welcoming the Subordinate Chapter Treasurers is something I look forward to each year. Your dedication to the Order shines through by accepting this important trust and responsibility. The emblem of your office, the crossed keys has many historic and contemporary meanings. Firstly, the crossed keys have been the official insignia of the Holy See since the 14th century and appear on the Coat of Arms of the State of Vatican City. St. Peter, throughout history is depicted with the crossed keys as his insignia with many references to him being the Patron Saint of Fraternity. Today the crossed keys are found on many coats of arms including the National Association of Historians where they are used "to open the deeds of the past", to the Army Quartermaster's in the US where they symbolize the keeper of supplies, to the hotel industry in Europe and North America as a symbol of hospitality and excellent service. To us those keys represent security, trust and service to this organization and I congratulate all of you on your dedication. May you enjoy your time at the Musical Gales Session.

Brother Cecil, I also want to welcome you and say how happy I am to see you. Over the past five years you have always been there for me as my mentor answering questions. While we may not see each other often I know you are always there if I have question.

And finally some food for thought:

*"The ladybug's a beetle.
It's shaped much like a pea.
Its colour is a bright red
With lots of spots to see.*

*Although the name is "ladybug"
Some ladybugs are "men"
So why don't we say "gentlemen bug"
Every now and then?"*

The **response** was given by **Sister Jeanette Durnnian**, Treasurer (67):
On behalf of the Treasurers of the Subordinate Chapters, it is my pleasure to thank you, Grand Treasurer, for the warm welcome extended to us.

A very special thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, for the honour given to Laurel Chapter #67 and to me in responding to this welcome.

We wish you, Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and all your Grand Family, a rewarding and successful "Musical Gales" Session.

The Treasurers were also welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy

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Grand Patron and each was presented with a gift.

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PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIPS

Sister Carol Clark, President of the Past Grands Club and Sister Diane Hayman, Past Grand Matron, were escorted to the East. Sister Carol moved that Honourary Memberships be presented to: Sister Nancy Ryder, Past Matron of Maine; Sister Jean Lowell, Past Matron of Maine; Sister Gretchen Brisette, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron of Maine; Sister Jerri Holt, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron of Maine; Sister Virginia Charles, Past Grand Matron of Maine; Sister Margery Zurko, Past Matron of Connecticut; Sister Glenda Meeks, Worthy Grand Matron of South Dakota; Sister Betty St. Onge, General Grand Chapter Committee Member and Past Grand Matron of Ontario and Brother Craig Wallace, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts. This motion was seconded by Sister Diane Hayman and the motion was carried.

All were escorted to the East, with the exception of Sister Betty St. Onge and Brother Craig Wallace (who were not present) and presented with their Honourary Memberships to this Grand Jurisdiction by Sister Carol. Sister Nancy Ryder expressed their thanks to the members for the honourary memberships.

ANNOUNCEMENT - RE: PAST GRANDS LUNCHEONS

Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M (24): “Historically the Past Grands Luncheon has been handled by the Past Grands Club. We would like to advise all future Hostess Committees that we will look after all requirements for this luncheon including location, menu and cost of tickets.”

CLOSING

At 11:45 a.m. 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.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron were chauffeured to the Grand Representatives Luncheon by a team of Huskies. They rode in a “chariot” made especially by Brother Ron and friends.

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1:45 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.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS (not previously introduced)

Brother Carson Jackson, P.P. (45), Grand Chapter Committee Member on

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Finance was presented and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron and then escorted to the East.

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Sister Gail, W.G.M.: It is a pleasure to welcome, on behalf of this Grand Jurisdiction, our distinguished guests. We thank you for the work you have done on the Finance Committee for Grand Chapter these past three years.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Brother Carson, I also welcome you.

PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP

Brother Craig Wallace, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts was escorted to the East and the Worthy Grand Matron presented him with an Honourary Membership. Brother Craig thanked Sister Gail and the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for the honour.

Partial Report of the CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (15) , read the partial report of the Credential Committee as follows: **Members from this Jurisdiction: 339, Visitors: 102** for a **total of 441** in attendance. This report was moved for adoption by Sister Irma Maxwell and seconded by Sister Helen Graham, P.M. (61) and carried.

MINUTES

The Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, read the minutes of the Wednesday morning session and moved that they be accepted as read. Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) seconded the motion and it was carried.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) that "the Grand Secretary be required to read only those portions of the minutes of the previous session (morning, afternoon or evening) that deal with specific motions passed or defeated and not be required to read the balance of the minutes." This was seconded by Sister Geraldine Parker, P.M. (28) and the motion was carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were presented at the "Musical Gales" Grand Chapter Session, July 2007:

1. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I will move or cause to be moved **Article 16, page 26, Subordinate Chapters that the 5th paragraph be deleted and replaced with the following: When our own distinguished guests are presented or introduced, after their name say "Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island".**

Example:

Sister ----- Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sister ----- Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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Sister ----- Past Grand Matron, Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star ---- name her Jurisdiction.

Rationale: Article 1 Constitution of Grand Chapter states the name given to this jurisdiction when we were Constituted was the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and later changed to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. We should be proud to use this wording every time we have the opportunity. It does not take a great deal of extra time to use these words.

Margaret Clarke, P.M. (67)

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and **the motion was carried.**

2. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I will move or cause to be moved **Article 41, page 71, Instructions to Subordinate Chapters, Draping of Altar to the last paragraph add the words "but at least a hymn should conclude the ceremony"**.

Rationale: This will make both the Draping of the Altar and Charter ceremony read the same.

Margaret Clarke, P.M. (67)

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and **the motion was carried.**

3. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island I will move or cause to be moved **Instructions to Subordinate Chapters, Draping of the Charter, Article 42, page 71 last line of paragraph #1 change "should" to "shall". The paragraph will then read "When the deceased is a person for whom the Altar is to be draped and also a member of the Chapter both the Charter and Altar shall be draped.**

Rationale: Shall is mandatory, should is permissive.

Margaret Clarke, P.M. (67)

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and **the motion was carried.**

4. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I will move or cause to be moved **Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Article 30, Page 25, add a new paragraph #5:**

When a fifty year or longer Member receives their Jewel at the Chapter meeting they will be taken through the Labyrinth to the East and given Grand Honours (one time only).

Rationale: To comply with the latest Ritual change at General Grand Chapter, 2006.

Margaret Clarke, P.M. (67)

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and **the motion was carried.**

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5. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the sixtieth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to be held in Wolfville, Nova Scotia on July 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2007, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 11, Publication of Records, Page 39, second paragraph, last two lines to be amended as follows:

Delete: "and **two** copies to each Grand Secretary of other Grand Jurisdictions."

Replace with: "and **one** copy to each Grand Secretary of other Grand Jurisdictions."

Rationale: Due to the high cost of postage to send two copies to each Jurisdiction a number of Grand Jurisdictions now send only one copy of the proceedings. This would cut the postage rate to less than half of the present costs, as well as reduce the number of copies required to be printed by at least 60 copies.

Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40)

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, P.M. (40) moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) and **the motion was carried.**

6. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the 60th Session of this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to be held in Greenwich (Wolfville), in July 2007, I will move or cause to have moved that the following changes be made to the Constitution Laws and Regulations.

Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Duties of Officers, Page 10, District Deputy Grand Matrons:

#3, sixth line remove the words "the entire ritualistic ceremonies" and insert "portions of our initiatory work, which will include two Star Point lectures, the obligation, and one of the charges from either the Worthy Patron or Association Patron as well as the Signet, as they, at their discretion, will choose for the Chapter they are deputizing, except when new candidates are in waiting for the degrees of the Order at which time all ritualistic work will be exemplified."

Adding under **Book of Instructions for Subordinate Chapters, Article 9, Business of a Chapter, Page 14**, a Section to be named "Education Night":

"Each Chapter will hold at least one Education Night per year at which time the Examination of a Visitor, the proper manner of entering or retiring from a Chapter while in Session, Balloting, Draping of the Charter and the Altar and Funeral Service will be exemplified for the education of all members. Also each Chapter will ensure that all first-time officers and new members attend the School of Instruction held in their District."

Rationale: We are at a period in our Grand Chapter's history when we are concerned with our dwindling membership and struggling with attracting new members as well as keeping our meetings interesting for our own members. The visit of a District Deputy Grand Matron usually guarantees a poor attendance because of the length of the meeting. Many of our officers are long-standing members who have occupied their offices on more than one occasion. To review all ritualistic work not only takes a considerable amount of time, but puts an unnecessary burden on some very senior members. Currently, when a District Deputy Grand Matron visits a Chapter, the signs and passes for each Star Point is

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given when she meets with the Star Points prior to the meeting, during the Opening of the Chapter, for the Examination of a Visitor, twice during the Initiatory work,

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and it is not uncommon in her instructions, that she has all members of the Chapter stand and review the signs and passes. That is a total of at least five and often six times for the Signs and Passes. Also, this defeats the purpose of holding Schools of Instruction during the month of September.

A District Deputy Grand Matron is the Worthy Grand Matron's representative in the District to which she has been assigned. She, therefore, would be responsible for carrying any important messages from the Worthy Grand Matron in addition to carrying out the other pre-meeting duties. Also have the District Deputy Grand Matrons carry out such duties as presentation of Grand Representative commissions and 50-year jewels when the Worthy Grand Matron cannot do so herself. (This is covered under Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 2, Duties of Officers, Page 11, District Deputy Grand Matrons #4.)

Whitman J. Giffin, P. P. (59)

This motion was rescinded by Brother Whitman Giffin, P.P. (59).

7. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

That the **Laws and Regulations, Grand Chapter, Article 10, page 36, "Revenue of Grand Chapter"** be amended by adding a Section 6 to read:

"Special Assessment to be used by Hostess Chapters for the expenses of hosting a Grand Chapter Session. Special Assessment to be identified by a proposed budget presented by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron to Grand Chapter for approval by majority vote of members at a regular meeting."

Gordon O'Hearn, W.P. (34)

Brother Gordon O'Hearn, P.P. (34) moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Brother Frank Cullen, P.P. (24).

An amendment was moved by Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (24), and seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) **to add the words "the Finance Committee of"**. Therefore, the motion would read as follows: "Special Assessment to be used by Hostess Chapters for the expenses of hosting a Grand Chapter Session. Special Assessment to be identified by a proposed budget presented by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron to the Finance Committee of Grand Chapter for approval by majority vote of members at a regular meeting. **The amendment was put to a vote and defeated.**

The original Motion (#7) was then declared out of order.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

That the **Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 2, Section 1 "Revenue of Grand Chapter"** be amended by adding Section (f) to read:

"Special Assessment to be used by Hostess Chapters for the expenses of hosting a Grand Chapter Session. Special Assessment to be identified by a

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proposed budget presented by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron to Grand Chapter for approval by majority vote of members at a regular meeting.

Gordon O'Hearn, W.P. (34)

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Gordon O'Hearn, P.P. (34).

9. NOTICE OF MOTION:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, I will move or cause to be moved the following:

That the **Laws and Regulations, Subordinate Chapters, Article 22 page 19, "Fees, Dues and Assessments"** be amended by adding Section 3 to read:

"Each Subordinate Chapter shall contribute to a special assessment an amount by per capita as set by Grand Chapter for the expenses of hosting a Grand Chapter Session."

Rationale: The annual allowance and donations should be included in this Special Assessment as they vary each year depending on the Official Visit of the General Grand Chapter Officers. Therefore, a Special Assessment shall be decided upon each year at Grand Chapter, depending on the proposed budget of the Grand Chapter Session for the following year.

Gordon O'Hearn, W.P. (34)

This motion was withdrawn by Brother Gordon O'Hearn, P.P. (34).

10. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I will move or cause to be moved the following amendments to the LAWS & REGULATIONS of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

LAWS & REGULATIONS-GRAND CHAPTER- ARTICLE 23 AMENDMENTS -delete the existing section 1 and 2 and replace with the following:

1. The Laws & Regulations may be amended at any regular or special session of the Grand Chapter, provided that all proposed amendments, alterations or additions to these Laws & Regulations, as promulgated by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall have been submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the opening of the Grand Chapter Session.

2. The Grand Secretary shall immediately upon receipt send the proposals to the Jurisprudence Committee.

3. If a proposal is not in proper form when received, it will be returned to the proponent with suggestions from the Jurisprudence Committee for correction as to form.

4. The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) days to resubmit the corrected resolution to the Grand

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Secretary. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty(30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed and could be declared out of order at the Session.

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5. The Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations or additions to be printed and mailed to each Chapter Secretary sixty (60) days before the date of the opening of the Grand Chapter session.

6. It shall be the duty of each Chapter Secretary to send or deliver notice of all such proposed amendments, alteration or additions to all members of their respective Chapters.

7. At the ensuing Grand Chapter Session all such amendments, alterations or additions previously sent to the Jurisprudence Committee in a timely manner will be reported on with recommendations made by the Committee. A vote shall be taken on all such amendments, alterations or and additions which shall require a clear majority (50%+1) vote of those present and voting for approval. These approved amendments shall become part of the Laws & Regulations immediately upon the close of the Session.

8. All approved amendments to the Laws & Regulations are to be identified by margin lines and footnote of the year approved at the end of each new approved section.

Rationale: To clarify the process for amending the Laws & Regulations, particularly so that the proponent will have a chance to resubmit a proposal if the Jurisprudence Committee finds it not in proper form.

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

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

I will move or cause to be moved the following amendments to the Book of INSTRUCTION of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION-GRAND CHAPTER- ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENTS -delete the existing section 1 and 2 and replace with the following:

1. The Book of Instruction may be amended at any regular or special session of the Grand Chapter, provided that all proposed amendments, alterations or additions to this Book of Instruction, as promulgated by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall have been submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the opening of the Grand Chapter Session.

2. The Grand Secretary shall immediately upon receipt send the proposals to the Jurisprudence Committee.

3. If a proposal is not in proper form when received, it will be returned to the proponent with suggestions from the Jurisprudence Committee for correction as to form.

4. The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) days to resubmit the corrected resolution to the Grand Secretary. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty(30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed and could be declared out

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of order at the Session.**

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5. The Grand Secretary shall cause all such proposed amendments, alterations or additions to be printed and mailed to each Chapter Secretary sixty (60) days before the date of the opening of the Grand Chapter session.

6. It shall be the duty of each Chapter Secretary to send or deliver notice of all such proposed amendments, alteration or additions to all members of their respective Chapters.

7. At the ensuing Grand Chapter Session all such amendments, alterations or additions previously sent to the Jurisprudence Committee in a timely manner will be reported on with recommendations made by the Committee. A vote shall be taken on all such amendments, alterations or and additions which shall require a clear majority (50%+1) vote of those present and voting for approval. These approved amendments shall become part of the Book of Instruction immediately upon the close of the Session.

8. All approved amendments to the Book of Instruction are to be identified by margin lines and footnote of the year approved at the end of each new approved section.

Rationale: To clarify the process for amending the Book of Instruction, particularly so that the proponent will have a chance to resubmit a proposal if the Jurisprudence Committee finds it not in proper form.

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

12. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I will move or cause to be moved the following amendments to the LAWS & REGULATIONS of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

LAWS & REGULATIONS-SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS- ARTICLE 32 AMENDMENTS

-delete the existing section 1 and 2 and replace with the following:

1. The Laws & Regulations may be amended at any regular or special session of the Grand Chapter, provided that all proposed amendments, alterations or additions to these Laws & Regulations, as promulgated by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall have been submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the opening of the Grand Chapter Session.

2. The Grand Secretary shall immediately upon receipt send the proposals to the Jurisprudence Committee.

3. If a proposal is not in proper form when received, it will be returned to the proponent with suggestions from the Jurisprudence Committee for correction as to form.

4. The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) days to resubmit the corrected resolution to the Grand Secretary. If the proponent has not resubmitted within thirty(30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed and could be declared out

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7. At the ensuing Grand Chapter Session all such amendments, alterations or additions previously sent to the Jurisprudence Committee in a timely manner will be reported on with recommendations made by the Committee. A vote shall be taken on all such amendments, alterations or and additions which shall require a clear majority (50%+1) vote of those present and voting for approval. These approved amendments shall become part of the Laws & Regulations immediately upon the close of the Session.

8. All approved amendments to the Laws & Regulations are to be identified by margin lines and footnote of the year approved at the end of each new approved section.

Rationale: To clarify the process for amending the Laws & Regulations, particularly so that the proponent will have a chance to resubmit a proposal if the Jurisprudence Committee finds it not in proper form.

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

13. NOTICE OF MOTION:

I will move or cause to be moved the following amendments to the Book of INSTRUCTION of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

BOOK OF INSTRUCTION-SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS- ARTICLE 44 AMENDMENTS

-delete the existing section 1 and 2 and replace with the following:

1. The Book of Instruction may be amended at any regular or special session of the Grand Chapter, provided that all proposed amendments, alterations or additions to this Book of Instruction, as promulgated by the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall have been submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the opening of the Grand Chapter Session..

2. The Grand Secretary shall immediately upon receipt send the proposals to the Jurisprudence Committee.

3. If a proposal is not in proper form when received, it will be returned to the proponent with suggestions from the Jurisprudence Committee for correction as to form.

4. The Jurisprudence Committee will make any suggested changes for proper form within thirty (30) days after receipt and the proponent shall have thirty (30) days to resubmit the corrected resolution to the Grand

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proponent has not resubmitted within thirty(30) days, it shall be deemed submitted as originally proposed and could be declared out of order at the Session.

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7. At the ensuing Grand Chapter Session all such amendments, alterations or additions previously sent to the Jurisprudence Committee in a timely manner will be reported on with recommendations made by the Committee. A vote shall be taken on all such amendments, alterations or and additions which shall require a clear majority (50%+1) vote of those present and voting for approval. These approved amendments shall become part of the Book of Instruction immediately upon the close of the Session.

8. All approved amendments to the Book of Instruction are to be identified by margin lines and footnote of the year approved at the end of each new approved section.

Rationale: To clarify the process for amending the Book of Instruction, particularly so that the proponent will have a chance to resubmit a proposal if the Jurisprudence Committee finds it not in proper form.

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

MOTIONS #10, 11, 12 and 13 were moved in bloc by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) and seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35).

Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) moved, seconded by Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28) **an amendment to Section 7 to remove: “with recommendations made”. The amendment was voted on and carried.**

Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27) moved, seconded by Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) **an amendment to Section 7 to remove: “clear majority (50%+1)” and replace with: “two-thirds”. This amendment was voted on and carried.**

An amendment was made by Brother Zeke Eaton, P.P. (1PEI) and seconded by Brother Fred Clarke, P.G.P. (67) **to Sections 3 and 4 to change the word “will” to “shall”. This amendment was voted on and carried.**

Motions #10, 11, 12 and 13, as amended were voted on and carried.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
FINANCE

The Finance Committee Members: Brother Carson Jackson, P.P. (45) Chairman, Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. (21) and Brother Patrick O'Neill, P.P. (61).

Brother Carson Jackson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers. We, the Finance Committee of 2006-2007 submit the following report for our fiscal year for your consideration and approval.

I would first like to introduce the committee: Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M., Brother Patrick O'Neill, P.P. and myself, Carson Jackson, P.P. I would like to thank this Grand Chapter for the opportunity of serving on this committee for the past three years. It has been an interesting and rewarding experience.

The committee held two formal meetings this year, and kept in touch frequently through e-mail as concerns or issues arose. Both meetings were attended by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and we thank them for their knowledge and support. The Chairman also attended a meeting on August 31, 2006 with the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer concerning the Program Booklet.

At our first official meeting on March 11, 2007 we reviewed interim financial statements and began discussing and preparing the budget for 2007-2008. This discussion raised many concerns for the future of this Grand Chapter. Statistics indicate that in the last 10 years our membership has declined from 3900 members to 2472 as at May 31, 2006. In projecting the future, based on these past statistics we will lose approximately 75 members per year and with costs increasing every year we need to seriously look at how we can survive financially. Preparing a budget is not an easy task, given many unknown variables. What became abundantly clear to this committee is that we do not generate enough revenue to meet expenses without increasing per capita or depleting reserves in the form of our investments. We are then posing the question to this Grand Chapter: How do we generate funds to keep this Grand Chapter viable without increasing per capita or eliminating our investments?

We prepared an initial budget at this meeting which was presented to the Grand Council on April 28th for their consideration. This first budget was approved showing an overall deficit as we had not included the utilization of monies from investments. A second budget was prepared upon receipt of proposed budgets from the Grand Chapter Arrangements Committee and the 60th Anniversary Committee. With regards to the 60th Anniversary budget of \$1,250.00, while we anticipate most of this amount will be recouped through the sale of tickets, it has to be included in the budget in the case that not enough tickets are sold. We also have included proceeds from a maturing investment in income in order to meet our expenses next year.

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As well, in income we have budgeted for income of \$500 to be realized from Program Booklets. As this was an initiative proposed last year by the Finance Committee it is our opinion that it should be continued with the following recommendations:

- 1) Cost of printing to be cut in half by using regular bond paper for contents with only the cover being done in glossy finish.
- 2) The number of pages to be limited to 40 with fewer pictures will also cut cost.

The revised budget was sent to all members of Grand Council and their approval was given.

Our second meeting was held June 17th to review year end balance sheets and income statements and to discuss any other financial matters deemed appropriate. From this meeting the following recommendations were made:

District Deputy Grand Matrons could organize a fun fund raiser in their districts. This could be anything from a dinner, a dance, to an afternoon tea, the object being fun and fellowship.

The Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron be invited to the Finance Committee meeting when preparing the budget to give them a better understanding of the finances of Grand Chapter. The committee also recommended that it might be an idea to hold a workshop for members regarding finances of Grand Chapter, where revenues come from, how budgets are prepared etc. It is the opinion of this committee that until a member serves on the Finance Committee they really have little understanding of the operation of Grand Chapter.

We also looked at honorariums paid and feel that they are in line with the exception of the Grand Secretary and we recommend an increase of \$300 for that position. While we know this is contrary to the opinions we have expressed in this report we feel extremely strongly about this recommendation for the following reasons: Our Grand Secretary in the last year alone has saved this Grand Chapter thousands of dollars by hand delivering proceedings, notices of motion and correspondence to Chapters. As well, the position is almost full time employment, year round. None of us can appreciate how many phone calls, e-mails and mail come into the Grand Secretary's home at all hours of the day or night. While the Grand Secretary is happy to do the work I'm sure that there are few of us in this jurisdiction who would be willing to take on the enormous tasks that she does. As well, we have not increased her honorarium for 3 years.

We also recommend holding Grand Chapter in a central place every year to save Grand Chapter money.

The Finance Committee has spent considerable time in making these recommendations and decisions and will make motions regarding same after

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adoption of this report.

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Once again, it has been a privilege serving on this committee.

Brother Carson Jackson, P.P. moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. and the motion was carried.

The Finance Committee will present their recommendations on Thursday morning.

PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER MARTHAS

Seven Subordinate Chapter Marthas and **one** Visiting Martha were presented, introduced and welcomed:

Sister Marilyn Leaman (2); Sister Susan Eaton (1PEI); Sister Valerie Skinner (27); Sister Viola Horton (47); Sister Mary Lou Higgins (48); Sister Doreen Edgar (57) and Sister Gladys Hobson (67). A Visiting Martha from Virginia was also welcomed.

The welcome was given by Sister Linda O'Hearn, Grand Martha: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Martha's of Subordinate Chapters of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Sisters and Brothers all.

The appointment of Grand Martha for this Grand Jurisdiction, has given me the experience of a lifetime. I take great pleasure in welcoming the Marthas of our Grand Jurisdiction. You are all to be very proud of the duties you performed in the station. Your work was performed with sincerity and pride. You have brought love and joy as ambassadors for your chapters. You will enjoy every moment of the Musical Gales session of this Grand Chapter.

I will now read an inspirational for you:

May you sense the faith of Martha in your soul, as you seek inspiration in times of quietness and prayer. Search for the deep meaning of life, and find how doubt and uncertainty will disappear, as your faith grows stronger.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, I wish you every happiness and success for your Musical Gales session.

The **response** was given by **Sister Susan Eaton**, Martha (1PEI):

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron:

Thank you for the honour bestowed on me and on my Chapter, Crystal Chapter #1 (PEI), by allowing me the privilege of responding, on behalf of the subordinate Chapter Marthas, to the welcome extended to us by Grand Martha, Sister Linda. It has been a pleasure to serve this year with Sister Linda in sharing the story of Martha's faith.

Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, we

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wish for you a successful Musical Gales Session filled with Faith, Love, Harmony and Peace.

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PRESENTATION OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTER WARDERS

Five Subordinate Chapter Warders were presented, introduced and welcomed: Brother Ted Davis (1); Brother John Lorimer (25); Brother Cecil Decker (55); Sister Marilyn Parker (61) and Sister Penny Parker (67).

The welcome was given by Brother Richard Pineo, Grand Warder:

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

As Grand Warder of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, it is an honour for me to extend a sincere and heartfelt welcome to the Subordinate Chapter Warders - our guards within our Chapter doors.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, I thank you both for appointing me Grand Warder and for the privilege of welcoming the Subordinate Chapter Warders. May you enjoy your "Musical Gales" Session to the fullest.

The response was given by Sister Penny Parker, Warder (67):

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

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

Worthy Grand Matron, we thank you for the honour which you have conferred upon the station of Warder during the past year. We have enjoyed your visits to our chapters and have been inspired by your sincerity of purpose, always reminding us to think Joy, speak Love, seek Peace and walk in Kindness.

Thank you again for the honour bestowed upon myself and my chapter, Laurel No. 67.

Both the Subordinate Chapter Marthas and Warders were presented at the same time. Sister Gail and Brother Ron went to the West and personally thanked them for coming and presented each with a gift.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Chaplain: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, I humbly ask that you accept my sincere thanks for my appointment as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for the

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Session 2006 - 2007. I had no comprehension when we began our term what deep and abiding friendships we as a Grand Family would forge. I have taken great pleasure in coming to know many of the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction. I found that the exercise of introductions at our Official Visits while initially somewhat intimidating, became a very proud moment when I could stand with my Grand Family Members and share this wonderful experience with them.

During the term I participated in three Schools of Instruction, which I feel was a great learning experience for me, and hopefully was of some benefit to the Chaplains of our subordinate Chapters. I also attended 22 Official Visits and was very honoured to offer a blessing at several banquets, occasionally to fill the office of Chaplain and I offer my thanks for those opportunities and the many kindnesses I experienced.

At this time I would take a moment to thank my wife, Sister Peg, first, for her encouragement to accept the opportunity to serve, her valued assistance in our preparations prior to installation, and for her constant love and support which I value so highly. You'll forgive me, I hope, if I'm a little weepy at this moment. I believe that boys don't cry, but men do. I would also like to express my appreciation to my Chapter Members who travelled with me and their directions to the various locations. The companionship I experienced and the fun we shared will be treasured for some time to come.

I would also like to thank our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, for her generous sharing of her knowledge, her ever-present sense of humour, and the assistance and suggestions she provided after the Installation and throughout the term. It was a great help to me in understanding the requirements of this office.

During our term we were saddened by the passing of Past Grand Matrons Claretta Mae Palmer, Dora Turnbull, Adline Purves and Past Grand Patron Howard MacInnis. The difficult duty of the office of Grand Chaplain was extending the Grand Chapter's condolences to our subordinate Chapters and other Grand Jurisdictions with sympathy cards marking the passing of a beloved member on the occasion of their journey beyond the veil.

This year I forwarded 83 cards of condolence within our Grand Jurisdiction and 81 cards of sympathy to other Grand Jurisdictions within Canada and the United States remembering their Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and one sitting Grand Officer. Several "Thinking of You," cards were also sent.

Again, thank you Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron for this honour.

This report was moved for adoption by Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Chaplain

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and seconded by Sister LaVerne Porter, P.M., (15). The motion was carried.

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LITURGICAL DANCE

At this time the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and closed the Bible. Ten sisters entered the labyrinth and formed a circle around the Altar. To the music of "*The Lord's Prayer*" they performed the Liturgical Dance which was very impressive.

Upon completion of the Liturgical Dance the sisters departed and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and opened the Bible.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

To begin the Memorial Service, Sister Kay and Brother Ray Horton (66) sang "*Just Imagine*".

Opening Homily

Grand Chaplain: There was a man. Born in a small village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in that obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant teacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college.

Worthy Grand Matron: He never travelled, except in his infancy, more than 200 miles from the place he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself. While he was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied him. He was turned over to the enemies. He went through a mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had on earth, his seamless robe.

Worthy Grand Patron: When he was dead, he was taken down from the cross and laid in a borrowed grave through the courtesy of a friend. Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of all progress. I am well within my mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings and queens that ever reigned, put together, have not affected life upon this earth as powerfully as has this one solitary personality.

Grand Chaplain: He came among us in Jesus, not to condemn us, but to seek and save us when we are lost. We share in the story of suffering love that fulfills life and conquers death. This man Jesus, was given in sacrifice by God to save us from our sins ... with a promise of eternal life. Let us ponder on this miracle as we remember our loved ones gone on before us.

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

***PAST GRAND MATRON
SISTER CLARETTA "TUTS" PALMER
PAST MATRON OF CRYSTAL CHAPTER NO. 1***

PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 20, 2006

***PAST GRAND MATRON
SISTER DORA TURNBULL
PAST MATRON OF HARMONY CHAPTER NO. 25***

PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 19, 2007

***PAST GRAND MATRON
SISTER ADLINE PURVES
PAST MATRON OF MUNRO CHAPTER NO. 26***

PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 28, 2007

***PAST GRAND PATRON
BROTHER HOWARD MACINNIS
PAST PATRON OF EMERALD CHAPTER NO. 58
AND HALIFAX CHAPTER NO. 7***

PASSED AWAY JUNE 28, 2007

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**PHOTO OF SISTER TUTS
ON LEFT HAND PAGE
BEFORE THE TRIBUTE**

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Tribute to

***Sister Claretta "Tuts" Palmer, Past Grand Matron
Worthy Grand Matron 1967-1968***

By Brother Rev. Bruce Atkinson, Past Grand Patron
and read by Sister Marion Miller, Past Grand Matron

In Memoriam

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord"

Sister Claretta "Tuts" passed away November 20, 2006 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island in her 91st year.

I met Tuts and Cecil "Pappy" at the "Golden Links Session" held in Halifax, July 5-7, 1966; the year Olive Croft was Worthy Grand Matron and Frank Ripley was Worthy Grand Patron, and from that session we became great friends. When she came to Halifax she stayed with her sister, Olga and Fred Cordwell.

Claretta joined Crystal Chapter No. 1, Charlottetown, May, 1948 and served as Worthy Matron in 1958. In 1967-68 she presided as Worthy Grand Matron with myself as Worthy Grand Patron. The Grand Chapter Session, "*Garden of the Gulf*" was held in Charlottetown in July, 1968. Her closing remarks at this session ended thus: "may the good Lord bless and keep you, until we meet again".

She was proud of her life membership in Crystal Chapter No. 1 and her Honourary Memberships in Mayflower #2, Kingston; Cobequid # 39, Maitland; Regent #52, Central Bedeque and Montague #69, Montague. She served as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on the Heart Fund, 1976-79.

She was predeceased by her husband, Cecil "Pappy" and was the last surviving member of her family. They had no children, but they made many trips up west to see the nieces and nephews. Sincere sympathy is extended to her nieces and nephews and to her chapter, Crystal #1.

Tuts fought a courageous battle and only God knew of the pain and through her suffering could remember where she was. We remember her and give thanks to almighty God for her life and love.

Brother Bruce, Past Grand Patron, wrote this and asked that I read it for him and extend regrets from Sister Doris and himself as they were unable to attend this session.

When I moved Sister Tuts to the nursing home, in her desk was this little poem written in her hand, I will share with you:

Now I'm old and wrinkled and the scenery I marr
I still enjoy the letters, from the good old Eastern Star,
and when life's journey is ended, and I find the gates ajar,

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I think I'll ask St. Peter, Any letters from Eastern Star?

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**Photo of Dora Turnbull
on left hand page
before her memorial
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Tribute to

Sister Dora Turnbull, Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron 1989-1990

By Brother Vincent Ells, Past Grand Patron
and read by Sister Isabelle Pearson, Past Grand Matron

In Memoriam

Let us pause to pay tribute to Sister Dora Turnbull, Past Grand Matron who passed away on February 19, 2007.

Sister Dora was a retired school teacher. She joined Harmony Chapter No. 25, Order of the Eastern Star, on April 13, 1961, serving her Chapter well.

In 1989 she became Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, of which I had the pleasure of serving as her Worthy Grand Patron at the "*Stellar Reflections of Faith*" Session in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, in July, 1990.

Sister Dora and I visited all 57 Chapters of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as well as several in the United States.

I was proud to share the East with Sister Dora.

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**Photo of Adline Purves
on left hand page before
her memoriam**

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Tribute to

Sister Adline Purves, Past Grand Matron

Worthy Grand Matron 1952-1953

By Sister Sheila MacDonald, Past Grand Matron

Sister Adline was born in Whycocomagh on March 27, 1904 and died one day after her 103rd birthday on March 28, 2007. She was a School Teacher by profession and truly loved her work as well as the children she inspired. Graduating from Acadia University in 1923 she taught in North Sydney and Sydney Mines for 45 years, retiring in 1971 as superintendent of schools in the town of Sydney Mines. In 1925 she married Gordon Purves who died less than a year later. Adline then dedicated her life to education.

Sister Adline was initiated on November 29th, 1945 as a Charter Member of Johnstone Chapter #16, Sydney Mines and became a devoted member. By the time Johnstone Chapter surrendered their Charter in 1995, and affiliated with Munro Chapter #26, North Sydney she was spending the long winters in Florida until as she said, "My age keeps me from travelling any more." Sister Adline was a most gracious lady and enjoyed greeting people in her home; she was always interested in what you were doing and made you feel she was happy to see you. She enjoyed a happy, healthy life until the last few years, her eyesight failed, and she suffered from the beginning of Alzheimer's. Yet a visit by our Worthy Grand Matron, Gail Cook and Worthy Grand Patron, Ron Boudreau in October, 2006 was one of her best days and it was enjoyed by all.

In 1948 at the Second Session of this Grand Chapter, Sister Adline was elected Associate Grand Conductress and in 1953 she served as Worthy Grand Matron of Nova Scotia (with Jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island) along with Dr. Willard V. Longley as Worthy Grand Patron, a member of Myrtle Chapter #21, Truro. They presided over the Sixth Annual "Coronation Session" in Lunenburg in 1953, the year Elizabeth II was crowned Queen and Lunenburg celebrated its 200th Birthday. She was the oldest surviving Past Grand Matron and Sister Florence Campbell, her Grand Marshal, of Halifax Chapter #7, I believe is the only surviving Grand Officer of the Coronation Session.

Sister Adline Purves, Past Grand Matron, was a true Star as she dedicated her life to the welfare and well being of others. On her 103rd Birthday a beautiful, sunny winter day, her Minister, a few of her friends and several Members of Munro Chapter gathered in her kitchen. Although she was too ill to know we were there, we celebrated her Birthday and her wonderful life over tea and sweets. Everyone had a memory of Adline to share. As the last surviving member of her family she was predeceased by her parents and two brothers, Lester and William. She will be fondly remembered by the Members of Munro Chapter #26, North Sydney and all those who were privileged to know her. In the words of the Poet, Edgar Allan Poe:

*People liked her, not because she was rich or known to fame;
She had never won applause as a star in any game.
Hers was not a brilliant style; she had not a forceful way,
But she had a gentle smile and a kindly word to say.*

*Never arrogant or proud, on she went with manner mild;
Never quarrelsome or loud, just as simple as a child;
Honest, patient, brave and true; thus she lived from day to day,
Doing what she had to do in a cheerful sort of way.*

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**Photo of Howie MacInnis
on left hand side
before the memoriam**

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Tribute to

***Brother John Howard MacInnis, Past Grand Patron
Worthy Grand Patron 1995-1996***

By Sister Margaret Clarke, Past Grand Matron

We pause today to honour the memory of Brother John Howard MacInnis, Past Grand Patron of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, who passed to his eternal home, Thursday, June 28th, 2007.

Brother Howie, as he was affectionately known, returned to Nova Scotia to his home town, Halifax, after an active Career with the Canadian Army which took him to many parts of Canada. He was a highly respected Accounting Auditor. He retired in 1973. He retired from the Provincial Government service in 1986. He was an honorary life member of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #142. Brother Howie was a member of Sackville Lodge #137, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Philae Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine working with the Installation team. He joined Emerald Chapter #58, Order of the Eastern Star, June, 1987 and affiliated with Halifax #7. I was privileged to have Brother Howie serve as Worthy Grand Patron at the *Golden Apple - A Gift of Love* Session 1995-1996. He received a Life Membership from Emerald Chapter and Honourary Memberships from Port Royal Chapter #1, Mayflower #2, Britannia Chapter # 18, Laurel # 67, and Adah Chapter #219 and Pioneer #99, Florida.

Brother Howie was married to the late Noreen (Gosbee) MacInnis and was the loving Father and Grand Father of two daughters Judith (Leigh Myers) and Donna (Lloyd MacDougall) and Grand Children Trevor, Jody and Allison. Also surviving are Brother Gordon and Sisters Dorothy and Marjorie. We extend our sympathy to his family and his chapters.

I can best pay tribute to Brother Howie by quoting from his closing remarks at our Grand Session: "We have come to close of another year, with its records and hopes and fears. But let us cherish the joy it has brought, forgiving the blunders and tears, till we lift our eyes as we close the book and say with fast beating hearts, dear Lord it has been a perfect year, because I have done my part; but a page of white lies before me now, and these duties I know are mine, let me write them down as we perform with care, in our book of remembrance divine. So we go with a thought that is clear and strong, till a call from a Master true, each year brings a chance to give your best. I have given my best to you."

We cannot see Love
We cannot touch Love
We can only feel Love
We have felt your Love, Brother Howie.

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Brother Charles Teal, P.P. (38) sang “*How Beautiful Are Thy Dwellings*”

DRAPING OF THE ALTAR

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will drape the Altar in Loving memory of our Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patron.

Grand Chaplain: - O Thou whose blessed son is the resurrection and the Life, be present with us, Thy servants and shed upon us Thy blessing and Thy love. Strengthen and deepen our faith and hope of immortal life and help us with the trustful faith of Martha to behold the land that is far off. Grant that we may labour here so that hereafter we, with those gone on before, may shine in Thy glorious Kingdom as the Stars forever. Amen

Following the draping of the Altar, a Flute solo “*Because He Lives*” was performed by Sister Loretta Dow, Past Grand Organist of Florida.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Sister Grand Secretary, you will call the roll of those members of the Subordinate Chapters who have passed to the Grand Chapter on high.

A tree of memories will be placed in the Grand Chaplain's area of the Chapter Room. This tree hopefully be devoid of leaves for stark realism. As the Grand Secretary calls the roll of members passed away by Chapter, The District Deputy Grand Matron for that Chapter will hang a paper dove with the name(s) denoted on the dove. On completion of the reading of the names an addendum will be performed by the Grand Star Points. A receptacle will be placed at the base of the Tree Of Memories to receive an appropriately coloured floral designation. As the District Deputy Grand Matrons retire the Star Points will approach the Tree and recite the following in turn after the placing of the Scroll on the Altar.

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SCROLL OF DEPARTED MEMBERS**

PORT ROYAL #1

Florence Best

MAYFLOWER #2

Cecil Hallyburton

KEYSTONE #5

Marjorie Ridgley

Margaret Horton

HALIFAX #7

Anita Barnes

CENTURY #10

Elsie Locke

Doris White

Thelma Campbell

QUEENELIZABETH #14

Leta James

EVANGELINE #15

Leonora Hiltz

Viola Whall

VICTORIA #19

Charlotte MacIver

Janet MacLeod

Jean MacLeod

Annie Nicholson

MYRTLE #21

Robert Fair

Margaret MacCalder

Pearl Gilby

FAIRFIELD #22

Margaret LePage

CRYSTAL #1 (PEI)

Beatrice Crawford

Ethel Campbell

Claretta Palmer

Helen Younker

WESTVILLE #24

Annie Wright

HARMONY #25

Garfield McCabe

Winnifred MacInnes

Ella Murray

Henry Heighton

Donald Arthur

Dora Turnbull

Elmer Way

MUNRO #26

Anne West

Anita MacKenzie

Adline Purves

KWEBEC #27

Phyllis Trider

Jean Moore

AMETHYST #28

George Fraser

Marion Pellow

ARBUTUS #30

Vernadean Turner

Lucille Anderssen

ANNAVAL #31

Ernest Canning

QUEENS #34

Ena Pushie

ST. MARY'S #35

Scott Kinney

DR. GORDON

MACLEOD #37

Esther Ross

Lillian Waters

MAE #38

Evelyn Schmeisser

Phyllis Trider

COBEQUID #39

Edward Burgess

ARMCREST #45

Maxwell Baker

Reginald MacLeod

Harriette Montgomery

FLORENCE FRASER #47

Marion Smith

Ruby Turner

ELM #48

Glenn Johnson

Mildred Van Tassel

Irene Retson

Mary Carter

Blanche Creelman

SCOTIA #49

Elsie Henderson

REGENT #52

Doris Morrison

Elva Shewchuk

FAITH #54

Jennie Grady

Viola Carter

Gordon Kelly

RUTH #57

Edward Burgess

Elossie Baggs

Jacob Hillier

EMERALD #58

Patricia Peters

Noreen Martin

Jacob Hillier

Harriette Montgomery

SHOREHAM #59

Violet Rothwell

Beatrice Meister

Elizabeth Mattson

QUEEN ESTHER #61

Ruth Seeton

Edgar Forsyth

PEARLE #71

Thomas Drover

Rosamond Telfer

As the Grand Secretary read the Scroll of Departed Members, the District Deputy Grand Matrons placed doves on a tree of memories for each departed member.

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STAR POINT ADDENDUM**

- Grand Adah:** They are not far away, the loved ones
Who have passed within the Gate;
We feel their comforting presence
And know that they watch and wait.
- Grand Ruth:** They lived and served beneath the Cross,
Loyal and true to life's end;
We come to pay tribute to them today
Who gladly the cross defend.
- Grand Esther:** Although the Golden Chain is broken,
And voices we loved now are still,
Close their loyal presence lingers,
And our hearts with love they fill.
- Grand Martha:** Down the road that's calm and peaceful
Guided by God's invisible hand,
Our Members have gone on a journey
To a distant brighter land.
- Grand Electa:** And although our hearts are heavy
With the sorrow we must bear,
It is comforting to know
They are in the Master's care.

Sister Marjorie Stevenson-Dawson sang "*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*"

Grand Chaplain: God of grace, in the resurrection of your Son you have given us new and living hope. Help us to know that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Saviour, and in the comfort of your Spirit. Therefore, in confidence we ask that you grant our departed Sisters and Brothers eternal rest, O Lord and let light perpetual shine on their memory.

CLOSING

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from labour to rest to reconvene at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2007.

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THURSDAY MORNING, July 5, 2007

9:00 a.m.: Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (25) and Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27).

Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M.: Good Morning Sisters and Brothers.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We have a lot to rejoice and be thankful for this morning. This is the final day of a very successful Grand Session and the day we vote into office those who will guide us for the upcoming year. Therefore, I pray that you will be diligent in your choices. Sister Gail and Brother Ron are to be congratulated on a great year of Love, Harmony and Peace and I know that is the lasting impression they have left behind in all the chapters they visited. By uniting these principles with a good sense of humour they have won the affection of all who attended their meetings. As your program states, Brother Howie was to be my partner this morning and it is with a heavy heart that I proceed without him. Brother Ken has graciously stepped in to fill his position. Brother Ken, may we hear from you.

Brother Ken Smith, P.G.P.: Good morning my Sisters and Brothers. I extend a welcome to each of you to the last day of our "Musical Gales" Session. To all our distinguished members who have travelled near and far to be with us. I extend a special welcome. We hope you have enjoyed our session and will want to return and visit again. Sisters and Brothers this morning we will cast our ballots for those who will lead our Grand Chapter in the future, so look well to your ballot and vote for the good of the Order. Sister Helen it has been my pleasure to assist you in opening this Thursday morning session.

Sister Helen, P.G.M.: Grand Marshal, you will invite the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron and Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter room.

While the Grand Officers entered the Grand Chapter room, the Grand Choir sang "*Let There Be Peace On Earth*".

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

Sister Helen, P.G.M.: Sister Gail and Brother Ron, it is a great honour for me to greet you on this the last day of your "Musical Gales" session. You have both given of your very best all year and the end result should give you a great sense of satisfaction. This has been a wonderful Grand Chapter session and as you go into the final hours may you realize the full happiness of having fulfilled your duties with credit to yourselves and honour to the Grand Chapter. Brother Ken.

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Brother Ken, P.G.P.: Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, welcome to the last day of your “Musical Gales” Session. We are proud of you both for your years of service to our Grand Chapter. You have served with dedication, sincerity and loyalty and have performed your duties very well. We wish for you and your Grand Officers much happiness as you carry out your duties for the remainder of our session. In a few hours we will be pleased to welcome you as Past Grands. Thank you for the privilege of assisting Sister Helen to open this Thursday morning session.

Sister Helen: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress you will conduct the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to the Grand East.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron were escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honours.

Sister Brenda Johnston-Giles sang “*The Lord’s Prayer*” to Sister Gail and Brother Ron.

Sister Helen: Sister Gail, I now present you with your Gavel. May you continue to use it wisely and well.

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Sister Helen and Brother Ken. Thank you so much for opening our Session this morning. Thank you for your love and support. Brother Ken, thank you for your special kindness in opening this Session on behalf of Brother Howie. Sister Helen, thank you for presenting me my gavel this morning. Brother Ken, I saw you late last night helping set up for this Grand Session. Sister Helen, I have a little gift for you to show my appreciation.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Sister Helen and Brother Ken. I also thank you for opening this final day of our Musical Gales Session. Your participation is coveted and I will remember always your kindness. Brother Ken, I, also, was surprised to see you here to help set up this Grand Session last night. Thank you. Brother Ken, this is a small gift to express my appreciation.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar and the Grand Chaplain led us in prayer. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session called from rest to labour.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS (not previously presented)

Brother John Patterson, Past Grand Patron was presented at the Altar, welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron:

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: On behalf of the Worthy Grand Patron and myself, we thank you for coming and we offer you a warm hospitable welcome.

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Brother John was escorted to the East and Grand Honours were given to him.

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Partial Report of CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M., Chairman of Credentials gave the following report and moved its acceptance. It was seconded by Sister Joan Mills, P.M. (8) and carried.

Members:	357
Visitors:	<u>104</u>
for a total registered to date:	461

MINUTES

The Grand Secretary read the abbreviated minutes of the Wednesday afternoon session. She moved that the minutes be adopted as read. This was seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) and carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

Another successful year has been written in our record book. It is a full time job keeping up with the work involved in running the Grand Secretary's office. I have done my best to answer all mail coming in and to keep the membership and financial records of this Grand Chapter current and correct.

I want to thank Sister Dorothy for working with me on the financial matters and the subordinate chapter secretaries for their promptness in sending reports and monies in. To have a smooth running organization takes co-operation from all concerned.

We were saddened by the loss of three Past Grand Matrons and one Past Grand Patron during the year as well as many devoted sisters and brothers.

Although several chapters have been fortunate in getting new members, our membership continues to decline.

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

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

1 June 2005 to 31 May 2006

No. of Members reported to 31 May 2005:	2,532	
No. of Members Initiated:	49	
No. of Members Affiliated:	35	
No. of Members Re-Instated:	<u>5</u>	<u>89</u>
TOTAL:		2,621
No. of Members Died:	79	
No. of Members Demitted:	42	
No. of Members Suspended:	<u>28</u>	<u>149</u>
No. of Members as of 31 May 2006:		2,472
No. of Chartered Chapters:	46	
No. of Members paid full Per Capita:	2,472	
No. of Chapters reporting No Initiation:	21	
No. of Chapters reporting Loss of Membership:	30	

Statistical Report by Chapters: June 1, 2005 to May 31, 2006:

<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 31,2006</u>
Port Royal #1					4		27
Mayflower #2	6	2		1	2		59
Cedar #3	3						36
Keystone #5	1	2			1	2	42
Halifax #7	1			1		1	47
Grace #8	1			1	2		42
Century #10				7			77
Queen Elizabeth #14					1		54

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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 31,2006</u>
Evangeline #15	2			3	1		91
Britannia #18		3				2	45
Victoria #19				1			90
Hon. Joseph Howe #20			2	6	3	5	48
Myrtle #21	1			1	1	1	75
Fairfield #22		3		6			41
Crystal #1 PEI	3			4	2	1	118
Westville #24	1			5	3		88
Harmony #25				2		2	74
Munro #26				2	1	2	53
Kwebec #27							79
Amethyst #28	1			2	5	1	66
Arbutus #30				4			44
Annaval #31				3	4		45
Queens #34		1		1		1	27
St. Mary's #35	6			1			57
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	2		1				57
Mae #38	3			4	1		46
Cobequid #39	2	1		3	1		68
Mystic Star #40	1	1		2		1	48
Armcrest #45		1		3			56
Florence Fraser #47		6		1			48
Elm #48		2		1	1		49
Scotia #49		2					39
Sunrise #50				3	1	1	36
Regent #52	1			1	1		47
Faith #54	1			1	1		35

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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> :	No. members May 31,2006
Elmsdale #55	2			1			41
Ruth #57	2			1	1	1	38
Emerald #58	1	4	2	2	1		55
Shoreham #59							37
Queen Esther #61		3		1	1	3	78
Atlantic #65	1	2		1		1	27
Starlight #66	2				1	2	33
Laurel #67	2	2					59
Montague #69				2			54
Crescent #70	1				1		53
Pearle #71	2			1	1	1	43

**GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
DONATIONS TO CHARITIES
2006-2007**

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

From Chapters and Members:

Port Royal #1	In memory of Florence Best	40.00
	Winna Smith in lieu of gifts to Installing Team	25.00
Cedar #3	For 2005-2006	50.00
	For 2006-2007	50.00
Keystone #5	Chapter donation	15.00
	In memory of Marjorie Ridgley and Margaret Horton	50.00
Halifax #7	Eleanor Decker in honour of Annie Mae Backman and Whit Giffin	30.00
Grace #8	Chapter donation	100.00
	Joan Mills	110.00
Century #10	In memory of Hazel Hayden	50.00
	In memory of Elsie Locke	50.00
Queen Elizabeth #14	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of Leta James	25.00
	In memory of Dora Turnbull	25.00
	John and Carole Newell in honour of GGCCM's: Cheryl Denton, Edna Harding, Bill Clark	30.00
	Edna MacVicar in memory of Leta James	20.00
	Edna MacVicar in memory of Dora Turnbull	20.00
	Freda and Vincent Ells in memory of Claretta Palmer	25.00
	Freda and Vincent Ells in memory of Dora Turnbull	50.00
	Bessie MacGibbon, Arlene MacKeigan, Brian MacKeigan	15.00
Evangeline #15	In memory of Lenora Hiltz	50.00
	In memory of Viola Whall	50.00
Victoria #19	Chapter donation	300.00
	In memory of Charlotte MacIver	10.00

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In memory of Jean MacLeod

10.00

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Victoria #19	In memory of Janet MacLeod	10.00
	In memory of Annie Nicholson	20.00
	From a member	35.00
	From two members	25.00
Hon. Jos. Howe #20	Chapter donation	5,000.00
Myrtle #21	Chapter donation	100.00
	In honour of Doris Patterson's 100 th Birthday	100.00
	In memory of Scott Fair	25.00
	In memory of Robert Fair	15.00
	In memory of Margaret MacCalder	25.00
	In memory of Peal Gilby	25.00
Fairfield #22	Chapter donation	400.00
	Chapter donation	20.00
Crystal #1 PEI	Chapter donation	600.00
Westville #24	Chapter donation	500.00
	In honour of 50 th wedding anniversary of Esther and Alden Beck	50.00
	In honour of marriage of Sylvia Muir and Robert Morison	20.00
	In memory of Ruth Hale	50.00
	In memory of Annie Wright	50.00
	Eyleen MacLeod in memory of Arleigh Hardy	10.00
	In memory of Ruth Hale from her sisters-in-law	80.00
	Rosemary Hayter in honour of Frank Cullen, Grand Marshal	20.00
Harmony #25	Chapter donation	200.00
	In memory of Dora Turnbull	50.00
Munro #26	Chapter donation	135.00
	April ESTARL collection	150.00
	In memory of Adline Purves	50.00
	Sheila and Jackie Macdonald in memory of Dora Turnbull	20.00
Kwebec #27	Chapter donation	200.00
	In lieu of gifts to Past Matrons and Past Patrons	50.00
	In memory of Phyllis Trider	50.00
	Past Matrons Club	25.00

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Amethyst #28	Chapter donation	250.00
	Clara Nieforth in memory of Leslie Jackson, Phyllis Sarsfield, Charles James Mosher, Noreen Martin, Hazel Kent, Cameron Conrod, Elsie Henderson, Cliff Willis, Elwood MacLaughlin, Elossie Baggs, Reg MacLeod, Elva Shewchuk, Dora Turnbull,	65.00
	Clara Nieforth in memory of her sister, Hattie	10.00
	Clara Nieforth in memory of Jacob Hillier and Marion Pellow	20.00
Arbutus #30	Chapter donation	50.00
Annaval #31	In memory of Ernest Canning	25.00
St. Mary's #35	Chapter donation	50.00
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Chapter donation	150.00
Mae #38	Chapter donation	50.00
	Norman & Janet Pentz Trust Fund	300.00
Cobequid #39	Chapter donation	100.00
	Chapter donation	100.00
Mystic Star #40	Chapter donation	100.00
	Rhoda Tupper in memory of Margery Duncan	25.00
Armcrest #45	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Laura White and Chester Elliott	30.00
Florence Fraser #47	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Frances Matheson	25.00
	In memory of Marion Smith	25.00
	In memory of Ruby Turner	25.00
	In memory of Eleanor Schultz	25.00
	In memory of Mrs. Lloyd Reid	25.00
Elm #48	Frances Burgoyne-Jackson in honour of Diane Patterson, D.D.G.M.	20.00
	Irene Johnson in memory of Glenn Johnson	25.00
Scotia #49	Chapter donation	100.00

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Regent #52	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Doris Morrison	20.00
	Melda Johnston in memory of Doris Morrison	10.00
	Marilyn Lisk in memory of Doris Morrison	20.00
	Leslie & Fran Harding in memory of Doris Morrison	10.00
Elmsdale #55	Chapter donation	50.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
	Past Matrons	50.00
Ruth #57	Chapter donation	150.00
	Anne Watson in memory of two sisters of Marion Tizard	50.00
Emerald #58	Chapter donation	150.00
	Brenda Young bequeath from estate of Dorothy Young	1,000.00
	Charles Teal in memory of Jacob Hillier	20.00
Shoreham #59	Chapter donation	50.00
	In memory of Violet Rothwell	25.00
	In memory of Beatrice Meister	25.00
	In memory of Elizabeth Mattson	25.00
	Ruth & David Waterbury in memory of Shirley Moir's mother and Violet Rothwell	20.00
Queen Esther #61	Chapter donation	100.00
	In memory of Dorothy Matthews	420.00
Atlantic #65	Joyce Stewart in memory of Inez Daye's mother	10.00
Starlight #66	Chapter donation	50.00
	Chapter donation	50.00
Laurel #67	Chapter donation	250.00
	In memory of the Veterans	40.00
	Staff of Veterans Affairs Canada in memory of Josephine Hayden, mother of Mabel Haynes	10.00
Montague #69	Chapter donation	100.00
Pearle #71	Chapter donation	150.00
	Raymond & Eleanor Freeman in memory of Claretta Palmer and Dora Turnbull	20.00

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Other Donations to ESTARL:

District ESTARL Church Services:	District #1	
400.00		
	District #2	305.00
	District #3	107.50
	District #4	400.00
	District #5	
230.00		
	District #6	
404.00		
	District #7 (P.E.I.)	413.00
	District #7 (N.S.)	289.00

Grand Chapter Church Service, July 2, 2007
641.85

Grand Chapter	In memory of Cecil Dean, Claretta Palmer and Dora Turnbull	150.00
	In memory of Adline Purves	50.00
Past Grands Club:	In honour of Allison Mitchell's 80 th birthday	25.00
	In honour of Cyril MacIntosh's 80 th birthday	25.00
	In memory of Claretta Palmer	25.00
	In memory of Dora Turnbull	25.00
	In memory of Adline Purves	25.00
Grand Representatives Association		100.00
Grand Officers and Committee Members in lieu of gifts to Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron		350.00
General Grand Chapter - Sale of Pins		262.71

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM SOCIETY

Keystone #5 15.00

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY

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

CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

Keystone #5 15.00

CHILDREN'S WISH FOUNDATION

Keystone #5 15.00

CRAFTS & TREASURES COMMITTEE

Laurel #67	100.00	Sales at Grand Chapter	1,543.62
Fairfield #22	54.00		

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	HEART & STROKE FOUNDATION
St. Mary's #35	25.00
	INTERNATIONAL TEMPLE FUND
Victoria #19	100.00

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	I.W.K. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Regent #52	125.00 (in honour of Fran Harding, Grand Adah)
Montague #69	25.00 (in honour of Fran Harding, Grand Adah)
	MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY
Keystone #5	15.00
	NOVA SCOTIA LUNG ASSOCIATION
Keystone #5	15.00
	SHRINER'S CHILDREN'S TRAVEL FUND
Elmsdale #55	125.00 (Special Project of Worthy Matron, Ethel Brown)

**IN APPRECIATION
GRAND SECRETARY**

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

My sincere appreciation to the secretaries, the subordinate chapters and to all members of this Grand Jurisdiction for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to again serve as your Grand Secretary.

To Sister Dorothy, Grand Treasurer, once again I want to express my appreciation to you for always being available when I need cheques written and banking done. I know you have been flying high these past few months but we were able to connect when necessary and deal with the work in a timely manner. For this I say "thank you".

Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure to serve you and with you this past year.

*May your heart be filled with music,
Everyday this session through.
May you find that each tomorrow
Is a song of dreams come true.*

*May good friends be always near you
Bringing joy in endless measure
And may every golden minute
Be a memory you will treasure.*

Sister Betty Ann Loughnan moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) and carried.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

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

It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve this Grand Chapter for another year as your Grand Treasurer.

With regards to the financial statements this year I have the following comments: The increase of \$6,000 in the ESTARL Permanent Investment Fund is due to the generosity of our members. We received a bequest from the estate of Dorothy Young of \$1,000 and a legacy of \$5,000 from the members of Honourable Joseph Howe Chapter #20, both with instructions for permanent investment with interest to be used for bursaries.

The dollar amount of ESTARL bursaries given this year exceeded the amount received as we received two bursaries back and interest from the permanent fund had accumulated.

I will not go into expense versus income. The statements and budget speak for themselves. The only comment I will make is that as a Grand Chapter with decreasing membership and rising costs we seriously have to think about our financial future before our invested assets are depleted.

In Appreciation

My first thank you is to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for their continued support and understanding, their kind words and greetings whenever or wherever we meet. I also would be remiss if I didn't thank all those members who once again showed their generosity, compassion and love by donating so generously to the Arthritis Society's Joints in Motion. I have kept my joints in motion, completing my third marathon this year and am currently training for my fourth this December.

Believe me when I say I bless each and every one of you each time I cross the finish line!

I have to say thank you to the Finance Committee, and especially to Brother Carson. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

To Betty Ann, my "grand" secretary:

*"I want to tell you "Thank You"
But it doesn't seem enough,
Words don't seem sufficient
"Blah, Blah" and all that stuff.
But I really want to thank you*

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*So much for all you do
You're truly a delight;*

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*For when my life is overwhelming
And tries to do me in,
You truly make it right
With a chuckle and a grin.*

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it has been a pleasure to be a part of your Grand Family this year. May this year always bring you fond and pleasant memories.

I submit the financial statements for the year ending May 31, 2007 as distributed to the membership upon registration and move they be adopted.

Sister Geraldine Parker, P.M. (28) seconded the motion and it was carried.

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OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER)
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2007**

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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, 2007 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 are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Halifax, NS, June 17, 2007

David Towers, CA, Hfx Consulting Inc.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2007**

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 organization 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 organization records contributed materials at fair market value when able to be determined. To this date the organization has not received any significant amount of contributed materials.

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

APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS

Chairman: Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25)
Co-Chairman: Brother Allan Conrad, P.G.P. (49)

Group A

Sister Georgie Dewey, P.M. (10)
Sister Maxine Smith, P.M. (66)
Sister Marilyn Lisk, P.M. (52)
Brother Ralph Donaldson, P.P. (55)

Group B

Sister Mary Smith, P.M. (57)
Sister Jean Beckwith, P.M. (35)
Brother Gerald Hatt, P.P. (30)

Brother George Leaman, P.P. (2)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2007-2008: Sister Annie Mae Backman, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother Whitman Giffin, Worthy Grand Patron; Sister Edith Conrod, Associate Grand Matron; Brother Tabor Caulier, Associate Grand Patron; Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary; Sister Dorothy Powroz, Grand Treasurer; Sister Stella Trask, Grand Conductress.

The following were nominated:

For Associate Grand Conductress: Sister Jane Wooldridge, P.M. (1PEI), Sister Marion Buchan, P.M. (67) and Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19).

For Grand Sentinel: Brother Zeke Eaton, P.P. (1PEI) Brother Frank Cullen, P.P. (24), Brother Donald Medicraft, P.P. (31) and Brother Wendell Dawson, (1PEI)

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Sister Marion Buchan was elected Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Zeke Eaton was elected Grand Sentinel

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

(Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership)

The ESTARL Committee Members: Sister Phyllis Munroe, P.M. (38), Chairman; Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. (26); Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67), Brother George Myles, P.P. (7) and Brother Donald Medicraft, P.P. (31).

Sister Phyllis Munroe: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers all.

On behalf of the committee members it is my pleasure to present the 53rd annual

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report of ESTARL, the only permanent project of this Grand Chapter.

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At this time I would like to introduce the members on the Committee:

Sister Barbara Nicholson, P.M. (26), Sister Marion Robinson, P.M. (67), Brother Donald Medicraft, P.P. (31), and I am Sister Phyllis Munroe, P.M. (38), Chairperson. Brother George Myles, P.P. (7) is unable to be with us and sends his regrets.

We, your ESTARL Committee, thank you for the privilege and honour of serving on this Grand Chapter Committee.

Through the generous donations of the chapters, the committee is pleased to inform you that of the 16 applications that were received , 14 awards were presented for Christian Ministry in the amount of \$1,425.00 each. The complete list is attached.

The committee met in Stellarton in November to review and process the applications for awards. They felt it imperative that Educational Qualifications be stated clearly. Therefore we recommend to the Chapter Secretaries to check all the application forms to ensure that the terms of reference are met. It was felt that this would improve the application process.

As this is my final year serving on this Committee, I would like to thank Sister June Macdonald, P.G.M. and Brother George Crouch, P.G.P. for appointing me to serve on this committee. It has truly been a rewarding experience.

Sister Phyllis Munroe moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Barbara Nicholson , P.M. (26) and the motion was carried.

Awards listed by University

Atlantic School of Theology:

Rosemary Godin	Catherine Pharo
Nicholas Hatt	Kimberly Waite
Tammy Lynn Lodge	

Acadia Divinity College:

Sara Archibald	_____	Devin Johnstone
Karen L. Doucette		Christopher Keezer
Peter Freckelton	_____	Aron Spidle_____

Atlantic Baptist College:

Joshua Dorey_____

McGill Presbyterian College:

Peter MacDonald

Yorkville University:

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Shannon MacLean

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BENEVOLENT

The Benevolent Committee: Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (24) , Chairman;
Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. (15), Brother Fred Clarke, P.G.P. (67)

Sister Helen Connors, P.G.M. (24): Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers: We, your Benevolent Committee, wish to submit the following report.

We received three requests for assistance this year and were able to respond favourably to each of them. Letters of appreciation were received from the applicants. The financial report will be found in the Grand Treasurers report. Once again we wish to inform the members that application for assistance must be made in writing from any member. All assistance is kept in strictest confidence.

As the need for assistance is usually urgent I want to thank our Grand Treasurer, Sister Dorothy, for her prompt response to our requests.

Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, we congratulate you on a very successful Grand Session and wish you all the best for 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.

REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

**BROTHER FREDERICK W. CLARKE
RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER**

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

Well I have taken another step with Sister Rennie as we were installed as Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Patron of the General Grand Chapter. These offices are the period of working toward the Installation of Officers in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas. Working together with the Sisters and Brothers from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and the Sisters and Brothers from Texas we will have a great Installation. Y' all come. You are needed in more ways than one. There is a committee working under the direction of Sister Reba Fox, a designer, who has consulted with Rennie and I about the design and set up of the General Grand Chapter room for the Installation. The Committee will be looking after the decorations and setting up of the Chapter room so it will be beautiful for our members. They will need a lot of help preparing the Assembly Hall for the Installation. The plan is to have a group of people who will be assigned one specific function. With a great team this can be

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accomplished with great dispatch. Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. and Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. need to summit

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names from our Jurisdiction who are willing to help. If you plan to or are thinking of going to Tulsa and /or Fort Worth will you please let Sister Joan, Sister Cheryl or Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M., know. Sister Joan and Sister Cheryl will be going to the Grand Chapter of Texas in August. We would welcome any member who would like to join us to attend the Grand Chapter of Texas. You will also see a sign up chart out by Fred's Crew's table.

Last winter, the months of January, February and March, Margaret and I spent in San Antonio, Texas, working on plans for all our future endeavours.

The next major function for Rennie and I is selecting General Grand Chapter Officers, Committee Members and planning an itinerary of Official Visits to Grand Chapters and Subordinate Chapters around the World. All a very daunting task. We had a great time after working hours visiting Chapters around Texas from Dallas to Houston and down the Valley towards Brownsville. We were very well received at all functions and they very happy to receive two General Grand Chapter Officers. We also attended a number of the Worthy Grand Matron's schools . We attended the reception of the Grand Master of Texas in Dallas, a very gala affair. We also attended a function of the Grand Lodge of Texas when each year the Grand Master lays a wreath at the Alamo in memory of the Masons who lost their lives at the battle of the Alamo. We have made many new friends and were treated just like home folks. We also went to the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Official Visit to Monterrey, Mexico, and had a great time. This was the third visit we have made to this Chapter including their institution. We are honorary members of this Chapter. In March we participated in the institution of a new Chapter at Ajijic near Guadalajara, Mexico. The General Grand Chapter Officers performed the work in English as most of the new members were retired Canadians and Americans. It was something I had never dreamed of - performing our ritual work in a foreign country. I had the honour of doing the Associate Patron's long lecture.

Sister Rennie and I were honoured to be asked to perform an initiation in one of the chapters in San Antonio, another unexpected pleasure. We will be returning to San Antonio next winter, January, February and March, to complete our work for the next few years. We hope you will be pleased with our efforts. Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, it is nice to be with you and help you in a small way. I had the opportunity to attend some of your Official Visits. You both gave very thoughtful remarks which were enjoyed by all present. I am sure that you both will have every bright and rewarding future in the Order of the Eastern Star. Congratulations on your endeavours for our members.

It is nice to be back in our Jurisdiction with our members. We will endeavour to visit as many chapters as possible.

Thank you to all members of the Order for all the encouragement you have offered me. I will be eternally grateful. Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for

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allowing me this time with the membership.

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BROTHER ALLEN DENTON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
SHRINER'S HOSPITAL**

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, I thank you for this opportunity to bring greetings to our jurisdiction and to speak for a moment on the committee of which I am a part - the Shriner's Hospital Committee.

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

I congratulate all the other appointees from this jurisdiction and am very pleased to be a part of this distinguished group. I extend a very special congratulations to Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, on your election to this very high office and I wish you good health and safe travels in your Star Journey. I am confident that with Sister Margaret by your side you will attain your most treasured goals and dreams.

The Shriner's Hospital is a most worthy cause and I will do all in my power to see that this committee is successful in fulfilling its mandate. Not only do they work diligently to care and cure children but I was amazed at the research taking place at the Montreal Shriner's Hospital when I visited there. You may not realize the ground breaking research they are doing in Arthritis. I urge you all to visit that institution if you ever get the chance to do so. I do have pins and booklets to sell and I'd be only too happy to take your money for this project. What greater achievement in our lives can we attain than to help a needy child!

I would like at this time to sincerely thank all the chapters that I have visited - for the courtesies extended to me when I was able to visit with them and I look forward to visiting the rest sometime during my tenure. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.

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 God Bless you both. Thank You.

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BROTHER WILLIAM A. THOMPSON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
CHAIRMAN, EASTERN STAR JOURNAL

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

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, I thank you for this opportunity to bring greetings to our Jurisdiction and to speak for a moment on the committee of which I am a part, the Eastern Star Journal Committee.

I congratulate Sisters Marion Conrad, Sheila MacDonald and Isabelle Pearson, my own Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Allen Denton on their General Grand Chapter appointments and am very pleased to be a part of this distinguished group. I also congratulate Sister Rennie Ofton on her election as Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Brother Fred Clarke on his election as Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. It is gratifying to work with Brother Fred and Fred's Crew and Sister Rennie and her Texas Cardinals as we make plans for the big time in Tulsa in 2009 and the next Triennium. Sisters and Brothers, this is our golden opportunity to make our Moment in History and demonstrate that we, as the small Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, can hold our own and be a full fledged partner in the General Grand Chapter.

The committee to which I have been appointed to work, is truly a working committee and a great bunch of sisters and brothers from all across the continent. We were installed on November 3 and I was arriving home only to have the first Issue deadline for November 15. No Books of Instruction, guidelines and Software that I had not seen before. I assure you there will be a job description and guidelines for the next Triennium Committee. Fortunately, I am blessed with a good committee and especially a great Editor, Sister Jean Keller, and her computer whiz, Dean. Sister Sheila MacDonald and I were most fortunate to have been able to attend the Committee workshops in Tulsa in July 2006 and were able to visit the Keller's at their home.

The Journal is created, edited and compiled at the Keller's home in Tulsa and is printed and distributed in Princeton, Minnesota. This journey takes 3 months, the last 2 months of which I am involved. With the technology of email, the journal zips back and forth between Tulsa and Nova Scotia on a regular basis and daily in the last 2 weeks of each quarter. For example, I viewed the final draft of the Summer, 2007 issue Sunday evening and it's now off to the printer. They have it a week to do technical editing and I will again see it on about the 9th, after which I make the final commitment to go to press. In that week, I deal with the International Headquarters, the Minnesota Post Office, the Printers and the distributors all via email and a few phone calls. At the end of the month it's hopefully on the way to your house. Then we take a few days off and it starts all

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over again. The good thing is each day brings

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a new article and also some email comments and problems to solve. Each month usually brings a few wrinkles to solve and I love the challenges of dealing with the people. As chairman, I also get the privilege of management of subscriptions, issues and finances, which I never physically see as they are processed in Washington, DC. I also have to keep the other committee members up to date on Subscription list, expiry times and new subscribers for each Grand Chapter Jurisdiction and the Subordinate Chapters under Grand Chapter that they represent. We do not write or rewrite articles but do on occasion contact the authors to suggest how to make a good article great.

I do say this in all honesty, "if you like the Journal tell someone else. If you have a problem with it, tell me." These next three years is our chance to make it better. Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have been most supportive with articles and the upcoming issue has 15 articles from our Grand Jurisdiction. That is almost a newspaper of our own jurisdiction.

I am most pleased to see the Eastern Star Journal Committee with Dennis Hagen as chair, having a table set up for the Journal. Next year, I will cheat and promise you a "Big Eastern Star Journal Banner" for the wall. Sister Barbara, Most Worthy Grand Matron, convinced me that with my limited ability to travel extensively, I could do the Job of Chairman for the Journal from home. I thank Sister Barbara and Brother Bill for their continued encouragement and support each month and indeed, the encouragement of you, the members of my own Grand Jurisdiction. Your support sure helps on those days when the email and communications aren't quite so complimentary and it is up to me to smooth the waters. Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, congratulations on a great year and again thank you for this opportunity to let our members know what is happening in our Eastern Star World of Journalism. Sisters and Brothers, don't forget to get your subscriptions in early so you don't miss any more issues. The last issue has the Masonic Tree from guess where? Texas, Rennie's home turf.

Also, Worthy Grand Matron, to save time, I will report that as Webmaster, the Past Grands Club has agreed to fund the website for another year and we thank them for that service to our Grand Chapter. A full report of the website will be published in the proceedings. Keep supplying the news items for the site.

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BROTHER WILLIAM A. THOMPSON
WEBMASTER
Order of the Eastern Star
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Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, I thank you for this opportunity to report on the Grand Chapter Website.

I am most pleased with the cooperation we have received from some members in sharing the information of happenings around our Grand Jurisdiction. Some send in events with pictures, others even send me their notices to display some events as advertizing. There are still many chapters that do not take advantage of the Website for publicity. I do have ideas for future development in using a calendar format to display the activities.

I also foresee the possibilities of using the Website as a helpful assistance for Secretaries of subordinate chapters to get information quickly. The site could be displayed in two modes: one, public for outreach and the second, password protected where more confidential information such as forms and chapter information could be available to secretaries.

Like in the Nova Scotia Grand Lodge website there are three levels of access, Public, Members and Secretaries. As secretary of our Lodge, I find it most helpful to have access to information on my hours schedule.

A lot of our guests at Grand Chapter get their information from the website in order to plan their trip to Nova Scotia, so we should get our plans on the site early in the spring. Please keep up the good work of supplying me with information of news around the jurisdiction. To the incoming Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, remember to KEEP ME UP-TO-DATE ON WHAT YOU WANT DISPLAYED.

A special thank you is extended to the Past Grands Club for their support in funding the Website.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee: Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) Chairman, Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (24).

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, General Grand Chapter Officers, Sisters and Brothers.

We, the Jurisprudence Committee, submit the following report for the Grand Chapter year 2006-2007, Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) Brother William Thompson, P.G.P. (24) and I, Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67).

The members of the Committee attended the School of Instruction for Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Matrons held at the Masonic Hall in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, the day following Grand Chapter. Schools of Instructions were held at Queen Esther Chapter #61, Mae Chapter #38 and Starlight Chapter #66 with Faith Chapter #54 assisting in the hosting. The members of the Jurisprudence Committee were in attendance all three schools. The Grand Officers presented their Ritualistic work in a very commendable manner. All schools were well attended and the question and answer period after all phases of the work were answer satisfactorily. The Committee assisted the Worthy Grand Matron when asked and where needed.

The Jurisprudence Committee received the Notices of Motions passed at the 2006 Grand Chapter Session and found them to be correct. The Committee individually checked the pages of the CL& R which reflected the changes before they went to the printer and found them to be correct. We thank our Grand Secretary for getting this work to us in a timely manner.

This seems to be a quiet year for the Jurisprudence Committee with the members going to the Worthy Grand Matron for answers to questions as it should be.

The Jurisprudence Committee received a cheque returned from an ESTARL recipient who was not comfortable with the teachings of the Masonic Order and felt he could not accept the money. The cheque was returned to the Grand Secretary for re-deposit to the ESTARL Account.

With each member of the Jurisprudence Committee having an email address it was easy to keep in touch with the Worthy Grand Matron and the members when needed.

The question was asked of the number of times short form of opening the Chapter was permitted. The quotes from the CL&R are correct, however, we are also bound to adhere to the "Red Book" which contains Book of Instructions for the Subordinate Chapters page 15 where it states "To use short form of opening on

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more than four (4) occasions would be an abuse of the privilege. In our CL&R Book of Instructions

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for Subordinate Chapters article 11 last paragraph page 18 has the same intent as the article in the "Red Book". Our Constitution states "The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island shall conform to the Ritual and the Ritualistic work in the General Grand Chapter Constitution article 2 section 2 page 1.

Question: re Pro-tem Officers filling a station at the last minute. Answer: If the Chapter has a pro tem and they are not prepared to give the charge they should be provided with a Ritual to do the charge (at which time the prompter would close his/her Ritual). If the Office is left vacant, the prompter should be prepared to give the charge when the station is asked by the Worthy Matron.

The question asked of the Jurisprudence Committee and answered to the best of our ability as follows. The Worthy Grand Matron asked direction of a question presented to her re: Election and Installation of an Officer before Introduction. Our answer was "no" this should be done after introductions and the minutes have been read and approved. Then set aside the order of business and do the election and installation.

Question: When was the Altar draped for a period of 30 days removed from our Memorial Card. Answer: it was removed in the 1996-97 year.

Question: In the examination of a visitor is there an order in which the signs and passes of the Star Points are asked. Answer: To the best of our knowledge there is no set order. The CL&R states the visitor is then asked to give the signs and passes of each degree Book Of Instructions Subordinate Chapters article 6 page 8.

Question: When did it become the Official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron. Answer: It is the visit of the Worthy Grand Matron accompanied by the Worthy Grand Patron. The only official duty of the Worthy Grand Patron is to Institute and Constitute new Chapters. The Worthy Grand Patron is to be commended for accompanying our Worthy Grand Matron on all but two of her Official visits.

Question: Flag Protocol re-proper placement. Answer: General Grand Chapter states that the flag of the host Nation (Canada) should be to the presiding Officers extreme right. Other national Flags next coming toward the presiding Officer. Provincial and Civic Flags are displayed on the left of the Presiding Officers. The following questions were asked regarding a Chapter surrendering their Charter, the status of their Life Members and Honourary Members.

Answer: It was felt a Chapter should wait until after the Chapter has closed then approach the members of the closed Chapter to join. However should members of the closing Chapter approach another Chapter by all means receive their request to join. There is no per capita paid on Honourary Members. Honourary Membership is only that and would not carry into another Chapter. Life Members are only of the Chapter who have voted them as such. Should a Life

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Member join another Chapter that Chapter would have to vote to extend the privilege of Life Membership to the Member.

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We met after the Maritime Exchange afternoon to review the Notices of Motion that were received and found them to be in order and made our comments in our earlier report. The Jurisprudence Committee received the instructions to the District Deputy Grand Matrons from Sister Annie Mae Backman, Associate Grand Matron. We commented on one instruction which Sister Annie Mae changed.

We have received and reviewed the report of the Worthy Grand Matron. We note from the District Deputy Grand Matron's reports that there were nineteen (19) new Members initiated the nights of their Official visits to the Chapters. We feel that by doing all the Ritualistic work for the District Deputy this encourages the Chapters to seek new members. The irregularities reported by the Worthy Grand Matron appear to be the same ones year after year. We admonish the Chapters to take the necessary steps to correct these irregularities. The Worthy Grand Matron needs to be careful to document all requests from Chapters for dispensations and the Worthy Grand Matron's response to the request. Without these we were not able to verify the dispensations.

Every effort should be made by the Worthy Grand Matron to schedule her official visits on regular stated meeting nights of the Chapters. Chapters who continually change time, date and/or places of meeting should consider a change of the by-laws in place of a dispensation.

We received and reviewed the report of the Worthy Grand Patron and find this to be in order. The By -Law changes approved for the Chapters are in Order.

Chapters contemplating consolidation or closure should do so before the end of the year - as it takes 2-3 months to do the paper work and cannot be completed by year end if it is left until April or May.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, we congratulate you on your year of service to our Order. We wish you a future filled with fond memories of this year of service. We congratulate Sister Annie Mae Backman and Brother Whitman Giffin who in a few short hours will take over the leadership of this Grand Chapter. We wish you a year filled with Love, Laughter and Fellowship.

Worthy Grand Matron we thank you for the privilege of working on the Jurisprudence Committee. I wish to thank Sister Cheryl and Brother Bill for their assistance during the past year and my best wishes go to you as you continue your service to our Order.

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. moved that the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee be accepted as read. This was seconded by Sister Cheryl Denton,

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P.G.M. and the motion was carried.

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REMARKS BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**MARION V. CONRAD
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
HEART**

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred, Distinguished East, Sisters & Brothers:

I am very pleased to be with you this morning and thank you for all courtesies extended to me.

Being on the Heart Committee, I was not assigned any particular States or Provinces by Sister Barbara, Most Worthy Grand Matron. I had hoped to travel, but due to health problems, I have not been outside our Jurisdiction. I hope in the not too distant future this will change.

Many families and friends have been touched with Heart disease. We hope, through Research, that eventually this disease will be greatly reduced.

Now I would like to tell you a little story. One night while I was "vacationing" in the hospital, I said to the nurse "I didn't sleep very well last night". She said, "I can give you a sleeping pill". I don't like sleeping pills, but I took one hoping to sleep better. The next night the nurse asked me again if I wanted a sleeping pill and although it hadn't made a great deal of difference, I tried again. Well, that night I dreamt a buffalo had taken our cat (Kit-Kat) in it's mouth and was carrying it up the hill. When the nurse came the third night offering me a sleeping pill, I refused saying, "After the bad dream I had last night, no thanks".

I'm sure everyone is thinking what I'm trying to prove with that story. Well, at that point in time I didn't know what the Heart pins were like. When they came from General Grand Chapter, lo and behold there was the buffalo. Is that premonition or what?

I have these pins for sale. I will have them in my "popemobile" at all times. If you are interested in purchasing a pin please see me.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to express my appreciation for the honour of representing this Grand Jurisdiction as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Heart.

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PRESENTATION OF JEWEL

Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (26), presented the Past Grand Patron's Jewel which had belonged to Brother A. J. William MacKeigan, who was Worthy Grand Patron in 1949, to Grand Chapter for safe keeping. He was the second Worthy Grand Patron in this Grand Jurisdiction. His Jewel was inscribed on the back "Adline Purves, Worthy Grand Matron, 1953". This was the jewel worn by Sister Adline until her death in March, 2007.

**SHEILA MacDONALD
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
CREDENTIALS**

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

How happy I am to have the honour of bringing greetings to you for the first time as a General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Credentials.

My gratitude must be expressed to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton and Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Bill Owen, for this honour and I bring greetings on their behalf. I feel very fortunate to be on a Working Committee, which means that my work does not begin until I get to Tulsa in 2009. Until then I plan to have lots of fun and travel as much as I am able.

Along the way I have Pins and ESTARL Booklets to sell and will do whatever I can to help our other General Grand Chapter Committee Members as they promote the Heart Fund, the Shriner's Hospital, The Eastern Star Journal and Visionquest.

Brother Bill Thompson, Sister Diane Hayman and I had a wonderful visit to the Grand Chapters of Maine and Massachusetts, in May. Four of our Five General Grand Chapter Committee Members were presented and we certainly missed not having Sister Marion Conrad with us. It was also nice to be with our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron as well as Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Sister Margaret. We met a lot of nice people, greeted old friends and made new ones.

It was a special treat to be with Sister Bonnie Zumalt, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Craig Wallace, Worthy Grand Patron of Massachusetts. Sister Bonnie considers Nova Scotia her second home and we were certainly given special treatment. At the Formal Opening, as one of Bonnie's Watchwords was Patriotism, they had a most impressive Military presentation of the flag and when Brother Bill Owen spoke he recited "That Tattered Old Flag" by Johnny Cash. And with his southern drawl it was excellent! In her report Bonnie thanked her

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daughter, Hollie, Grand Adah, presented her with Roses and had the song "In My Daughters Eyes" sung. Very moving!

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Then I was home two days and Brother Jackie and I flew to British Columbia and spent a few days visiting his healthy 97 year old cousin in Penticton before attending the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon. This year it was held in Victoria with Worthy Grand Matron, Kim Ball and Worthy Grand Patron, Dave Boot. Its interesting how similar, yet different each Grand Chapter does the work. In Victoria the Formal Opening was Monday afternoon and the Informal Opening Monday evening. Their Introductions were long and repetitive but they had a good time. After a visit to the beautiful Butchart Gardens we took the Ferry back to Vancouver and off to Edmonton.

Edmonton was to be the highlight of Jackie's trip because we have our oldest Grandson, Alexander, the apple of his Papa's eye, working there. Unfortunately in a conversation with home we learned that Alexander would not be there, as he had been sent to Oregon for three weeks Job Training. Jackie wanted to go home then and there! But he stuck it out with me! On arrival in Edmonton we were met by two friendly OES members, Irene and Helen, with lovely Star signs and driven on the long drive to the Hotel by Brother Bill Smith.

Alberta is a very friendly Jurisdiction and that may be because everyone knew and asked about Sister Diane Hayman. At the Church Service we met up with Sister Donna Richard, Sister Dora Turnbull's daughter, and spent most of our time with her and her Worthy Matron, Kathy. I was most impressed by the Charitable work Alberta does. They have 49 Chapters, although their Chapter numbers go to 138 and they have 3368 members. With Worthy Grand Matron, Janet Wilkinson and Worthy Grand Patron, John Parkinson, they raised \$14,631.00 for ESTARL, \$22,000.000 for Alzheimer Society, \$13,412.00 for Cystic Fibrosis and \$38,029.00 for the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project "Gems of Hope." That's a lot of work and fund raising but they have fun doing it.

At each of these Grand Chapters we were delighted by the addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Barbara Benton and Brother Bill Owen, Most Worthy Grand Patron. We met many General Grand Chapter Committee Members and I know there are some here and I believe many will be at next year's Session.

It's hard to believe that one year is almost gone and before we know it we will be heading to Tulsa. The highlight for us will be the Installation of our own Sister Rennie and Brother Fred as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron. I encourage everyone to go; I know you will have a good time.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of addressing my own Grand Chapter.

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ISABELLE PEARSON
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEE MEMBER
VISIONQUEST

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Rennie, and our own Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred, all Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers:

First, I want to take this opportunity to welcome my fellow General Grand Chapter Committee Members. It's so good to have you with us.

I am pleased to give my first report as Chairman of Visionquest for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Following my Installation in Minneapolis, last November, I attended a Workshop in Magog, Quebec. This was for the Northeastern Region Visionquest Members. This Region encompasses the New England States, the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. The Regional Chairman is Doug Swan, General Grand Chapter Committee Member of New Brunswick.

Sisters and Brothers, the mission of Visionquest addresses the all important issue of the future of this beautiful Order. Membership and attendance are not the sole responsibility of any Committee. We all share the same goal - to reduce the rate of decline in our Membership. It is not an easy task.

Having said that, let me remind you of my upcoming Visionquest Conference to be held on August 18, 2007, hosted by Myrtle Chapter #21, Truro; 10 am - 2 pm. Lunch at noon. All are welcome!

Regional Chairman, Brother Swan, will be in attendance as well as members of our own Grand Chapter Membership Committee. I will have suggestions to help bring new members into our Order as well as maintain the interest of our current members. We will also be looking for input and exchange of ideas which will hopefully set a course for progress.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you Worthy Grand Matron for the opportunity to speak at this time. I move the adoption of this report.

This report was seconded by Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) and the motion was carried.

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LIBRARIAN

Brother Ross Hagar, P.P. (45): Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

I am happy to report that I had ten requests this year. I was able to supply material for nine of those requests. I carefully checked the material but I could not find anything on the other request.

This year, I did not receive any material to add to the library. I am hoping that in the coming year, I will receive addenda and other programs to add to the library.

Thank you for appointing me to this office. I have enjoyed it immensely.

Brother Ross Hagar, P.P. moved the adoption of his report. This was seconded by Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. (70) and the motion was carried.

TEMPLE FUND

The Committee Members: Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P. (22), Chairman; Brother Richard Muise, P.P. (25) and Brother Richard Haynes, P.P. (2).

Brother Cyril Marsters: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

We, your committee on the Temple Fund, wish to submit the following report:

A letter was sent to all subordinate chapters, reminding them to forward their assessment for each new member to our Grand Chapter, and also pointing out the investment value and historical value we have in our International O.E.S. Headquarters in Washington D. C.

We are pleased to report that all chapters of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island participate in the support of our beautiful Headquarters.

Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, we are honoured to have been selected to serve on this committee during your year.

Brother Cyril Marsters moved the acceptance of this report. This was seconded by Richard Haynes, P.P. and the motion was carried.

RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2008

The Reception Arrangements for 2008 Committee members: Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61), Chairman, Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27) and Sister Anna Ford, P.M. (71).

Sister Barbara Bowser: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, members of this Grand Chapter: we, the Committee on Reception Arrangements

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2008 for our Elected General Grand Chapter Officer and our General Grand Chapter Appointed Members, submit the following report.

We ran into a few difficulties at the beginning, but thankfully things are progressing very well at this time.

The Reception Banquet will be held at Oak Island Inn on Sunday, July 6th, 2008.

We thank Sister Annie Mae, Associate Grand Matron and Brother Whitman, Associate Grand Patron for coming to our rescue when the original plans hit a snag.

We thank Sister Betty Ann, our Grand Secretary, for all her assistance to this committee.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity to serve and report on the Reception. 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.

Sister Barbara B. Bowser, P.G.M. moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by Sister Anna Ford, P.M. and the motion was carried.

FRED'S CREW REPORT 2006-2007

The Executive of Fred's Crew: Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21), Chairperson; Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35), Co-Chair, Liaison with the Grand Chapter of Texas; Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) Chairperson, Brother William A. Thompson, P.G.P. (24) Co-Chairperson, Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M. (24), Secretary, Sister Dorothy Powroz, P.M. (28), Treasurer, Brother Murray Gardner, P.G.P. (10), Chair of Finances, Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (67), Membership.

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61), Chairperson:

In November 2003, Brother Fred Clarke was elected Right Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter. Shortly after that a committee called "Fred's Crew" was formed under the Chairmanship and Co-Chair, of Brother Bill Clark, PGP and Sister Violet Blair, PGM. This committee was formed to look after our financial obligation as a "Hostess Chapter" with the Grand Chapter of Texas, for Installation of Officers in November 2009 and General Grand Chapter Sessions in Texas in November 2012.

Both Brother Bill and Sister Violet submitted their resignations for personal reasons and I, Sister Marian Durling, PGM, assumed the chairmanship. At that

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time, Sister Joan Campbell, PGM and Sister Cheryl Denton, PGM assumed the responsibility as

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General Chairpersons of Liaison with the Grand Chapter of Texas and the Texas Cardinals, while Brother Bill Thompson, Jr. joined Sister Marian as co-chair of Fred's Crew.

Sisters Joan and Cheryl are working very closely with Brother Henry Martin, PGP, of Texas and his committee in the planning stages of both of these events. Just recently the Convention Centre in Fort Worth, Texas was booked. The original cost of these facilities was \$52,000.00 but thanks to Brother Henry and his negotiations, the price came down to \$29,150.00. There was a down payment involved which we happily were able to pay our share of \$7,287.50. Now the price of the Convention Centre will be reimbursed by General Grand Chapter. As everyone who has been involved with the planning of our own Grand Chapter, you will realize that the Hostess Chapters are responsible for covering costs such as the above until our Grand Chapter can reimburse us. This is a normal procedure and we are thankful that the funds were available.

As Chairperson of Fred's Crew I want to express sincere thanks to all the Chapters who have taken this cause to heart and donated through yearly donations and the Dime Campaign. I would be remiss if I didn't express our most grateful thanks to Sister Margaret Clarke for all her work. Sister Margaret has presided over sale of items all over our Jurisdictions for Fred's Crew. Her dedication has been above and beyond belief! There is an old saying--that behind every great man---well I'll let you all finish that one!

As you can see from the attached financial statement we have met our Financial obligations but there could be unforeseen expenses so donations will still be gratefully accepted. Remember, any surplus funds after General Grand Chapter 2012 will be returned to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Now we need helpers both here and in Oklahoma in November 2009 and Texas in 2012. We want to have a large Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island delegation in Oklahoma when Sister Rennie and Brother Fred will be installed as Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron of our beautiful Order. Just remember, this honour has never come to our Jurisdiction before and only the second time it has come to Canada. We want the World to know how proud we are of Brother Fred and that we support him and Sister Rennie.

Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M., moved that this report be adopted. This was seconded by Brother Bill Thompson, P.G.P. and the motion was carried.

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Fred's Crew Income/Expense 30/11/02 to 11/06/07

INCOME

Canadian:

Donations	31,994.34
Membership	761.40
Interest Income	1460.35
Merchandise Sold	<u>28,090.41</u>
TOTAL INCOME Canadian	62,306.50

US:

Donations	250.00
Membership	1,180.00
Interest Income	656.22
Merchandise Sold	<u>14,617.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME US	16,703.72

EXPENSES

Canadian:

Bank Charge	255.93
Foreign Exchange (CDN to US)	2,239.95
Membership Cards & Applications	194.90
Merchandise	12,581.31
Postage	<u>111.30</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES: Canadian	15,383.39

US:

Bank Charge	21.00
Merchandise	710.00
Draft to Texas Cardinals (Convention Centre)	<u>7,287.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES: US	8,018.50

OVERALL TOTAL: 55,608.33

Fred's Crew Balance Sheet as at June 12, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
CDN GIC	25,000.00
Fred's Crew	739.99
Fred's Crew USD	14,747.72
Fred's Crew USD GIC	14,400.00
Money Master Fred's Crew	<u>720.62</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	55,608.33

TOTAL ASSETS 55,608.33

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	55,608.33

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY: 55,608.33

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ANNOUNCEMENT

HOMECOMING FOR BROTHER FRED CLARKE

Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) announced that Brother Fred Clarke's Homecoming will be held at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, on Sunday, July 4, 2010.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. (61) and seconded by Brother Bill Thompson, Jr., P.G.P. (24) that the cost of Brother Fred Clarke's Homecoming be covered by Fred's Crew. This motion was carried.

HISTORIAN

Sister Margaret J. Allen, P.M. (3) presented the following report.

**59th "GARDEN OF MEMORIES" SESSION
UNIVERSITY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
July 4th, 5th and 6th, 2006**

*Worthy Grand Matron
Marion Miller*

*Worthy Grand Patron
Rev. Bro. John Patterson*

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2005- 2006

Worthy Grand Matron	Mrs. Marion Miller (1PEI)
Worthy Grand Patron	Rev. Bro. John Patterson (10)
Associate Grand Matron	Mrs. Gail Cook (67)
Associate Grand Patron	Mr. Ronald Boudreau (70)
Grand Secretary	Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer	Ms. Dorothy Powroz (28)
Grand Conductress	Mrs. Annie Mae Backman (8)
Associate Grand Conductress	Mrs. Edith Conrod (61)
Grand Chaplain	Mrs. Jane Wooldridge (1PEI)
Grand Marshal	Mr. Darrell Thurber (7)
Grand Organist	Mr. Edward MacLaren (69)
Grand Adah	Mrs. Fran Harding (52)
Grand Ruth	Mrs. Evelyn Blair (3)
Grand Esther	Mrs. Nora Moxsom (55)
Grand Martha	Mrs. Beverly Caulier (27)
Grand Electa	Mrs. Mary Reid (25)
Grand Warder	Mr. David Morrison (22)
Grand Sentinel	Mr. Whitman Giffin (59)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

District #1 Mrs. Beth Brett (19)
District #2 Mrs. Diane Patterson (10)
District #3 Mrs. Mary Smith (57)
District #4 Mrs. Annie Mae Backman (8)
District #5 Mrs. Gail Cook (67)
District #6 Mrs. Bonnie Lowe (15)

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District #7 Mrs. Edith Con rod (61)

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DEDICATION

This Grand Chapter Session was dedicated to our families, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and all members who are in our "Garden of Memories."

<u>Aim</u>	To recapture the joy of our initiation.
<u>Theme</u>	Fun, Friendship and Fraternity
<u>Watchwords</u>	Faith- Makes our paths a little clearer Hope- Makes our lives a little brighter Charity - Makes our load a little lighter
<u>Emblem</u>	Bible
<u>Honour Station</u>	Chaplain
<u>Flower</u>	Pansies
<u>Motto</u>	Serve with the heart of a child
<u>Charity</u>	Children's Wish Foundation
<u>Fun Symbols</u>	WGM Teddy Bear WGP Rainbows, Lollipops and Everything Irish
<u>Colors</u>	Purple, Nova Scotia Tartan, Prince Edward Island Dress, and accents of Silver and Gold
<u>Special Music</u>	Worthy Grand Matron: "When You Wish Upon a Star" "The Lord's Prayer" "The Twenty-Third Psalm" "You'll Never Walk Alone" "High Hopes" "Side By Side" Worthy Grand Patron: "We Shall Go Out With Resurrection" "Here I Am, Lord" "Good Ship Lollipop" "Look to the Rainbow" "Will You Come and Follow Me"
<u>Scriptures</u>	Worthy Grand Matron: "A friend loveth at all times" - Proverbs 17:17 Worthy Grand Patron: "The Covenant of the Rainbow" - Genesis 9:12-17

"And I seal this promise with this sign. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds as a sign for 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 and remember my eternal promise to every living being on the earth."

The Garden of Memories Session began at the University of Prince Edward Island with a "Teddy Bears Picnic."

The ESTARL Church Service was held in the Grand Chapter Room at 5:30 p.m. Offering for the service amounted to **\$1,230.55** which was given to the ESTARL Bursary Fund.

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After the Church Service a very impressive introduction of the Grand Officers and their escorts took place. This was capably narrated by William F. Clark, GGCCM. Following this was the placing of the emblems under the direction of Sister Marian Durling, PGM.

Those Sisters taking part were:

Narrator	Sister Marian Durling, PGM (61)
Bible	Sister Helen MacEwen, PM (52)
Sword and Veil	Sister Thelma Low, PM (45)
Sheaf	Sister Edith Lewis, PM (I PEI)
Crown and Sceptre	Sister LaVerne Porter, PM (15)
Broken Column	Sister Beulah Lynch, PM (28)
Cup	Sister Edna MacVicar, PM (14)

At 7 p.m. Sister Eleanor Mitchell, PGM and Brother Allison Mitchell, PGP welcomed all to the informal opening. Past Grand Patron, William Clark, GGCCM narrated the formations which were as follows:

The Grand Officers and the District Deputy Grand Matron's formed the Celtic Cross and the subordinate Chapter Chaplains formed the base of the cross around the altar. The Grand Pages formed a Heart and the Grand Guards formed an Anchor for the words, "Faith, Hope and Charity." The Grand Representatives formed the circle offriendship around all.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were presented, escorted to the East and given Grand Honours. Sister Kay Horton, PM, and Brother Ray Horton, PP, (66) sang a beautiful duet, "You Raise Me Up."

Sister Jane Wooldridge, Grand Chaplain gave the Invocation Prayer. The presentation of the flags was under the direction of Brother Fred Lipskey, PP (15) and tributes were given to the Canadian Flag and the United States of America Flag.

Introduction of distinguished guests followed which included our own Brother Frederick W. Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel; and our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members, Sister Cheryl Denton, Registration; and Brother William F. Clarke, Visioneer for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Seven other General Grand Chapter Committee Members and one Ambassador were presented, introduced and welcomed at the Altar:

Credentials-	Sister Susan Thomas, Past Grand Matron of New Hampshire
Membership-	Sister Margaret Dyer, Past Grand Matron of Maine
Visioneers-	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
Ambassador to Massachusetts	Bolivia - Sister Judith Fenner, Past Grand Matron of Massachusetts

Twenty-two elected and appointed Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions

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and two Emeritus Grand Officers were also presented, introduced and welcomed at the Altar.

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Greetings were brought as follows:

Provincial Greetings: The Premier of Prince Edward Island, the Honourable Pat Binns

Civic Welcome: Mayor Clifford Lea, Charlottetown; Mayor Jack Kelly, Cornwall University of Prince Edward Island; Mr. Wade MacLaughlin, President; Convention Services, Mr. Marc Carr, Rollict

Masonic Greetings: The Right Worshipful Brother Daniel Campbell, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; The Most Worshipful Brother W. Vernon Simpson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island

Queen of the Nile: Sister Carolyn Galley-Card

The Children's Wish Foundation: Mr. Lee Gauthier, Executive Director of the Children's Wish Foundation of Prince Edward Island was presented with a cheque, the total donation being **\$41,326.06**, this being the special Project of the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron.

Other Introductions:

At this time **9** Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions were introduced; **32** Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; **24** Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions were also introduced.

Presentation of Grand Representative Commission

Sister Kay Horton was introduced, escorted to the East where she received a Grand Representative Commission to Louisiana.

The following number of Grand Representatives were introduced:

30 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; **16** Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Jurisdictions; **11** Grand Representatives of Other Jurisdictions in Other Jurisdictions.

They were all escorted to the Grand East and given Grand Honours.

Presentation of Hostess Chapters Convenors, Elected and Appointed Grand Officers, Emeritus Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Visiting District Grand Officers, Grand Chapter Committee Members, Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons and Subordinate Chapter Chaplains were all escorted to the Grand East and extended a hearty welcome.

The Grand Organist, Brother Edward MacLaren, was escorted to the Grand East and thanked for all his hard work and beautiful music.

Formal Opening, Wednesday Morning, July 5, 2006

The formal opening was preceded by the placing of the emblems. Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister June Macdonald, PGM and Brother George Crouch, PGP.

Parliamentarian, Brother Adrian Pearson, PGP read the Rules of Order.

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Reports of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were read and accepted.

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Highlights of the Session

A School of Instruction was held for the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and the Jurisprudence Committee on July 7th, 2005.

Three Schools of Instructions were held for the Subordinate Chapters:

September 10th, 2005 Evangeline Chapter #15, Kentville, NS

September 17th, 2005 Harmony Chapter, #25, Stellarton, NS

September 24th, 2005 Crystal #1, Charlottetown, PEI

The Members of the Jurisprudence Committee were in attendance at all Schools of Instructions. Three new members were added to the Membership Committee.

The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron visited all Chapters in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and were well received by all.

Each District Deputy Grand Matron held an ESTARL Service in her District and the total amount received in donations was \$2,180.00.

It was noted with sadness that Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter, No. 20, Dartmouth would be surrendering their Charter.

The Grand Council met on 2 occasions during the year.

Each Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction was asked to invite a Past Grand Matron or a Past Grand Patron to a meeting during the year for a "question and answer session" on the Order.

Several Visits were made by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron to other Grand Jurisdictions.

Special Events During the Year

The Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Marion, attended the Installation of Philae Shrine, Halifax; the North East Exchange in New Hampshire; the 50th Anniversary of Elmsdale Chapter; the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Truro; the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island in Brackley, PEI.

The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron attended the installation ceremony of the Daughters of the Nile.

The Worthy Grand Matron presented two 60-Year Jewels.

The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron presented 38 50-Year Jewels.

The Special Project was "The Children's Wish Foundation of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with the money divided equally between the Provinces.

The non-monetary project in lieu of gifts for the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron was a request for comfort quilts or blankets for sick children. These quilts will be passed out to children waiting for a wish from both provinces. An overwhelming amount of quilts and blankets were received by the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron totaling 312.

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Life Memberships were received by Sister Marion and Brother John from their home Chapters and Honourary Memberships were received from other Chapters.

The Worthy Grand Patron, Brother John approved the changes in the By-Laws for several Chapters. The Grand Chapter was saddened by the death of Past Grand Patron, Brother Cecil Dean.

Notices of Motion

Notices of Motion presented at this Grand Session:

1. Expenses: Officers, Committees and Courtesies 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 Grand Chapter.

2. Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Article 30 (50 year jewels) Page 25 to be amended as follows: Title: Fifty and Sixty Year Jewels

Section 1, line 3: after the word "50" add, *"or 60"* and continue to the end of the sentence. **Section 1, line 5;** after the word "50" add: *"or 60"* and continue to the end of the sentence. **Section 4, line 1:** after the word " fifty (50)" add *"or sixty (60)"* and continue to the end of the paragraph.

3. Laws and Regulations Grand Chapter, Article 21, Page 48, Reception General Grand Chapter Officers and Appointments add new paragraph to be numbered "2":

2. "The Worthy Grand Matron during the first year of each Triennium shall appoint a two year Committee to make all arrangements for this reception and this committee will prepare a budget for the event, presenting it to the Finance Committee not later than March 15^h of the year prior to the event. This budget in turn is to be presented to the Grand Chapter by the Finance Committee at the session immediately prior to the reception."

4. Grand Chapter Committees and Duties, Article 3, Page 28, Finance: Number 1 - delete the period (.) after the word "budget" then add:

"which is to include a provision for the Reception for General Grand Chapter Officers and appointments."

5.1 Constitution Grand Chapter, Article 2, Page 1, to be removed in its entirety and replaced with:

"The Grand Chapter declares its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, Order of the 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."

5.2 Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Article 2, Duties of Officers, page 10, District Deputy Grand Matrons number 3 removed and replaced with the following:

"3. Annually visit each Chapter in their districts in any one of the following

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months, September, October or November for the purpose of conducting an official

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inspection, as which time they shall call for and inspect the Charter, By-Laws, Records, 4 Copies of Secret Work, a Ritual, one copy of the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations, witness an exemplification of the entire ritualistic ceremonies; and report to the worthy Grand Matron the results of their inspection, stating whether or not By-Laws and all amendments thereto have been duly approved by the Worthy Grand Patron."

5.3 Laws and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Rituals and Secret Work, Article 3, page 2, number 1 remove and replace with the following:

"1. Ten Rituals, four copies of the Secret Work, a Signet, five copies of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations Book of Instructions shall be furnished without charge to a new Chapter at the time of granting the Dispensation. They shall become the property of the Chapter, when a Charter is granted, and shall bear the imprint of the seal of the Chapter."

5.4 Book of Instructions for Grant Chapter, Article 12, Institution of A New Chapter, page 27, paragraph WGP. Remove and replace with the following:

"WGP - Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, the Grand Chapter provides each subordinate Chapter with Rituals, and these should be numbered and a receipt given to the chapter for each Ritual delivered to an Officer. When you receive your seal, which will not be until you become a chartered Chapter, these Rituals should be imprinted with the Chapter's seal. The secret work is not included in the Ritual, but is furnished separately in four copies. The Worthy Patron, the Associate Patron, the Conductress and the Associate Conductress each have a copy of the secret work. These must be securely guarded and kept under lock and key privately when not in use. Grand Marshall, you will present the 10 rituals to the Worthy Matron and the 4 copies of the Secret Work to the Worthy Patron."

5.5 Laws and Regulations of Grand Chapter, Article 1, Expenses, page 38, number 6 (a) remove and replace with the following:

"(a) Main Banquet Guests: 18 Grand Chapter Officers; Grand Officer(s) Emeritus, 4 District Deputy Grand Matrons; General Grand Chapter Officers; General Grand Chapter Committee Members; Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions and the Grand Masters of Masons in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island."

Twenty-eight Subordinate Chapter Secretaries and twelve subordinate Chapter Treasurers were introduced.

Through the generous donations of the chapters, 21 full-time awards of \$900.00 each were given to ESTARL (Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership) recipients.

Remarks were given by several distinguished guests: Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel; Sister Cheryl Denton, General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Registration; Brother Bill Clark, General Grand Chapter Committee Member, Visioneer.

Honourary Memberships were presented to 5 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons from Visiting Grand Jurisdictions.

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Two lovely scrapbooks were presented to Sister Marion and Brother John on behalf of the members of the Publicity Committee.

Due to the closing of Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter, #20, an "Altar Cloth and Drape" were presented to Grand Chapter to be used at the Grand Chapter Sessions.

A lovely Memorial Service was held under the direction of Sister Jane Wooldridge, Grand Chaplain. There were 78 names read from the scroll of departed members representing 33 Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction. A tribute was given by Sister Diane Hayman, Past Grand Matron in remembrance of the Late Brother Cecil S. Dean, Past Grand Patron.

Election of Officers took place on Thursday morning and the following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve for 2006-2007:

Sister	Gail	Cook,	Worthy	Grand	Matron
Brother	Ronald	Boudreau,	Worthy	Grand	Patron
Sister	Annie Mae	Backman,	Associate	Grand	Matron
Brother	Whitman	Giffin,	Associate	Grand	Patron
Sister	Betty	Ann	Loughnan,	Grand	Secretary
Sister	Dorothy	Powroz,		Grand	Treasurer
Sister Edith Conrod, Grand Conductress					

The following were elected for the ensuing year:

Sister Stella Trask was elected Associate Grand Conductress
Brother Tabor (Ted) Caulier was elected Grand Sentinel

The following reports were presented to the Grand Chapter while waiting for the results of the election: Benevolent, Historian, Eastern Star Journal, Special Project, Temple Fund, Librarian, Fred's Crew, Membership, Fraternal Relations, CL&R Review and Arrangements for General Grand Chapter.

During Thursday afternoon several more reports were given: Partial Report of Credentials, Courtesy, Fraternal Correspondence, Crafts and Treasures, and Webmaster.

What a lovely sight when the 50 Year and 50 Year plus members lined up in the West to be presented. They are the back bone of our Chapters.

Another important part of our Grand Chapter is the Grand Choir, the Grand Organist and Assistant. Where would we be without the lively and beautiful music!

The Final Report of the Credential Committee was given with a total of 559 in attendance.

The Grand Chapter Session for 2005-2006 closed with a beautiful ceremony narrated by Sister Sheila MacDonald, PGM to retire the badges.

During the intermission a collection was taken for the Special Project. John and

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Marion approached the East and announced that \$41,326.00 was now reached for the Children's Wish Foundation. What a wonderful way to end a perfect year.

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The installation of the 2006-2007 Grand Officers was carried out by Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Grand Sentinel and several Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons in a most impressive ceremony. The new Worthy Grand Matron announced that Sister Thelma Low, PM has been chosen as Grand Chapter Mother for the year 2006-2007, a great honour for Sister Thelma who is 92 years of age.

Congratulations Sister Marion and Brother John for endearing yourselves to everyone in our Grand Jurisdiction. Your watchwords "**faith, hope and charity**" were seen in every chapter you visited. Your theme, "**fun, friendship, and fraternity**" brought a smile to many faces and your motto, "**serve with the heart of a child,**" hopefully will remain in everyone's hearts and minds as we still travel the Star Trail. Your aim, "**to recapture the joy of our initiation**" is something each and every member should think about and ponder on, always remembering that you both have served this Order with exceptional results.

We celebrate how much your special project was received by the members of this Grand Chapter and how they responded in many ways through donations of money, quilts, blankets and other items that might be of interest to the Children's Wish Foundation. These gifts, we are sure, have touched many-a-heart and those that have received them will find comfort and joy in each gift given.

You both will certainly be remembered for the joy, the love and the service that you have brought to our Grand Chapter.

Sister Margaret Allen moved the acceptance of this report. It was seconded by sister Connie MacDonald, P.M. (1PEI) and the motion was carried.

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee consisted of: Sister Marie Parks, P.M. (15), Chairman; Brother Charles Graves, P.P. (1PEI), Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71), Brother Wayne Beno, P.P. (57), Sister Sheila MacDonald, P.G.M. (26), Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21).

Sister Marie Parks: Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, Members of this Grand Chapter. The Membership Committee of this Grand Chapter submit the following report:

We sent out a membership letter in February, 2007, to all the subordinate chapters informing them that there is still a problem with membership in the chapters. This letter also informed them the Rob Morris membership Jewel and the Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition project are still available.

In the past year 12 Sisters and a Brother have earned the Rob Morris Jewels. The names of the recipients are:

1. Margaret Allen, Cedar Chapter #3, Wallace
2. Marianne MacMillan, Cedar Chapter #3, Wallace
3. Walter Blair, Cedar Chapter # 3, Wallace
4. Gladys Hobson, Laurel Chapter # 67, Berwick

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5. Wilma Verge, Emerald Chapter #58, Halifax

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6. Claudette Smith, Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth
 7. Doreen Edgar, Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth
 8. Anne Watson, Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth
 9. Olga Beno, Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth
 10. Marion Tizard, Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth
 11. Mary Smith, Ruth Chapter #57, Dartmouth
 12. Fran Harding, Regent Chapter #52 Central Bedeque
 13. Florence Dares, Queen Esther Chapter # 61, Dartmouth
- Several of these members have earned bars for their jewels.

We received four applications for the Heritage Recognition Certificates from the chapters for their members. The names of these members are:

1. Ceta Cleveland, Elm Chapter # 48, Upper Stewiacke, March 13, 2007
2. Anne Kerr, Evangeline Chapter #15, Kentville, November 2, 1993
3. Amy Fraser, Westville Chapter #24, Westville, April 28, 2007
4. Francie Fraser, Westville Chapter #24, Westville, May 15, 1972

Thanks to Sister Lynn and Brother Darrel Thurber, Halifax Chapter #7 for their help and assistance with the certificates.

We will now report on our membership for June 1,2005 to May 31, 2006

Number of members June 1,2005:	2532
Number of members initiated, affiliated and re-instated	<u>89</u>
TOTAL:	2621
Number of members died	79
Number of members demitted	42
Number of members suspended	27
Expulsion	<u>1</u>
Total:	149
Number of members May 31, 2006:	2,472

Sister and Brothers with these numbers we must do more work to improve our membership. Demits and suspensions seem to be the biggest problem.

We would like to thank our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, for all her help to the Membership Committee.

Recommendation: Our Grand Chapter continue with the Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition Project for the year 2007-2008 and the Grand Chapter be responsible for purchasing the Heritage Certificates.

Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Membership Committee and to report on the Rob Morris Membership Jewels and the Heritage Projects. We have had 24 families receive this. We wish you and your Grand Officers a successful Grand Chapter Session.

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Sisters and Brothers, we thank you for your attention to our report.

Sister Marie Parks moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. and the motion was carried.

MOTION

Sister Marie Parks, P.M. (15): I move that our Grand Chapter carry on with the Fraternal Family Heritage Recognition Project for the year 2007-2008 and that the Grand Chapter be responsible for purchasing the Heritage Certificates.

This motion was seconded by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71) and it was carried.

PUBLICITY

The members of the Publicity Committee: Brother Robert Turner, P.P. (30), Chairman, Sister Yvonne Stephenson, P.M. (14), Sister Carolyn Phinney, P.M. (31), Sister Janet Johnson, P.M. (24), Brother Earl Sanford, P.P. (22), Brother Melvin Antle, P.P. (28) Brother Wendell Dawson, P.P. (1PEI), Sister Heather Cook, P.M. (38), Sister Amelia Whalley, P.M. (35), Sister Ethel Brown, P.M. (55)and Brother Alex Nicholson, P.P. (26).

Brother Robert Turner: The members of your Publicity Committee wish to thank you for the honour you bestowed upon them by their appointment to this Committee. A gift of two albums were donated to the Committee by your District Deputy Grand Matrons. Pictures and articles were forwarded to the Committee members by all 46 Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the Memory Books were compiled. Of particular note is that there was 100% cooperation in this project by the Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction. The Committee had many extra pictures received in the mail as well as by email, and some of these were placed in six extra photo albums. We trust that when you peruse all of these, it will bring back wonderful memories of your year in the Grand East.

Brother Robert Turner moved the adoption of this report. Sister Carolyn Phinney seconded the motion and it was carried.

PRESENTATION OF SCRAPBOOKS

Brother Robert Turner: Worthy Grand Matron, may we approach the East?

Sister Carolyn Phinney: Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, our family connections go back a long way, therefore, I feel it both an honour and a privilege to be able to present you with your Memory Book of the pictures and articles collected by the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction during your year as Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother Robert Turner: Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, our Masonic relationship as District Deputy Grand Masters in 2004 gave us a great fraternal

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friendship and it is an honour to present this Memory Book to you today. I know you and Sister Grace will look at it knowing that the Sisters and Brothers in this Grand Jurisdiction feel that same fraternal friendship with you both.

CLOSING

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.

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1:45 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.

Sister Rowena Marsters, P.M. and Brother Cyril Marsters, P.P. (22) sang a beautiful duet "*Making Memories*".

MINUTES

The motions of the Thursday morning session were read by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary. It was moved by Sister Betty Ann and seconded by Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) that the motions be accepted as read. The motion was carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PROGRAM BOOKLET

The members of the Program Booklet Committee: Brother William Cox, P.P. (30), Chairman; Brother Peter Kay, P.P. (25), Brother Lawrin Armstrong, P.G.P. (39), Brother Darrell Thurber, P.P. (7), Brother Edmund Davis, P.P. (35), Brother Carl Thompson, P.P. (52), Brother Walter Blair, P.P. (3).

Brother Bill Cox: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: we, the Program Booklet Committee, are pleased to present the first report for this committee.

From humble beginnings not knowing very much about this type of thing and not having a previous booklet to use as reference we set out on our journey to try and construct a booklet to commemorate the 60th anniversary to have as a keepsake. In February of this year it looked like we would be a flop, then the Chapter representatives kicked into gear and we can look back at a success with in excess of \$4,700.00 in revenues.

We would like to thank all of our supporters, the Chapters who purchased ads, the Lodges who purchased congratulatory messages, the individual members who bought stars and ads as well. To one and all, thank you.

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Should it be the wish of this Grand Chapter to continue this project we would be pleased to provide some guidelines for our successors so they do not have to reinvent the wheel.

We do not have all the monies in yet but expect to have about \$560.00 to turn over to Grand Chapter. In addition, this year's booklet did not come from Grand Chapter's funds.

It was moved by Brother Bill Cox, P.P. that this report be accepted. Brother Ted Davis, P.P. seconded the motion and it was carried.

RECOMMENDATION

Brother Bill Cox, P.P. (30) made the recommendation that this Program Booklet project be continued.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M., Chairman, read a partial report of the Credential Committee as follows:

Members: 366 Visitors: 104 Total: 470

Sister Irma Maxwell moved that this report be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Helen Graham, P.M. (61) and the motion was carried.

COURTESY

Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI), Chairperson: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers.

This is the Courtesy Report for the "Musical Gales" Grand Chapter Session.

I will introduce the Committee, Sister Patricia Wamboldt, P.M. (71), Brother Kirk Whitman, P.P. (35), with Brother John Patterson, P.G.P. unable to attend due to illness, we were assisted by Sister Jane Wooldridge (1PEI) and Brother Bill Clark P.G.P., and myself, Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M.

The Session was held at the Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich, Nova Scotia. The ESTARL Church service was held at St. Paul's and St. Stephen's United Church. followed by a "Walk Down Memory Lane" Banquet at 6:30 p.m., also held in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

We had a wonderful time greeting many distinguished guests sharing many memories when visiting our Jurisdiction. Among these guests were Sister Rennie Oton, Right Worthy Grand Associate Matron, and our own Right Worthy Grand Associate Patron, Brother Frederick W. Clarke, as well as our own General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Marion Conrad, Brother Allen Denton, Sister Sheila MacDonald, Sister Isabelle Pearson and Brother William A.

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The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron extended greetings to: The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, O.N.S. Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, Mr. Scott Brison. M.P., Mr David Morse, M.L.A., Most Worshipful Grand Masters of Masons in Nova Scotia Brother Daniel Campbell, and Brother Heber Ross in Prince Edward Island. Brother Phil Beeler of Shrine of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Queen, Sister Arlene Antle of Daughters of the Nile, and a Representative from the Rainbow Girls.

The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron presented a cheque to Susan LeBlanc, representative of the CNIB, the chosen charity by them.

We were pleased to welcome at the "Musical Gales" Session:

- 2 General Grand Chapter Officers
- 12 General Grand Chapter Committee Members
- 5 Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 29 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 14 Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of other Grand Jurisdictions
- 11 Elected and Appointed Grand Officers of Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 2 Grand Officers Emeritus
- 6 District Deputy Grand Matrons, and Other Deputies
- 35 Grand Representatives of Other Grand Jurisdictions in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- 20 Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Other Grand Jurisdictions
- 6 Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions
- 3 "Friends of a Feather" Special Appointments by the Most Worthy Grand Matron
- 52 Grand Chapter Committee Members of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

I would like to thank the Credentials and Registration Committee for their cooperation in compiling this list.

On behalf of Brother John, P.G.P. and myself, we would like to thank our Committee, with special thanks to Sister Jane, W.M. (IPEI) and Brother Bill Clark P.G.P. who filled Brother John's duties. He also pointed out that it took two people to fill his shoes, just to remind me how lucky I was to have had him as my Worthy Grand Patron!

Special thanks to all Visitors and Guests who made this Session a success and took time to be with us. We hope you will return often and look forward to sharing our hospitality with you again, and visit with you in your Grand Jurisdictions.

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Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M., moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Brother Kirk Whitman, P.P. (35), and the motion was carried.

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MOTIONS
ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. (21): We would like to present the following recommendations:

1. The honorarium for the Grand Secretary be increased by \$300.

Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M., moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M., (21). **The motion was carried.**

2. The Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron be invited to attend the Finance Committee meeting for preparation of the budget.

Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M., moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M., and **the motion was carried.**

3. The District Deputy Grand Matrons hold a fun fund raiser in their districts annually.

Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. moved that this motion be accepted. It was seconded by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M.. **This motion was defeated.**

4. The Program Booklet be continued as a fund raiser for Grand Chapter with the recommendations that it be limited to 40 pages with fewer pictures and be printed on bond paper with a glossy cover.

This motion was moved by Sister Mary Ellen Bishop P.M. and seconded by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. and **the motion was carried.**

A motion was made by Sister Mary Ellen Bishop, P.M. and seconded by Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. that the **Budget for 2007-2008 be accepted** as presented. The motion was carried.

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BUDGET 2007-2008

Revenue

Per Capita Assessments	\$24,000	
Registration Fees	11,500	
Craft Sale	1,000	
Donations and Sundry	100	
Interest	3,000	
Sale of Supplies	1,600	
Dec. 18/07 Maturing GIC	5,000	
Program Booklet	<u>500</u>	
Total Revenue		\$46,700

Operating Expenses

Printing, Postage and Office Expense	9,000	
Worthy Grand Matron Expenses	2,000	
Worthy Grand Patron Expenses	1,000	
Grand Secretary Expenses	3,600	
Grand Treasurer Expenses	1,500	
Office Rent	1,200	
Insurance and Bonding	1,200	
Annual Proceedings	4,800	
Worthy Grand Matron and Patron Jewels	800	
Grand Officer Badges	1,000	
District Deputies Expenses	3,000	
Per Capita to General Grand Chapter	2,800	
Church Services	600	
Auditing	500	
Amortization Expense	<u>1,545</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		34,545

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	2,500	
Accommodations for MWGM & MWGP	1,000	
Gifts for GGC Appointments	1,000	
60th Anniversary Dinner September 2007	1,250	
Reception Arrangements for 2008	<u>1,800</u>	
Total Grand Session Expenses		11,850
Total Expenses		<u>46,395</u>

Budgeted Net Income		305
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT

This report was given by Sister Annie Mae Backman, A.G.M., Sister Edith Conrod, G.C. and Sister Stella Trask, A.G.C.,

Sister Annie Mae, A.G.M.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished Guests, Sisters and Brothers, it was indeed our pleasure to serve as your Fraternal Correspondents this year. Time was the only price we had to pay for our tickets and travel arrangements were made by our Grand Secretary, Sister Betty Ann, who made certain we had lots of proceedings from other Grand Jurisdictions. We have been on a very exciting journey without leaving the comfort of our rocking chairs in our own homes. We have travelled to many interesting jurisdictions via their proceedings and have learned that although there are many little differences that make each jurisdiction unique, we are all the same. In all jurisdictions, the open Holy Bible rests upon the Altar; the meetings open and close with prayer; the flag of the country is proudly displayed and honoured. ESTARL is supported by all jurisdictions and millions of dollars are donated to many worthwhile causes. But, we are all suffering from loss of membership.

Our Order is international and is composed of five sovereign bodies. Back in 1850, Rob Morris gave us our Ritual, a set of directions to follow. The Independent Grand Chapter of New York, founded in 1869 uses the McCoy Ritual and is the only jurisdiction displaying the Emblematic Star with the white point up. In 1870, the Independent Grand Chapter of New Jersey formed and is governed by a modified version of the Rob Morris Ritual. In 1876 our own General Grand Chapter was organized. It has its headquarters in the International Eastern Star Temple in Washington. General Grand Chapter meets every three years at a Triennial Assembly. In 1904, the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was organized. It meets twice a year for a one-day session in April and October. It has jurisdiction over chapters in Scotland, Ireland, the British Isles, New Zealand, Africa and India. In 1985, the United Grand Chapter of Australia instituted when granted complete independence from Scotland and meets biannually. Today, we are connected as never before with the technology of Internet and e-mail as our circle of friends continues to grow.

The members of our Order are dedicated to service. It is the fibre of our lives and will ever be part of us. In 1876, Addie Engle, Past Grand Matron of Connecticut, conceived the idea of the Fraternal Correspondence Committee. She initiated the concept of exchanging information and sharing ideas with other Grand Jurisdictions. Her foresight created a thread of communication that has woven through five sovereign bodies binding us in fraternal love. May we realize that love has no jurisdictions. It takes each of us to accomplish the work of our beautiful Order. Each Grand Jurisdiction has strived to share our Eastern Star

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love and laughter with all members.

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Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, on behalf of Sister Edith, Grand Conductress, Sister Stella, Associate Grand Conductress and myself, I thank you for the honour of being your fraternal correspondents.

This report was moved for adoption by Sister Annie Mae Backman , A.G.M. and seconded by Sister Edith Conrad, Grand Conductress. The motion was carried.

EASTERN STAR JOURNAL

The Committee Members: Brother Dennis Hagen, P.P. (61), Chairman, Sister Carol Wooster, P.M. (15) and Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M. (58), Sister Freda Ells, P.M. (14), Sister Violet Fraser, P.M. (47), Sister Dorothy Jewers, P.M. (34) and Sister Donna White, P.M. (69).

Brother Dennis Hagen: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers.

The Eastern Star Journal Committee submits the following report for the year 2006-2007:

There were thirty articles/photos submitted to the Editor, Jean Keller, through the Eastern Star Journal Committee for publication.

There were also over 20 new subscriptions acquired by committee members, and several application forms given to a number of Sisters and Brothers for their submission. From the published articles and photos in the Eastern Star Journals received, it is certain that the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island has become quite well known in the North American Star Family. I am pleased that I am working with Brother Bill Thompson.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, for allowing us to present this report.

Brother Dennis Hagen moved the adoption of this report, Sister Doreen Edgar, P.M., seconded the motion and it was carried.

PRESENTATION OF FRATERNAL HERITAGE FAMILY RECOGNITION AWARDS

Sister Marie Parks, Chairman of the Membership Committee, approached the East and presented Heritage certificates to Sister Ceta Cleveland (48), Sister Francie Fraser (24), Sister Amy Fraser (24) and Sister Anne Kerr (15).

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. (24) suggested that the committee make it four (4) generations.

DRAWING

Sister Phyllis Macon, First Vice-President of the International Grand Representative Association of General Grand Chapter won three nights free accommodation at the Old Orchard Inn.

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WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S AND WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S
SPECIAL PROJECT
Canadian National Institute for the Blind
Digital Talking Book Machines and Library**

The Committee Members: Brother Phillip Beeler, P.P. (1) Chairman; Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. (67), Vice-Chair; Sister Ruth Digdon, P.M. (54), Sister Betty Smith, P.M. (27), Sister Mary Jean Page, P.M. (70), Sister Marilyn Lisk, P.M. (52), Sister Frances Burgoyne-Jackson, P.M. (48), Sister Elizabeth MacGregor, P.M. (31), Sister Jean Pryde, P.M. (47), Sister Diann Campbell-Kinney, P.M. (37), Sister Shirley Shot, P.M. (34) and Sister Shirley Conrad, P.M. (49).

Sister Tracey Hobson, Vice Chair: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

We would like to submit the following report:

All Chapters were active in promoting the sales of Dove Pins, day planners and other projects to promote the cause for CNIB and an approximate total of \$5,000.00 has been turned in. Thanks to all for making these purchases. The remainder was donated by individuals and chapters through their own fund raisers. Both the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron spent many hours for the cause, with Brother Ron doing an outstanding detailed explanation of how CNIB helps within our communities both in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and displaying the digital talking book machine to our members.

A cheque in the amount of \$29,000.00 plus was presented to CNIB by Sister Gail and Brother Ron on behalf of all the members on this committee. It is expected that a further amount will be realized through fundraising at Grand Chapter.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail, and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron, for the honour bestowed upon us and our respective chapters in appointing us to serve you on this most worthwhile committee. To quote Helen Keller, ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE, TOGETHER SO MUCH!

Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M. moved that this report be adopted. Brother Phil Beeler, P.P. seconded the motion and it was carried.

As a special note: 46 CDs by Terry Kelly have been sold to date and from the sale of these tapes another \$250.00 was realized for the Special Project.

DRAWING

Sister Arlene Riswold, P.M. (2) was the winner of the beautiful wall hanging

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which had been made and donated by a member of Queens Chapter #34.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
PRESENTATION OF GRAND ORGANIST,
ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANIST, GRAND CHOIR AND SOLOISTS**

The Grand Organist - Sister Joyce Johnston, the Assistant Grand Organist - Sister Louise Seeley and 14 members of the Grand Choir were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron:

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: To our Grand Organist, Sister Joyce, Associate Grand Organist, Sister Louise, Choir Director, Brenda, Soloists and Choir:

We have been so blessed throughout this Session with your combined musical talents. Often, you have much to overcome. Sometimes the piano is not the greatest, sometimes it is sound system problems and often not really sufficient time to practice, but with such talented people, it seems to come together beautifully. Your voices add so much to our session. You lift us up and help our spirits soar. You help us honour our Heavenly Father who has given to you, your musical gifts.

Your music has spoken more eloquently than the spoken word.

To you, my Sisters and my Brothers goes my sincere love and appreciation. With your wonderful music, you have shown us devoted spirits, you have shown us gentle kindnesses and lifted us up with joy.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Choir Members. Music is a universal language of all to hear and appreciate and I have heard your voices and music with much pleasure and appreciation. Thank you for bringing it to us.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron went to the west and presented each Choir member with a music award and a small grand piano inscribed with the Session name.

The response was given by Sister Joyce Johnston, Grand Organist:
Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron; thank you for the honour you bestowed on me when you appointed me Grand Organist.

On behalf of myself, Sister Louise, Sister Brenda and the Grand Choir I wish to thank you for your kind words.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Grand Choir and we trust that we have fulfilled your expectations by making a "Joyful noise unto the Lord".

Sister Joyce also thanked Sister Eleanor Decker, P.M. (7) for filling in during the session.

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CRAFTS AND TREASURES

The Committee Members are: Sister Velda Forrest, P.M. (71) Chairman, Sister Myrtle DeMings, P.M. (70), Sister Trudy Johnson, P.M. (21), Sister Carol Nielsen, P.M. (61), Sister Audrey Farquharson, P.M. (1PEI), Sister Sandra Denton, P.M. (35), Sister Cheryl Gillis, P.M. (37), Sister Elizabeth Stevenson, P.M. (31) and Sister Julia MacKinnon, P.M. (66).

Sister Velda Forrest, P.M. (18), Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Sisters and Brothers:

We, your Crafts and Treasures Committee, would like to submit the following report.

As of this morning we have \$1,442.00. We wish to thank all those who worked long hours making lovely crafts, jams, etc., to make our Grand Chapter Sale a success. We are very grateful for all donations.

Thank you, Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, for the privilege of serving on your Committee.

Sister Velda Forrest, P.M. moved the adoption of this report. Sister Audrey Farquharson, P.M. seconded this motion and it was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Sister Annie Mae Backman, A.G.M., read a letter she received from the International Headquarters Committee in Washington, D.C. asking for \$3,000.00 from each Grand Jurisdiction to assist with maintenance at the Headquarters. Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. advised Grand Chapter to ignore the request as it had not been approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) and seconded by Sister Grace Boudreau, P.M. (70) that the photograph of all the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons for the past sixty years be stored in the Provincial Archives. This motion was carried.

This photograph was compiled by Sister Violet Blair and Sister Bonnie Lowe, P.M. (15) and given as a favour at the "*Walk Down Memory Lane*" Banquet held on July 2, 2007, honouring sixty year members and the sixtieth year of Grand Chapter.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) will present a notice of motion at the July, 2008 session regarding Trustees to be added to the list of Grand Officers in this Grand Chapter.

MOTION

Sister Linda Holmes, W.M. (61) moved that Grand Chapter be held in Halifax,

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Nova Scotia in July, 2009. This motion was seconded by Sister Jean Coombes, P.M. (61) and the motion was carried.

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MOTION

A motion was made by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) inviting Grand Chapter to be held in Digby, Nova Scotia in July, 2010. This motion was seconded by Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) and the motion was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sister Carol Wooster, P.M. (15) asked the Worthy Grand Matron if the CL&R is being reorganized. Sister Gail advised that it is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTION

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) will present the following notice of motion at the next session:

At the next session of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (2008) I will move or cause to be moved the following: Constitution article 7 "Sessions" pg 4 delete Number 1 and replace with

"The regular session of the Grand Chapter shall be held on the first Tuesday and Wednesday, with the informal opening on Monday of the first full week in July, except in the year when July 1 falls on a Monday then it shall be held the following (2nd full) week. The place of meeting shall be in a facility that can house all the Eastern Star functions under one roof and has adequate, affordable housing in the area where the session is being held."

NOTICE OF MOTION

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) will present the following notice of motion at the next session:

Constitution, article 7, page 4 add: Grand Chapter will be the host of Grand Chapter, which will be funded by assessment of all members.

Rationale: Our Grand Chapter is reaching a stage where our membership is aging. We now need to think of if their comfort and needs, if we are to expect them to attend and participate. Our membership is declining and we have adequate facilities centrally located available. Now the Chapters in the area of the Worthy Grand Matron become the financial backing of Grand Chapter and they are finding it harder and harder to carry this burden. Since we now have an all member vote so we should have an all member participation. There will need to be proper motions to change and carry out this venue, which will be made within the proper time frame. This change if passed will take effect in the year 2011.

MOTION

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) moved that the incoming Worthy Grand Matron appoint a committee to proceed with finding a facility that can house all Grand Chapter functions under one roof and provide adequate housing in the area and bring a report in to this Grand Chapter next year, 2008. This was seconded by Brother Bill Thompson, Jr., P.G.M (24) and the motion was carried.

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Sister Frances Johnsen, P.M. (57) asked the Worthy Grand Matron why the 50 year and 50 year plus members have to wait so long to be presented. Sister Gail explained that it is up to the Worthy Grand Matron when she wants to have them presented. She suggested that this point could be noted by the incoming Worthy Grand Matron.

PRESENTATION OF 50 YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Twenty-three 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. They were: Sister Megan Church (22)-62 years, Sister Sarah Doty (5)-57 years, Sister Frances Johnsen (57)-56 years, Sister Freda Ells (14)-54 years, Sister Kathleen Boutilier (47)-60 years, Sister Marion Conrad (28)-53 years, Sister Mildred Wagner (28)-57 years, Sister Jean Beckwith (35)-58 years, Sister June Whitman (35)-58 years, Sister Thelma Low (45)-55 years, Sister Frances Thompson (24)-53 years, Sister Louise Seeley (5)-55 years, Sister Helen Connors (24)-54 years,, Sister Janet Merry (27)-54 years, Sister Helen Holden (38)-51 years, Sister Ada Turner (14)-51 years, Sister Hattie Hagen (34)-50 years, Sister Eleanor Decker (7) -50 years, Sister Florence Dares (61)-58 years, Sister Leta Graham (61)-60 years, Sister Kay Hyson (22)-51 years, Brother William Thompson, Sr. (10)-52 years and Brother Kirk Whitman (35)-58 years.

Sister Gail, W.G.M. and Brother Ron, W.G.P. warmly welcomed each and everyone. They then went down to the West to personally greet them. Sister Gail presented each with a gift and Brother Ron gave each a hug. The membership gave a standing ovation to these dedicated members.

The Grand Choir sang "*Praises to the Rock of Ages*" to them.

Sister Thelma Low, P.M. (45) and our Grand Chapter Mother this year, thanked both Sister Gail and Brother Ron for this recognition and the gift - a remembrance of this year.

While they were being escorted back to their seats the Grand Choir sang "*Beautiful Memories*".

PRESENTATIONS

Sister Janet Merry, P.M. (27) approached the East and presented Sister Gail and Brother Ron with a "Ladybug" bank filled with money - over \$200.00. She also presented them with \$1,000.00 from a special friend who wished to remain anonymous.

Both Sister Gail and Brother Ron thanked Sister Janet for these very generous donations to their Special Project.

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Sister Annie Mae Backman, A.G.M. and Brother Whitman Giffin, A.G.P. approached the East. Sister Annie Mae presented Sister Gail with a gift from the District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Chapter Committee Members and the Grand Family. She also presented her with a cheque in the amount of \$247.00 for their Special Project. Brother Whit presented Brother Ron with a gift from the District Deputy Grand Matrons, Grand Chapter Committee Members and the Grand Family.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron thanked Sister Annie Mae, Brother Whit and the group for the gifts and the monetary donation to their Special Project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sister Annie Mae Backman, A.G.M. announced that there will be a practice for the incoming Grand Officers following the practice of the retiring Grand Officers at the close of this session. She requested that the first two rows in the South and North be reserved this evening for the Incoming Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's chapters and families as this will be an open Installation.

CLOSING

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar. The Grand Marshal called the Grand Chapter from labour to refreshment to reconvene at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENING, July 5, 2007

6:30 p.m. The Emblem Ceremony was performed in the same manner as during the Formal Opening of "*Musical Gales*" Grand Chapter Session.

Narrator and those placing the Emblems were:

Narrator:	Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M.	(61)
Bible:	Sister Millie Aker, P.M.	(67)
Sword & Veil:	Sister Lola Pineo, P.M.	(15)
Sheaf:	Sister Midge Medicraft	(31)
Crown & Sceptre:	Sister Jeanette Rawding, P.M.	(71)
Broken Column:	Sister Kathryn Acker	(70)
Cup:	Sister Elinor Sanford, P.M.	(22)

The Grand Chapter was called to order by Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) and Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P. (15).

Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M.: Good Evening Sisters and Brothers:
I extend to you all a hearty welcome to this final session of "*Musical Gales*" and what a lovely session this has been here in the heart of the Valley. It has been wonderful meeting old friends and making new friends from near and far and always being able to strengthen the bonds within our beautiful Order.

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We have been honoured to have within our midst many distinguished guests and our sincere wish for them is that they have enjoyed their time with us and will go home with many happy memories and will look forward to visiting us again real soon. We are honoured indeed to have Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas with us again and we can't really call her a guest because we now consider her family and no higher honour can we bestow upon her than that. Also Brother Frederick Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of our Jurisdiction - a special welcome to you Brother Fred, and once again we wish to say how proud we are of you and your accomplishments. You have and are bringing a great honour to our jurisdiction and we are very proud of you. To the General Grand Chapter Committee Members from our jurisdiction, congratulations to each of you on your respective appointments and we are very proud of each of you as well.

To all our visitors I would like to say how happy we are to have you with us and do hope you will come back often.

To the members of this Grand Jurisdiction, always remember that this is your Grand Chapter and if it weren't for you none of us would have the privilege of being here. You are our "Backbone" so to speak and the ties that bind us together in unity. Thank you all for attending this session and I know you will all have lovely memories to report back to your own individual Chapters.

It is my very great pleasure to share the East tonight with Brother Keith Pettigrew, Past Grand Patron. Brother Keith, would you like to say a few words at this time.

Brother Keith Pettigrew, P.G.P.: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers: This evening I extend a warm welcome to each Sister and Brother attending this beautiful session. How proud I am for this opportunity to say welcome and to share this final opening with Sister Cheryl Denton, Past Grand Matron. Sister Cheryl, we share good family ties, and we share the love of our beautiful Order of the Eastern Star. This Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is so blessed and honoured to have as our member, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Fred Clarke, and Past Grand Patron of this Grand Jurisdiction. We are proud to have our adopted Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and Past Grand Matron of Texas. We are very proud of having the two of you on our team. To each of our General Grand Chapter Committee Members, congratulations. We are very proud of each one of you. I wish you much enjoyment in your respective appointments.

Sister Cheryl, P.G.M.: The Worthy Grand Matron has asked that all assembled remain seated for the formations so that all may see. Grand Marshal, you will invite the Grand Pages, Grand Guards, District Deputy

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Grand Matrons, Grand Representatives, Subordinate Chapter Marthas and Warders and the Grand Officers to enter the Grand Chapter Room.

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FORMATIONS**

Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. presided over the Formations. This was done in the same manner as for the Informal Opening on Tuesday evening.

Sister Cheryl, P.G.M.: Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress, you will present the Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron for proper introduction.

Sister Cheryl: Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, it is a pleasure for me to extend a sincere and loving welcome to you at this concluding portion of your "*Musical Gales*" Session. I thank you both for this delightful honour. Sister Gail, with a song in your heart and faith in your God you have spread love and friendship throughout our jurisdiction and handled yourself with great dignity and compassion for our members. We are very proud of you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for excellent service to our Order.

Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, it was my great honour to nominate you for each step up the ladder and how very proud I am of you and your service to our Order. I know that Sister Gail thanks God that she had you by her side. You have served us with honour and distinction and have been most wise in your counsel. Well done thy good and faithful servant.

Brother Keith, P.G.P.: Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, I want to say thank you for the opportunity to welcome you to this final evening of the "*Musical Gales*" session. I have watched the two of you work as a team, and I am impressed. You both have made me proud on many occasions to say I am a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; but none as proud as on June 2, when you were escorted into the Masonic Grand Lodge in Truro. After the Worthy Grand Matron's address to the Masonic Brothers, you asked the members of the Eastern Star to rise. It would seem that half of the assembly stood, and I felt that those who did not, wished that they could have. Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron, you have been true to your faith, and served with dignity and love toward your Sisters and Brothers. Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron, you have been faithful to your duties, having acquired countless new friends and having won respect and admiration of everyone who have come to know you.

May you both enjoy good health, much happiness and success in the future.

Sister Cheryl, 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 Gail and Brother Ron.

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Sister Cheryl, P.G.M.: Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron, your gavel has been well used the past few days. I now present it to you with love and may God continue to bless you.

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Sister Gail, W.G.M.: Sister Cheryl and Brother Keith, thank you for calling to order this Final Session of the “Musical Gales” Grand Chapter Session. Sister Cheryl, you are a very special, elegant lady, I well remember your Session of Hospitality (Tea). Brother Keith, your's and Sister Eleanor Freeman's was my very first Grand Chapter Session in which I was honoured to be one of your soloists. Thank you both for your friendship and support. Sister Cheryl, please accept this gift as a token of my appreciation.

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Past Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl and Past Grand Patron, Brother Keith, I also thank you for calling to order this final session. Sister Cheryl, for me this journey started when you nominated me for the office of Grand Sentinel; how fitting for it to close with you presiding at this final Session. Brother Keith, I have always enjoyed your friendship and look forward to it continuing when I get to be a Past Grand. Please accept this gift as a token of my appreciation.

Sister Beth Brett, P.M. (19) sang “*Master of the Wind*” to Sister Gail and Brother Ron.

The Grand Officers assumed their stations.

The Grand Chapter was proved and the Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

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

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee Members are: Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M. (15), Sister Joan Mills, P.M. (8) and Sister Helen Graham, P.M. (61).

Sister Irma Maxwell, P.M., Chairman: Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters and Brothers:

It is my pleasure, as Chairperson of the Credentials and Registration Committee, to submit the final report for the 2006-2007 “MUSICAL GALES” Session, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Members of this Grand Jurisdiction:	370
Members of other Grand Jurisdictions:	<u>104</u>
GRAND TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE:	474

It is with pleasure, that on behalf of the members of the Credentials and Registration Committee, namely Sister Joan Mills, P.M. of Grace Chapter #8, and Sister Helen Graham, P.M. of Queen Esther Chapter #61 and myself, I wish to extend our thanks to Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Ron, Worthy Grand Patron for allowing us to serve during this wonderful year. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to be part of your Grand Chapter Standing

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Committee and we congratulate you both on a very successful Grand Chapter Session.

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I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the Sisters and Brothers who volunteered their services to assist us on this committee and I would like to thank them at this time. Our task would have been much more difficult, if not impossible, without their assistance.

Once again "THANK YOU" for allowing us to be part of your Most Successful Grand Chapter Session.

Sister Irma Maxwell moved the adoption of this report. It was seconded by Sister Joan Mills, P.M. (8) and the motion was carried.

<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Chapter Name &Number</u>	<u>Members</u>
Port Royal #1	4	Queens #34	5
Mayflower #2	10	St. Mary's #35	11
Cedar #3	5	Dr.GordonMacLeod#37	0
Keystone #5	6	Mae #38	7
Halifax #7	9	Cobequid #39	0
Grace #8	9	Mystic Star #40	5
Century #10	14	Armcrest #45	16
Queen Elizabeth # 14	6	Florence Fraser #47	3
Evangeline #15	34	Elm #48	4
Britannia #18	0	Scotia #49	7
Victoria #19	5	Sunrise #50	2
Myrtle #21	7	Regent #52	6
Fairfield #22	9	Faith #54	1
Crystal #1 PEI	18	Elmsdale #55	10
Westville #24	14	Ruth #57	6
Harmony #25	9	Emerald #58	8
Munro #26	2	Shoreham #59	5
Kwebec #27	14	Queen Esther #61	25
Amethyst #28	12	Atlantic #65	6
Arbutus #30	9	Starlight #66	4
Annaval #31	6	Laurel #67	20
		Montague#69	7
		Crescent #70	6
		Pearle #71	8

Total Number of Chapters: 45

Number of Chapters attending: 42

TOTAL Members:	370
Other Jurisdictions	<u>104</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	474

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MINUTES

The motions of the Thursday afternoon session were read by Sister Betty Ann Loughnan, Grand Secretary. Sister Betty Ann moved that they be accepted as read. Sister Beverly Caulier, P.M. (27) seconded the motion and it was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Grand Secretary announced that \$641.85 was realized from the ESTARL Church Service held on Monday evening, July 2nd, at St. Paul's and St. Stephen's United Church in Kentville, N.S.

Sister Gail, W.G.M. announced that \$980.00 was donated to the Special Project by Sister Mab Cole-Smith of Fifth Avenue Collection Jewellery from the profit of sales during this session.

FAREWELL WORTHY GRAND MATRON Sister Gail Cook

Sister Gail, W.G.M.: My year of service as your Worthy Grand Matron is nearing its close. This has been a very rewarding year of love, harmony, frustrations, happiness, sadness and joy.

As it was in the beginning so it will be at the end. I will close this year by expressing gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and protective care.

Now, quoting Helen Steiner Rice:

"So many lives have touched my own and made me so much richer"

Worthy Grand Patron, by your dedication, support, love and witty answers, you have endeared yourself to both me and our membership. You and Sister Grace have become very special friends to Brother Lloyd and myself. Our year has been filled with love, friendship, sharing, kindness and co-operation. I thank you, Brother Ron, for all the extra things you have done to help make this year so very special.

Sisters and Brothers, I have said many times, I do not travel this journey alone but have walked hand in hand with you.

We have laughed together, we have cried together, we have loved one another and we have prayed for one another.

As my term of office comes to a close, I recognize and affirm that God put something noble and good into my life: My Sisters and my Brothers, you are that special gift.

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I pray that I have served you well and given you a year filled with love and harmony.

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*If a little loving kindness
Has brought sunshine to you
Then I feel I have accomplished
What I was meant to do.*

*If a kind word made you joyous
And a hug has made you glad
Then, dear member, I am happy
For the privilege I have had.*

*If a smile has brought you gladness
Made your day a bit more bright
Then I'm thankful I kept smiling
If it made your burden light.*

*If by word or action
I've eased a bit of heartache
Then I'm thankful for the privilege
Of serving for your sake.*

God Bless!

Brother Lloyd Cook, husband of Sister Gail, presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Sister Grace Boudreau from both Sister Gail and Brother Lloyd. Sister Grace thanked both Sister Gail and Brother Lloyd and said they will be their friends forever and ever.

Sister Gail asked all members to stand while Sister Brenda Johnston-Giles sang “*Wind Beneath my Wings*” as a show of appreciation by Sister Gail, Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Gail thanked Sister Brenda and stated “you have given a wonderful gift to our members.”

FAREWELL WORTHY GRAND PATRON Brother Ron Boudreau

Brother Ron, W.G.P.: Sisters and Brothers, this has been a most wonderful year, one that has been filled with lots of fraternal friendship and one that I will always remember fondly. Our Grand Officers have been great and I will always remember and appreciate their support for Sister Gail and I. In my mind Members of The Eastern Star are the greatest and I thank each one for all you have done to make this year a memorable year.

This is my wish for you: “May all your wonderful dreams come true. Friends may you make and daily find, happiness, health, and peace of mind. Strength for the work you have in hand, time for the lovely things you've planned.” Thank you sisters and brothers for all you have done.

Sister Gail and Brother Ron sang: “*May God's Blessing*” to all members.

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Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71), Installing Grand Officer announced the names of those members assisting her in the Installation Ceremony.

The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar.

RECESSIONAL OF 2006-2007 GRAND OFFICERS

Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. (67) narrated a beautiful ceremony to retire Badges as follows:

CEREMONY TO RETIRE BADGES

The Grand Officers formed a circle around the Altar and Sister Margaret, P.G.M., narrated the following as the Grand Officers placed their badges on the Altar.

*The sunlight now is waning, as their Chapter year now ends,
Our Officers return their Jewels, to the Altar they attend
Its been their joy to serve you, and wear these badges true,
And, a privilege for them to walk the starry path with you
Here they lay their Jewels shining fair,
Leaving them with reverence and with prayer.*

The Crossed Swords within a Star, an emblem of protection.
The Dove within the Star an emblem of peace.
The Cup within the Triangle, an emblem of Charity and Hospitality.
The Broken Column within the Triangle, an emblem of Nature's life and beauty.
The Crown and Scepter within the Triangle, an emblem of Royalty and Power.
The Sheaf within the Triangle, an emblem of Plenty.
The Sword and Veil within the Triangle, an emblem of Heroic Conduct.
The Lyre within the Star, an emblem of Music and Poetry.
The Crossed Batons within the Star, an emblem of Direction.
The Open Bible within the Star, an emblem of the Word of God.
The Baton within the Star, an emblem of Leadership.
The Scroll and Baton within the Star, an emblem of prepared plans and their fulfilment.
The Crossed Keys within the Star, an emblem of Security.
The Crossed Pens within the Star, an emblem of Intelligence.
The Star with the Star, an emblem of Divine Guidance.
The Effulgent Sun within the Star, an emblem of Light.
The Square and Compass within the Star, an emblem of his relationship to the Masonic Fraternity and to the Order of the Eastern Star.
The Gavel within the Star, an emblem of Authority.

From the Altar they received them. On the Altar they now leave them.
The Bible which has led them aright, has been closed as they say Good Night.

The Grand Choir sang "*When You Come To The End of a Perfect Day*" as the Grand Officers of 2006-2007retired.

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INSTALLATION OF 2007-2008 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 Grand Chapter room.

8:00 p.m.: Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71), Installing Grand Officer called the Grand Chapter to order.

Installing Grand Conductress, Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35) attended at the Altar informally and Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister Isabelle Pearson, G.G.C.C.M. (25) led the members in prayer.

Installing Grand Officer:	Sister Eleanor Freeman, P.G.M. (71)
Assisted by:	
Installing Grand Marshal:	Brother Kenneth Smith, P.G.P. (27)
Assisting in the East:	Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. (67) - Installing
the	the Worthy Grand Matron
Brother George Crouch, P.G.P. (15) - Installing the	Worthy Grand Patron
the	Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. (1PEI) - Installing
Associate Grand Patron	Associate Grand Matron and the
	Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P. (25) - Installing
	the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer
	Sister Violet Blair, P.G.M. (15) - Installing the
	Grand Conductress and the
	Associate Grand Conductress
	Sister Barbara Bowser, P.G.M. (61) - Installing
	the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Marshal,
	and the Grand Organist
	Sister Joan Campbell, P.G.M. (21) - Installing the
	Grand Star Points
	Bro. Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. (67) - Installing the
	Grand Warder and the Grand Sentinel
Installing Grand Conductress:	Sister Cheryl Denton, P.G.M. (35)
Installing Grand Chaplain:	Sister Isabelle Pearson, G.G.C.C.M. (25)
Installing Grand Organist:	Brother Ed MacLaren, P.P. (69)
Installing Grand Warder:	Sister Ruth Waterbury, P.G.M. (15)
Installing Grand Sentinel:	Brother David Waterbury, P.G.P. (15)

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Soloist: Brother Fred Lipskey, P. P. (15)

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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 burgundy with beaded tops and chiffon skirts. The Brothers wore white dinner jackets with burgundy bow ties and cummerbunds. The District Deputy Grand Matrons wore yellow gowns in the same style as the Grand Officers.

Brother Fred Clarke, R.W.A.G.P. installed Sister Annie Mae Backman as Worthy Grand Matron. Sister Annie Mae, Worthy Grand Matron, was escorted to the East through an arch of lighthouses. Upon arriving in the East she was accorded Grand Honours.

Brother George Crouch, P.G.P. installed Brother Whitman Giffin as Worthy Grand Patron. He was escorted to the East through a Guard of Honour of trains. He was accorded Grand Honours when he reached the East.

Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P., sang "*Day By Day*" to them.

Following the installation of the Grand Chaplain, Brother Fred Lipskey, P.P., sang "*Lights Along the Shore*" to Brother Ray Zinck.

The Installing Grand Chaplain, Sister Isabelle Pearson, G.G.C.C.M. led us in prayer following the Installation of the Grand Officers.

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 **2007-2008**:

Worthy Grand Matron	Sister Annie Mae Backman (8)
Worthy Grand Patron	Brother Whitman Giffin (59)
Associate Grand Matron	Sister Edith Conrod (61)
Associate Grand Patron	Brother Tabor Caulier (27)
Grand Secretary	Sister Betty Ann Loughnan (40)
Grand Treasurer	Sister Dorothy Powroz (28)
Grand Conductress	Sister Stella Trask (35)
Associate Grand Conductress	Sister Marion Buchan (67)
Grand Chaplain	Brother Ray Zinck (40)
Grand Marshal	Brother Jack Whalley (35)
Grand Organist	Sister Eleanor Decker (7)
Grand Adah	Sister Vicki Perry (59)
Grand Ruth	Sister Phyllis Jarvis (15)
Grand Esther	Sister Bernice Webb (27)
Grand Martha	Sister Margaret Fisher (34)
Grand Electa	Sister Shirley Moir (45)
Grand Warder	Brother George Hill (67)

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Grand Sentinel

Brother Zeke Eaton (1PEI)

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INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MATRONS

The District Deputy Grand Matrons for 2007-2008 were presented in the west, introduced and escorted to the East. The four appointed District Deputy Grand Matrons are: Sister Wilma Verge, Sister Stella Myra, Sister Mabel Haynes and Sister Fran Harding.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. and Brother Whit, W.G.P. thanked each of them for accepting this appointment. The Worthy Grand Matron pinned each with her badge of office and they were given a hearty welcome.

District No. 1	Sister Marion Buchan, A.G.C.	(67)
District No. 2	Sister Stella Trask, G.C.	(35)
District No. 3	Sister Edith Conrod, A.G.M.	(61)
District No. 4	Sister Wilma Verge, P.M.	(58)
District No. 5	Sister Stella Myra, P.M.	(8)
District No. 6	Sister Mabel Haynes, P.M.	(2)
District No. 7	Sister Fran Harding	(52)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. announced that Sister Louise Seeley, P.M. (5) has been appointed Assistant to the Grand Organist. She is to be introduced in chapters as Assistant to the Grand Organist.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2007-2008
WORTHY MATRONS AND WORTHY PATRONS

At this time **twenty-six Worthy Matrons and thirteen Worthy Patrons** for 2007-2008 were assembled in the West, introduced and welcomed by Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit:

Worthy Matrons: Sister Mabel Haynes, Mayflower #2; Sister Marianne MacMillan, Cedar #3; Sister JoAnne Newell, Keystone #5; Sister Barbara Mosher, Grace #8; Sister Faye Calder, Evangeline #15; Sister Catherine Crawford, Victoria #19; Sister Heather Boyd, Myrtle #21; Sister Rowena Marsters, Fairfield #22; Sister Jane Wooldridge, Crystal #1 PEI; Sister Barbara Nicholson, Munro #26; Sister Margaret Burhoe, Kwebec #27; Sister Marelene Clyde, Amethyst #28; Sister Anna Cox, Arbutus #30; Sister Midge Medicraft, Annaval #31; Sister Hattie Hagen, Queens #34; Sister Stella Trask, St. Mary's #35; Sister Marion Conrad, Mystic Star #40; Sister Shirley Moir, Armcrest #45; Sister Carol Little, Scotia #49; Sister Melda Johnston, Regent #52; Sister Janet Hue, Emerald #58; Sister JoAnne Giffin, Shoreham #59; Sister Linda Holmes, Queen Esther #61; Sister Joan Oderkirk, Atlantic #65; Sister Tracey Hobson,

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Laurel #67; Sister Eleanor Freeman, Pearle #71.

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Worthy Patrons: Brother Richard Haynes, Mayflower #2; Brother Alfred Newell, Keystone #5; Brother Donald Duncan, Century #10; Brother Fred Lipskey, Evangeline #15; Brother Wayne Crawford, Victoria #19; Brother Earl Sanford, Fairfield #22; Brother Frank Cullen, Westville #24; Brother Ted Caulier, Kwebec #27; Brother William Cox, Arbutus #30; Brother Donald Medicraft, Annaval #31; Brother Ted Davis, St. Mary's #35; Brother Ray Zinck, Shoreham #59; Brother David Hobson, Laurel #67.

The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons were welcomed by Sister Annie Mae and Brother Whit. They were then escorted back to their seats.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2007-2008 Sister Annie Mae Backman

Worthy Grand Patron, Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends:

It is said that the most beautiful things in life can neither be seen, nor touched, nor heard, for to truly experience them they must be felt within the heart. I stand before you with a very humble heart, filled with gratitude for the honour I have received from this Grand Chapter, that is of being your Worthy Grand Matron. I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I realize that this is a great responsibility, but with God as my co-pilot I shall endeavour to launch my ship unafraid. With the prayers and support and love of you, my sisters and brothers, we will have a great year.

Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Whit: Let me be the first to congratulate you. How wonderful to stand in the East of Grand Chapter with you by my side. My cherished friend, I respect you for the Gentle Man you are, admire you for your leadership and devotion to our Order and love you for your understanding ways and support. You and JoAnne have been an inspiration to me. Together you were there to lighten my load. Thank you for the blessings you both have given me. I look forward to our travels together and know that this year will be filled with fun times, and will give us moments in time to reflect upon in the years to come. Sister JoAnne told me you were only on loan to me but little did I realize that the three of us will be together for many years to come. Brother Whit, I will always be the other woman in your life. My humble thanks to Sister JoAnne and Shoreham Chapter #59 for sharing you with me this year.

Installing Grand Officers: On behalf of the Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Matrons and myself our sincere thanks to you and to all who have worked with willing hands and hearts to make this installation so beautiful. Each of you in your own way has touched my heart and my life. Brother Fred, Right Worthy

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Associate

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Grand Patron, thank you for installing me as Worthy Grand Matron. We have been friends for a long time and I treasure your wise council.

Visiting General Grand Chapter Officers and Committee Members from other jurisdictions: thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be with us this week. Congratulations to our newly appointed General Grand Chapter Committee Members: Sister Sheila MacDonald on Credentials, Brother Bill Thompson on Eastern Star Journal, Sister Marion Conrad on Heart, Brother Allen Denton on Shriners Hospital, Sister Isabelle Pearson on Visionquest: and Sister Betty Smith, Friend of a Feather.

Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: Each of you has been an inspiration to me for many years. You have travelled the same road that now lies before me and you know the joys, pleasures and disappointments that await us. Thank you for your council and encouragement.

Junior Past Grand Matron, Sister Gail: Your year in the East has swiftly gone by. You know not how or where or why. But all that really counts as you come to the end - is the Service you've given, friend to friend. Congratulations my friend.

Junior Past Grand Patron, Brother Ron: And now your year is over and in the place you love the best. You soon will cast your anchor to enjoy your home and rest. Congratulations my friend.

Elected Grand Officers: I hope the close ties of friendship which we have enjoyed this year will continue down through the tomorrows of our lives. Associate Grand Conductress and Grand Sentinel: Hold high the torch, you did not light its glow, it is given you by other hands, you know. 'Tis only ours to keep it burning bright and then to pass it on. I extend to you both my congratulations.

Appointed Grand Officers: our Dory Mates: Thank you for so willingly accepting your appointments. Choosing each of you was one of the greatest joys for Brother Whit and I. We are extremely proud of you and we are looking forward to sharing our year with you.

District Deputy Grand Matrons: Our Guiding lights: You will represent Brother Whit and I in this Grand Jurisdiction, and I am confident that you will do so in love, understanding, dignity and enthusiasm. May God grant you safe harbours and wonderful memories.

Grand Chapter Committee members: our Captains of our Ship: You are one of service and responsibility and one of great importance, honour and trust. Upon your shoulders, rests a great share of the success of the Order. I am indeed

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grateful for your loyalty and your work. You complete our Grand Family and Brother Whit and I are very proud of you.

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Grace Chapter #8: Please stand: You are my Eastern Star family. All honours given me tonight have come because of your love and support. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We will all share in this honour tonight because I would not be here without you.

Shoreham Chapter #59: Please Stand: I appreciate your love, encouragement and support you have given to me since I affiliated with your Chapter. God bless you always.

Hostess Chapters: Please stand: I extend to you my special thanks for your dedication, your love and support. Thank you for all you have done for me.

Installing Organist Brother Ed: Music makes life worth living it gives voice to our joy and lifts our spirits when we are sad. Thank you for your beautiful music.

Installing Soloist Brother Fred: I have always enjoyed your singing and thank you so much for being part of our installation.

My Family: Please stand when I call your name: My daughter, Michelle, who is a Past Matron of Grace Chapter, and the fourth generation in this chapter, my son by marriage, Ted, who has always been there for all of my needs; my first granddaughter, Amanda, you look beautiful tonight and grandson, Zack, my only grandson and the only one of my grandchildren who calls me Nan. I love you all dearly. My son, Andrew and granddaughter, Selena. When Andrew first moved away from home, he would send me cards addressed to: My #1 Mom, from your #1 son. The post office never delivered them but a week or so later, I would get a brown envelope and inside would be the envelope and card. Selena is my youngest granddaughter and I love you both. My son, Ed and Tricia, my daughter by marriage and their two children, Emma and Eden. What joy I feel to be with you again. Love you all very much. Ed is my baby and I will always hold you close in my heart. Now that I am retired I will visit more. How pleased I am to have my brother, Ed and his wife, Marion, and their granddaughter, Emily, with me tonight. They are members of Arbutus Chapter #30. Thank you for coming. Thank you for sharing this wonderful evening with me. My sisters and brothers, my dreams of yesterday have become the blessings of today because of my family.

I have two special guests: Sister Alice Cole's daughters, Nan and Mab and their husbands, Art and Barry. This session is lovingly dedicated to their Morn. A song comes to mind entitled "*There are holes in the floor of Heaven*" tonight. I know that Sister Alice is looking down on us with a big smile on her face. You have made my evening complete and I thank you for being here.

Our session will be called "*Beacons of Light Session*" and will be held in Western Shore, July 6,7,8,9th, 2008. Our Honour Stations are the Secretary and the Treasurer. All other information of our year is included in your programs and will

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be printed in the proceedings, so I won't repeat them.

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Our Special Project is: Special Olympics. We ask for your support for our project and your continued support, for all Grand Chapter and General Grand Chapter projects. It is the wish of Brother Whit and I that in lieu of gifts, corsages, etc. on the Official Visits, that a donation be made to our Special Project.

Chairman of our Special Project, Sister Gloria Turner, will be selling our special date books in the reception area following our installation. Would you please stand up Sister Gloria, so everyone can see you.

Our Schools of Instructions will be held September 7 in Pearle Chapter #71, Caledonia; September 15 in Century Chapter #10, New Glasgow and September 22 in Mystic Star #40, St. Margaret's Bay.

This year we will be celebrating 60 years as a Grand Chapter and plans have been made to have a big celebration in September. We hope you all can attend.

Sisters and Brothers, one of the benefits of membership in this beautiful Order is the friendships that are made. We encourage you to visit other chapters and discover the wider world of Eastern Star.

My friends: Live Well, Love Much and Laugh Often

And now it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you our Worthy Grand Patron.

ADDRESS OF THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2007-2008 Brother Whitman J. Giffin

Worthy Grand Matron - hey, kid, doesn't that have a nice ring to it!!!

Worthy Grand Matron, All Distinguished East, Sisters, Brothers and Guests!!

We are just opening the door on a new Grand Chapter year as we go forward as Beacons reflecting the light of our beautiful Order wherever we go. This is so exciting for your new Worthy Grand Matron and me! We have wonderful plans in mind for this year and pray that good health and common sense will keep us solidly anchored so that we can perform our duties with dignity, compassion, and

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good humour.

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Brother George, please accept my sincere thanks from the bottom of my — heart!!! We have been friends for a long while and I wouldn't have had the courage to even mention the idea to my wife and family if it hadn't been for your advice and our conversations. So great, my friend and brother, to see you well and able to perform your duty for me tonight.

To all our Installation Team, sincere appreciation for a job well-done. And I must single out my two musical friends Brother Ed and Brother Fred (sounds like a vaudeville act). Thank you indeed for your musical contribution to our installation.

To make the journey to the East of any Grand Chapter, requires the love, support and understanding of so many. First, my wife and family, who, when they found out what I wanted to do and that I hadn't lost my mind, gave me that love, support and understanding. You have only one more year, then I am all yours once again!! Second, my home Chapter - Shoreham #59 - would the members of Shoreham Chapter please stand. You were the first step and when I asked for your support it was given from that very first question right through my journey. And I mustn't forget my affiliate Chapter - Mystic Star #40 - would the members of Mystic Star Chapter please stand. I love you all - you are my Star family. Third, my Church, because I have asked a great deal of them through these past few years and into the coming year. Their prayers and understanding have made this possible. And most important of all, God who has given me the strength, health and courage, and opened the way to make this possible.

To all my Sisters and Brothers in the Chapters represented here at this Installation, I pledge you my support and my service. I will serve you to the very best of my ability. I hope and pray that I will not let you down - - don't forget, you have elected a "senior citizen" as your Worthy Grand Patron and if good health prevails I will be eligible for my 50-year jewel in 4 years' time!! You may have put me here out of "pity" - - I will never know the difference!! You are all my friends and I count it a privilege to be able to call you so.

I must acknowledge certain gifts before I forget to do so because in our Chapter visits, you'll not hear me rattling off a list of these acknowledgments. To my wife, Sister JoAnne, and my son - Sean , for my wonderful Canada Goose who has yet to receive a name? Isn't she magnificent? To my daughter and her husband (my #2 son), and grandson, for the carrying case.

I will introduce my family and special guests who were kind enough to make time in their schedules to attend this very special night in my life. And I would like them to stand as I mention their names. First - my daughter, Sara, and her husband, Kendall, and of course, my pride and joy - my grandson, Nicholas; my son, Sean - he can sometimes outdress even me!!, and my "adopted" little brother - Rev. Dan Green, his wife Trishe and daughter Kathryn - he is not only my pastor but they are my adopted family, and last but not least, friends Brian and

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Tish Jackson who are neighbours and Tish was JoAnne's maid of honour 41 years ago.

To our Grand Family, thank you, thank you, thank you for so willingly accepting your various appointments. We will have one memorable time together, let's cherish each and every moment. To our elected Grand Officers, you know you have my love and support and we are here for you. To our Grand Chapter Committee Members, you are what keeps the wheels of our Grand Chapter turning smoothly. Each and everyone of you and the Grand Family were chosen for special reasons and we are delighted to have you sharing this year with us.

A lesson a man should learn very early in life, is to say the right things at the right times. That is why I have saved our Worthy Grand Matron to the last - I have to travel with this lady for the next year!! Sister Annie Mae - - we go back for quite a number of years. Both being Chapter Organists, we have been playing musical organ benches more times than we care to count. We were friends right from the very beginning. And, when you came on line in 2004, we began another level in our friendship when I told you of my intentions to have my name submitted. These past few years have been a blast!! The coming year will be a wonderful Eastern Star milestone for us as we serve our Grand Jurisdiction together. As a token of affection from Sister JoAnne and me, I present you with your gavel, and I would like you to open it so our Sisters and Brothers can see the wonderful workmanship - you will see that the sounding heads carry the symbols of our honour stations. This gavel is the work of our good friend and brother, Howard Ford, and his handiwork is without parallel.

In parting, my Sisters and Brothers, you will hear me say often the following words: Each new Grand Chapter year, is a clean slate. If answers to your questions are not contained in the Ritual or C.L.&R., they do not exist. Anything that happened before was merely a preference or wish and we are starting afresh in this new year.

Remember always to: *Live, Love and Laugh*

Live well, Love much and Laugh Often

A HAPPY HEART SOON BRINGS ON A HAPPY FACE!

And here's your chuckle for tonight!

Why is it that nobody who can read is ever successful at cleaning out an attic!!

Think about it!!

The Grand Secretary read an email of congratulations to Brother Whit which she had received from his brother, Terry and his wife Marie, who reside in British

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Columbia and could not be here this evening.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
For 2007-2008**

STANDING COMMITTEE

Membership:	Brother Ralph Swinamer, P.P.	(31)
	Sister Karyn Grant, P.M.	(55)
	Sister Susan Martin, P.M.	(24)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

FIVE YEARS

E.S.T.A.R.L.:	Brother Charles Paterson, P.P.	(55)
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THREE YEAR COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence:	Brother Adrian Pearson, P.G.P.	(25)
Finance:	Brother Harry Daine, P.P.	(7)
Credentials:	Sister Katharine Evans, P.M.	(31)

TWO YEAR COMMITTEE

Arrangements for General Grand Chapter, 2009:

Sister Diane Hayman, P.G.M. - Chairman	(24)
Sister Marion Miller, P.G.M. - Social Events	(1PEI)
Sister Megan Church, P.G.M. - Housing	(22)
Sister Marylyn Swinamer, P.G.M. - Transportation	(2)
Sister Marian Durling, P.G.M. - Favours	(61)

ONE YEAR COMMITTEES

Courtesy:	Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M.	(67)
	Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P.	(70)
	Sister Helen Holden, P.M.	(38)
	Sister Tracey Hobson, P.M.	(67)

Crafts and Treasures:

Sister Dianne Levy, P.M. Chairman	(8)
Sister Edna MacVicar, P.M.	(14)
Sister Beverley Brown, P.M.	(48)
Sister Olga Beno, P.M.	(57)
Sister Gail Rafuse, P.M.	(7)
Sister Irene Beeler, P.M.	(1)
Sister Melda Johnston, P.M.	(52)

International Headquarters Fund:

Sister Jean Coombes, P.M. - Chairman	(61)
Sister Geraldine Parker, P.M.	(28)
Sister Rhoda Tupper, P.M.	(40)

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Librarian:	Brother Ross Hagar, P.P.	(45)
Music:	Sister Louise Seeley, P.M.	(5)
Parliamentarian:	Brother William Clark, P.G.P.	(24)
Permanent Location for Grand Chapter:		
	Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M.	(67)
	Brother Robert Northup, P.P.	(28)
	Sister Carol Clark, P.G.M.	(24)
Program Booklet:		
	Brother Carson Jackson, P.P. - Co-Chairman	(45)
	Brother Kenneth Conrod, P.P. - Co-Chairman	(61)
	Brother Alex Nicholson, P.P.	(26)
	Brother Frank Cullen, P.P.	(24)
	Brother John Cody, P.P.	(59)
	Brother Shane Buchan, P.P.	(67)
	Brother Walter Blair, P.P.	(3)
Publicity:	Sister Barbara Myles, P.M. - Chairman	(7)
	Sister Jean Pierce, P.M.	(66)
	Sister Frances Duncan, P.M.	(10)
	Brother Donald Cooke, P.P.	(49)
	Sister Doreen Gillespie, P.M.	(38)
	Brother Cordell Levy, P.P.	(2)
	Brother Edward MacLaren, P.P.	(69)
W.G.M.'s & W.G.P.'s Special Project:		
	Sister Gloria Turner, P.M. - Chairman	(8)
	Sister Dolena Matheson, P.M.	(19)
	Sister Vivian Ingham, P.M.	(10)
	Sister Elsie Brinkschulte, P.M.	(57)
	Sister Anna Cox, P.M.	(30)
	Sister Nora Bishop, P.M.	(15)
	Sister Shirley MacTavish, P.M.	(18)

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PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

TO WORTHY GRAND MATRON:

Brother Whit Giffin, W.G.P. presented a beautiful handcrafted gavel and sounding block to Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M., made by Brother Howard Ford, P.P. (71).

TO THE WORTHY GRAND PATRON:

Sister Annie Mae Backman, W.G.M. presented Brother Whit, W.G.P. with a beautiful stained glass suncatcher of two Canada geese in flight.

Sister JoAnne Giffin, P.M. and son, Sean presented Brother Whit, W.G.P. with a gift of a beautiful hand carved Canada goose. Sara, Kendall and Nicholas presented Brother Whit with a handcrafted carrying box for the goose.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The members of Grace Chapter, No. 8 presented Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. with her Bible and carrying case. Brother Laurie Myra, P.P. (8) presented her with a bouquet of roses from Grace Chapter. Sister Stella Myra, D.D.G.M. presented her with a beautiful hand made Bible marker.

Sister Mary and Brother Ray Zinck presented Brother Whit, W.G.P. with his Bible. The Bible marker was hand made by Sister Vicki Perry. Sister Vicki also presented Brother Whit with a leather portfolio from Shoreham Chapter, No. 59.

Sister Annie Mae, W.G.M. explained the reason she chose the compass as her fun symbol was to help her find her way to the meetings this year.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

Brother Lloyd Cook and Sister Betty Dean, were escorted to the East for the presentation of jewels to Sister Gail Cook, Junior P.G.M. and Brother Ron Boudreau, Junior P.G.P.

Brother Lloyd presented Sister Gail with her Past Grand Matron's Jewel and Sister Margaret Clarke, P.G.M. pinned it on her. This jewel had belonged to Sister Gertrude Buchanan, P.M. of Laurel Chapter #67 and a dear friend of Sister Gail's.

Sister Betty Dean, P.M. (30) presented Brother Ron with his Past Grand Patron's jewel. This jewel had been first worn by Brother Max Wharton, P.G.P., then handed down to Brother Wilfred Cole, P.G.P. and then handed down to Brother Cecil Dean, P.G.P. It was the wish of Brother Cecil Dean that this jewel be

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presented to a Past Grand Patron from the South Shore area.

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Brother Ron thanked Sister Betty for presenting and pinning this jewel on him and stated that he would certainly wear it with pride as those before him have done.

Sister Betty and Brother Lloyd were then escorted back to their seats.

SIGNING OF THE BIBLE

The Grand Conductress prepared the Bible for signing and Sister Gail, P.G.M. and Brother Ron, 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 TRAVELLING JEWELS

Sister Gail Cook, P.G.M. presented Sister Annie Mae Backman, W.G.M. with the Annie Patterson Travelling Jewel to wear during the year when she is travelling outside our Jurisdiction. Sister Annie Mae thanked Sister Gail for presenting this jewel.

Brother Ron Boudreau, P.G.P. presented Brother Whitman Giffin, W.G.P. with the William McLellan Travelling Jewel to be worn by the W.G.P. when he is visiting outside this Jurisdiction. Brother Whit thanked Brother Ron and stated he will wear it with pride.

CLOSING OF GRAND CHAPTER, 2007

All members and visitors were asked to rise and repeat the Mizpah Benediction.

10:30 p.m. The Grand Conductress attended at the Altar informally. The Grand Marshal proclaimed this Grand Chapter Session closed, to reconvene on July 6, 2008 in Western Shore, Nova Scotia.

The Grand Officers retired with an outgoing march.

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“BEACONS OF LIGHT”

GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

To be held in Western Shore, Nova Scotia, July 6, 7, 8, 9, 2008

Dedication: To the late Sister Alice Cole, Past Grand Matron, who was my guide, my friend and my inspiration - she instilled in me my passionate love for this beautiful Order; to the late Sister Lois Giffin, Past Matron and Brother Whitman Giffin, Past Patron, Charter Members of Shoreham

Chapter, No.59, without whom membership in this Order for our Worthy Grand Patron would not have been possible; and to all members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our Aim: To LIVE one day at a time, to be a Beacon of LOVE to all whom we meet - for love is the lighthouse of our soul, to LAUGH often for laughter is music to the soul.

Our Watchwords: Live - Love - Laugh

Our Motto: Remember your yesterdays, dream your tomorrows, live and enjoy today

Our Honour Stations: Secretaries: Keepers of the lifeline of our Order.
Treasurers: Our Harbour Belles and Beaus warning us from the shoals and rocks of financial distress.

And especially our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer

Our Emblems: Lighthouse: in the dark of night, a light of hope.
Canada Goose: are loyal to their followers each taking and receiving responsibility for leadership

Our Scriptures: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light upon my path.*
Psalms 119: 105

Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you, for everyone that asketh, receiveth, and he that seeketh, findeth, and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. Matthew 7: 7-8.

Our Colours: Burgundy and soft yellow with silver accents

Our Flower: All shades of the Rose

Our Songs: *For the Music of Creation* (Voices United #535)
No Man is an Island

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Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Or any appropriate piece - we like all music

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Theme Songs: *Harbour Lights*
Anchors A-Weigh!

Special Project: Special Olympics for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Supported through the sale of Ornaments and Special Date Books

Non-Monetary Project: Hugs and Smiles - give lots and lots will come
back to you.

Our FUN Symbol: The Compass

Elected and Appointed Grand Officers: *Dory Mates*

District Deputy Grand Matrons: *Guiding Lights*

Grand Chapter Committee Members: *Ships Captains*

Grand Representatives: *Messages in a bottle*

Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons: *Pilots and Co-Pilots*

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DECORATIONS

The Grand Chapter Room was tastefully, yet whimsically, decorated in harmony with the "*Musical Gales*" theme.

Giant musical notes abounded on the walls of the Grand Chapter room with a large musical score stretched across the back wall.

The Grand East was decorated with baskets of daffodils containing a large Treble Clef. The centre baskets were mixed with a dozen red roses, a gift to the Worthy Grand Matron from her Hostess Chapters. Placed along the stage were hand crocheted daffodils and musical notes; the work of our talented Past Grand Matron, Sister Cheryl Denton. Two large ladybugs lazed in front of the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's podiums. The Worthy Grand Matron's chair was covered with a musical score blanket (Beethoven's Symphony) and the Worthy Grand Patron's chair with a wolf blanket, his fun symbol for the year.

Black and silver spirals with treble clefs and musical notes hung across the stage and on the desks of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

In two corners of the room were trees, one lit with musical notes, the other decorated with red roses. A third tree was placed in the West, decorated with crocheted musical notes, (again the work of Sister Cheryl Denton) along with a very large friendly ladybug embracing its trunk.

The labyrinth pedestals were adorned with ladybug houses and a spray of red roses. Behind each Starpoint chair was a handcrafted wooden silver lyre with a white dove in the centre.

GRAND CHAPTER GOWNS

The Grand Officers carried out the musical theme of the Worthy Grand Matron with the sisters in two piece black gowns. The tops were beaded with chiffon skirts. The brothers wore white jackets and black trousers with bow ties and cummerbunds in black with silver musical notes on them. The District Deputy Grand Matrons wore two piece red gowns in the same style as the Grand Officers.

FORMATIONS

The Grand Officers, our Treble Clefs, formed the BROKEN COLUMN, the emblem of our Honour Station, Martha. The District Deputy Grand Matrons, our cardinals, messengers of Love, formed the BASE of the BROKEN COLUMN. Martha's love for Jesus and her faith in His love and promise of eternal life shine through the lesson of Martha.

The Grand Pages, our Doves of Peace, and the Special Pages, our Added Notes,

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formed TWO MUSICAL NOTES of PEACE.

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The Grand Guards, our Note-ables, united the notes of PEACE to form one MUSICAL NOTE of HARMONY to symbolize the unity of purpose of each Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron to work together in HARMONY for the good of each Chapter and our Order. We are reminded that it is only when we put our musical notes together that we can create beautiful music.

Our subordinate chapter Marthas formed the Letter "M" for Martha and for Music. The lesson of Martha is one of Faith. Faith and Music are gifts from God and in each we find JOY and PEACE.

Our Grand Representatives enclosed all formations within the LYRE, an emblem of music and poetry. It has been said that "Music is poetry in motion". Our Grand Representatives, as they travel, bring with them the musical notes of fraternal love and friendship, blending them together to bring HARMONY and "PEACE Flowing Like a River" to our Eastern Star World.

Our subordinate Chapter Warders, representing our other Honour Station, added the BASE of HARMONY to the Lyre.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday, July 2, 2007

4:00 p.m. ESTARL Church Service was held in St. Paul's and St. Stephen's United Church, Main Street, Kentville, Nova Scotia. The collection from this service was given to the ESTARL Fund.

6:30 p.m. *“Walk Down Memory Lane” Banquet* honouring the 60th anniversary of Grand Chapter with 60 year members as special guests.

Tuesday, July 3, 2007

11:00 a.m. The Past Grands Club held their **meeting** in the Blomidon Room of the Old Orchard Inn. This was followed by their **Luncheon at 12:30 p.m.** in the Acadia Room.

11:30 a.m. The Grand Representatives Association held their **meeting** in the Barn, Old Orchard Inn.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Noteworthy *“Tepee Tea”* was held 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.

Wednesday, July 4, 2007

7:00 a.m. The Past Appointed Grand Officers Breakfast was held in the Blomidon Room at the Old Orchard Inn.

12:30 p.m. The annual Grand Representatives Association Luncheon was held in the Barn, Old Orchard Inn.

12:30 p.m. The Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons Luncheon was held in the Blomidon Room, Old Orchard Inn.

7:00 p.m. The *“Musical Gales” Main Banquet* was held in the Old Orchard Inn. Entertainment followed in the Banquet Room.

Thursday, July 5, 2007

7:00 a.m. The Grand Family Breakfast was held in the Blomidon Room, Old Orchard Inn.

12:30 p.m. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Luncheon was held in the Acadia Room at the Old Orchard Inn.

12:30 p.m. The Secretaries and Treasurers Luncheon was held in the Blomidon Room, Old Orchard Inn

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LUNCHEON**

**Grand Representatives Association
of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island**

Wednesday, July 4, 2007

President, Sister Faye Calder, was very pleased to extend a warm welcome to 199 members at the Annual Luncheon.

The setup in the "Barn" at the Old Orchard Inn looked lovely and the lunch was great. We thank the staff for their kindness and for their service.

We were very pleased to have our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail and our Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron attend our luncheon. They arrived by a small car powered by a Wolf Pack of six with 4 brakemen at the back.

Brother Fred Lipskey, Grand Chaplain, gave the grace.

Brother Fred Clarke, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, gave a tribute to the Canadian Flag. The tribute to the American Flag was given by Brother Glenn Kinloch, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Idaho.

Sister Rennie Ofton, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, brought greetings from General Grand Chapter. President, Sister Faye, welcomed our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gail Cook and Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Ron Boudreau and invited each to speak. Sister Faye presented each with a cheque for their Special Project, C.N.I.B. Talking Books, on behalf of the Grand Representatives Association. A donation was also made to ESTARL.

It was an honour to have Sister Marion Conrad, G.G.C.C.M., attend our luncheon.

The special speaker was Sister Phyllis Macon, First Vice President of the International Grand Representatives Association. Sister Phyllis spoke about the I.G.R.A. and how pleased she and her husband were to be able to attend our Grand Chapter. Sister Phyllis announced that Sister Carolyn Galley Card would be the Liaison person in Canada for the I.G.R.A. Sister Faye presented Sister Phyllis with a gift from the Association and expressed her pleasure of having Sister Phyllis as our guest speaker.

Sister Faye presented 20 pewter ornaments to Grand Representatives of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in other Grand Jurisdictions, plus 3 China Mugs to Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions in other Grand Jurisdictions.

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Sister Faye then turned the meeting over to the new President Sister Carol Nielsen. Sister Carol had a few remarks and wished that everyone enjoy the rest of the "Musical Gales Session."

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It was an honour to have two of our founding members with us, Sister Sarah Doty, P.G.M. and Sister Jessie Nutter, P.G.M.

The new officers for 2007- 2008:

President -	Sister Carol Nielsen
1st Vice	Brother Peter Kay
2nd Vice	Sister Irene Beeler
Secretary	Sister Carolyn Galley Card
Treasurer	Sister Doris Cullen
Liaison Person -	Sister Phyllis Munroe
Past President -	Sister Faye Calder

Honourary Members: P.G.M's Sister Jessie Nutter, Sister Sarah Doty, Brother Charles Thompson, P.G.P.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Sister Carolyn Galley Card

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HONOURARY MEMBERS

* Mr. Donald R. Stewart, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	June 1948
* Mrs. Jean Stewart, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick	June 1948
* Mrs. Abbie Hanson, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	June 1950
* Mr. Franklyn W.L. Miles, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	June 1951
* Mrs. Mamie Lander. P.M.W.G.M. & Grand Secretary	June 1951
* Mrs. Ruth A. Jones, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	June 1954
* Mr. John Batson, Past Grand Patron of District of Columbia	June 1954
* Mrs. Carrie B. Batson, Grand Representative of N.S.& P.E.I. (47-49)	July 1958
* Mrs. Florence A. Plummer, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1958
* Mr. Lloyd K. MacRae, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1958
* Mr. Hugh J. Tamisiea, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron	July 1961
* Mrs. Mabel Aldrich, Past Grand Matron of Rhode Island	July 1962
* Mrs. Mildred Haney Harris, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron	July 1967
* Mr. Avery Day, Past Grand Patron of Ontario	July 1967
* 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. Mickleon, 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

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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
* 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
Mr. Jerry Martin, Past Grand Patron, Texas	July 2006
Mrs. Betty Martin, Past Matron, Texas	July 2006
Mr. Lawrence Chichester, P.P., New York, Grand Representative of NS/PEI (03-05)	July 2006
Mrs. Sally Chichester, Past Matron, New York	July 2006
Mrs. Bonnie Zumalt, Worthy Grand Matron, Massachusetts	July 2006
Mrs. Virginia Charles, Past Grand Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Jerri Holt, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M., Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Gretchen Brisette, G.G.C.C.M. and P.G.M., Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Jean Lowell, Past Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Nancy Ryder, Past Matron, Maine	July 2007
Mrs. Margery Zurko, Past Matron, Connecticut	July 2007
Mrs. Betty St. Onge, G.G.C.C.M., and P.G.M., Ontario	July 2007
Mrs. Glenda Meeks, Worthy Grand Matron, South Dakota	July 2007
Mr. Craig Wallace, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts	July 2007

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
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	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	1967-68
* Mrs. Leah Conn	1968-69
* Mrs. Agnes Hallyburton	1969-70
Mrs. E. Megan Church, P.O. Box 804, Windsor, N.S., BON 2T0	1970-71
* Mrs. Ada Bayers	1971-72
Mrs. Sarah Doty, 118 Parade St., Yarmouth, N.S., B5A 3B7	1972-73
* Mrs. Ethel Lovett	1973-74
* Mrs. Dorothy Hill	1974-75
Mrs. Jessie Nutter, 130 Young St. #208, Truro, N.S., B2N 3X4	1975-76
Mrs. Helen Connors, 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, 320 Alexandra St., Sydney, N.S., B1S 2G1	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	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

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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
Mrs. Marion Miller, 177 MacDonald Rd., Box 100, Crapaud, P.E.I., C0A 1J0	2005-06
Mrs. Gail Cook, 6407 Highway 1, Cambridge Station, N.S., B0P 1G0	2006-07

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
* Mr. Frank Ripley	1965-66
* Mr. Winthrop Doty	1966-67
Rev. Bruce Atkinson, 108-55 Camden Cresc., Moncton, N.B., E1E 4S9	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, Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, N.S.	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	1986-87
Mr. Frederick W. Clarke, 1001 Maple Drive, New Minas, N.S., B4N 4C6	1987-88
Mr. G. Reginald MacRae, 228 Marine Ave., Summerside, P.E.I., C1N 6N9	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

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Mr. James Dickie, 260 Rte.223, R.R.#1 Little Narrows, N.S., B0E 1TO	1993-94
Mr. Lewis Smith, 39 Cemetery Rd., Port Hastings, N.S., B9A 1K5	1994-95
* Mr. J. Howard MacInnis	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
Rev. John Patterson, P.O. Box 1697, Trenton, N.S., B0K 1X2	2005-06
Mr. Ronald Boudreau, P.O. Box 342, Shelburne, N.S., B0T 1W0	2006-07

GRAND SECRETARY

* Miss Jessie C. Moss	1947-53
* Mrs. Ethel Kinsman	1953-63
* Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1963-77
Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1977-85
* Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1985-98
Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan	1998-

GRAND TREASURER

* Mrs. Evelyn Ladner	1947-51
* Mrs. Mary Walker	1951-55
* Mrs. Mabel Dodge-Cox	1955-59
* Mrs. Mary Walker	1959-64
* Mrs. Eunice Davies	1964-68
* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1968-88
Mrs. Margaret Clarke	1988-92
Mr. Cecil E. Decker	1992-03
Miss Dorothy Powroz	2003-

GRAND SECRETARY EMERITUS

* Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	1977-82
Mrs. Hazel MacLeod	1994-
* Mrs. Hilda M. Powroz	1998-01

GRAND TREASURER EMERITUS

* Mrs. Mabel Johnson	1988
Mr. Cecil E. Decker	2003-

GRAND SECRETARIES

WITH MONTH OF

GRAND CHAPTER SESSION

ALABAMA - Oct. - Mrs. Ramona Vickery, 1423 Upper Kingston Rd., Prattville, AL, 36067
ALBERTA - June - Mrs. Lee Clay, 330 12 th Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T2R 0H2
ARIZONA - Mar. - Mrs. Ruth Brannan, 4600 N. 24 th St., Phoenix, AZ, 85016-5204
ARKANSAS - Dec. - Mrs. Rosemary Messersmith, PGM, 610 Royal Lane, Bentonville, AR, 72712
AUSTRALIA - June - Mrs. Lorraine Ellison, PWM, Box 574, Lithgow, NSW, 2790, AUS.
BOLIVIA - Mrs. Beatriz Zapata de Peres, Av. Ayacucho #174, Edif. Maria Antonieta, Piso 7 of .5, Cochabam, Bolivia
BRITISH COLUMBIA & YUKON - June - Mrs. Sheila Carlson, 20604 - 95A Ave., Langley, BC, V1M 1H8

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CALIFORNIA - Oct. - Mrs. Maryann Barrios, 16960 E. Bastanchury Rd., Suite E, Yorba Linda, CA, 92886-1711
COLORADO - Sept. - Mrs. Valerie Grundvig, 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. Linda Dudley, P.O. Box 97, Bonifay, FL, 32425-0097
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. Nancy Wentling, PGM, 3400 SW VanBuren St., #110, Topeka, KS, 66611-2462
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 Ave., Winnipeg, MAN., R3R 0S6
MARYLAND - Apr. - Mrs. Jean Penley, 304 International Circle, Cockeysville, MD, 21030-1300
MASSACHUSETTS - May - Mrs. Elaine R. Wallace, PGM, P.O. Box 600583, Newtonville, MA, 02460-0006
MICHIGAN - Oct. - Miss Mary Ivey, 13464 Preston Dr., #250, Marshall, MI, 49068-9684
MINNESOTA - May - Mrs. Robyn E. Johnson, 1321 Lake Drive West #114, Chanhassen, MN, 55317
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 20538, Billings, MT, 59104-0538
NEBRASKA - May - Mrs. Cathy Wagner, P.O. Box 156, Fremont, NE, 68026
NEVADA - Oct. - Mrs. Barbara L. Redmond, 1825 Pocono Court, Sparks, NV, 89434
NEW BRUNSWICK - July - Miss Brenda Saunders, PGM, 214 Downey Ave., Riverview, N.B., E1B 1W7
NEW HAMPSHIRE - Sept. - Mrs. Jean Van Stelten, 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 B. 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. Julia MacIntosh, PGM, Box 5516, Kinston, NC, 28503
NORTH DAKOTA - June - Mrs. Roberta Kloster, 1405 North 3rd St., Fargo, ND, 58102
NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND - July - Mrs. Betty Ann Loughnan, 2375 Roosevelt Drive, 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. Mary Ann Rhode, Box 8, Womelsdorf, PA, 19567-0008
PUERTO RICO - Apr. - Mrs. Iris Violeta Rivero, Box 810255, Carolina, PR, 00981-0255
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 - July - Maria M. Penarotti, Rus Pedro Goes, 3601 Bloco #4 Vila Italia, San Jose de Rio Preto, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 15035-170
SASKATCHEWAN - Apr. - Mrs. Janet Zondervan, Box 587, Moosomin, SK, S0G 3N0
SCOTLAND - Apr & Oct. - Mr. James T. Smith, 143 West Regent St., Glasgow, Scotland, G2 2SG
SOUTH CAROLINA - June - Mrs. Virginia Gilreath, PGM, P.O. Box 343, 112 Lybrand St., Great Falls, SC, 29055
SOUTH DAKOTA - Oct. - Mrs. Eileen Harmes, PGM, 513 West Fourth, Mitchell, SD, 57301
TENNESSEE - Apr. - Mrs. Jean Vincent, PGM, 8258 Hwy 45E, Martin, TN, 38237

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TEXAS - Oct. - Mrs. Nell Smith-Drenner, 1503 West Division, Arlington , TX, 76012
 UTAH - Oct. - Mrs. Shanna L. Minert, 4034 South 750 West, Ogden, UT, 84405-2651
 VERMONT - June - Mrs. Jerri Riegler, PGM, 65 Lindale Dr., Colchester, VT, 05446
 VIRGINIA - May - Mrs. Paula Swansey, 4101 Nine Mile Rd., Richmond, VA, 23223-4999
 WASHINGTON - June - Mrs. Sandra Henry, 615 North St.,SE, Tumwater, WA, 98501-3438
 WEST VIRGINIA - Oct. - Mrs. Dixie Barley, PGM, P.O. Box 245, Bradley, WV, 25818
 WISCONSIN - May - Mrs. Sharon Swartwout, 36275 Sunset Drive, Dousman, WI, 53118-9349
 WYOMING - Aug. - Mrs. Patricia Harwood, 2645 Torrey Pines Ct., Gillette , WY, 82718-5560

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Mary Lou Higgins (48)	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2007
Winna Smith (1)	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2008
Arlene Riswold (2)	Arizona	Jan. 01, 2009
June Whitman (35)	Arkansas	Feb. 01, 2009
Robert Eisener (35)	Australia	Dec. 31, 2008
Harold Huskilon (5)	Bolivia	Apr. 30, 2009
Gladys Hobson (67)	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2008
Arlene Antle (40)	California	Dec. 31, 2007
Rhonda Fader (71)	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2008
George Sterling (50)	Connecticut	Dec. 31, 2007
Gail Kay (25)	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2007
Rowena Marsters (22)	District of Columbia	Apr. 30, 2008
Albert Timmons (52)	Florida	Dec. 31, 2008
Layton Profitt (52)	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2007
Jack Calder (15)	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2008
Linda Campbell (18)	Illinois	Mar. 10, 2008
Judith Graves (IPEI)	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2008
Reginald Gamache (58)	Iowa	Apr. 01, 2009
William Scrymgeour (61)	Kansas	Nov. 14, 2008
Barbara Cooke (49)	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2008
Kay Horton (66)	Louisiana	July 01, 2008
Mary MacDonald (69)	Maine	Mar. 01, 2009
Viola Horton (47)	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2007
Lynn Thurber (7)	Maryland	June 15, 2008
Mary Zinck (40)	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2008
Richard Snowdon (27)	Michigan	Jan. 01, 2008
Shirley Rydholm (70)	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2008
Stephen Swan (21)	Mississippi	Dec. 31, 2007
Hillyard Shaffer (40)	Missouri	June 16, 2009
Alfred Newell (5)	Montana	Mar. 13, 2009
Larry Ingham (10)	Nebraska	Oct. 01, 2007
Evelyn Aulenback (34)	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2008
Anna Carr (IPEI)	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2007
Ruth Bond (22)	New Hampshire	Mar. 31, 2008
Lucinda Josey (49)	New Jersey	Jan. 01, 2009
Linda Townsend (67)	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2009
Sheila Beattie (26)	New York	May 01, 2008
Naomi Prest (48)	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2007
Sheila Levy (8)	North Dakota	Jan. 01, 2009
Charlene Davis (35)	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2007
Patricia Armstrong (71)	Oklahoma	Feb. 15, 2009
Arnold Burhoe (IPEI)	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2008

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Josephine MacKinnon (14)	Oregon	May 01, 2008
Jean Annear (69)	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2007
Shirley MacLean (58)	Puerto Rico	Mar. 31, 2009
Allison McDonald (IPEI)	Quebec	July 01, 2008
Michael Glover (69)	Rhode Island	Feb. 01, 2008
Kenneth Crook (2)	Sao Paulo	Dec. 31, 2008
Helen Hatt (30)	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2008
Jessie Giles (2)	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2007
Margaret Chisholm (10)	South Carolina	Feb. 01, 2008
Lorna MacLeod (59)	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2007
Ann MacIntosh (37)	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2007
Linda Foote (67)	Texas	Mar. 25, 2008
Wayne Yorke (39)	Utah	Dec. 31, 2007
Gladys MacRae (52)	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2007
Lucille Langille (65)	Virginia	Dec. 31, 2008
Reta MacDonald (IPEI)	Washington	Mar. 01, 2008
Donald Doucet (8)	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2008
Darlene Amirault (49)	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2007
Angus Bragg (1)	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2008

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OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS
REPRESENTING NOVA SCOTIA and PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Joyce Baker	Alabama	Dec. 31, 2008
Sandra McMullen	Alberta	Dec. 31, 2007
Marsha Young	Arizona	Dec. 31, 2008
Renee Perry	Arkansas	Dec. 31, 2008
Pamela Sangwell	Australia	Dec. 31, 2008
Joe Proudfoot	B.C. & Yukon	Dec. 31, 2007
Marcia McBrayer	California	Dec. 31, 2007
George Estep	Colorado	Dec. 31, 2008
Kathy Raveneau	Connecticut	May 07, 2008
Gloria Fox	Delaware	Dec. 31, 2007
Constance Connolly	District of Columbia	June 30, 2008
Al Hailey	Florida	Dec. 31, 2007
Hertha Piercy	Georgia	Dec. 31, 2007
Glenn Kinlock	Idaho	Dec. 31, 2008
Evelyn Harris	Illinois	Dec. 31, 2008
Sandy Stitt	Indiana	Dec. 31, 2007
Bonnie Altes	Iowa	Dec. 31, 2007
Leland Denton	Kansas	Dec. 31, 2008
Thelma Prater	Kentucky	Dec. 31, 2008
Wanda Hagemeyer	Louisiana	Dec. 31, 2008
Patricia Beals	Maine	May 31, 2008
Peggy Moore-Oakley	Manitoba	Dec. 31, 2008
Melissa Temple	Maryland	June 01, 2008
Diane Ricci	Massachusetts	Dec. 31, 2007
Bessie Mast	Michigan	Dec. 31, 2007
Beth Young	Minnesota	Dec. 31, 2008
Elizabeth Reeves	Mississippi	Apr. 01, 2009
Ann Daniel	Missouri	Mar. 31, 2008
Harriet Rickman	Montana	Dec. 31, 2007
Carla Crawford	Nebraska	Dec. 31, 2007

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Heidi Sakelarios	Nevada	Dec. 31, 2007
Christine Trenholm	New Brunswick	Dec. 31, 2008
Jane Carter	New Hampshire	Oct. 31, 2008
Millicent Houston	New Jersey	Dec. 31, 2008
Charles Biggs	New Mexico	Jan. 01, 2009
Eva Little	New York	Dec. 31, 2007
Barbara Shields	North Carolina	Jan. 01, 2009
Meredith Mitskog	North Dakota	Dec. 31, 2008
Debbie Bralley	Ohio	Dec. 31, 2008
Joseph Melott	Oklahoma	Dec. 31, 2007
Robert Lancaster	Ontario	Dec. 31, 2007
Marilyn Hilton	Oregon	Dec. 31, 2007
Deanna Williams	Pennsylvania	Dec. 31, 2008
Ruperto Negron	Puerto Rico	Apr. 30, 2009
Elaine Wilson	Quebec	Dec. 31, 2008
Sharon Mitchell	Rhode Island	Dec. 31, 2007
Maria L.S. Alves	Sao Paulo	Oct. 31, 2007
Ivy McNamee	Saskatchewan	Dec. 31, 2008
Kenneth MacLeod	Scotland	Dec. 31, 2007
Doug O'Shields	South Carolina	Dec. 31, 2008
Michael Meeks	South Dakota	Dec. 31, 2007
Trudy Mick	Tennessee	Dec. 31, 2008
Sharon Adams	Texas	Nov. 18, 2008
Peggy Wilcoxon	Utah	Dec. 31, 2008
Richard Comtois	Vermont	Dec. 31, 2008
Pamela Kidwell	Virginia	Nov. 30, 2008
Roma Nelson	Washington	Dec. 31, 2007
Mary Virginia Primm	West Virginia	Dec. 31, 2008
Brenda Gaulke	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 2008
Shannon Stewart	Wyoming	Dec. 31, 2008

**SECRETARIES
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SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS
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<u>CHAPTER NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>MEETING NIGHT</u>
Port Royal #1	Annapolis Royal 493 Shaw Road	Mrs. Julie Bragg RR#2, Clementsport N.S., B0S 1E0	3 rd Monday
Mayflower #2	Kingston	Mrs. Arlene Riswold Box 469 Greenwood, N.S., B0P 1N0	2 nd Tuesday
Cedar #3	Wallace	Mrs. Marian Durling, P.G.M. 127 Golden Sands Drive Malagash Mine, N..S., B0K 1E0	2 nd Friday
Keystone #5	Hebron	Mrs. Joyce Cunningham Box 6 Pubnico, N.S., B0W 2W0	2 nd Tuesday

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Halifax #7	Halifax	Mrs. Barbara Myles 158 Old Sambro Road Halifax, N.S., B3R 1R3	3 rd Monday
Grace #8	Lunenburg	Mrs. Geraldine Delk 840 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. Ann Ross P.O. Box 501, Baddeck N.S., B0E 1B0	4 th Monday
Myrtle #21	Truro	Mrs. Mary Ellen Bishop 62 Scenic Drive Truro, N.S., B2N 4N5	3 rd Tuesday
Fairfield #22	Windsor	Mrs. Margaret Bonn 141 Dill Road R.R.#1, Windsor N.S., B0N 2T0	1 st Thursday
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. Diane Hayman, P.G.M. P.O. Box 853, 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

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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
Annavaal #31	Middleton	Mrs. Mary Kelley P.O. Box 1278 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 N.S., B0S 1C0	2 nd Thursday
Dr. Gordon MacLeod #37	Whycocomagh	Mrs. Diann Campbell-Kinney Box 162 Whycocomagh, N.S., B0E 3M0	2 nd Thursday
Mae #38	Bridgewater	Mrs. Helen Holden R.R.#4, Bridgewater N.S., B4V 2W3	2 nd Wednesday
Cobequid #39	Maitland	Mrs. Mary Gill R.R.#1, Maitland N.S., B0N 1T0	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	Mr. Ross Hagar 38 Mount Edward Road Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 3K4	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. Cora MacKay 474 College Road Truro, N.S., B2N 2R2	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 1346 Valley Road R.R.#1, River Philip, N.S., B0M 1V0	4 th Monday

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Regent #52	Central Bedeque, P.E.I.	Mrs. Fran Harding 2710 Rte. 20, Darnley Kensington, R.R.#1, P.E.I., C0B 1M0	3 rd Tuesday
Faith #54	Mulgrave	Ms. Carol Brown 5244 Hwy 344 R.R.#1, Mulgrave, N.S., B0E 2G0	3 rd Wednesday
Elmsdale #55	Elmsdale	Mrs. Ethel Brown 114 Hemlock Drive Elmsdale, N.S., B2S 1B8	2 nd Wednesday
Ruth #57	Dartmouth	Mrs. Marion Tizard 10 Horizon Court, Apt. 801 Dartmouth, N.S., B3A 0A4	2 nd Friday
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. Bonnie Boutilier 51 Murray Rd., Popes Harbour R.R.#1, Tangier, N.S., B0J 3H0	1 st Tuesday
Atlantic #65	Tatamagouche	Mrs. Annie Leslie 242 Cooper 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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